



SS. Peter and Paul Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 5, 2016

*You changed my mourning into dancing; O LORD, my God,
forever will I give you thanks.*

— Psalm 30:12, 13

Welcome

*To all who are tired and need rest; to all who mourn and need comfort;
to all who are friendless and need friendship;
to all who are discouraged and need hope;
to all who are homeless and need sheltering love;
and to all who sin and need a Savior;
and to whomsoever will,
the Parish of SS. Peter and Paul opens wide its doors
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!*

Mission Statement

As members of SS. Peter and Paul,
we have as our mission the sharing of our faith and our talents.
We proclaim the Word of God through
compassion for our community and sharing of our treasures as Disciples of Christ.

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Office Hours

Monday 10AM – 3PM
Tuesday through Friday 8AM – 3PM
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Mass Schedule

Monday – Communion Service – 7AM
Tuesday through Friday – 7AM
Saturday 4PM
Sunday 8AM & 11AM

Confessions

Daily 6:30AM – 6:45AM
Saturday 3:00PM - 3:30PM
And by appointment anytime

Parish Center

(570)822-8761

Working Together to Build the Kingdom of God



M 6/6 7AM **Communion Service**
T 6/7 7AM **Mark Yanaitis** by Gary & Angie Batok
W 6/8 7AM **Anthony Wilk (A)** by Sue & Len Butry
Th 6/9 7AM **Bert & Fran Desimone**
 by Ernest & Dolores Tressa
F 6/10 7AM **Frances Wanek** by Mr. & Mrs Michael Quinn
S 6/11 4PM **Frank Kaminski** by Daughters
S 6/12 8AM **Mary S. Rymar (A)**
 by Jean Marie, Robert & Regina Rymar
 11AM **Living and Deceased Parishioners**

HOPE AND LIFE

Today's readings tell the story of two widows. The first reading relates the plight of the widow with whom the prophet Elijah stayed; the Gospel tells about the widow of Nain. In each story, the widow's only son had died. For people who lived in those cultures, the son was the only support of a widow, and the carrying on of the family name by the son was equal to immortality. A widow whose only son has died could lose all hope.

Elijah and Jesus are the restorers of hope; they bring the sons back to life. Saint Paul was metaphorically raised from the dead when he experienced the conversion and call from God that he describes in today's second reading.

What are Christians called to do today? We may not be able to raise the dead, but perhaps we can rekindle hope for a single parent. We may not be able to convert a persecutor like Paul, but if we speak the gospel openly and gently with our lives, we might touch a life with the Good News.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Elijah revives the son of a widow (1 Kings 17:17-24).

Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me (Psalm 30).

Second Reading — Paul explains God's call to him to preach to the Gentiles (Galatians 1:11-19).

Gospel — Jesus raises from the dead the son of a widow in the city of Nain (Luke 7:11-17).

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Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Candle

Segeda Family

May 29, 2016

Contribution	\$7,297
Dues	\$495
Air Conditioning	\$405
Holy Day – Ascension of the Lord	\$26
Cemetery	\$15
Maintenance	\$70
Peter Pence	\$32
Care of the Priest	\$75
St. Vincent de Paul – Charity	\$1,204

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: St. Norbert
 Thursday: St. Ephrem; Julian Calendar
 Ascension
 Saturday: St. Barnabas; Shavuot (Jewish observance) begins at sundown

Pastor Rev. John C. Lambert	Pastor Emeritus Rev. Joseph Greskiewicz
Liturgical/Musical Consultant and Choir Director Joan Turel	
Faith Formation Sande Holena	Facilities Engineer Michael Levandowski
Eucharistic Minister/Lectors David Loiacono	Ushers Paul Muczynski
Organists Christine Katsock & Charles Unice	Altar Servers Gloria Flynn
Food Pantry Pauline Markowski	Youth Group MaryAnn and Michael Quinn

Parish Activities

May 29 through June 4

Mon.	5PM	Quilting	Parish Center 2 nd Fl
	5PM	Prayer Shawl	Parish Center LL
	6:30PM	Rosary	Parish Center F Fl
	7PM	Faith Sharing	Parish Center 2 nd Fl
Tues.	9AM	Quilting	Parish Center 2 nd Fl
Thurs.	9AM	Quilting	Parish Center 2 nd Fl

Feast of Saints. Peter and Paul

We will celebrate the feast of our patron Saints, Peter and Paul with evening prayers on Sunday, June 26 at 6:30PM.

Save the date!!!

The Womens Society will be sponsoring a trip to New York to enjoy the popular Broadway Musical "An American in Paris" on Wednesday, September 14, 2016. The bus will leave Plains at 8AM and leave New York at 7PM. Show starts at 2PM.

Meals are on you own. Cost is \$130 and includes tickets (Orchestra Seating) and bus fare.

Full payment is due when reservations are made.

For more information or to make reservations contact Joanne Nixon at 570-235-0777.

Mass Intentions

1. Masses for a particular deceased person must be taken from the Mass Intention Book first, before a new request can be made.
2. Only three Mass Intentions per year for a person from the Mass Intention Book.
3. Only ONE weekend Mass intention per year.
4. If the deceased person does not have any Masses in the Mass Intention Book, then only one Mass per year can be offered.
5. Mass intentions can be offered only by parishioners.
6. Some Masses in the Mass Intention Book can be distributed to another priest to be offered. Religious orders, retired priest or priest needing Mass Intentions may be recipients of some Mass Intentions.

The Mass Book for 2017 will open Friday, July 1st.

Father's Day Cards are available. If you wish to remember your father or relatives in the Father's Day Masses you can obtain the card for living fathers and the envelope for deceased fathers (on the table in the back of the Church and side entrance), place the envelope in the collection basket or bring it to the Rectory during Office Hours.

Marriage Moments

Married couples don't often think of beng widowed but no one lives forever. Lest this thought seem too morose, remember that one day one of you will be alone to help you appreciate your beloved today. Honor or pray for a widow(er) you know today.

- Susan Vogt

The Women Society of SS Peter and Paul will hold a Parish Pilgrimage Cathedral on Saturday, August 13. Parishes from around the diocese are invited to make a pilgrimage to the Cathedral of Saint Peter in observance of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. Plans are being made to car pool from the Bank Street Parking Lot leaving at 8AM. They will arrive at Diocesan Pastoral Center for registration at 9AM. The day includes Presentation on the Extraordinary Jubille of Mercy, Confessions, Recitation of the Rosary, Mass, Lunch and Tour of the Cathedral. Cost for the Pilgrimage is \$10 per person to cover the cost of lunch. Departure from Scranton will be at 2PM. To register or for additional information contact B.J. Hessions at 570-822-9448.

SPRING LOTTERY WINNERS

5-23	#158	Donna Wolfe
5-24	#800	Mary Kruger
5-25	#415	Mr & Mrs Paul Chromey
5-26	#058	Frank Dessoie
5-27	#088	Jimmy Lambert
5-28	#639	Sharon Nayler
5-29	#959	Mary Kruger

Congratulations to all!!!

Liturgy Corner: Did You Know?

Wine Presentation Vessels

When a relatively large amount of wine is going to be consecrated at a Eucharistic liturgy, it is brought to the altar in a flagon, decanter, carafe, or pitcher – or in as many of these are deemed necessary for the size of the assembly.

Wine is poured from these large vessels into the priest's chalice and into the smaller chalices for the assembly prior to the Eucharistic Prayer.

There was a period of time in the fairly recent past when it became customary for wine to be consecrated in these large vessels and then divided into smaller vessels during the fraction rite as we sang the Lamb of God.

This was done to preserve the symbol of one cup shared, but reverence for the sacrament and worry about spilling the consecrated wine ended the practice.

Presentation vessels, like chalices, should be noble in design, rustproof, and of a non-absorbent material. Most frequently they are made of glass.

Parenting Pointers

How many shoes does your child have? How many do you? How many can you wear at one time? The first week in June is National Barefoot Week. Have fun going barefoot for a day or an hour this week, but remember that some kids don't have any shoes. Check out Soles4Souls to see how you can help. <http://barefootweek.com/>.

Mark Your Calendar...Save the Date 11-Day Holy Year Italy Pilgrimage Tour Oct. 12-21, 2016 Including the Papal Audience

Visit Italy during the Holy Year of Mercy with Fr. Jack. Walk through the Holy Doors, Mass at the Tuscany, Florence, Siena & Rome. For reservations & information call TravelWorld at 570-342-5790 Vatican, Sistine Chapel, Masses at the 3 Major Basilica's. Visit Lago Maggiore, Padova, Venice,

Tickets for Summer Lottery will be sold at all Masses next weekend. Awards will begin July 1st through Sept. 30th – a winner daily. Prizes are \$25 Mon. through Sat. \$100 on Sun and \$300 on the Fourth of July, The Assumption - Aug 15th and, Labor Day - Sept 5th. Cost of the ticket is \$10. Anyone selling 25 or more will be entered into the \$50 Sellers drawing and 10 or more into the \$10 Sellers drawing.

The Diocese of Scranton will hold a Catholic Schools Movie Night on Wednesday, June 29th featuring the new film "Finding Dory" at the Circle Drive In, Scranton-Carbondale Highway, Dickson City. The cost is \$10 per car and includes 1 free popcorn and 1 free soda per person. The event is open to the public and all are welcome to attend. Gates open at 7PM and the film will begin at about 8:45PM.

VIRTUS:

Protecting God's Children for Adult Program

This training session is required for all adult employees and volunteers who have direct contact or routine interaction with children.

Please consider joining your community on Wednesday, June 15 at Corpus Christi Parish, West Pittston, or Tuesday, September 13 at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, Wilkes-Barre, to take part in this vital program to help safeguard our most vulnerable and precious gift: our children. To register for Corpus Christi call the parish office at 570-654-2753 and to register for St. Robert Bellarmine call Heather in the Safe Environment Office or register using the website. Thank you for your cooperation and your willingness to protect all our children and to keep them safe.

Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone

to the 24-HourChild Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis
 It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to Victim Assistance Coordinator, Joseph DeVizia at (570-862-7551) or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at (570-207-2269



KID'S KORNER

Gospel Today

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Luke 7:11-17

Jesus understood the woman's sadness at the death of her only son. Full of compassion, He raised the young man back to life and comforted the mother. The people following the funeral knew they witnessed a miracle and news of Jesus spread quickly.

Cycle C

"God has visited His people."

LUKE 7:16



I Can make _____

I Can give _____

I Can share _____


I Can say _____



Be disciples
of the Word,
comfort people
who are sad.




Time



WELCOME

LOVE YOU



HUGS



A VISIT



SORRY




love



kisses








PRAYERS



GOOD FRIEND





A STORY

Jesus loves me!

He wants me to be this happy.



Jesus said,
"Do not weep."
Luke 7:13

Draw a very happy face

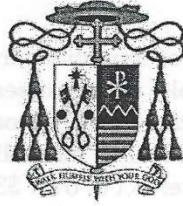
Anyone interested in the

Holy Year
11-Day Italy Pilgrimage
October 11-21

A meeting will be held on June 26
1PM in the Parish Center

John Madden from Travelworld
will be present
to answer any question or concerns you may have.

Meeting is open to
all who are interested
and those who are attending the Pilgrimage



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Re: *Oppose Unfair Retroactive Statutes of Limitation Amendments*

The Catholic Church has learned hard lessons regarding child sexual abuse and has taken responsibility for the abuse that has occurred within its ranks. The dioceses across Pennsylvania have implemented changes that offer assistance to abuse survivors and affirm that they are not at fault for the crime committed against them.

The Church has also taken great strides to protect children and provide financial assistance for survivors and their families, no matter how long ago the crime was committed, and for as long as necessary. Children and adults are trained to recognize and report signs of abuse to ensure that the children in our care are safe and secure. In the Diocese of Scranton alone, over \$1.5 million has been expended on safe environment training. And to date, Pennsylvania's dioceses have collectively spent over \$16.6 million to provide compassionate and supportive victim assistance to individuals and families. To learn more about the Catholic Church's assistance for survivors please check the following website: <http://www.pacatholic.org/assistance-for-sexual-abuse-survivors/>.

Presently, a bill in the Pennsylvania State Legislature that has moved from the House of Representatives to the Senate addresses the statute of limitations in cases pertaining to the sexual abuse of minors. As Bishop of Scranton, I support the removal of statute of limitations in criminal cases and could support a prospective extension of the statute in civil cases, especially one that treats all survivors identically.

In the proposed bill, however, state lawmakers are considering legislation that would retroactively nullify the statute of limitations for filing a civil lawsuit alleging childhood sexual abuse. It would force parishes, dioceses, schools, and charities to defend cases that are 20, 30, or 40 years old, long after the perpetrator and possible witnesses have died or clear evidence is gone. It could lead to the closure of parishes, schools, and ministries of today's Catholics, who are in no way responsible for abuse that occurred decades ago.

As proposed, a retroactive nullification of these statutes would open a floodgate for lawsuits against private and nonprofit organizations, but it would not apply to public schools or government agencies. Public entities would still be able to claim sovereign immunity from lawsuits, even though the vast majority of Pennsylvania students -- 83 percent -- attend public school. Survivors abused in public schools, juvenile detention facilities, or county foster care programs could not bring suits under the legislation. In this regard, it is worth noting that while the abuse of minors by members of the clergy is particularly abhorrent, the percentage of abusers among members of the clergy is no different than the percentage that exists in the population at large.

Measures that nullified the civil statute of limitations in other states drained billions of dollars from current ministries, parishes, schools, and dioceses. Bankruptcy and severe debt was the only option for most dioceses in the states with retroactive windows. In Delaware, where a retroactive law was adopted, more than half of the individual parishes in the state were sued. One parish in Delaware was hit with a verdict of over \$3 million. Very few could afford to go to court; none were able to defend themselves on their own. Financially, they had no choice but to join a group settlement without establishing the facts of individual cases.

Sexual abuse is a serious crime that affects every institution and community in Pennsylvania, public and private. Concerning HB 1947, along with the other bishops of Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference, I do not oppose the elimination of the criminal statute of limitations. We can all agree that anyone who sexually abuses a child should be severely punished by the law. Sexual predators should be locked behind bars and removed from society so they cannot hurt anyone else. Criminal cases require a burden of proof that is beyond a reasonable doubt and fairness is built into the system with many checks and balances. Because of its gravity, it needs to be dealt with comprehensively and fairly. Any discussion of a legislative remedy must protect all children, not simply penalize some institutions.

Everyone who values our parishes, schools, and charitable organizations should urge their state lawmakers to oppose unfair changes to the civil statute of limitations.

To use the Pennsylvania Catholic Advocacy Network to send this strong message to your legislators, please use the following website: <http://www.pacatholic.org/resources/voter-voice/?vvsrsrc=%2fCampaigns%2f45765%2fRespond>.

Thank you,

Faithfully yours in Christ,

† *Joseph C. Bambera*

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