



SS. Peter and Paul Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

June 22, 2014

*Not by bread alone does one live,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of
the Lord..*

Deuteronomy 8:3b

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

The members of SS. Peter and Paul, as baptized Christians in concert with the faithful of the Diocese of Scranton and all Catholics, and in union with our Holy Father, the Pope, has as its Mission to participate in the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. We strive to set Christian examples by sharing our faith, our love of Christ and our talents. We proclaim the Word of God through the celebration of the Sacraments, prayer and worship, acts of charity and Evangelization, all of which become living proof of our communion with God and one another. ”

All others by appointment only

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Office Hours

Monday thru Friday
8am to 4pm

Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 7am
Wednesday Prayer Service - 7am
Saturday 4pm
Sunday 8am & 11am

Confessions

Daily 6:30am
Saturday 3:15pm

And by appointment

Parish Center
(570)822-8761

Working Together to Build the Kingdom of God

 **Mass Intentions**
FOR THE WEEK  June 16 through June 22

Mon. 7am **Irene Dillon**
by Jill & Joan Jones

Tues. 7am **Claire Schweitzer**
by Gerry & Sandy Boyle

Wed. 7am **Communion Service**

Thurs. 7am **John Krulack** by Joe & Florence Kurlack

Fri. 7am **Paul Petroski Sr.**
by Sean & Kerri Lynch

Sat. 1pm **Menzel & Huerbin Wedding**
4pm **Parishioners**

Sun. 8am **Joan Petroski (A) by family**
11am **Marie T. Kownacki**
by Marie, John & Christine

Pastor's Message of the Week

John 6:51-58

When we receive the Eucharist, we are able to unite our entire being—body and soul—to Christ. Unlike other prophets, Jesus made very bold claims about reaching spiritual fulfillment, and one of them involved receiving him in the Eucharist: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever."

We thus have a choice to make. Will we eat this living bread? Will we really allow Jesus to become part of us? If we answer yes, then we partake of true Communion—we enter into a profound union with the Lord. May God grant us the faith to recognize the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Pastor Rev. John Boyle	Pastor Emeritus Rev. Joseph Greskiewicz
Coordinator of Religious Education Sande Holena	
Eucharistic Minister/Lectors David Loiacono	
Food Pantry Pauline Makowski	Altar Servers Gloria Flynn
Youth Group Maryann and Michael Quinn	Security Shiloh & Kolbe Inc.

In Memory of

The Sanctuary Lamp

Ted Wyocki

Votive by the Blessed Virgin Mary

Jesse Jude Joy

June 15, 2014

Contributions	\$5,620
Dues	\$3,523
Air Conditioning	\$557

A good place for the "buck to stop" is in the collection basket!

Today's Reading

First Reading –Never forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of slavery (Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a).

Psalm –Praise the Lord, Jerusalem (Psalm 147).

Second Reading –Because the loaf of bread is one, we who partake of it, though we are many, are one body (1 Corinthians 10:16-17).

Gospel –Jesus said, "I am the living bread: whoever eats this bread will live forever" (John 6:51-58).

Questions of the Week ?

John 6:51-58:

What do you see as controversial about our Catholic beliefs within the larger culture today?

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a:

What aspects of our Christian faith are most important to *remember*?

1 Corinthians 10:16-17:

How do you see the body and blood of Christ uniting your community of faith?



JUSTICE NOTES:

We, though many, are one body

1 Corinthians 10:17

Today's scripture passage made me think of a term made popular by Saint Pope John Paul II--solidarity. I have an old book of inspirational thoughts called *Leaves of Gold* (Coslett, 1948) that I like to open on occasion and then reflect upon the words I find written there. One of its little pieces of wisdom seems to be a good definition of the meaning of solidarity.

"There is an old legend of a general who found his troops disheartened. He believed it was owing to the fact that they did not realize how close they were to the other divisions of the same army on account of a dense growth of small trees and shrubbery. Orders therefore were given to "Burn the underbrush. "It was done and they saw they were not isolated as they had supposed, but were part of one great army. . . So let us burn the brushwood. . . of prejudice, mistrust, and separation. We all have far more in common than we think. We are all under the same great Captain. . . (127)."

Our U.S. Catholic Bishops have expressed the same sentiment: "We are one human family whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, wherever they may be. Loving our neighbor has global dimensions in a shrinking world."

<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/solidarity.cfm>

Taking our understanding of solidarity a step further, the First Letter to the Corinthians states in 12:26, "If one member of Christ's body suffers, all suffer." What is the solution

for Catholic Christians? The USCCB document, *Economic Justice for All* (365) gives us the answer: "We have to move from our devotion to independence, through an understanding of interdependence, to a commitment to human solidarity. That challenge must find its realization in the kind of community we build among us. Love implies concern for all - especially the poor - and a continued search for those social and economic structures that permit everyone to share in a community that is a part of a redeemed creation (Rom 8:21-23)."

How are you practicing solidarity? What steps are you taking to bring down the human walls of prejudice, mistrust, and separation? We are one body.

A Warm Welcome to Rev. Jean-Pascal Lombart C.S.Sp. from the Fathers of the Holy Spirit. Rev. Jean-Pascal Lombart will speak at all the Masses this weekend, about the missionary work of the church. Please be generous.

SS. Peter and Paul's Feast Day is Sun., June 29th.

We will celebrate the Feast Day at Frances Slocum State Park, Pavilion #3. Mass will take place at 1pm followed by our annual picnic. We will supply the meats and drinks. Those who wish to bring side dishes, such as salads, veggies, desserts ext... There will be games for the children and bingo for the adults. All are invited to come and enjoy the festivities. Parishioners are free, \$10 for non-parishioners.

Peter's Pence Collection

Next Week our diocese will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides the Holy Father with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Join our Holy Father as a witness of charity to those who are suffering.

Readings for the Week of June 22, 2014

Sun	Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; 1Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58
Mon	2Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15A, 18; Mt 7:1-5
Tues	Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80
Wed	2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Mt 7:15-20
Thurs	2 Kgs 24:8-17; Mt 7:21-29
Fri	Dt 7:6-11; 1 Jn 4:7-16
Sat	Jn 6:22-29; 10:11-18; 1Jn 2:41-51

Boys/Girls Volleyball Camp-Mon July 7-Fri July 11
 Grades 6-9 Morning Session
 Grades 10-12 Afternoon Session \$90

**Parish Activities
 June 23 – June 29**

Mon	Bible School (VBS)	9am
	Quilting	5pm-9pm
	Rosary	6:30pm
	Faith Sharing	7pm
Tues.	VBS	9am
	Quilting	9am – Noon
Wed.	VBS	9am
	Grief Support	6pm
Thur.	VBS	9am
	Quilting	9am – Noon
Fri.	VBS	9am
Sun	Parish Picnic	1pm

Mass in Remembrance of Victims of Violent or Tragic Death

The Diocese of Scranton is offering the annual Mass in remembrance of victims of violent or tragic death. This Mass is scheduled for Thursday, July 24th at 7pm in Saint Peter & Cathedral, 315 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton. All persons who have lost a loved one through tragic and traumatic death are invited to this liturgy.

We ask that the names of deceased loved ones are registered on registration forms which are available in the parish office or accessed on the Service and Social Concerns webpage on the Diocese of Scranton & website, www.dioceseofscranton.org. Questions concerning this Mass may be directed to the Office for Parish Life at 570/207-2213 ext, 1130.

Holy Redeemer HS hosting Sports Camps

Cheerleading Clinic –Mon, June 23-Fri. June 27
 Grades K -8 \$60

Boys Basketball Clinic –Thurs.June 19 –Sat., June 21

Grades 4-9 \$60

Fortnight for Freedom

As we approach, July 4th, The US Catholic bishops are asking us to celebrate the *Fortnight for Freedom Freedom to Serve*. The theme is a focus on the freedom to serve the poor and vulnerable in accord with human dignity and the Church's teaching. On June 22nd, the beginning of the Fortnight, you are invited to a celebration of the memorial of St. Thomas More and John Fisher with Evening Prayers at 7pm at St. Ignatius Loyola Church, Kingston. Fr. Alex Roche will speak on the Vatican II document, *Dignitatis Humanae*, which you are encouraged to read before June 22nd. It can be found in the Documents of Vatican II or online.

Marriage Moments

A trip down Memory Lane: Remember the first time you saw your beloved. You probably didn't know at that moment that you would end up marrying this person. Perhaps you didn't even talk to each other. Share your earliest memory.

Exposition of the Holy Shroud of Turin, Italy is scheduled April 19 & June 24, 2015. The last exposition was in 2010 and the next viewing will be in 2025. Please join us for a rare opportunity to view the burial cloth of Christ on April 21 to 30, 2015. Miraculous cures have been attributed to the Holy Shroud which has been verified many times by world renowned scientist over the centuries. \$3,589 per person/double room from JFK, New York or Newark EWR Airports. The Catholic Tour will assist you in securing airfare from your home city. Please call 1-800-827-4268 or email jimadair@thecatholictour.com for more information, Itinerary and reservation forms.

St. Nicholas Church, 226 S. Washington St., Wilkes-Barre will hold its annual Bazaar from Thursday to Saturday, July 17, 18, and 19 beginning at 5:30pm on the parish grounds. Tickets for a Raffle (1st prize 50/50) + 20 additional prizes are available. A variety of great ethnic and American food, theme baskets, prizes & games will be offered. A Giant Flea Market is featured each night. Entertainment will be provided by *Flaxy Morgan* on

Thursday, *Out of the Blue* on Friday, and *The Home Town Boyz* on Saturday. All are welcome!

Catholic Cruise to Alaska

Come and sail away on a 7-night Catholic Alaska Cruise with Father William Gold, Sept. 7th –Sept. 14th, 2014 on Holland America Amsterdam out of Seattle, Washington. Ports of Call are Puget Sound; Tracy Arm; Juneau, Sitka, Ketchikan, Alaska; Victoria, British Columbia; Seattle, Washington. Prices begin at \$1,767 for two passengers this includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass offered. Deposits of only \$350 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For further info or to register, contact Doug or Eileen at [860-399-1785](tel:860-399-1785)/Doug@CatholicCrusiesandTours.com.

The Plains Lions Club will hold their annual "Golf Tournament" on Sunday, July 13th at the Sand Springs Country Club in Drums, Pa. With a Shotgun start at 1pm. Format will be Captain and Crew and cost is still only \$80 per golfer. Cost includes all Golf cost and dinner. There will be a 50/50 Game hole, Senior Tees, refreshments and snacks, plus a complimentary welcome bag and prizes. Proceeds will help to continue our community projects such as our Annual Christmas parade with Santa Claus, our Fruit basket campaign for Christmas, along with our Annual Easter Egg hunt and our newly formed Trick or Trunk event for Halloween, and our Annual Christmas Lighting of our town for the Holidays. Registration can be done with any Lions Club member or by contacting Tom Mulhern at 570-606-9944 or dyscodog@comcast.net or by visiting our sight on Facebook.

Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary

The next monthly First Friday Reparation Vigil dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary, sponsored by the Blue Army, will be held July 4 at St. Joseph's Oblate Seminary, 1880 Highway 315, Laflin (Pittston). Devotions begin Friday evening at 8pm with recitation of the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary, during which time confessions are heard. Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is celebrated at 8:55pm, followed by benediction, litany and consecration to the Sacred Heart. The vigil continues with the

crowning of the Blue Army Pilgrim Virgin Statue, the Blue Army Pledge, Fatima prayers and Marian hymns, followed by litany and consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The vigil concludes with scapular enrollment at 10:15pm.

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Pilgrimage

A bus pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA with a visit to the National Centre of Padre Pio in Barto, Pa will be held on Saturday, July 19, 2014. Cost of the trip is \$50 which includes the bus, hot buffet, and driver gratuity. If interested, please call Theresa Lisiewski at 570-822-0831.

Back Mountain Swing Summer Staycation

Dance will be held on Saturday, July 12 at St. John Paul II Center (formerly Gate of Heaven Parish School), 40 Machell Ave, Dallas. Beginner Lesson –6pm; dancing 7-10pm. Cost is \$7 per person, \$3 for students with ID or 18 and under. More more information contact Dr. Carr at 570-550-1619 or ccarr@misericordia.edu.

Bulletin Briefs

"Conception is the beginning of human life. From the time that an ovum is fertilized a new life begins that is neither that of the father nor of the mother. It is rather the life of a new human being with his own growth. It would never become human if it were not human already."

*Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith,
Declaration on Procured Abortion, 1974*

Praying

One prays best who does not know that one is
praying.

St. Anthony of Padua