



# SS. Peter and Paul Parish

## A Roman Catholic Faith Community

*Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*June 28, 2015*

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

*- Psalm 30:13*

### *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; o  
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.

#### **Office**

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#### **Office Hours**

Monday 8am – 6pm  
Tuesday and Thursday noon – 6pm  
Wednesday 8am – noon  
Friday and Saturday by appointment

#### **Mass Schedule**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 7am  
Wednesday – 6pm  
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 29 through July 5**  
 Mon. 7am *All Living & Deceased Parishioners*  
 Tues. 7am *Father's Day Intention*  
 Wed. 7am *Communion Service*  
 Thurs. 7am *Marie T. Kownacki*

by Dr. & Mrs. Joames Susek  
& Family

Fri. 7am *Ronald Rygielski*  
by Barbara Fortana  
& Gene Cocco

4pm *Special Intention*  
 Sun. 8am *Angelo Stella*  
by Frank & Marsalla Pienta

11am *Parishioners*

**Message of the Week** *Mark 5:21-43*

Jesus wasn't concerned about what others thought. And lest we imagine that everyone around him was constantly worshiping him and adoring his divinity, today's reading reminds us that even in the presence of the Lord, skeptics were a dime a dozen. So should we be surprised if we must deal with a bit of ridicule ourselves?

As faithful Christians, we will at times be called to chart a course that doesn't make sense in the eyes of the world. And, yes, some people will say we're crazy. We may be called to take a stand for the unborn or the elderly in a culture that considers life to be expendable. We may be faced with a decision at work that requires us to adhere to an ethical code that our boss thinks is laughable. Perhaps we will have to sacrifice a relationship because of pressures to ignore Christian morality. Or maybe the situation that arise when we say a prayer before eating at a restaurant. Whether we face a snicker or blatant discrimination against our religious freedom, we should not flinch or waver when such oppositions comes our way. Jesus faced it and so will we. The question is only how we will respond.

***Parish Office and Parish Center will be closed on Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup> in observance of Independence Day.***

*In Memory of  
The Sanctuary Lamp  
Daniel Pientka*

**Votive by the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
*Walter Skillinge*

**June 21, 2015**

<b>Contribution</b>	<b>\$6,054</b>
<b>Air Conditioning</b>	<b>\$42</b>
<b>Care for the Priest</b>	<b>\$45</b>
<b>Cemetery</b>	<b>\$127</b>
<b>Dues</b>	<b>\$2,645</b>
<b>Father's Day</b>	<b>\$890</b>
<b>Holy Day</b>	<b>\$11</b>
<b>Maintenance</b>	<b>\$177</b>
<b>Peter Pence</b>	<b>\$12</b>
<b>Columban Sisters</b>	<b>\$2,594</b>

**Questions of the Week?**

**Mark 5:21-43**

What connection do you see Mark making between faith and miracles?

**Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24**

What do you find compelling in the statement "God did not make death"?

**2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15**

How generous is your faith community with its collection for the poor?

<b>Pastor</b> Rev. John Boyle	<b>Pastor Emeritus</b> Rev. Joseph Greskiewicz
<b>Religious Education</b> Sande Holena	<b>Music</b> Christine Katsock
<b>Eucharistic Minister/Lectors</b> David Loiacono	<b>Ushers</b> Paul Muczynski
<b>Youth Group</b> Maryann and Michael Quinn	<b>Altar Servers</b> Gloria Flynn
<b>Food Pantry</b> Pauline Makowski	<b>Security</b> Shiloh & Kolbe Inc.
<b>Buildings/Maintenance/Properties</b> Michael Levandowski	

## FR. B'S FAREWELL MESSAGE:

It is with a deep sense of appreciation that I am leaving the Parish of SS. Peter & Paul. Eighteen months ago (January 15, 2014) I began my relationship with St. Pete's Parish and never foresaw a move on my horizon (*except to retire or to respond to a summons from the Lord!*). Despite being happy and comfortable as Pastor at SS. Peter & Paul Parish, I became aware of a need in Monroe County. Bishop Bambera was faced with four Pastoral openings, each with their own particular pastoral needs. Only one of these openings was anticipated. I told him that while happy and content here, if I could help, I would apply so as to help him meet the pastoral needs of Monroe County.

You may ask: "Aren't the pastoral needs of SS. Peter & Paul Parish just as important?" Of course they are – there is no question about it. However, each parish has needs peculiar to itself. The Parish of the Most Holy Trinity has the need of a priest who can speak Spanish and also can serve the Polish Immigrants in Monroe County. I began the Ministry to the Latinos in Hazleton and in Monroe County many years ago, so I am familiar with many of their needs. I was also pastor of one of the parishes that merged to become Most Holy Trinity.

There are many priests who could serve the Pastoral Needs of SS. Peter & Paul Parish – men who might be more effective Pastors; more open to the Holy Spirit's direction; more aware of the ways to embrace the New Evangelization in St. Pete's; more knowledgeable of the financial operations and the capital improvements that are needed; more empowering and directive. I pray that whomever Bishop Bambera appoints as the next Pastor of SS. Peter and Paul Parish will bring the Good News of Jesus Christ in a vibrant and meaningful manner.

I am thankful for the welcome I received and for the many kindnesses shown me while at SS. Peter & Paul Parish. The prayers and support of the people are necessary if a priest is to serve as the Lord calls. I ask for your prayers as I begin a new adventure as a priest – not only helping to build community, but also to build buildings! With prayer and the Lord's guidance I know the challenge will be met.

I ask for forgiveness for those who felt I did not serve them as well as they anticipated or hoped I would. I ask forgiveness for those whom I have offended by my lack of compassion or understanding. I ask forgiveness for being

unavailable when needed. Most of all, I ask for your prayers that I may be the priest that Jesus has called me to be.

Karl Rahner, S.J., a noted theologian and priest wrote a meditation about Priesthood. I use it often to meditate and pray for the Lord's help.

### **THE PRIEST -Karl Rahner, S.J.**

*The priest is not an angel sent from heaven*

*He is a man*

*Chosen from among men,*

*A member of the Church,*

*A Christian.*

*Remaining man and Christian,*

*He begins to speak of you*

*The Word of God.*

*The word is not his own.*

*No, he comes to you*

*Because God has told him*

*To proclaim God's Word.*

*Perhaps he has not entirely*

*Understood it himself.*

*Perhaps he adulterates it.*

*But he believes,*

*And despite his fear*

*He knows he must communicate*

*God's Word to you.*

*For must not some of us*

*Say something about God,*

*About eternal life;*

*About the majesty of grace*

*In our sanctified being?*

*Must not some one of us*

*Speak of sin,*

*The judgment and mercy of God?*

*So, my dear friends,*

*Pray for him,*

*Carry him,*

*So that he might be able*

*To sustain others by bringing to them*

*The mystery of God's love*

*Revealed in Jesus Christ.*

My new contact information is:

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Please know that you will always be welcome at MHT Parish!

### Parish Activities

June 29 through July 3

<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Fr Boyle Farewell Social</b>	<b>5pm</b>
	<b>Bernadine Hall</b>	
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Parish Picnic</b>	
	<b>Frances Slocum</b>	<b>1pm</b>
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Bible School</b>	<b>9am</b>
	Quilting	5pm
	Rosary	6:30pm
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Bible School</b>	<b>9am</b>
	Quilting	9am
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Bible School</b>	<b>9am</b>
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Bible School</b>	<b>9am</b>
	Quilting	9am
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Bible School</b>	<b>9am</b>
	<b>Bible School Closing</b>	<b>Noon</b>

### The Sacrament of Confirmation

Bishop James C. Timlin, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Scranton, will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation for SS. Peter & Paul Parish and St. Andre Bessette Parish. The date is Sunday, October 18, at 4:00 PM. Further information will be given when it becomes available.

### Bulletin Briefs

“I wondered if my heart was big enough to love an adopted child as I would my biological child. There were also so many other variables to consider... We felt we had no control, but God reminded us again that He is always in control and that we could trust in Him.”

“An adoption Love Story,” <http://bit.ly/AdoptionLoveStory>  
USCCB 2014-15 Respect Life Program

**Summer Chess Camps** will be held during the weeks of July 13 through July 17 and August 3 through August 7 for students in grades 2 through 8. The camps will be held in Bernadine Hall (formerly the School Hall). Students do not need to know how to play chess before signing up; chess instruction will be given. For registration, cost and additional information, go to [www.academyofchessllc.com](http://www.academyofchessllc.com) or call 570-829-0828.

**The Holy Name Society** is sponsoring a trip to see the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Railriders on Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Gates open at 12pm, game time is 1:05pm. Cost is \$31 per person and includes admission to the game, seats in the third base party box, food and non-alcoholic beverages. Transportation will not be provided. If you are interested in attending the game please fill out the slip below and return to the Parish Office along with your check payable to SS Peter and Paul Parish. Any questions contact Ben Berrini at 570-829-3822.

**Reverend Daniel Yenkevich** has been appointed **Administrator – Pro Tempore**. Given the process established in the Diocese of Scranton for the transfer and appointment of pastors, it was necessary for Bishop Bambera to appoint an interim administrator of SS. Peter & Paul Parish who will serve for a brief period of time during the summer months until a permanent pastor is appointed. Please welcome Reverend Yenkevich.

### Peter Pence

In the second collection today, we are supporting Pope Francis in his charitable works. The Peter’s Pence Collection is taken up worldwide to support the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. This is an opportunity to join with our Holy Father, Pope Francis, and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous in today’s collection.

### Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Railriders

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Marriage Moments**

Is it any wonder that couples are finding it more difficult to make and keep marriage vows when promiscuity is portrayed as normative on week, be mindful of what the media is feeding your psyche.

- Susan Vogt

## **Bus Trip to Sisters of SS Cyril and Methodius 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Summer Festival at Villa Sacred Heart, Danville, Pa**

The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association is sponsoring a Martz Bus on Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. Come for the fun, ethnic food, games, flea market, silent auction, home-made baked goods, craft book store, bingo and raffle and visit the beautiful Basilica. Bus leaves the former Sacred Heart Church, 601 North Main Street at 9am, departing Danville at 3:30pm. Cost is \$15. For reservations call Martha Iskra at 570-824-0216.

## **Our Lady of Mount Carmel Summer Fest 2015**

2011 State Route 29, Lake Silkworth will be held on Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup> from 5pm – 11pm – Jeanne Zano Band; Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> from 5pm - 11pm – Flaxy Morgan; and Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> from 3pm – 9pm; Polka Mass at 2pm. The Polka Naturals from 2pm – 6pm then Sweet Pepper & the Long Hots. Delicious homemade food, fun games including Water Wars, prizes, soft ice cream, theme baskets and a huge indoor air-conditioned Flea Market! Piggies are back!

## **Gathered and Growing – Young Adults 21-35**

In a world that demands our undivided attention to be divided among a thousand different things in a thousand different ways, it is easy to feel disoriented and scattered. This unsettledness is particularly an issue for young adults, who are just starting to make their way into the world, and finding it much more complex place than they may have imagined. If you are a young adult ages 21-35, and feel scattered, confused, stressed, or just longing for an experience of community, please join us for a time of food and faith sharing. Gathered and Growing will next meet on Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, 339 North Maple Avenue, Kingston in Conlan Hall. The gathering will begin with a potluck supper at 6:30pm. Come to share, to laugh, to eat, but most importantly come as you are. For more information you may contact Danielle at (516)474-0328.

## **Parenting Pointers**

Parents are rightly concerned about their children's health and safety but we cannot protect our children from all danger. What worries you about the future of your child? Take normal precautions of course, but sometimes a child has to fail, get hurt, or make a mistake to grow. Be available. Pray.

- Susan Vogt

## **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 offered for the families and friends of those who have died in tragedy, especially through murder, suicide, and accident. The Mass is scheduled for Thursday, July 16, 2015 at 7pm in Saint Peter's 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's website, [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org). Questions concerning this Mass may be directed to the Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213

## **Our Diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal is**

sponsoring its 33<sup>rd</sup> annual conference at the University of Scranton during the weekend of July 31 – August 1. This year's theme is ***“Father That They May Be One Jn.17:21”*** and we will focus on unity in diversity reflecting on the call of Pope Francis, “Building the unity of the Church is the task of every Christian.” The Conference will feature a variety of inspiring speakers and uplifting music. Mass is celebrated each afternoon. A well-stocked book/gift store will be available. Separate tracks for Children and Youth are also available. The full-weekend Registration Fee is \$50 before July 17 and \$65 after July 17. Single-day registration is also available. Commuting and brown-bagging is encouraged, while dormitory housing and cafeteria meals are available at a moderate cost. For Registration Forms, please write to: CCR, PO Box 3306, Scranton PA 18505, call the CCR Office at 570-344-2214 or email [ccrenewal@comcast.net](mailto:ccrenewal@comcast.net).