



# SS. Peter and Paul Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

*Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*July 5, 2015*

*My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.*

- 2 Corinthians 12:9

## *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 – Communion 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*



**July 6 through July 11**

Mon. 7am *Florence Sierko* by Eckert Family  
 Tues. 7am *Paul Hession* by Wife  
 Wed. 7am *Communion Service*  
 Thurs. 7am *Ron Milgate*  
           by John Welebob & Family  
 Fri. 7am *Gerald D. Ritsick*  
           by Mother, Father & Brothers  
 Sat. 4pm *Mary S. Rymar (A)*  
           by Jean Marie, Robert & Regina Rymar  
 Sun. 8am *Joseph Wilkas (A)* by Family  
       11am *Parishioners*

**Message of the Week**      *Mark 6:1-6*

The citizens in Jesus' hometown just couldn't bring themselves to believe in him. Even though they "were astonished" when they beheld his wisdom and learned about his mighty deeds, nonetheless, "they took offense at him." What right did one of their local boys have to run around claiming he was a prophet? The son of the village carpenter would never fit that bill.

How often are we like these small-minded villagers? How often do we stay trapped in the regular routine of our daily existence and fail to have the faith to believe that God is *right here in our own hearts and our own homes?* As Christians, we may know about the wisdom and power of God, but we too often hesitate to acknowledge that this same power can be at work here in our very midst. Just as in Nazareth, *our* failure to believe can prevent God from working the mighty deeds he would otherwise perform in *our* lives. If we don't give him the freedom of our faith, then we are closing ourselves off from the real miracle right in front of us. Instead, let us open our hearts and our minds to recognize the presence of God, not just in *other* places, but right here, right now.

***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  
Ted Wysocki*

**Votive by the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
*Lawrence Swetz*

**June 28, 2015**

<b>Contribution</b>	<b>\$6,971</b>
<b>Air Conditioning</b>	<b>\$14</b>
<b>Care for the Priest</b>	<b>\$47</b>
<b>Cemetery</b>	<b>\$1,642</b>
<b>Dues</b>	<b>\$938</b>
<b>Father's Day</b>	<b>\$900</b>
<b>Holy Day</b>	<b>\$19</b>
<b>Maintenance</b>	<b>\$116</b>
<b>Peter Pence</b>	<b>\$1,696</b>
<b>Easter</b>	<b>\$40</b>
<b>School</b>	<b>\$100</b>

**Questions of the Week?**

**Mark 6:1-6**

Why do you think the Nazoreans' lack of faith "amazed" Jesus?

**Ezekiel 2:2-5**

How does this reading reflect the mercy of God?"

**2 Corinthians 12:7-10**

What are the weaknesses in your life that can actually strengthen you?

<b>Administrator</b> Rev. Dan Yenkevich	<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	

## Parish Activities

July 6 through July 11

### Mon. Office and Parish Center Closed In Observance of Independence Day

Tues. Quilting 9am

Thurs. Quilting 9am  
Parish Council 6:30pm

### Peter Pence Collection

Thank you for your generous support of our Holy Father's charitable work in the Peter's Pence Collection. Your contributions will be combined with those of our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need. Your generosity is an act of solidarity with the universal Church, answering the call to be a witness of charity. May God bless you.

### Bulletin Briefs

"For the Lord, your God, is the God of gods, the Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who has no favorites, accepts no bribes, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and loves the resident alien, giving them food and clothing. *Deuteronomy 10:17-18*

**The Annual Quilt Bingo** has been scheduled for Sunday, October 11, 2015. Handmade pillows, crocheted afghans, lap quilts, wooden items all make great prizes. Any type of homemade craft can be used for the raffle or door prizes. Please let us know by July 12<sup>th</sup> if you will be donating a craft item for the raffle. Call Janet Soller at 570-824-5906 or Diana at the Rectory. Donated items should be brought to the Parish Center or Rectory by September 25<sup>th</sup>. Your support is always appreciated. A successful bingo requires the work of many people. Please consider lending a hand!

### 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.

### Columban Sisters

Dear Parishioners,

*On behalf of the Columban Sisters, it is with deep gratitude that I write to thank you for the extremely warm welcome given to me in your parish of SS Peter and Paul sponsored by the Mission Cooperative Plan of the Diocese of Scranton. I deeply appreciate all your kindness and generosity to support the mission of Christ throughout the world. May Our Loving God continue to bless you in all you do for the missionary efforts of the Church. You are remembered in the prayers of all the Sisters,*

*Sincerely yours in Christ,*

*Sister Virginia Mozo*

### Marriage Moments

"Leave your spouse a sweet note... You'll be amazed at the power of the pen. If you head out of the house first, leave it on their car. Or, hide a note where you know they'll find it. A friend of mine used the letters from a Scrabble game to create a surprise note for his wife." *- Susan Vogt*

**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

### Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Railriders

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

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

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

**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

**St. Nicholas Church**, 226 S. Washington St., Wilkes-Barre will hold its annual Bazaar from Thursday to Saturday, July 16, 17, 18 beginning at 5:30pm on the parish grounds. Tickets for a Raffle (1<sup>st</sup> prize 50/50) = 25 additional prizes are available. A variety of great ethnic and American food, theme baskets, prizes and games for all ages will be offered. A Giant Flea Market is featured each night. Entertainment will be provided by *Flaxy Morgan* on Thurs., *Strawberry Jam* on Fri., and *The Home Town Boyz* on Sat. All are welcome!

**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

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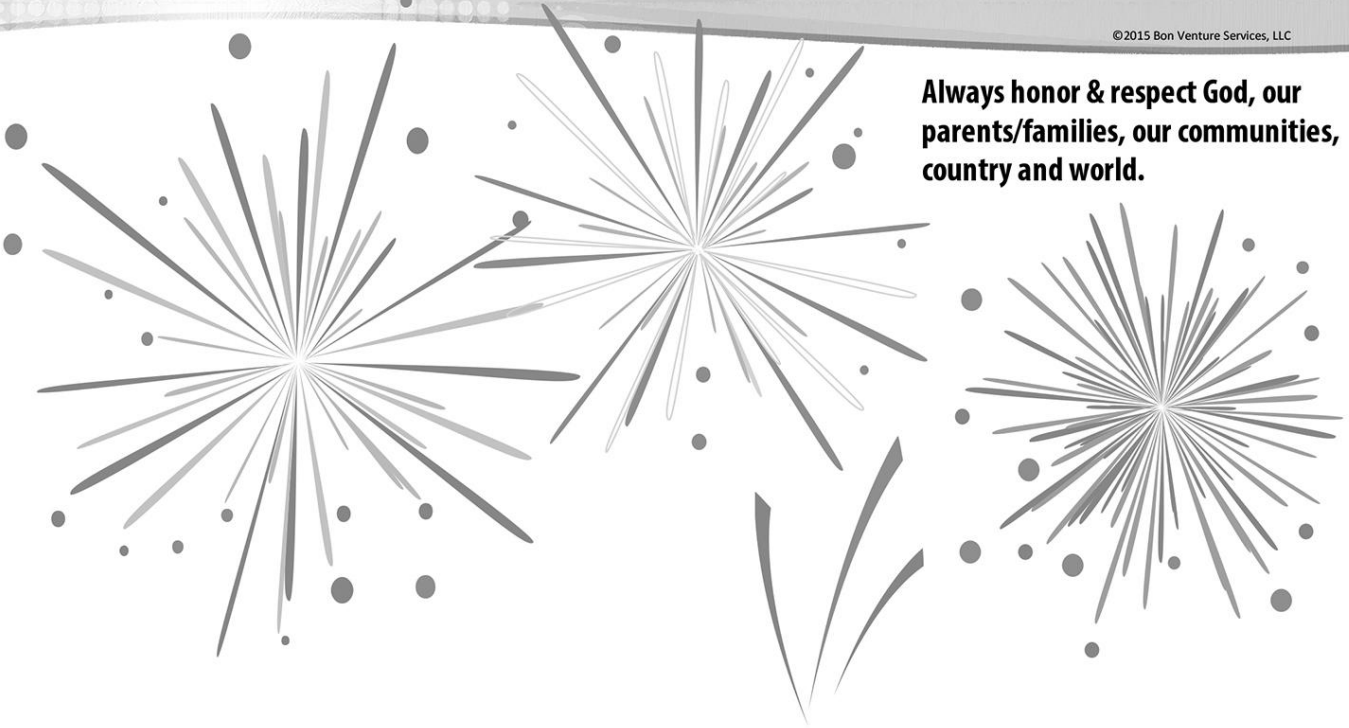
## Gospel Today

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Not everyone in Jesus' hometown treated Him with the honor and respect He deserved. Jesus said to them "only in his hometown, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet without honor". He went on to other places where people had more faith in Him.

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**Always honor & respect God, our  
parents/families, our communities,  
country and world.**



Draw you and your family/friends on the ground  
watching fireworks as we gather in our hometowns.

**May Jesus always have a place of honor in my heart.**