



Saints Peter and Paul Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 24, 2016

*You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised
with him through faith in the power of God,
who raised him from the dead.*

— Colossians 2:12

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 Saints Peter and Paul opens wide its doors
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!*

Mission Statement

As members of Saints 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
Saturday by appointment

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 7/25 7AM **Communion Service**
T 7/26 7AM **Barbara Olsakowski**
by Walter & Dorothy Lozinak
W 7/27 7AM **Guy DePasquale** by Leo & Rose Pugh
Th 7/28 7AM **Mike McGrady (A)** by Sandy King
F 7/29 7AM **Sophie Dreabit**
by Jim & Helen Zarichak
S 7/30 4PM **Patricia Bachman (A)** by Sister & Family
S 7/31 8AM **Robert Yakaski**
by Irene Keil & Family
11AM **Living and Deceased Parishioners**

KEEP PRAYING

St. Monica, whose feast we celebrate in August, is often known as "the persistent mother." She watched her oldest son, Augustine, turn his back on his Christian faith.

Monica was exasperated. For years she gave up talking directly to her son on the advice of a local bishop, who told her that it was better to talk to God about Augustine than to Augustine about God.

The mother never gave up praying for her son. Eventually Augustine gave up his wild ways, was baptized, and later ordained and named bishop of Hippo. St. Augustine went on to become one of the Church's greatest scholars.

Today's readings address the importance of persistent prayer. Abraham, in spite of trepidation that he is bothering the Lord, continues to ask about the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah. Jesus, in Luke's Gospel, tells his disciples to "ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you" (Luke 11:9). This is our charge: keep praying.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Abraham bargains with God to spare the city (Genesis 18:20-32).

Psalm — Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me (Psalm 138).

Second Reading — Buried with Christ in baptism, we were also raised with him; all our transgressions are forgiven (Colossians 2:12-14).

Gospel — Jesus speaks of God's sure response to those who pray (Luke 11:1-13).

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Our Lady of Lourdes Votive Candle
Mary & Chester Baginski

Our Holy Family Votive Candle
Irene Stanski

July 17, 2016

Contribution	\$7,380
Dues	\$3,079
Air Conditioning	\$8
Ascension of the Lord	\$20
Cemetery	\$25
Maintenance	\$298
Peter's Pence	\$30
Insurance	\$5
Care and Education of Priest	\$46
St. Vincent de Paul	\$38

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. James

Tuesday: Ss. Joachim and Anne;
World Youth Day, Krakow, Poland

Friday: St. Martha

Saturday: St. Peter Chrysologus;
Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Parish Activities

July 24 through July 30

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

Discern Your Gift Minister

Have you given any thought to becoming a cantor? When some people come forth there will be a brief training program for new cantors. No one expects anyone to just get up in front of the assembly and sing.

And, after that, please know that our cantors rehearse the music with the organist each week prior to the Mass.

Junior High, High School, College students and adults qualify by age for this ministry.

What is also necessary is a willingness to lead the assembly in song at any of our Masses and a faithfulness to adhering to the cantor schedule.

Once again this is a ministry ...not a job. It is also not a performance.

If God has given you the gift of a strong, pleasant voice perhaps you are being called to this ministry. Think about it. Discern. Is the gift you are being called to offer?

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,

Rosary Repair

Parishioners who have Rosaries in need of repair can call Len Kalinoski, Holy Name Society at 570-829-1864.

The Women Society of Saints Peter and Paul will hold a Parish Pilgrimage to St. Peter's 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 the Diocesan Pastoral Center for registration at 9AM. The day includes Presentation on the Extraordinary Jubilee 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. Hessons at 570-822-9448.

Marriage Moments

Do you ever bargain with your beloved? "If you watch the kids, I'll be able to do this repair project." OR "If only you could give me 5 more minutes, 1 hour, 1 day to finish this, we could spend some quality time together. It's not bad to negotiate, but keep your end of the bargain. (Gn. 18:20-32).

- Susan Vogt

Parenting Pointers

The 4th Sunday in July is Parents Day. Go beyond the "Hallmark Holiday" notion. Perhaps use it as a time to tell your child what it was like for you to await their birth. How did you prepare?

. Susan Vogt

The Scranton Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

will conduct a Day of Reflection on Wednesday, August 3 at the Villa of Our Lady Retreat House, 245 Meadowside Road, Mount Pocono, Pa. Monsignor Vincent Grimalia, Chaplain of St. Luke's Villa will conduct the retreat. The topic is "Jubilee Year of Mercy." The retreat will begin at 8:30AM and will end by 2PM. A continental breakfast and luncheon will be served. The cost is \$35. All Catholic women are invited to attend. Please send your reservation with payment to Helen Oravec, 814 Theresa Street, Peckville, PA 18452. The reservation deadline is July 25th. Contact Mary Lloyd at 570-578-6720 or Nancy Addley at 570-536-4436 if additional information is required.

Liturgy Corner: Did You Know? Stole

The stole is a narrow strip of fabric worn by ordained ministers – around the neck and hanging down in front by priests and bishops; over the left shoulder and across the chest by deacons – as they officiate and preach.

Researchers are not certain whether the stole derives from the Jewish prayer shawl or from the scarves worn to denote certain civic officials during the historic period in which the church was getting started.

Stoles and chasubles usually come as matched sets, and for mass, the stole is worn under the chasuble and over the alb. Sometimes, though, a presider will wear a perfectly plain chasuble with a decorative stole over it. At celebrations other than Mass, the ordained presider will simply wear an appropriate stole over an alb.

St. Robert Bellarmine Parish at St. Aloysius Church Summer Bazaar, corner of Barney and Division Street, Wilkes-Barre Homemade Foods, Lots of children & adult games including BINGO and our Flea Market in the Church Hall. Thursday, August 4th: DJ Chris Fox from 6-10PM, Friday August 6th: Tommy & The Original Tones from 6-11PM and Saturday, August 6: Sperazza from 5-11PM. For more information, call 570-823-3791 or www.facebook.com/bellarmino.aloysuis.

St. John The Baptist Church, 126 Nesbitt St. Larksville invite everyone to their Annual Parish Family Picnic to be held on the church grounds, Friday – Sunday, August 12, 13, 14. Featured will be Theme Basket Stand. Gigantic Flea Market (new items daily), Bingo, and games & prizes for all ages! Handmade Pierogi, Haluski, Potato Pancakes, Piggies, Clam Chowder & American Food. Entertainment nightly, Friday 6-11PM by Steven's Double Shot, Saturday 5-11PM by George Tarasek and Sunday from 3-10 by Intentions from 6-10PM.

The Annual Summer Festival to benefit St. Joseph's Center will be held Friday thru Sunday, July 29th, 30th and 31st on the beautiful campus of Marywood University. "The biggest backyard picnic in NEPA" will be host to more than 40 booths insuring plenty of food to eat and games to play for people of all ages. There will be shopping for gently used books, ribbons and bows, holiday and general store items and activities including Bingo, Tricky Trays and the Kiddie Korner. The festival is renowned for its variety of food choices – Pizza Frita, Tacos, Funnel Cake, Porketta, Potato Pancakes – just to name a few. Come see WNEP's Annual Telethon on Friday and Saturday evening and maybe a visit from Joe Snedeker after his "Go Joe 19 – Tails of a Nickely River Tour" bike ride. Singers, dancers, cheerleaders and twirlers entertain all day on Sunday. There is plenty of parking and Shuttle service is available.

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 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 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.

SUMMER LOTTERY WINNERS

7-11	#390	J. Slocum
7-12	#667	Charlotte Henderhot
7-13	#688	Kathy McGrady
7-14	#482	Marie Kowalski
7-15	#192	Ron Artim
7-16	#264	Alex Bedrin
7-17	#278	Ms. Marilyn Krawczyk

Congratulations to all!!!

*The winner of the \$50 is Tom Merlie
The winner of \$10 is Kevin O'Connor*

St. Ignatius Church will sponsor Grandma's Attic on Attic July 28th – 30th.

Grandma's Attic is quickly approaching. Don't forget to drop off your donations at Conlan Hall on Monday, July 25th from 8AM to 1PM and 5:30PM to 7:30PM and Tuesday, July 26th from 8AM to 1PM. Please do not include any clothing, bedding, computer monitors, televisions or furniture in your donations. Household items of all kinds including dishes, books, CD's toys, games, small appliances, jewelry, purses and more will be gratefully accepted. Our sale begins in Conlan Hall on Thursday, July 28th from 8AM to 1PM and 6PM to 8PM. Friday, July 19th from 8AM to 1PM and Saturday, July 10th (bag day) from 8AM to Noon. Bake sale and food items available for lunch. Anyone wishing to donate baked goods can drop off Thursday or Friday between 8:30AM and 11AM. We look forward to seeing you and thank you for your support.

Prince of Peace Parish in Old Forge will be sponsoring a Chicken BBQ and Basket Raffle on Sunday, August 14. It will be held in the parking lot of Arcaro and Genell Restaurant located on Main St. in Old Forge from 11AM to 3PM. The dinner is take out with some limited outside seating. The dinner will be prepared by Arcaro and Genell and included in the \$10 ticket price will be ½ BBQ chicken, pasta salad, corn on the cob, a roll and dessert. Tickets should be purchased in advance by calling the rectory at 570-457-5900 by Friday August 5th.

Our Diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal is sponsoring its 34th annual conference at the University of Scranton during the weekend of July 31 – August 1. This year's theme is "Go and Make Disciples Mt. 28:19" and we will focus on Jesus as the face of Mercy. 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 up to including July 18 and \$65 after July 18. 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.

Know a Marriage That Needs Help

Throw them a lifeline and tell them about Retrouvaille, an international program that helps couples who are experiencing marital difficulties. This program is for all couples, at any stage of marriage that needs help to communicate with each other in a more attentive and loving manner. The next program in the Scranton Diocese begins August 26-28, at the Ramada Inn, Clark Summit. Please call 800-470-2230 for more information or to register or visit the website at www.helpourmarriage.org

Bulletin Briefs

"Through [the] loving care [of my family and friends], they affirm what I also know – that my life is, always has been, and always will be, worth living."

*Maggie's Story: Living like Dad,; www.goo.gl/JKnvWe
USCCB Secretarist of Pro-Life Activities*

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-Hour Child 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 the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551) or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at (570-207-2269).