



Saints Peter and Paul Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 31, 2016

*Teach us to number our days aright,
that we may gain wisdom of heart.*

— Psalm 90:12

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 – 4PM
Tuesday through Friday 8AM – 4PM
Office Closed 12-12:30PM
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	8-1	7AM	Communion Service
T	8-2	7AM	Francis Teresinski (A) by Wife & Children
W	8-3	7AM	Michael Trebunak by Carol Kwiatkowski
Th	8-4	7AM	Erald Biondi by Jeff & Alexis Segeda
F	8-5	7AM	Anne Aritz by Susan Shovlin
S	8-6	11AM	50th Anniversary Mr. & Mrs. Norman Hicks
		4PM	John Woloski Sr. by Woloski Family
S	8-7	8AM	Josephine Antosh by Marie Shaven
		11AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners

HITTING IT BIG

It seems to be commonly accepted nowadays that everyone wants to win the lottery, hit the slots big at the casino, or be a millionaire. This attitude is akin to what the first hearers of the parable of the successful farmer would have thought: Why, of course he'd want to find a way to preserve his good fortune for the future, to secure for himself a life of leisure, eating, drinking, and merriment. It's exactly the kind of life that the right ticket, hand of cards, or quiz show answer might bring us today. Being surrounded by this "common wisdom" makes the words of Qoheleth, the psalmist, Paul, and Jesus all that much harder to hear today. Perhaps good fortune will be ours, perhaps it will not be. But if we make that fortune or the quest for it the heart, the very center, of our lives, then we will live to regret it. We will not achieve the future security we pursue, and we will lose the present moment in the chase.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Do not spend your life toiling for material gain (Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 90).

Second Reading — Christ has raised you to new life, so seek now what is above (Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11).

Gospel — Be on guard against all greed, for your life does not consist of earthly possessions, but of the riches of the reign of God (Luke 12:13-21).

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WORRY

Don't tell me that worry doesn't do any good. I know better. The things I worry about never happen.

—Anonymous



Our Lady of Lourdes Votive Candle
Michael Trebunak

Our Holy Family Votive Candle
Robert Pisack

July 24, 2016

Contribution	\$6,719
Dues	\$818
Air Conditioning	\$10
Cemetery	\$33
Maintenance	\$130
Utilities	\$1,535
Peter's Pence	\$5
Care and Education of Priests	\$22
St. Vincent de Paul	\$42

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Alphonsus Liguori
Tuesday:	St. Eusebius of Vercelli; St. Peter Julian Eymard
Thursday:	St. John Vianney
Friday:	Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major; First Friday
Saturday:	The Transfiguration of the Lord;

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 31 through August 6

Mon.	5PM	Quilting	Parish Center 2 nd Fl
	5PM	Prayer Shawl	Parish Center LL
	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

Catholic Relief Service Collection

“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me” (Mt 25:40). Today, we are reminded that Jesus identified himself with our poorest brothers and sisters. The Catholic Relief Services Collections serves Jesus in the victims of human trafficking, those who suffer from unjust laws, and those who need pastoral care and humanitarian assistance across the globe. Through supporting today’s collection, you *help Jesus in disguise*. Please be generous.

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?

Bulletin Briefs

“As with every vocation, marriage must be understood within the primary vocation to love, because humanity is created in the image and likeness of God who is himself love”

Memorial Donations

The following donations and memorials have recently been given to our Parish:

Saints Peter and Paul Parish

\$5,000 The Estate of Dr. & Mrs. Walter Krywicki

Saints Peter and Paul Organ Fund

\$200 In Memory of Liz McGough by Family

Saints Peter and Paul Food Pantry

\$160 Anonymous
 \$100 Robert Gaiteri
 \$100 Elizabeth Kupstas
 \$25 Joseph & Doborah Bronack
 \$50 In Memory of Beth Bonn
 by Thomas & Deborah Bonn
 \$25 In Memory of Theresa Egan
 by Harold & Barbara Sura
 \$50 In Memory of Ronald L. Merkel
 by Marian & Michael Wanyo

In Memory of Henrietta Fagula

\$75 Paul & Karen Santarelli
 \$50 Diane & Joseph Kerestes
 \$50 Linda & Leonard Okuniewski
 \$50 EPSCO
 \$25 Jane Biniek
 \$25 Thomas & Elaine Salus
 \$20 Robert & Rose Corcoran
 \$10 Frances Mattuicci
 \$10 Bernardine Yencha
 \$10 Mike & Maryann Quinn
 In Memory of Lena Pastorelli
 \$20 Joe & Debbie Bronack
 \$20 Ray & Ann Wasko
 \$10 Richared Pandalphia and Yolanda
 \$10 Ken & Mary Jo Pryor
 \$20 Tom & Maureen Ledorette
 \$25 Len & Muriel Lispi
 \$20 Monica Ciolek
 \$25 Robert & Joan Angeli
 \$20 Mike & Maryann Quinn

We thank all who have made memorial and free-will donations. May God bless you for your generosity. We will keep your intentions and love ones in our prayers

Marriage Moments

Natural or national disasters can bring out the best in humanity as we rally to help those in need. A marriage crisis can also prompt a couple to sacrifice for each other or honestly deal with a recurring problem. Don’t wait for a disaster, however, to test your love. Prevention is better.

- Susan Vogt

Liturgy Corner: Did You Know? Images

Images – statues and pictures of Christ and the saints – used to abound in Catholic churches and have a long and noble place in the history of western art.

Today these artifacts are used much more sparingly and placed in such a way that we understand what is central to our faith and worship and what is of lesser importance.

Images do help us in our prayer life, though, and so we can still go to any Catholic church and find stations of the cross and images of the Virgin Mary and the patron saints of the community that worships in that space.

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.

SUMMER LOTTERY WINNERS

7-18	#714	J. Chukinas
7-19	#404	Megan Piazza
7-20	#379	Rich Flora
7-21	#945	Carol Komensky
7-22	#953	Jennie Lavx
7-23	#853	K Willlis
7-24	#725	Joe Guzinski

Congratulations to all!!!

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,

Parenting Pointers

"One's like does not consist of possessions." (Luke 12:15) How many "toys" does your family have? For adults it may be electronics, for kids it may be stuffed animals, dolls, or cars. Challenge the family to reduce by 10% or even just one item. *Susan Vogt*

Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Buttonwood, Soup for the Souls 6th Annual Arts and Crafts Festival takes place Saturday, August 6, 2016 from 10AM to 4PM. New for 2016: A Car Show where trophies will be awarded. There will also be a used book sale and bake sale. Free admission with a variety of "bazaar" type food will be available at an additional charge. For more information or directions, please call 570-825-6370 or 570-200-5634.

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.aloysius.

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.

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.

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

The Year of Mercy Offers an Opportunity to Bring Healing in the Area of Failed Marriages:

When marriages fail, Catholics may be unclear about their relationship to the Church.

- “I am civilly divorced and not sure whether I can continue to receive the Eucharist or be a part of the parish community”.
- “I am not sure about the status of my marriage. It would be helpful to talk to someone who could explain it to me”.
- “My spouse and I would like to explore having our marriage blessed in the church”.
- “I don’t know what an annulment really is and why I would want one. Also, I heard they are expensive.”

Do any of these voices sound like you or someone you know? In the Diocese of Scranton, the annulment process is now more “user friendly” than

you might expect, and there is no longer a processing fee. Please contact your pastor or the Diocesan Tribunal Office (570-207-2246) to begin a conversation. It is possible to get clear answers to these questions and to renew your connection with the church.

Back to School Supplies for St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen

are now being taken. Items being collected are: Backpacks, Notebooks, Binders, Paper, Pens, Plastic Scissors, Pencils, Pencil Sharpeners, Markers Erasers, Glue Sticks & Crayons. Items will be collected up until August 18th. They can be dropped off at the kitchen between 8AM & 1PM each day. Distribution will take place at Our Lady of Hope, 40 Park Ave., Wilkes-Barre on Monday, August 22nd, from 10AM - 1PM and 3PM – 6PM. Please contact Deb at 570-822-7118 ext 305 if you have any questions.

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 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).

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