



Saints Peter and Paul Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 7, 2016

Our soul waits for the LORD, who is our help and our shield.
— Psalm 33:20

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	8-8	7AM	Communion Service
T	8-9	7AM	Stephen Janis by Stanley R. Suchoski
W	8-10	7AM	John Glazenski by Sue & Tony Kapinas
Th	8-11	7AM	Florence Baczmarge by Husband & Children
F	8-12	7AM	Ted Toloczko by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Bilski & Family
S	8-13	4PM	Joseph Gill (A) by Mr. & Mrs. Denny Whitcomb
S	8-14	8AM	Victoria Jastremski by Phyllis & Karen
		11AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners

OUR FATHER IN FAITH

The Letter to the Hebrews today sings a hymn of praise to Abraham and to his faith, upon which are founded the religions of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Abraham is called "father" in faith by more people on earth than anybody else, numerous as the sands of the seashore or the stars of the heavens. Hebrews tells us it was this foundational faith that led Abraham to obey God's call when he heard it, though he was called to journey to a land he did not know and told he would father a mighty race through a marriage he thought was barren. But Abraham's faith, the author of Hebrews tells us, was his realization of what he hoped for, and the evidence of what he could not see. How often are we, in simple daily events of our own Christian vocation, called to an unfamiliar place or told we are to do something we do not believe we can? How fortunate we are to have Father Abraham as our guide and example!

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Your ancestors waited in faith and courage for God's promised summons (Wisdom 18:6-9).

Psalm — Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — Because of his faithful obedience to God's call, Abraham's descendants number as the stars (Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]).

Gospel — Keep watch and be prepared, for you do not know the day or the hour when the Son of Man will appear (Luke 12:32-48 [35-40]).

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*This week the
Sanctuary
Candle
burns in memory of ...*
Erik Vannucchi

Our Lady of Lourdes Votive Candle
Ted & Ceil Toloczko

Our Holy Family Votive Candle
Nell & Al Wysocki

Flowers on the Altar
50th Anniversary
Mr. & Mrs. Norman Hicks

July 31, 2016

Contribution	\$7,458
Dues	\$4,025
Cemetery	\$27
Maintenance	\$120
Utilities	\$285
Catholic Relief Service	\$1,997
Care and Education of Priests	\$49
St. Vincent de Paul	\$20

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Dominic
Tuesday:	St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)
Wednesday:	St. Lawrence
Thursday:	St. Clare
Friday:	St. Jane Frances de Chantal
Saturday:	Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus; 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

August 8 through August 12

Mon.	5PM	Quilting	Parish Center 2 nd Fl
	6PM	Grief Support	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

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Though your generosity, families will be reunited, valuable life skills will be taught to those seeking a better life, and many will have vital humanitarian needs met. Please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief to learn how your donations make a difference and **help Jesus in disguise**.

Bulletin Briefs

"Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother... Your support might be the only support she receives.

10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting"
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

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

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

Aug 6 was the anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima, Japan. It is a somber anniversary even though it may have shortened the war. Teach your children how to make peace. See the Family Pledge of Nonviolence for a start.

(<http://www.susanvogt.net/PDF/PDF%20P-Family%20Pledge%20of%20Nonviolence.pdf>)

Susan Vogt

St. John The Baptist Church, 126 Nesbitt St.

Larksville invites 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.

SUMMER LOTTERY WINNERS

7-25	#188	P.M. Aliney
7-26	#356	Christina Yakabovicz
7-27	#305	Maryann Kropiewnicki
7-28	#460	Francis Corcoran
7-29	#411	George Blom
7-30	#952	V. Mattei
7-31	#131	Delores Loughenne

Congratulations to all!!!

Liturgy Corner: Did You Know? Bells

Bells have been used to summon the faithful to prayer since the early Middle Ages.

At first they were simple hand held bells. After awhile, they became large and varied in tone by virtue of size and composition. Belfries and free-standing campaniles were built in which to house them.

Different types of ringing summoned to different types of prayer and worship, and this is still true. Anyone who pays attention to church bells can hear the difference between the bells that call to Mass, the slow toll of the funeral bells, and the ringing of the *Angelus* at noon.

During the thirteenth century, small bells began to rung during Mass to alert the worshipers to the consecration. This practice is optional today since Mass in the vernacular presumes that people know what's happening.

Bells are not used at all from the *Gloria* at the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper to the *Gloria* at the Easter Vigil Mass.

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.

BE NOT DECEIVED

Do not be disturbed by the clamor of this world, which passes like a shadow. Do not let the false delights of a deceptive world deceive you.

—St. Clare

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.

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

St. Leo/Holy Rosary Church is holding a Designer Bingo on Sun, September 18th in the church hall, 33 Manhattan St., Ashley. Cost is \$20 per ticket and includes all games plus specials. Advanced purchased necessary. Doors open at 1PM and games start at 2PM. Contact Tammy Glasson at 570-479-3414 or Bonnie Lazar at 570-474-1031. The kitchen will be open.

Family Service Association of Northeastern Pa will host its 7th Annual National Family Week Conference on Friday, November 18 at Genetti Best Western Hotel & Conference Center in Wilkes-Barre from 8:30 until 4:30PM. "Human Trafficking: From Denial to Engagement" will offer 9 different workshops that will focus on the growing problem of Human trafficking in our area and ensure that families and community organizations are aware of those who are bringing help and awareness to those affected. LSW, CLE, Act 48, and CADC Continuing Education Credits will be offered. For additional information, call 570-823-5144 or email tlangan@fsanepa.org.

Bus Pilgrimage on Feast of St. Maria Faustina
Celebrate the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy on St. Faustina's Feast Day walking through the Holy Doors and receive a plenary indulgence. Rev. Thomas J. Petro, JCL, will accompany us and be a concelebrant at Mass, on Wednesday, October 5th. The bus pilgrimage will leave for the Divine Mercy Shrine at 7AM from St. Maria Goretti's parking lot. Estimated arrival is 11AM. All events will be at the Mother of Mercy Outdoor Shrine. The cost is \$65 per person which will include complimentary breakfast items and water, bus trip, entrance shrine fee, a full course meal at Bogies Restaurant in Great Barrington, MA and the bus driver's tip. Arrival at St. Maria Goretti will be 11PM. Coordinator of the trip is Cathy Mack. To make reservations contact Cathy at 570-654-6063.

The Catholic Tour, a Roman Catholic Pilgrimage Apostolate is offering our "Special" 7 Day Pilgrimage to Eternal Rome operating from two Airline Gateways of New York JFK and Boston, Mass., The Price of \$1999. Is the all inclusive price includes airfare, 3 star hotel, most meals, tour guide, deluxe bus, Tour Guide and more. Price is the same from both airports and we can assist you in securing air from your home city to one of the 2 gateways listed above. The travel dates from both Airports will be Nov. 4-10, Brochures and reservation forms are available at the Catholic Tour call 1-877-627-4268 toll free. Or simply e-mail JIMDAIR@THECATHOLICTOUR.COM.

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).

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Gospel Today
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Luke 12:32-48
Be prepared for Jesus all the time, by always being a good servant to God.

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MAKE GOD

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PRAY ALWAYS

BE THANKFUL

GIVE YOUR HEART

GIVE ALMS

BE KIND

BE FAITHFUL

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Follow the dots and see where God is in your life!

in your life
and you will
always be
prepared for
His coming.