



# Saints Peter and Paul Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

*Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*August 14, 2016*

*[Jesus] endured the cross, despising its shame,  
and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God.  
— Hebrews 12:2*

## *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** 8-15 7AM **Rose Lasiewicki (A)**  
by Madeline Franchella

**T** 8-16 7AM **Frank Sabitini Sr.**  
by Helen Georgetti & Family

**W** 8-17 7AM **Alvida Eustice** by Audrey Malinovitch

**Th** 8-18 7AM **Mr. & Mrs. Michael Kovach Sr.**  
by Mike & Catherine Kovach

**F** 8-19 7AM **Mary Orzechowski**  
By Son, Jim & Daughter, Ann

**S** 8-20 4PM **Stacia Fall** by Jane Biniek

**S** 8-21 8AM **Gloria Antosh**  
by Husband, Bernard & Children

11AM **Living and Deceased Parishioners**

### THE COSTS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Today's responsorial psalm, Psalm 40, is more familiar to us with the refrain "Here am I, Lord." This "Here am I" is Jeremiah's great prophetic response to God's call. But today's story of Jeremiah and the refrain "Lord, come to my aid!" remind us that there are always two sides to following the call of God. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews knew this, too. He reminded his readers that even weighted down with burdens and sins, we can still persevere by keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, who himself knew the shame and pain of the cross, but saw beyond it to the joy of sitting at the right of the throne of God.

Jesus himself gave the disciples a "sneak preview" of a baptism that would not be as wondrous as the one in the Jordan that inaugurated his ministry, but would be one of fire and anguish. Today's words from scripture may not be terribly soothing, but in their honesty and strength we can acknowledge the difficulties of daily discipleship, and take comfort in the assurance of our own salvation in Christ.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — They took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern (Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10).

Psalm — Lord, come to my aid! (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith (Hebrews 12:1-4).

Gospel — I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing (Luke 12:49-53).

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Robert S. Rymar Sr.

### *Our Lady of Lourdes Votive Candle*

Robert S. Rymar Sr.

### *Our Holy Family Votive Candle*

Fred S. Loiacono

### *Flowers on the Altar*

John Swantko

August 7, 2016

<b>Contribution</b>	<b>\$8,373</b>
<b>Dues</b>	<b>\$512</b>
<b>Cemetery</b>	<b>\$20</b>
<b>Maintenance</b>	<b>\$96</b>
<b>Utilities</b>	<b>\$113</b>
<b>Catholic Relief Service</b>	<b>\$164</b>
<b>Care and Education of Priests</b>	<b>\$1,173</b>
<b>School</b>	<b>\$272</b>
<b>St. Vincent de Paul</b>	<b>\$50</b>

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Tuesday: St. Stephen of Hungary  
Friday: St. John Eudes  
Saturday: St. Bernard

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

## The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary

This Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Because it falls on a Monday this year it is not a Holy Day of Obligation. However we will have a Mass at 7AM in celebration of the Feast.

**The Women's Society** will conduct their monthly meeting on Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 7PM at the home of Joanne Nixon, 12 Grace Dr., Plains. Please note the change of day; *future meetings will be held on the third Thursday of each month, instead of the third Monday*, in the lower level of the parish center. Meetings are open to all the women of the parish and new members are always welcome.

## Discern Your Gift

Who are the first people you meet who represent the church when you attend Mass on the weekend? The Ushers!

This cheerful, mannerly, well presented group faithfully come early to attend Mass so that they can open the door for you, greet you and smile.

They gather our offerings for the financial needs of the church and assist us in an orderly fashion with Communion.

If anyone needs special assistance, either regularly or on the spur of the moment they are ready to spring into action.

Those who do not attend our church regularly are welcomed and feel at home.

Lest we forget to pick up a bulletin they are there distributing the bulletins as we leave the church.

If needed for another type of prayer service or event they are always available.

It might be a fair guess that we, the members of the parish, take this group for granted. And yet we should not do so because they, too, are exercising the ministry of hospitality, which should be the hallmark of every Christian.

Discern your gift: Will you offer to join this ministry? All you need to do is come early, smile, assist as needed and be faithful to the schedule. Once again: discern your gift!

## Bulletin Briefs

"The Church always advances between the cross and the resurrection, between persecutions and the consolations of the Lord. This is the path: those who take this do not go wrong."

*Pope Francis, Homily on the Feast of St. George,*

## Parish Activities

August 15 through August 19

<b>Mon.</b>	5PM	Quilting	Parish Center 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl
	<b>5PM</b>	<b>Prayer Shawl</b>	<b>PC Dining Hall</b>
	6:30PM	Rosary	Parish Garden
	7PM	Faith Sharing	Parish Center 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl
<b>Tues.</b>	9AM	Quilting	Parish Center 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl
<b>Thurs.</b>	9AM	Quilting	Parish Center 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl
	9AM	Food Pantry Prep	<b>Bernardine Hall</b>
	<b>7PM</b>	<b>Women's Meeting</b>	<b>12 Grace Drive</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>9AM</b>	<b>Food Pantry</b>	<b>Bernardine Hall</b>

## The Women's Society Communion Breakfast

will be held on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. The women will attend the 8AM Mass as a group. Afterwards they will share a breakfast at Parson Family Restaurant, River Road, Plains. The cost is \$15 per person. Reservations can be made by calling Mary Jo Marek at 570-825-6363 or Joan Lupinski at 570-829-2471. Reservations should be made by October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Hope to see you there.

## 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 18<sup>th</sup>. 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 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 10AM - 1PM and 3PM - 6PM. Please contact Deb at 570-822-7118 ext 305 if you have any questions.

## Marriage Moments

The Assumption. Through Mary, Jesus came into the world. She nurtured him, witnessed his passion, and stood by the apostles at Pentecost. Mary's life mirrors God's relationship with us during times of bliss and agony. Despite being the mother of God, she focused on those in need, the hungry, the poor, the lowly. Let go of your importance today and join Mary.

- Susan Vogt

### **Liturgy Corner: Did You Know? Incense**

Incense is the bark, shavings or, best of all, dried resin of certain aromatic trees which, when added to burning charcoal, produces fragrant smoke, a vivid symbol of prayer rising up to God.

The use of incense is a very ancient religious practice and was avoided by the Christian church as a pagan practice up until about the fourth century.

The sixteenth century Council of Trent issued very particular regulations for its use, all of which were virtually done away with by the reforms of Vatican II.

In today's church, the use of incense is optional, and so each community may decide at which celebrations it wishes to employ this particularly solemn method of paying reverence to persons and objects.

Incense may be burned in a thurible that is swung or a brazier that can stay in place or be held and moved about.

### **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**

"Families must do two things to survive – protect themselves from what is most hurtful and connect with what is good outside the family. These tasks require time and energy, both of which are scarce commodities in an era when many parents work long hours at jobs." (Mary Pipher) Do you need to adjust your family balance?

*Susan Vogt*

**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 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **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.

### **SUMMER LOTTERY WINNERS**

8-1	#473	Mike Bonita
8-2	#990	Rose Ann Jones
8-3	#801	Marion Koneski
8-4	#874	Joan Salijko
8-5	#744	SS Peter and Paul Food Pantry
8-6	#292	Chong Dudeck
8-7	#520	Ashlynn Dunleavy

*Congratulations to all!!!*

**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](http://www.helpourmarriage.org)

**St. Leo/Holy Rosary Church** is holding a Designer Bingo on Sun, September 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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, 3star 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](mailto:JIMDAIR@THECATHOLICTOUR.COM).

**Family Service Association of Northeastern Pa** will host its 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**Wyoming Area Catholic School 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament** will be held on Sunday, September 11, 2016 at Blue Ridge Golf Course in Mountaintop. Registration begins at 11:30AM – Shotgun Start at 1:30PM. The tournament features a Hole in One Contest sponsored by Ken Pollock Auto Group (chance to win a one year lease on a new car!) Further information on sponsorship and participation is available at [www.wacsh.com](http://www.wacsh.com) or by calling the school office at 570-654-7982.

***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](http://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).