



SS. Peter and Paul Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 16, 2015

*Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood,
You do not have life within you*

John 6:53

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



August 17 through August 23

Mon. 7am **Gertrude B. Huhn** by Huhn Family
 Tues. 7am **Celia Pascucci**
 by Mr. & Mrs Robert Fumanti
 Wed. 7am **Communion Service**
 Thurs. 7am **In Thanksgiving Ron & Ceil Phillips**
 Fri. 7am **Angeline Parise**
 by Mr. & Mrs. Fred Stanski
 Sat. 4pm **Robert S. Rymar Sr. (A)**
 by Jean Marie, Robert & Regina Rymar
 Sun. 8am **Joseph Prociak**
 by Reginski Family
 11am **Parishioners**



**In Memory of
 The Sanctuary Lamp
 John Kozik**

**Votive by the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Marianne Lynch**

**Flowers on the Altar
 Special Intention**

August 9, 2015

Contribution	\$7,759
Care for the Priest	\$161
Cemetery	\$140
Charity	\$39
Dues	\$436
Utilities	\$55
Maintenance	\$1,288
Catholic Relief Services	\$6
Central & Eastern Europe	\$9

Message of the Week *John 6:51-58*

Today's Gospel continues Jesus' bread of life discourse where he emphasizes over and over again that his followers are to "eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood." Not surprisingly, his listeners don't know what to make of this mysterious teaching. So the quarrels begin.

This scene is all too common. People encounter a difficult teaching of the faith and so they argue about it or rationalize it away instead of just accepting it and living according to it. On a large scale, these sorts of arguments are what lead to the breakdown of Christian unity. Some of the things Jesus wants us to do are difficult – like respecting God's plan for sexuality or controlling our urges for unrestrained pleasure, power, or profit. Some of the things Jesus taught us are mysterious – like the teaching that the Eucharist is truly his body and blood. But thankfully he has given us his Holy Spirit to help us understand and do what we should. Let's not waste our time arguing about the faith. Let's live it.

Questions of the Week?

John 6:51-58:

How do you react to Jesus' words: "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life"?

Proverbs 9:1-6:

How would you personify wisdom today"?

Ephesians 5:15-20:

What do you consider wise Christian conduct?

Administrator Rev. Daniel Yenkevich	Pastor Emeritus Rev. Joseph Greskiewicz
Religious Education Sande Holena	Music Christine Katsock
Eucharistic Minister/Lectors David Loiacono	Ushers Paul Muczynski
Youth Group Maryann and Michael Quinn	Altar Servers Gloria Flynn
Food Pantry Pauline Makowski	
Buildings/Maintenance/Properties Michael Levandowski	

Rev. John Lambert, V.E. will join our parish as pastor this Monday, August 17th.

Join in welcoming Rev. Lambert!

Thank You to Rev. Daniel Yenkevich who has spent the last 6 weeks as Administrator.

Memorial Donations

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

SS. Peter and Paul Parish

In Memory of Clementine Cross

\$10 Mary & James Moczulski

\$50 Patricia Swandick

\$100 Lawrence Istvan & Deborah McLain

In Memory of Peter Paul Olszewski

\$25 Melvin Warshal

\$25 Nancy ODonnell

\$25 Eugene & Barbara Tokach

\$30 Timothy Doherty

\$35 Frank Albert Memorial Lodge #43

\$50 Stephen Molitoris

\$50 Bernard & Marina Kachinko

\$100 John E. Butts

\$100 John & Molly Churnetski

In Memory of John Joseph Griffing

\$25 Joseph & Patrice Persico

SS. Peter and Paul Food Pantry

\$20 Anonymous

\$40 Ann Pendolphi

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.

Annual Festival Assessment

To date \$16,535.00 has been collected for the Annual Festival Assessment. Thus far 260 families has contributed. Thanks to all who have so far contributed generously to this assessment.

Hershey Park Tickets are available at the Parish Office. Cost per ticket is \$35. Tickets can be used any day throughout the 2015 season. There a limited amount so get them while they last.

Parish Activities

August 16 through August 17

Sun. 2015 Confirmation Class

Mon.	Quilting	5pm
	Prayer Shawl	5pm
	Rosary	6:30pm
	Women's Society Meeting	7pm

Tues.	Quilting	9am
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Wed. 2015 Confirmation Class

Thurs.	Quilting	9am
	Food Pantry Prep	

Fri.	Food Pantry	9am
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Registration for Religious Education Classes are held for children in Pre-School through 12th grade and should be attended by any child in those grades who attend a public school. Children who will turn four before September 30th can enroll in our Pre-School/Kindergarten class. Classes for the 2015-16 School Year will begin on Sept. 13th. In order to compile accurate class rosters and supplies, parents are asked to register their child(ren) even if they have previously attended the program. To register contact Sande Holena at the Parish Center or via email at sandeholena@epix.net.

SS Peter and Paul's Food Pantry Shopping List for August

Cans: Potatoes
Fruit
Pasta (Spaghetti O's etc...)
Carrots
Mixed Veggies

Bottles -
Spaghetti Sauce

Thanks for all your support!!!

The Miracle of Christmas Trip will take place on Nov. 18 in Lancaster. Cost of the trip is \$110. Bus will leave from the Bank Street Parking Lot. Cost includes transportation, ticket into show and dinner at Shady Maple. Contact Joan Pisack at 570-822-3815 for more information or to make reservations. The fee is due by Sept 14th and can be made to Women Society and mailed to Joann Melman, 22 Garden Drive, Hudson, PA 18705. If payment is not received by the 14th your reservations will be cancelled and name removed from the list.

The Women's Society of SS Peter and Paul will meet on Monday, August 17th at the home of Joanne Nixon, 12 Grace Drive, Plains at 7pm. Plans for the upcoming breakfast, retreat and trip to Lancaster will be finalized. New members are always invited. Hostesses will be Joanne Nixon and Joan Pisack. Please plan to attend and get involved.

The Women's Society of SS Peter and Paul will hold their annual Communion Breakfast on Sunday, October 18th the Parish Center. They will meet at 7:30am to recite the Rosary and attend the 8am Mass. Breakfast will be served in the Parish Center after the Mass. Guest speaker will be the Director of Ruths Place. Each participant is asked to bring an item that is needed for Ruth's Place. Cost of the breakfast is \$15 payable to Mary Jo Marek and Mailed directly to Mary Jo Marek, 75 Helen Street, Plains, PA 18705. Please contact Mary Jo at 570-825-6969 to make reservation. All members and guest are invited to attend. Reservations and payment is needed by October 12th.

Lottery Tickets

Tickets for Sept. are now available. Awards will begin Sept 1 and end Sept. 30th – a winner daily (pick 3 evening). Prizes are \$50 Sunday to Friday, \$100 on Saturday and \$500 on Sept. 7th. Anyone selling 25 or more will be entered into the \$50 Sellers drawing and 10 or more into the \$10 Sellers drawing.

Together we can make it a great success.

Marriage Moments

“...Live not as foolish persons, but as wise.” (Ephesians 5:15) Dare you share with your beloved a foolish thing you've done during your life? More importantly, share one way that you see your beloved as wise (other than marrying you).

- Susan Vogt

VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children for Adults Program. This training session is required for all adult employees and volunteers who have direct contact or routine interaction with children. During the three-hour training, a facilitator, who will teach you the tools and show you the resources to maintain a safe environment for all children, will incorporate techniques in a discussion-format to help you recognize the warning signs of child sexual abuse and how to respond to it appropriately and effectively. Please consider joining your community on Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2015, at 6pm, at St. Joseph Marelo Parish, Pittston, to take part in this vital program to help safeguard our most vulnerable and precious gift: our children. To register, please contact the parish office at 570/654-6902.

Bulletin Briefs

“Dr. Stevens, if you had believed in physician-assisted suicide, I wouldn't be here. You didn't give up on me, and you didn't abandon me, and that's why I'm still here... These are the kinds of doctors we need; they give you hope when your hope is gone.” *Jeannette's Story: 15 Years Later.: a 3minute video available at www.bit.ly/JeanettesStory (Sought assisted suicide, but was inspired by her doctor to consider treatment)*



Back to School Supplies for St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen, 39 East Jackson St., Wilkes-Barre is now taking donations for school supplies. 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. Volunteers are needed for distribution at Our Lady of Hope, 40 Park Ave., Wilkes-Barre on Tuesday, Aug. 25th from 9 – 11am & 1-4pm. Please contact Deb at 570-822-7118 ext. 305 if you can help.

Parenting Pointers

“As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” (Joshua 24:15) As children grow older they often balk at doing “religious” stuff with their family. Be creative about inviting children into faith experience. Ask what THEY think would be a meaningful way to “serve the Lord.” It might seem crazy, but try it once.

- Susan Vogt



St. Monica Parish 3rd Annual Golf Outing

Benefiting projects of the Parish's Christian Society will be held on Sunday, August 23rd at Emanon Country Club, Falls, Pa with 1pm Registration and 2pm Shotgun Start. \$60 per person or \$240 per foursome includes: Dinner following the event in the church hall, catered by Pasquale's Ristorante. Refreshments on the course and prizes. Golf limited to the first 120 golfers. Registration due before August 20th. Make checks payable to St. Monica Parish, 363 W. 8th Street, Howard Kelley at 570-574-1677, John Piszak at 570-313-8586 or Frank Casarella at 570-313-5515. Contributions or Hole Sponsors are welcome.

A Bus Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of

Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, MA will be celebrating the Feast Day of St. Faustina, observed on Monday, October 5th. Bus will leave at 7am from the Oblates of St. Joseph Seminary, Pittston. Arrival is 11am. All events will be Mother of Mercy Outdoor Shrine. The cost is \$63 per person and will include bus trip, entrance fee into the Shrine, a full course dinner at Michael's Restaurant and the bus driver's tip. Call Cathy for reservations at 570-654-6063.



The Knights of Columbus,

combined Councils of the Wyoming Valley, will host their 39th annual Rosary Rally, Sunday, September 13th. This year's Rosary Rally will take place at All Saints Parish, Willow Street, Plymouth. All the faithful are invited to attend this prayerful event with special emphasis in praying for the Holy Father as he soon travels to the United States. A Rosary procession from the church, through the streets, will begin at 1:45pm. The Knights of Columbus will carry the Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrim Virgin Statue in the procession followed by all the faithful. Those who will not be in the procession are invited to go directly to the church by 3pm at which time Marian devotions will take place, soon followed by Holy Mass. This Mass will satisfy Sunday obligation. Refreshments will be served in the School Hall following the Mass.

Forming Intentional Disciples: The Path of Knowing & Following Jesus.

This is a seminar presented by nationally acclaimed author Sherry A. Weddell. It will be presented at St. Monica's Parish, 363 W. 8th Street, West Wyoming, Pa on Saturday, October 24, in the Church Hall. Registration before October 1st is \$25 and \$30 after the date. The day will begin with coffee and pastries from 7am to 8am. The seminar will begin at 8am until 3:40pm with lunch included. Parish registration will begin the weekend of Aug. 15th 16th. You can also register on the Diocese of Scranton web site, go the Parish Life Office and click on the icon of Forming Intentional Disciples. Please call the Office at 570-693-1991 for any additional information. This is open to any interested people in the Diocese.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel is have a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, November 9-18. There will daily Mass at the Holy Sights. Visit Jerusalem, Nazareth, Galilee, Bethlehem, the Dead Sea and more. Includes 3 meals daily. Air from Scranton. Cost is \$3,594. For a flyer of more info call Cathie or Mike Milano at 1-800-773-2660.

Help Keep the pressure on Planned Parenthood

On August 22, pro-lifers will hold a national day of protest at Planned Parenthood facilities across the country with the message. "Planned Parenthood sells baby parts."

In this area, the local protest will be held at the Planned Parenthood facility in Wilkes-Barre, Pa

Protest August 22!
Planned Parenthood
63 N. Franklin Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701
Saturday, August 22 at 9am

Maps & more info at
www.ProtestPP.com