



Saints Peter and Paul Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

Twenty first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 21, 2016

*Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees.
Make straight paths for your feet,
that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed.*
— Hebrews 12:12-13

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 8-22 7AM **Communion Service**
T 8-23 7AM **Zigmund Koshinski**
by Jeanne & Jack Farrell

W 8-24 7AM **Michael Chulick** by Windy Kiska
Th 8-25 7AM **Frances Wanek**
by Friends of Liberty Mutual

F 8-26 7AM **Walter Burko Sr.** by Family
S 8-27 4PM **Mr. & Mrs. John Krulack**
by Norman & Pat Krulack

S 8-28 8AM **Joseph M. Oley (A)** by Family
11AM **Living and Deceased Parishioners**

DISCIPLINE

It is no accident that the words "disciple" and "discipline" are nearly identical. Their relationship in Christian faith and life, however, has fallen somewhat out of favor in the past generation, as certain prescribed Church rules and regulations have been reduced and relaxed. These rules were often referred to as "disciplines." We are mistaken, however, to think that it no longer takes discipline to follow Christ. The Letter to the Hebrews assures us of that today. Our discipline is more like that of an athlete pursuing a victory or a personal best, or a musician striving for a concert career or to master a new piece of music. This discipline comes from desire, not from regulations. It was the desire to do the will of God that led Jesus on the path to his cross. It is that same desire he encourages in us today: to strive to enter through the narrow gate, to find ourselves in the kingdom with a surprising assortment of people who are there not because of mere observation of rules, but out of a genuine desire to recline at the table of the heavenly banquet.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Brothers and sisters of every race and language will be brought to Jerusalem (Isaiah 66:18-21).

Psalm — Go out to all the world and tell the Good News (Psalm 117).

Second Reading — Be strong and endure your trials as the "discipline" of a loving God, for it will result in the peaceful fruit of righteousness (Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13).

Gospel — People from east and west, north and south, recline at table in the kingdom of God (Luke 13:22-30).

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Our Lady of Lourdes Votive Candle
Ted Wysocki

Our Holy Family Votive Candle
Ron & Ceil Phillips

August 14, 2016

Contribution	\$8,181
Dues	\$480
Cemetery	\$10
Maintenance	\$1,389
Utilities	\$47
Catholic Relief Service	\$40
Care and Education of Priests	\$209
St. Vincent de Paul	\$29

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday: St. Rose of Lima
Wednesday: St. Bartholomew
Thursday: St. Louis of France; St. Joseph Calasanz
Saturday: St. Monica

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

The Church in Central and Eastern Europe

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports Catholic organizations that provide affordable shelter and training for seminarians in a region that still struggles from the effects of Soviet rule. By providing pastoral care, catechesis and funding for building renovations, your donations help *restore the Church and build the future* in the region. Please give generously to the collection next week. Visit www.usccb.org/lccee.

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

"A political society endures when it seeks, as a vocation, to satisfy common needs by stimulating the growth of all its members, especially those in situations of greater vulnerability or risk."

Pope Francis, Address to the Joint Session of the U.S. Congress, September 24, 2015

Parish Activities

August 22 through August 26

Mon.	5PM	Quilting	Parish Center 2 nd Fl
	6:30PM	Rosary	Parish 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

The Women's Society Communion Breakfast

will be held on Sunday, Oct. 9th. The women will attend the 8AM Mass. 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 570-825-6969 or Joan Lupinski at 570-829-2471. Reservations should be made by Oct 3rd.

Lottery Tickets

Tickets for Fall Lottery are in the printing process and will soon be available. Awards will begin October 1st through December 30th – a winner daily number. Prizes are \$25 Monday through Saturday, \$100 on Sunday and \$300 on All Saints Day, November 1st, Thanksgiving, November 24th and Christmas, December 25th. Cost of the ticket is \$10. Anyone selling 25 or more will be entered into the \$50 Sellers drawing and 10 or more into the \$10 Sellers drawing. Reserve your numbers using the form below or calling the Rectory during Office Hours. We honor on first come first serve basis, so get your request in soon. Together we can make it another great fundraiser.

Fall Lottery October, November and December Cost \$10

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Numbers requested _____

Liturgy Corner: Did You Know?

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.

No Festival Collection

You probably have received your letter concerning our annual collection. This year I would really appreciate your support in designating this collection for the up-grade of our kitchen in Bernardine Hall. We are in need of some new kitchen equipment and your help will provide the much needed up-grade. In the event that our collection is sufficient, we will be able to up-grade the bathrooms and the hall lighting and maybe even air-condition the hall – Praise God!

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,

A Planning Meeting will be held here at Saints Peter and Paul to plan a trip to Switzerland in September 2017. If you are interested in finding out about this trip please join us on Wednesday, October 5th at 6:30PM in the Parish Center.

Touch A Truck Event will be held on Saturday, September 24 at 11AM – 3Pm, with a silent hour from 11AM – Noon. The event is sponsored by Wyoming Area Catholic School's PTG. It will be held on school grounds located at 1690 Wyoming Ave, Exeter. Admission is \$5 per person or \$15 per family. There will be food for purchase. Whether you want to check out a cement truck or explore an excavator, please consider joining us for this fun filled fundraiser!

Pierogies are Being Made for the Upcoming Quilt Bingo on Saturday, Sept 10 starting at 9AM. Anyone interested in helping are asked to fill out the form below and return it to the rectory as soon as possible. This will help with the planning. Thanks to all who will take the time out to lend a helping hand.

Pierogi Making

Name: _____

Phone: _____

coming to help _____

SUMMER LOTTERY WINNERS

8-8	#734	J Andrejewski
8-9	#169	T. Mikelski
8-10	#416	Joe Urban
8-11	#713	Charles Obeid
8-12	#502	K McDermott
8-13	#196	Mike Lapsansky
8-14	#622	Bernie Hromek

Congratulations to all!!!

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.

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.

Marriage Moments

“Love is work. It’s good work, if you can get it. But it’s work, nevertheless.: (Benjamin Cheever)
Name one thing your beloved has done for you that you know took extra effort on their part. - *Susan Vogt*

Parenting Pointers

Imposing a punishment is no fun for the parent or the child. First parents must show self-discipline in deciding the best action, then execute it with loving firmness. What’s your discipline of choice – an extra chore, removal of a privilege, time-out...?

Wyoming Area Catholic School 2nd 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 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 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).