



SS. Peter and Paul Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 24, 2014

*"Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven;
and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."*

-Matthew 16:19

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 SS. Peter and Paul opens wide its doors
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!*

Mission Statement

"The members of SS. Peter and Paul, as baptized Christians in concert with the faithful of the Diocese of Scranton and all Catholics, and in union with our Holy Father, the Pope, has as its' Mission to participate in the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. We strive to set Christian examples by sharing our faith, our love of Christ and our talents. We proclaim the Word of God through the celebration of the Sacraments, prayer and worship, acts of charity and Evangelization, all of which become living proof of our communion with God and one another."

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Office Hours

Monday thru Friday
8am to 4pm
All others by appointment only

Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 7am
Wednesday Prayer 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

Mon.	7am	John Glazenski by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Piontek
Tues.	7am	Benjamin Berrini Sr. by Diana Pehala
Wed.	7am	Communion Service
Thurs.	7am	Walter Matthey Sr. by Patricia Dessoye
Fri.	7am	Mary Matzel by Geri Langdon
Sat.	4pm	Marianne Lynch by the Young Family
Sun.	8am	Marie T. Kownacki by John & Carol Librick
	11am	Joseph M. Oley by Wife & Family

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

I hope that you will use the following words of Pope Francis as a spring-board for prayer and reflection.

"Reading the Scriptures makes it clear that the Gospel is not merely about our personal relationship with God.... the Gospel is about the kingdom of God (cf. Lk 4:43); it is about loving God who reigns in our world. To the extent that he reigns within us, the life of society will be a setting for universal fraternity, justice, peace and dignity. Both Christian preaching and life, then, are meant to have an impact on society."

---Pope Francis, in *"The Joy of the Gospel,"*
(*"Evangelii Gaudium,"*) #180

In Memory of

The Sanctuary Lamp

Joseph Prociak

Votive by the Blessed Virgin Mary

John Kozik

August 17, 2014

Contributions	\$5,647
Dues	\$3,776
Holy Day	\$2,303

A good place for the "buck to stop" is in the collection basket!

Today's Reading

First Reading –Eliakim is destined by God to be a father to those who live in Jerusalem (Isaiah 22:19-23).

Psalm – Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands (Psalm 138).

Second Reading –How deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! (Romans 11:33-36).

Gospel – Jesus asked the disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter replied, "You are the Christ" (Matthew 16:13-20).

QUESTIONS TO PONDER

Matthew 16:13-20:

Why is the question, "Who do you say that I am?" still a relevant question today?

Isaiah 22:19-23:

What images do we use today to symbolize authority?

Romans 11:33-36:

Why do you think Paul concludes Romans 9–11 by quoting Israel's prophetic and wisdom traditions?

Pastor

Rev. John Boyle

Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Joseph Greskiewicz

Coordinator of Religious Education

Sande Holena

Eucharistic Minister/Lectors

David Loiacono

Food Pantry

Pauline Makowski

Altar Servers

Gloria Flynn

Youth Group

Maryann and Michael Quinn

Security

Shiloh & Kolbe Inc.



Justice Notes:

The following words of Pope Francis are a reflection of all of you: *"Jesus wanted to show us his heart as the heart that loved so deeply . . . God loved us, he loved us with such great love. I am thinking of what St. Ignatius told us.... He pointed out two criteria on love. The first: love is expressed more clearly in actions than in words. The second: there is greater love in giving than in receiving. . . These two criteria are like the pillars of true love: deeds, and the gift of self."*

Church Etiquette:

Come to Mass early enough not to disrupt and leave late enough so as not to insult and sin. The Mass does not end until the last song has been sung. Worship reverently so not to distract. This includes silence in the church and a spirit of prayerfulness and quiet in the vestibule. Dress modestly and appropriately like you would for any special occasion.

“Go to church as if you were going to Calvary, and behave yourself before the altar as if you were before the throne of God, in the company of the holy angels.”

Saint Leonard of Port Maurice.

New Office Hours Starting September 2nd.

Monday 8am – 6pm
Tuesday Noon – 6pm
Wednesday 8m – 12 noon
Thursday Noon – 6pm
Friday and Saturday by Appointment
Sunday - Closed

Readings for the Week of August 24

Mon 2Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22
Tues 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26
Wed 2 Tjes 3:6-10. 16-18; Mt 23:27-32
Thurs 1Cor1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51
Fri 1Cor 1:17-25; Mt 6:17-29
Sat 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30
Sun Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2;
Mt 16:21-27

Parish Activities

Aug. 25– Aug. 29

**Mass Book for 2015 is Open
Registration for
Religious Education is underway**

Mon. Quilting 5pm-9pm
Rosary 6:30pm
Faith Sharing 7pm

Tues. Quilting 9am – Noon

Wed. Grief Support 6pm

Thur. Quilting 9am – Noon

Parish Council Meeting 6:30pm

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 with the effects of Soviet rule. By providing pastoral care, catechesis, and funding for building renovations, your donations help to **restore the Church and build the future** in the region. Please give generously to the Collection next week. Visit www.usccb.org (search “Church in Central and Eastern Europe”) to learn more.

Saturday Evening Mass Schedule:

Several parishioners have inquired about the possibility of changing the time of Saturday evening’s Mass to a later time. At this time I would prefer to keep the 4:00 PM Mass for those who are timid about driving or walking in the dark. When we “spring ahead” to Daylight Saving Time, we can survey the people to determine if the majority favors a later time for spring and summer Masses.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

Do you feel a call from the Lord to serve as an Extraordinary Minister of Communion in our parish? If you do, please let Fr. B know. A new group of Eucharistic Ministers will be trained in early fall. There are certain qualifications that must be met. To discuss these and to determine if the Lord is calling you, please call Fr. Boyle.

Death Penalty:

"The use of the death penalty cannot really be mended. It should be ended."

Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick

Inmates on death row are the most forgotten people in the prison system. Each week I will post in this space several inmates' names and addresses. I invite you to write a postcard to one or more of them to let them know we have not forgotten them. If you like, tell them you heard about them through "People of Faith Against the Death Penalty." If the inmate responds you might consider becoming pen pals.

Please write to:

ABDUL-SALAAM, Seifullah (CS-6716)

ARRINGTON, Lance (ED-9473)

BAEZ, Orlando (CB-3721)

BALLARD, Michael (KB-5815)

BANKS, George E. (AY-6066)

Address (Please include inmate's name and number)

SCI Graterford P.O. Box 244 Graterford, PA 19426-0246

For more information on the Catholic position on the death penalty go to the webpage of the Catholic Mobilizing Network:

<http://www.catholicmobilizing.org/>

The Sanctuary Safety Update

Below is a breakdown of contributions for the Sanctuary Safety Update: 2-\$1,000; 3-\$500; 1-\$400; 1-\$320; 2-\$300; 2-\$250; 9-\$200; 1-\$172; 1-\$150; 52-\$100; 2-\$75; 1-\$60; 268- \$50 or less.

A total of \$19,877 has been raised for the Sanctuary Safety Update.

Sanctuary Modifications

I had hoped that I would have been able to give an estimated time-line for the work to be done. I hope that it will be done soon and will not cause any inconvenience or hardship to us.

Masonry Repairs on Church

Recently we have had to have some masonry repairs to the chimney on the Church. It is believed that this area was the reason water and moisture caused some of the plaster above the Baptism Font to fall and flake. Some additional roof repairs need to be made as well.

Scheduled Masses:

Since there is only one priest here and Masses are scheduled almost a year in advance, the issue of what happens when I am away and cannot secure a substitute priest needs to be discussed. While I am more than willing to try my best to find available and willing priests to take my place, this is not always possible. If I am away at the *Diocesan Annual Convocation of Priests* (September) or away on Retreat (October), I will celebrate all those Masses that have been scheduled while I am away. If for some unforeseen reason (illness or weather) daily Mass is cancelled, those Mass Intentions will be given to either retired priests or those who are on sick leave but able to celebrate Mass. I realize that many family members want to attend the Masses for their loved ones. Regrettably, this is not always possible. The major consideration is to have these Mass Intentions satisfied as soon as possible. Occasionally, some of these Masses will be sent to the Propagation of the Faith Office for distribution to various Missionary Orders that often request Mass Intentions. If you have any questions concerning Masses that have been requested and/or rescheduled, please speak with the Pastor at your earliest opportunity.

Marriage Moments

A trip down Memory Lane #4: Can you remember when you first said "I love you" to your beloved? The place? The time? Recollect the feelings that welled up in you as a result.

"Susan Vogt"

The Festival Assessment is under way. We have initiated this assessment since the summer bazaar was discontinued. It has been a significant financial help in remaining financially solvent. We thank all who support the effort made for the good of all parishioners. To date 260 parishioners have returned a donation of \$50 or more. A breakdown of contributions is as follows: 2-\$1,000; 1-\$400; 2-\$300; 1-\$250; 9-\$200; 4-\$150; 1-\$121; 1-\$102; 53-\$100; 1-\$85; 7-\$75; 4-\$60; 173-\$50; 87-less than \$50. Total contributions are \$27,489. Again thanks for your generous response to the appeal.

Welcome to our Christian Community the newly baptized *Brock Micmatty Michael Balent and Cael Zigmund Rosengrant*. We ask God to bless them and their families as they grow together in their faith the Lord has given to all of us.

Save the Dates

The Women's Society will hold their annual Communion Breakfast on October 12, 2014 following the 8am Mass. Details will follow. On November the Women's Society will hold their annual retreat – a Day of Recollection in the Parish Center. Father Thomas Looney of Kings College will be the Retreat Master. Further details will follow.

Lottery Tickets for September are available. Awards will begin September 1st and end September 31st – a winner daily number (excludes the double draw). Prizes are \$50 Sunday to Friday, \$100 on Saturday and \$500 on Labor Day, September 1st. Anyone selling 25 or more will be entered into the \$50 Sellers drawing and 10 or more into the \$10 Sellers drawing. Tickets are in the back of the church.

Get yours before they are gone!!!!

Parishioners, we need your help in placing an ad on the back of our bulletin. There are several spaces and sizes available. The proceeds from these ads make it possible for us to publish our bulletin at no cost and helps provide much needed income for our parish. If you can help by placing a small ad or two, please contact Karen Owens at 570-430-7467 who will be happy to discuss how you and your business can consistently reach out to community families and potential customers for your service and company. Thank you for your continued support.

Parenting Pointers

10 Life Skills Your Teen Needs Before Leaving Home. #7 is Being a Good Judge of Character. #8 is Work Skills and Basic Responsibility Any teen will flub these goals occasionally. That's what you're there for – to be there for the training period. [Sttp//imom.com/10-life-skills-your-teen-needs-before-leaving-home/](http://imom.com/10-life-skills-your-teen-needs-before-leaving-home/)

-Susan Vogt

Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church, Buttonwood, Hanover Township is having a Soup, Bake, and Book Sale on Thursday, September 4, from 8am to 6pm. Soup of the month is Vegetable Beef. Cost is \$8 per quart. Take outs only. Your pre-order will be appreciated. To place an order, please call Sylvia at 570-825-6370 or Barry at 570-831-5593.

Interest in supporting and protecting our children's future? Then please consider attending the diocesan-sponsored **VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children for Adults Program**. This training session is required for all adult volunteers who work a minimum of 20 hours or more per year 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 **Thursday, September 18, from 6:30pm - 9:30pm at St. Faustina Kowalska Parish, Nanticoke**, to take part in this vital program to help safeguard our most vulnerable and precious gifts: our children. The session details are listed below and also on our website. Thank you for your cooperation and your willingness to protect all our children and to keep them safe.

Triduum and Feast of Saint Joseph

The Oblate of St. Joseph Fathers will hold the annual Triduum and Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. The Triduum will be held on August 29 -31 at the Chapel, Route 315, Laflin, with a Mass at 7pm, followed by special prayers to St. Joseph for workers and the unemployed. Confessions and the Holy Rosary will precede the Mass. The Feast will be celebrated on Labor Day, Sept. 1st with a Solemn Mass at 11am. The special intentions for the triduum celebration include: worker's thanksgiving, the unemployed and special blessings for students, teachers and administrators as they are entering a new school year. Everyone is invited to attend.

A Good Test

A test of worship is how sensitive it makes me to the needs of those around me.

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Anonymous