



Saints Peter and Paul Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

Twenty second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 28, 2016

*You have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God.
— Hebrews 12:22a*

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

Working Together to Build the Kingdom of God

M 8-29 7AM **Communion Service**
T 8-30 7AM **Joseph Hirko** by Grobe Family
W 8-31 7AM **Marie Kownacki** by Zubris Family
Th 9-1 7AM **Michael Chulick** by Joe & Judy Sudo
F 9-2 7AM **Barbara Ann Patts Ceccoli** by Family
S 9-3 4PM **Colleen Kelly** by Daughter
S 9-4 8AM **Anthony Wilk**
by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Finnan
11AM **Living and Deceased Parishioners**

HUMILITY

Have you ever been in a group of people—maybe on a tour, at a social gathering, or at church—and discovered that you have just been talking with a well-known author, corporate CEO, great scholar, or politician? Your first thought is the hope that you didn't say anything to embarrass yourself; but your second thought is how much they seemed like such "regular" folks. What is it that makes people seem so "regular"? Today's readings give us a clue when they stress the importance of humility.

It is so hard for us not to tell the first person who will listen how busy we are, how hard we work, how much money we donate, and how important our job titles are. We think these accolades make a difference to people, and if we don't tell them, how will they ever know? But if our actions demonstrate our values, people will recognize our worth on their own. The words of Jesus show us how much better it is to let someone else recognize our worth than to be embarrassed because someone did not.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Conduct your affairs with humility and God will favor you (Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29).

Psalm — God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor (Psalm 68).

Second Reading — You have approached Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant (Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a).

Gospel — When invited to dine, take the lowest place. Those who humble themselves will be exalted

(Luke 14:1, 7-14).

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Our Lady of Lourdes Votive Candle

Al & Mary Vannucchi

Our Holy Family Votive Candle

Alex & Nellie Wysocki

Flowers on the Altar

Marianne Lynch

August 21, 2016

Contribution	\$7,473
Dues	\$2,854
Cemetery	\$10
Maintenance	\$293
Utilities	\$50
Catholic Relief Service	\$20
Care and Education of Priests	\$158
St. Vincent de Paul	\$39

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist
Friday: First Friday
Saturday: St. Gregory the Great; First Saturday

Pastor

Rev. John C. Lambert

Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Joseph Greskiewicz

Liturgical/Musical Consultant and Choir Director

Joan Turel

Custodians

Faith Formation

Sande Holena

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

The Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe illuminates the way for the people of the region by helping Catholic organizations provide affordable shelter and training to seminarians, in addition to providing pastoral care and catechesis. Your donation today helps *restore the Church and build the future* in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Please be generous to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Visit www.usccb.org/lccee.

Discern Your Gift

Perhaps those of you who are younger have felt that the preceding articles were for adults.

Well, now we have a special article for you.

We are suggesting that you observe the altar servers more closely and consider if this might be a ministry you would like to join.

It is a great honor to serve at the altar of God, at which the Mass is celebrated.

The presence of the altar servers makes everything run more smoothly during the Mass.

Servers are trained and therefore, know when to move and what to bring to the priest.

This is a ministry that welcomes both girls and boys. It is suggested that you have received your First Holy Communion so that you are able to participate in receiving Communion at every Mass. Hopefully, once you join this ministry you will remain in it for several years.

As with the other ministries we ask that you be faithful to the schedule and notify the person in charge if you cannot be at a Mass for which you are scheduled.

What an honor! What a wonderful way to be of service to your church!

Discern your gift. Are being called to be an altar server?

The Women's Society Communion Breakfast

will be held on Sunday, October 9th. 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 3rd. Hope to see you there.

Parish Activities

August 29 through September 2

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

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 Parish Office. We honor on first come first serve basis, so get your request in soon. Together we can make it another great fundraiser. Tickets will be sold after Masses next weekend, September 2nd & 3rd.

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!

\$5,430 has been collected from 82 parishioners.

The breakdown is as follows: 1 - \$500; 4 - \$200; 13 - \$100; 1 - \$85; 2 - \$75; 1 - \$65; 1 - \$60; 43 - \$50; 16 - \$49 and under. Thanks to all for the generous contributions.

Marriage Moments

“Conduct your affairs with humility.” (Sirach 3:17)
Who is the more humble – you or your spouse?
Now that’s a fool’s question! Don’t debate this, try to defer to your beloved today in quiet ways.

- Susan Vogt

Saints Peter and Paul Children's Choir to begin rehearsals for participation at weekend and special Masses. Children from second grade and up are encouraged and welcome to join. Participation in the Children's Choir allows the children of the parish to participate in a Ministry that gives our children the opportunity to serve the Church, to serve in a leadership role, to minister to others through music, while giving our children a sense of responsibility. Children's Choir also builds Christian character while developing team skills and commitment. Children also learn the Scriptures through song. Those interested are asked to call Diane in the Parish Office to express interest in joining the Children's Choir.

The Women's Society of Saints Peter and Paul upcoming trip to see American in Paris in New York City on Broadway at the Palace Theatre will take place on September 14th. The bus will leave the Bank St parking lot promptly at 8AM. Performance starts at 2PM. After the show you will have time for lunch/diner. The bus will depart for home at 7PM. For further information contact Joan Pisack at 570-822-3815.

Bulletin Briefs

“Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.” *Luke 14:12-14 (NABRE 2010 CCD, Used with permission.)* (www.goo.gl/KjNBMo)

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: _____

No coming to help _____

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.

Parenting Pointers

“The one who humbles himself will be exalted.” (Luke 14:11) It's hard for kids to be humble. They usually want to be first, highest, best. Perhaps try a humility game for a day. Let others go first, offer another the best dessert, first choice of toy, book, game.
Susan Vogt

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.

SUMMER LOTTERY WINNERS

8-15	#807	Dorothy Condo
8-16	#685	Joe Remakus
8-17	#698	Sandra M
8-18	#606	Buddy & Audrey Golomb
8-19	#523	Jackie Everhart
8-20	#410	Flo Paciga
8-21	#830	Nicholas Kolessar
8-22	#083	SS Peter and Paul

Congratulations to all!!!

Annual Chicken Bar-b-que and Flea Market will be held at Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church, 420 Main Road, Buttonwood, on Sunday, September 11 from 11:30AM to 3:30PM on the church grounds. Dinner includes ½ chicken, potatoes, cole slaw, applesauce, roll, butter, drink and dessert. Cost is only \$10. The flea market is from 11AM to 4PM continuing the following weekend Friday, September 16, 8AM – 2PM, Saturday, September 17, 8AM – Noon.

Also, the Soup for the Souls committee is having a Soup, Bake and Book Sale on Thursday, September 1, from 8AM – 6PM. Soup of the month is Vegetable Beef, Cost is \$8 per quart. Take outs only. Pre-order are appreciated. To place an order, please call Sylvia at 570-825-6370 or Barry at 570-200-5634.

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.

The Oblate of St. Joseph Fathers will hold the annual Triduum and Fest of St. Joseph the Worker. The Triduum (*three days of prayers*) will be held on September 2, 3, & 4 at the Oblates of St. Joseph 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, Monday, September 5th with a Solemn Mass at 10:30AM. Serving as celebrant and homilist will be Bishop John M. Dougherty, D.D. auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Scranton. The special intentions for the triduum celebration include: workers' thanksgiving, the unemployed and special blessings for students, teachers and administrators and staff as they are entering a new school year. Everyone is invited to attend.

Crafter/Vendors Needed

The Guild of St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church, 5700 Bear Creek Blvd, Bear Creek is hosting an Autumn Craft Fair on Saturday, October 15 from 9AM until 3PM. This is an inside show. The cost of a space is \$20. If interested in selling your items

please contact the parish at 570-472-3061 or email at stelimar@ptd.net.

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.

Memorial Service for Aborted Children at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Tomb of the Unborn (located at the top of the hill) will be held on Saturday, September 10 at 11AM. Pro-Life Americans throughout the country will gather at the gravesites of aborted babies and other memorial sites dedicated in their honor for the fourth annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. Solemn vigils will be held at these sites to commemorate the more than 55 million children who have lost their lives to legal abortion since 1973, and to remind our society of humanity of the unborn child. Please join us for the memorial service in our community.

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).