



Saints Peter and Paul Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

Twenty third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 4, 2016

*Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,
that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days
— Psalm 90:14*

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 9-5 7AM **Communion Service**
T 9-6 7AM **Otto & Elizabeth Binker** by Children
W 9-7 7AM **Lena Pastorelli** by Art & Maureen Sipple
Th 9-8 7AM **Chester Baginski (A)**
 by Children, Grandchildren and
 Great Grandchildren
F 9-9 7AM **Ted Wysocki** by Stanley Panowicz
S 9-10 4PM **Living and Deceased Parishioners**
S 9-11 8AM **Arthur Kline** by Wife, Josephine
 11AM **Elizabeth Gates** by Tkach Family



Chester & Mary Baginski

Our Lady of Lourdes Votive Candle
Ted Wysocki

Our Holy Family Votive Candle
Health and Blessings
Francis "Yogi" & Marie Michael

INVITED

The Good News is that we have all been invited—invited to the Kingdom, invited to be disciples. It's a life-changing invitation, and like so many other such invitations, it requires a great deal of deliberation and discernment. Whether we choose marriage, ordination, single life, or community life, we know the serious planning and consideration that accompany these profound decisions. Like the tower-builder in the Gospel, we have weighed both the monetary and emotional cost. We have pondered and planned our lives in the direction to which we believe God has called us. And while we pray for guidance and acceptance of God's will, we often fail to understand so much. Like Solomon, we turn to God for wisdom and counsel in our life-changing decisions.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Who can ever know God's counsel unless God gives wisdom and sends the Holy Spirit from on high? (Wisdom 9:13-18b).
Psalm — In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge (Psalm 90).

Second Reading - Paul asks Philemon to accept back his slave Onesimus, not as a slave but as a brother (Philemon 9-10, 12-17).

Gospel — To be a disciple of Jesus one must carry one's own cross and renounce all possessions (Luke 14:25-33).

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Dues	\$1027.00
All Saints	\$6.00
Maintenance	\$93.00
Assumption	\$95.00
Church in Eastern Europe	\$88.00
Care and Education of Priests	\$26.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1124.00

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: Labor Day
 Thursday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Friday: St. Peter Claver
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

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

What is RCIA?

The letters RCIA stands for the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**. The meaning? It is a process through which persons seeking the Christian life through the Catholic Church become members of the Church.

This process is done by the community and within the community because as Catholics we are all called to live our lives as members of this community. So, it takes many people to help the local parish welcome and assist those who wish to make this journey of faith.

There are many roles that people have as members of the RCIA team. Some are called to be sponsors; others are called to be faith sharers and catechists; and some may participate by doing hospitality.

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

The Annual Choose Your Own Hand Stitched Quilt Bingo

will be held on Sunday, October 9, 2016. This year's bingo will be a dauber bingo. With your admission you will receive 6 Bingo card to play each of the regular games. The cost of admission will be \$25. Each additional 6 cards will cost \$10. There will also be 5 Specials and a 50/50. Door prizes will also be awarded. Raffle Books can be purchased for \$2 each or the book of 6 for \$10. Please return the raffle books as soon as possible. Admission tickets can be purchased from any quilter or at the Parish Office. They will be available at all Masses on the weekend of September 24 & 25 and October 1 & 2. Plan to attend and support this endeavor.

Parish Activities

September 5 through September 10

Mon.	Parish Office is Closed in observance of Labor Day		
Tues.	9AM	Quilting	Parish Center 2 nd Fl
Thurs.	9AM	Quilting	Parish Center 2 nd Fl
Sat.	9AM	Pierogi Making	Bernardine Hall

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.

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.

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/dinner. The bus will depart for home at 7PM. For further information contact Joan Pisack at 570-822-3815.

Liturgy Corner: Did You Know?

Flowers

Historians tell us that flowers were used to embellish the worship space as far back as the time of the Roman Empire when the faithful gathered to celebrate in the catacombs.

Fragrant and colorful flowers impart a sense of festivity and joy to liturgical celebration and are always appropriate except during the preparatory and penitential seasons of Advent and Lent.

Flowers should not be placed on the altar; however, since the table is reserved for the action of the Eucharist, and nothing but fresh flowers should ever be used.

Pierogies are Being Made for the Upcoming Quilt Bingo on Saturday, Sept 10 starting at 9AM. Thanks to all who will take the time out to lend a helping

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.

SUMMER LOTTERY WINNERS

8-23 #100 Stella Szymanski
8-24 #639 Michael Yench
8-25 #789 Joseph Zawatski

Congratulations to all!!!

Marriage Moments

If you want to build a tower or plant a garden you need to plan ahead. So too, if you want to build a strong marriage, plan ahead. Plan a date for next weekend. Sign up now for a marriage enrichment event

(<http://www.susanvogt.net/Marriage.htm#MarriageLinks>) sometime this year. Don't procrastinate.

- Susan Vogt

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.

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

Labor Day. Are you an employer? Are your personnel policies family friendly? Are you an employee? Are there any changes you can make in your work schedule that would make your parenting easier? Evaluate your Life/Work Balance (<http://www.susanvogt.net/EnrichmentEx.htm#WorkLifeBalance>). Not employed and happy Be grateful.

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.

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.

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 15th 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.

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.

St. Joseph's Center Auxiliary lost a whole day of our festival to rain this year!! Now our warehouse is full of goodies: handmade items, collectibles and decorative items, books household goods, holiday décor, and paper goods. Help us clean it out by coming to our Festival Flea Market. Saturday, September 10, 2016 from 8AM to Noon. Located at 320 S. Blakely Street, Dunmore (across from CVS – use Pine St. entrance – across from Dunmore Fire Dept).

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).