

# SS. Peter and Paul Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 13, 2015

The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced.

Isaiah 50:7

# 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 10am – 3pm Tuesday through Friday 8am – 3pm 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



September 14 through September 20

Mon. 7am *Communion Service*Tues. 7am **Clementine Tillie Cross** 

by John & Cheryl Woloski

Wed. 7am Special Intention

Thurs. 7am Marie T. Kownacki (A)

by Keeney Family

& Margaret Weisgable

Fri. 7am Lottie Silvi

by Mr & Mrs. Ray Kraynanski

Sat. 4pm Walter S. Murray by Mother

Sun. 8am John Kozik Jr. (A) by Rita Wysocki

11am **Parishioners** 

## Message of the Week

Mark 8:27-35

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." In this famous passage about Christian discipleship, we usually tend to focus on Jesus' call to take up our cross. It can seem as though the choice to be Christian is a choice for pain and suffering. But we must not forget the last part of this verse: Jesus tells us to *follow him.* He is the one who takes up the cross.

Consider what's involved in "blazing your own trail." You have to advance face-first into the brambles and bushes, you have to navigate the right direction to your destination, you have to scale the hills and cross the waters without the aid of stair or bridge. On the other hand, when we hike on a path that someone else has created, we are spared all of these extra trials. Yes, the journey may still be intense, but we make it with confidence, knowing that we are going in the right direction, and that we have every advantage along the way thanks to someone else's efforts. This is what it is to follow the path of Christ.

### **Judgement**

To pass judgment on another is to usurp shamelessly a prerogative of God.

- St. John Climacus



# In Memory of The Sanctuary Lamp

Marie T. Kownacki

# Votive by the Blessed Virgin Mary Arthur Kline

September 6. 2015

Contribution September 6. 2	\$8,102
Care for the Priest	\$1.423
Cemetery	\$2
Charity	\$52
Dues	\$481
Maintenance	\$60
Holy Day	\$38
Eastern Europe	\$55
School	\$430

# Questions of the Week?

Mark 8:27-35

What challenges you most about Mark's definition of discipleship?

#### Isaiah 50:5-9a:

Who do you see today suffering for the faith?

#### James 2:14-18:

How do others see you putting your faith into action?

Pastor Pastor Emeritus

Rev. John C. Lambert Rev. Joseph Greskiewicz

**Religious Education**Sande Holena

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



#### **Annual Festival Assessment**

With summer coming to an end please consider making a contribution to the Festival Assessment. To date \$ 19,260.00 has been collected for the Annual Festival Assessment. Thus far 289 families has contributed. Thanks to all who have contributed generously to this assessment.



Father Lambert has appointed Joan Turel as our Parish Liturgical Consultant. She has joined our music team and is presently forming a choir which will sing at Confirmation on Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. The first meeting of the choir will take place on Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the front of the church where the Clavinova piano is located.

The group that assembles will decide which night is best for rehearsal as we look at the parish calendar. The choir is another ministry of the church and we hope that anyone who enjoys singing will consider becoming a member of the group. You do not have to have any special training in order to join and there are no auditions.

Joan has degrees from Marywood University, New York University and the University of Notre Dame. She has conducted many groups including a 600 voice choir for the diocesan Millennium, choirs at St. Aloysius and St. Ignatius and Bishop Hoban. She will also be assisting us as we explore more about the liturgy in general.

Please consider joining us in this special music ministry.

The Miracle of Christmas Trip will take place on Nov. 18 in Lancaster. Cost 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. The fee is due by Sept 14<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> your reservations will be cancelled.

#### **Parish Activities**

September 13 through September 20

Sun. Faith Formation Class Start 9:30-10:30am Confirmation 2016 Noon

Mon. Quilting 5pm
Prayer Shawl 5pm
Rosary 6:30pm

**Tues.** Quilting 9am **Baptism Class** 6:30pm

Wed. Choir 6:30pm Confirmation 2016 6:30pm

**Thurs** Quilting 9am

**Food Pantry Prep** 

Liturgy 6:30pm

Fri. Food Pantry 9am

Sat. Confirmation Retreat Noon

Hershey Park Tickets are available at the Parish Office. Due to the limited weekends left we are lowering the cost of the tickets to \$25 each. They can be used for the following dates: Sept 12-13, Sept 19-20, and Sept 26-27,

The Women's Society of SS Peter and Paul will hold their annual Communion Breakfast on Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup>.

### 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 Women Society of SS Peter and Paul Parish

will hold their annual retreat on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Center. New members and quest are always welcome. Father Thomas Looney, CSC, King's College will be the retreat master. The theme will be announced at a later date.

The day will begin at 9am with a continental breakfast, and continue with conference, prayers, a hot lunch, private prayer time and confession at 3:30pm. The retreat will conclude with attendance at the 4pm Mass.

For reservations, contact Marie Fender at 570-825-4356. Checks in the amount of \$25 should be made payable to Joanne Melman and sent to 22 Garden Drive, Plains, Pa 18705. Final date for reservation is November 7<sup>th</sup>.

Quilt Bingo and Weekend Bake Sale will be held Columbus Day Weekend, October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. The Bake Sale will take place after all Masses. Anyone interested in baking or helping out are asked to call Mariann Jansonis at 570-285-2047 or Jean Curtis at 570-823-4607. The Bingo will be held on Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at noon and games begin at 1pm. Please send in your returns as soon as possible as finally plans are being made.

**Father Jack** is planning a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, April, 2016. More information to follow.

#### **Lottery Winners**

9-1	#633	Andrea Melman	
9-2	#609	Pat Krulack	
9-3	#290	Cathy Gupko	
9-4	#656	R. Langdon	
9-5	#534	Charles Zajackowski	
9-6	#062	Len Kalinoski	
9-7	#251	Lena Spagnuolo	
Congratulations to all!!!!!			

#### **Chess Club for Students**

Academy of Chess, LLC invites students in grades 2 through 8 to join the Regal Rook Chess Club for the upcoming school year. We specialize in teaching beginner students in grades 2 through 8 as well as student that already know the game. We also have customized programs for school districts. Details at <a href="www.academyofchessllc.com">www.academyofchessllc.com</a> or call 570-829-0828.

#### **Marriage Moments**

Baseball marriage tip #3: Healthy couples "value RBIs (Runs Batted In) trusting that your teammate will bring you home safely.

- Susan Vogt

#### **Fall Festival Roasted Turkey Breast Dinner**

Is being held at St. Andrew on Sunday, September 20, in the church hall (St. Patrick's), 318 Parrish St. Wilkes-Barre. The dinner includes real roasted turkey breast, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy green beans, coffee/tea and dessert. There will also be a bake sale, theme basket raffle and instant bingo. Serving is from 11:30am to 4pm. Take-outs will be available. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children age 12 and under. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

St. Andre Bessett Parish will hold a Dancing Under the Stars fundraiser on Sat., Sept 19<sup>th</sup> from 7-11pm. The event will be DJ'd by Rockin Father Mike Kloton, & will be held in St. Mary's Byzantine Social Hall (522 Madison St. Wilkes-Barre). The donation to attend is \$20 per person, which includes a homemade dinner & dessert buffet & coffee/soda/water. BYOB ok. Tickets can be reserved by calling (570)814-9227. Doors open at 6:45 & no tickets will be sold at the door. Please join us for a fun evening of dinner and dancing.

#### **Bulletin Briefs**

"Man is called to a fullness of life which far exceeds the dimensions of his earthly existence, because it consists in sharing the very life of God. The loftiness of this supernatural vocation reveals the greatness and the inestimable value of human life even in its temporal phase. Life in time, in fact, is the fundamental condition, the initial stage and an integral part of the entire unified process of human existence.

Pope Saint John Paul II,

Evangelism Vitae, no. 2

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**Symbolon & RCIA** (**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult**) Symbolon is a program dealing with knowing the Faith. The sessions will be Wednesday evenings from 7 – 8:30pm beginning Wednesday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> at St. Monica's Church, 363 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, West Wyoming, Pa. The first ten sessions will focus on the "big picture" of the Catholic Faith; the next ten on the sacramental life of the Church. The sessions will be led by Deacon Bill Jenkins. Each session has a video presentation and then a discussion period. More information will follow or call the Parish Office at 570-693-1991.

# 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. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, West Wyoming, Pa on Saturday, October 24, in the Church Hall. Registration before October 1<sup>st</sup> 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. You can 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

#### The Scranton Diocesan Council of Catholic

Women is conducting a Fall Fundraiser. If you are a gardener and plant fall flower/garlic bulbs please consider ordering online. Go to <a href="https://www.flowerpowerfundraising.com">www.flowerpowerfundraising.com</a> then to the top right corner to "Find a Group," Type in Scranton Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. Then start shopping. All bulbs are 100% guaranteed and will

be shipped directly to the customer. Top quality bulbs are guaranteed and you will not be billed until the bulb are shipped. You may order now or until October 5, 2015. Please consider supporting our organization as we will receive a percentage of the profits. If further information is required, please call Judy at 570-470-1536 or Nancy at 570-357-1790.

#### **Parenting Pointers**

5 steps to getting kids to obey:

**Step 1** Get the child's attention. (Get close, look them in the face and make sure they are looking at you.)

**Step 2** Give a short, clear direction.

**Step 3** Make sure they understand your direction by asking them to repeat it back to you. (More next week)

