



# Church of Saints Peter and Paul

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*Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 25, 2016*

## *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.

### **Office Hours**

Monday 10AM – 4PM  
Tuesday through Friday 8AM – 4PM  
Office closed daily Noon – 12:30PM  
Saturday by appointment

### **Mass Schedule**

Monday – Communion Service – 7AM  
Tuesday through Friday – 7AM  
Saturday 4PM  
Sunday 8AM & 11AM

### **Confession**

Daily 6:30AM – 6:45AM  
Saturday 3PM – 3:30PM  
By appointment anytime

*Working Together to Build the Kingdom of God*



**M** 9-26 7AM **Communion Service**  
**T** 9-27 7AM **Donna Keil** by Mother, Irene & Family  
**W** 9-28 7AM **Barbara Olsakowski(A)** by Betty Ihnat  
**Th** 9-29 7AM **Anita Campanella** by Eleanor Donati  
**F** 9-30 7AM **William Jones**  
by Martha Demario & Family  
**S** 10-1 4PM **Donald Beldowicz** by Maureen Katarsky  
**S** 10-2 8AM **Robert Suchocki Sr. (A)**  
by Gela & Jackie Lispi  
11AM **Living and Deceased Parishioners**

## LOOKING BEYOND OURSELVES

The message found in today's readings is an oft-told story. Citizen Kane, Daddy Warbucks, and King Midas are only a few of the familiar fictional characters who thought enormous wealth could buy happiness and fulfillment. Daddy Warbucks admitted stepping on a few people in his climb to the top. Kane tried to buy the printed word and stardom for his young wife, while King Midas conjured immense wealth and tragedy by his very touch.

We learn clearly in today's readings that none of this is really possible. True happiness comes from caring for someone other than ourselves. It comes from the pursuit of the virtues Paul described to Timothy: faith, love, gentleness, godliness, righteousness, and endurance. The Gospel reminds us that we dare not ignore the needs of others, acting as though we don't notice their suffering. God's call to us is much too clear to disregard for even one more day.

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## TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Woe to the complacent. Their wanton revelry shall be done away with (Amos 6:1a, 4-7).

Psalm — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Compete well for the faith. Keep the commandment until the appearance of the Lord Jesus (1 Timothy 6:11-16).

Gospel — The parable of Lazarus and the rich man (Luke 16:19-31).

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*Paul Binker*

## *Our Lady of Lourdes Votive Candle*

*John Kozik*

## *Our Holy Family Votive Candle*

*Health and Blessings*

*Salus Family*

**September 18, 2016**

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|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Contribution</b>                  | <b>\$7,313</b> |
| <b>Dues</b>                          | <b>\$3,043</b> |
| <b>Holy Day</b>                      | <b>\$25</b>    |
| <b>Maintenance</b>                   | <b>\$200</b>   |
| <b>Church in Eastern Europe</b>      | <b>\$17</b>    |
| <b>Care and Education of Priests</b> | <b>\$57</b>    |
| <b>St. Vincent de Paul</b>           | <b>\$89</b>    |

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: Ss. Cosmas and Damian  
Tuesday: St. Vincent de Paul  
Wednesday: St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions;  
St. Wenceslaus  
Thursday: Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael,  
Archangels  
Friday: St. Jerome  
Saturday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

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| <b>Pastor</b><br>Rev. John C. Lambert                                 | <b>Pastor Emeritus</b><br>Rev. Joseph Greskiewicz           |
| <b>Liturgical/Musical Consultant and Choir Director</b><br>Joan Turel |   |
| <b>Faith Formation</b><br>Sande Holena                                | <b>Custodians</b><br>Michael Lambert<br>Michael Levandowski |
| <b>Eucharistic Minister/Lectors</b><br>David Loiacono                 | <b>Ushers</b><br>Paul Muczynski                             |
| <b>Organists</b><br>Christine Katsock & Charles Unice                 | <b>Altar Servers</b><br>Gloria Flynn                        |
| <b>Food Pantry</b><br>Pauline Makowski                                | <b>Youth Group</b><br>MaryAnn and Michael Quinn             |

## 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! \$20,322 has been collected from 336 parishioners. The breakdown is as follows: 1 - \$500; 1 - \$400; 1 - \$300; 11 - \$200; 3 - \$150; 58 - \$100; 1 - \$85; 8 - \$75; 1 - \$65; 3 - \$60; 160 - \$50; 88 - \$49 and under. Thanks to all for the generous contributions

**Our 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. ***Tickets will be available at all Masses next weekend.*** Plan to attend and support our parish.

**All are Welcome!! Liturgical Workshop** will be held on ***Tuesday, October 4 at 6:30PM*** for all liturgical ministers, (Eucharistic, Lectors, Servers, Choir. Users, and anyone who has discerned that they might possibly want to join a ministry are welcomed) You will be given insights into what different parts of the Mass mean and also hear some important procedural notes. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend!

## Parenting Pointers

Nex Monday (Sept 26) is **“Eat Dinner Together Day.”** (<https://www.informedfamilies.org/>) How many days a week should your family eat together? Experts say try for at least 4 or 5. **More ideas.** (<http://thefamilydinnerproject.org/resources/faq/>)

## Parish Activities

September 25 through October 1

|               |                       |                             |                                  |
|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Sun.</b>   | <b>9:30 – 10:30AM</b> | <b>Faith Formation</b>      |                                  |
| <b>Mon.</b>   | 5PM                   | Quilting                    | Parish Center 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl |
|               | 6:30PM                | Rosary                      | Parish Garden                    |
|               | 7PM                   | Faith Sharing               | Parish Center 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl |
| <b>Tues.</b>  | 9AM                   | Quilting                    | Parish Center 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl |
| <b>Wed.</b>   | 7PM                   | <b>Choir</b>                | <b>Choir Loft</b>                |
| <b>Thurs.</b> | 9AM                   | Quilting                    | Parish Center 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl |
| <b>Sat</b>    | <b>11AM</b>           | <b>Confirmation Retreat</b> | <b>Bernardine Hall</b>           |

**The Women’s Society Communion Breakfast** will be held on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. 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 570-825-6969 or Joan Lupinski at 570-829-2471. Reservations should be made by October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Hope to see you there.

**Do you know someone who is interested in Joining the Catholic Church?** Sometimes a relative or a co-worker asks you questions about the Catholic Church with an eye toward exploring what it would take to be a catholic? IF you know of anyone who is seeking information please invite them to come to the Parish Center on Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 6PM in the Conference Room. No strings attached. We welcome their questions and their journey of faith. *Come journey with us!*

## Marriage Moments

A fiance was trilled to have finally found Ms. Right. Not long after the wedding, he was disillusioned to discover that her first name was “Always” Of course you can reverse the genders. Negotiating differences and letting go of my way is the art of marriage.  
- Susan Vogt

## **Liturgy Corner: Did You Know?**

### **The Liturgical Colors**

About four hundred years ago, the Council of Trent decreed that certain colors should be used for specific liturgical times and celebrations. Those colors remain in effect today:

Green is the most used color of the year. It is the color for the Sundays and weekdays of Ordinary Time.

White is used during Christmas Time and Easter Time, for solemnities and feast of the Lord and the Virgin Mary, and for most saints' days.

Red is seen on Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Pentecost, and on days that celebrate saints that are martyrs, apostles, or evangelist.

Purple is the color for both Advent and Lent, though liturgists suggest that we distinguish the seasons by choosing a blue-purple for Advent and a red-purple for Lent.

There are optional colors in this liturgical rainbow s well:

Rose may be used on the Third Sunday of Advent and the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

Gold may replace white on particularly solemn or festive occasions.

White, purple, or black may be used for funerals and on All Souls Day.

**The Women's Society of SS Peter and Paul Annual Retreat "A Day of Recollection"** will be held on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Center, Lower Level. This year leader will be Fr. Paul C., P., Missionary of St. Ann's Basilica. The Program begins with a continental breakfast followed by the first sermon of the day. The day includes a hot lunch, snacks and beverages. The day will include sessions by the Missionary, meditation, rosary, stations of the cross and end with the celebration of Mass. All women, guests and visitors are invited to attend. For more information contact Marie Fender at 570-825-4356 or Joan Pisack at 570-822-3815.

### **Discern Your Gift**

Do you think you might be willing to share your experience as a Catholic with those who are seeking God through Scripture, catechesis, and ritual? At this time an RCIA team is being formed. We are looking for persons to be part of a pool of sponsors, or faith sharers, or Catechists or hospitality. It has always been a very rewarding experience for the team as well as those who decided to take this spiritual journey.

Discern your gifts. If interested simply come to the Liturgical Meeting. Since we hope to have groups your turn will be rotated.

**A Living Through 5 Stages of Grief Gathering** will be held in the basement of the Parish Rectory starting on October 11 at 6PM. It will run for 5 weeks; ending November 9. For more information or to register call Gloria Dixon at 570-466-1715.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM in the Parish Center

### **SUMMER LOTTERY WINNERS**

|      |      |                       |
|------|------|-----------------------|
| 9-12 | #941 | E. E. Hallas          |
| 9-13 | #759 | Fr. Jack              |
| 9-14 | #034 | Saints Peter and Paul |
| 9-15 | #725 | Joe Guzinski          |
| 9-16 | #320 | S. Kondracki          |
| 9-17 | #770 | Candice Berrini       |
| 9-18 | #414 | J. Perkowski          |

*Congratulations to all!!!*

**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.

### **Scholastic Chess Club**

Attention students in grade 2 through 8, The Regal Rooks Chess Club will resume meeting on Tuesday. All students from public, private and parochial schools are welcome to join.

Meetings take place from 6:30PM – 8PM every Tuesday in the Parish Center. You don't need to know how to play chess; we will teach you all of the basics and even strategy and tactics. Parents and guardians are also invited to attend and stay for the first meeting for a short lesson. To register and RSVP go to [www.academyofchessllc.com](http://www.academyofchessllc.com) and click on the "How to Join" link then select the Regal Rooks link. Questions call 570-829-0828.

**The Wyoming Valley Chapter, Pennsylvanias for Human Life's Annual Respect Life Banquet** will be held, Monday, October 10, 2016 at 6PM at Genetti's Best Western, 77 E. Market Street, Wilkes-Barre. This year's speaker is Dr. Anthony Levantino, former abortionist who converted to Pro-Life. For reservations please make checks (\$35) to 'PHL', include a phone number and mail in advance to: PHL, 31 Hanover Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702. Tickets will not be available at the door.

### **VIRTUS:Protecting God's Children for Adults Program**

Holy Family Parish, Sugar Notch will hold a VIRTUS program on Sunday, October 16 at 6PM. Sessions will take place in Holy Family Hall. To register or for further details call the parish at 570-822-8983.

**Experience Year of Mercy with Dan Schutte**, hosted by Cathedral of St. Peter, 315 Wyoming Ave, Scranton on Friday, October 7 at 7:30 – 9PM. Register at [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org). Cost is \$15.

**The Order of Malta Scranton Chapter** will present "The Life and Spirituality of Servant of God" by Father Walter Ciszek, on Sunday, October 2. The event will include a Mass at Bellarine Theater Scranton Preparatory School, 1000 Wyoming Ave., Scranton and a homily on his life and teachings by Father Ryan Maher SJ, President of Scranton Prep. Father Ciszek was a native of Shenandoah Pa and served the Jesuits as a teacher and missionary to eastern Europe. He was arrested and spent many years in a labor camp in Siberia. When he was released he wrote books With God in Russia and He Leadeth Me which were meditations on acceptance, forgiveness, and his life in the Soviet prison camps. For more information email [CONTACT@MALTAOFSCRANTON.ORG](mailto:CONTACT@MALTAOFSCRANTON.ORG)

### ***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](http://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).