



SS. Peter and Paul Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 28, 2014

Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus.

- Philippians 2:5

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

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.

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Office Hours

Monday 8am – 6pm
Tuesday and Thursday noon – 6pm
Wednesday 8am – noon
Friday and Saturday by appointment

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	Barbara Olsakowski by The Burns Family
Tues.	7am	Daniel Ceccoli by Elizabeth Lauro
Wed.	7am	Communion Service
Thurs.	7am	John Kupstas by Sister, Dianna
Fri.	7am	Anthony W. Wilk by Wife, Margaret
Sat.	4pm	Parishioners
Sun.	8am	Mike McGrady by Wife, Lillian
	11am	Robert Suchocki (A) by Mary Ann Wills

In Memory of
The Sanctuary Lamp
Marianne Lynch

Votive by the Blessed Virgin Mary
John Kozik

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Matthew 21:28-32

"Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you." To the ears of the chief priests and elders to whom he was speaking, it was as good as saying, "You're bigger sinners than the biggest sinners around." At least the "sinners" heard and heeded John the Baptist's message of repentance. But those who considered themselves too righteous to repent were missing the opportunity to experience the healing power of mercy.

As we know, God the Father wants to extend mercy to his children. One way God invites us to spiritual healing is through the sacrament of reconciliation. He invites, encourages, assists, and persists in drawing us in, but ultimately the choice is ours. Let us beware of thinking that we aren't the kinds of sinners that really need to repent. If we don't acknowledge our need for God's forgiveness, we become like the chief priests who closed themselves off to God's healing.

September 21, 2014

Contributions	\$6,228
Dues	\$5,498

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

Today's Reading

First Reading –When the wicked turn away from their wickedness they have committed and do what is right, they shall surely live (Ezekiel 18:25-28).

Psalm – Remember your mercies, O Lord (Psalm 25).

Second Reading –Consider others as better than yourselves; look not to your own interest, but to the interest of yours (Philippians 2:1-11 [1-5]).

Gospel – Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you (Matthew 21:28-32).

Questions of the Week

Matthew 21:28-32:

What helps you change your mind and change your sinful ways?

Ezekiel 18:25-28:

When have you felt "the Lord's way is not fair!"?

Philippians 2:1-11:

How do you nurture the virtue of humility?

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:

Social justice is both an attitude and a practical response based on the principle that everyone should look at another person as another self. Solidarity with others at every level is a way of accomplishing this. Solidarity takes many forms: "solidarity of the poor among themselves, between rich and poor, of workers among themselves, between employers and employees in a business, solidarity among nations and peoples" (CCC, no. 1941).

Pope Francis echoes this teaching and clarifies it in his exhortation, *Joy of the Gospel (Evangelii Gaudium, 201)*: "*No one must say that they cannot be close to the poor because their own lifestyle demands more attention to other areas. This is an excuse commonly heard in academic, business or professional, and even ecclesial circles. While it is quite true that the essential vocation and mission of the lay faithful is to strive that earthly realities and all human activity may be transformed by the Gospel, none of us can think we are exempt from concern for the poor and social justice.*"

Evangelical author Shane Claiborne states, "The great tragedy in the church is not that rich Christians do not *care* about the poor but that rich Christians do not *know* the poor."

Are you a Christian that does not *know* a poor person? Soon we will expand our social justice ministries at SS. Peter & Paul; this might enable you be a friend to someone outside your box. It will change the trajectory of your life.

Readings for the Week of September 28	
Mon	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Jn 1:47-51
Tue.	Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Lk 9:51-56
Wed	Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62
Thur.	Jb 19:21-27; Mt 18:1-15, 10
Fri.	Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16
Sat.	Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24
Sun.	Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4: 6-9; Mt 21:33-43

Memorial Donations

The following donations and memorials have recently been given to our Parish:

SS. Peter and Paul Food Pantry

- \$150 Anonymous
- \$12 Senior Citizens
- \$25 Joseph & Deborah Bronack
- \$20 In memory of Earld Biondi
by Janice Canterini
- \$20 In memory of David Fedor
- \$25 In memory of Bernard Luckenbach
by James & Gloria Mazeika
In memory of Nancy Bronack
- \$20 by Sandra & Frank Casarella
- \$20 by Armand & Elaine Allegrucci
- \$50 by Judy & Vincent Chickillo
- \$25 by Armand Angeli

We thank all who have made memorial and free-will donations. May God bless you for your generosity. We will keep your intentions and love ones in our prayers.

Lottery Winners

- Sept. 15 #291 Josephine Rock
 - Sept. 16 #605 Vilma Fabbrini
 - Sept. 17 #356 Maria Mattei
 - Sept. 18 #292 Jenny Kasaba
 - Sept. 19 #509 Paul Binker Jr.
 - Sept. 20 #249 Kathy McGrady
 - Sept. 21 #194 Edmund Suchocki
- Congratulations to all!!!

Children's Choir

Any youth of the parish interested in joining the Choir should see Chuck Unice before or after the 11am Mass on Sundays. Practice for the Children's Choir will begin shortly.

Blessing of Animals Requesting the intercession of St. Francis of Assisi, we will bless our pets on Sunday, October 5, at 2:00 PM, on the grass behind The Parish Center. Members of SS. Peter & Paul Youth Group will be accepting donations of food or money for the SPCA. Please see to it that your pets are either on a leash or in a carrier. Regardless of how pretty and well-behaved you think your pets are, everyone might not agree!! Please no animals without proper containment! Please no reptiles hanging around your neck! The Youth Group will also be distributing materials for you to clean up after your pet – if necessary. St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us and our pets!!

Parish Activities

September 28 – October 5

Sun. Religious Educations

9:30-10:30am

Mon. Quilting 5:00pm

Rosary 6:30pm

Faith Sharing 7pm

Tues. Quilting 9am – Noon

Thur. Quilting 9am – Noon

Sun. Religious Education Class

Bulletin Ads Our Bulletin supplier has acquired several new ads for the back of our bulletin. Please patronize these businesses if you can, they make it possible for us to print the weekly bulletin – 800 copies – without cost to the Parish. Thank you for your ads and your support of our Parish.

PASTOR'S WISH LIST: Occasionally, there are items that are needed in the Parish and hopefully, there are parishioners or friends who would be interested in donating them – for the good of the parish. We are currently in need of at least 5 (five) AEDs. **Automated External Defibrillator** – to be used in emergency situations. We could use them in the following parish locations: Church (1); School (2) – One for classroom level and one for Cafeteria Level; Rectory (1) and Parish Center (1). Not only are the Defibrillators needed, but we need individuals to be trained in their use. While you may wonder why we need these – you may wonder if the life they could save could be yours!! If you are interested in donating one or more of these units, please contact Fr. B. at your earliest convenience. Anyone wishing to donate to this cause can place the donation in an envelope designate “Defibrillator” and place in collection basket.

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; 271- \$50 or less. A total of \$20,302 has been raised for the Sanctuary Safety Update.

The Women’s Group is taking reservations for the **Communion Breakfast** to be held on Sunday, Oct. 12th. Ladies will meet at 7:30am to recite the Rosary, attend the 8am Mass, breakfast follows in the Parish Center. To make reservations contact Mary Jo Marek at 570-825-6969.

On Nov. 1st the Women’s Group will hold their **Annual Retreat** – A Day of Recollection – a continental breakfast at 9am will start the day and Mass at 4pm will end the day. Rev. Thomas Looney of Kings College will be the retreat master. The cost is \$25. Make check payable to BJ Hession. More information will be follow.

On December 3rd the Group travel to the **Sight and Sound Theatre** in Lancaster to see “*Moses*”. Bus will leave from SS. Peter and Paul, a stop on the way for some shopping, the performance at 2pm and dinner following at Shady Maple. Cost is \$110 and payable to SS Peter and Paul Church. For reservations/more information contact Joan Pisack at 570-235-0777.

Lottery Tickets

Tickets for November are in the printing process and will soon be available. Awards will begin November 1 – November 30 – a winner daily number (excludes the double draw). Prizes are \$50 Sunday to Friday, \$100 on Saturday and **\$200 on All Saints Day, Veterans Day and Thanksgiving will be awarded this time.** 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 Rectory during Office Hours. We honor on first come first serve basis, so get your request in soon. Together we can make it another great fundraiser. Tickets for November will be available in the Church after Mass starting October 12th.

Lottery Tickets for November

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Special Numbers: _____

Total Number of Tickets: _____

Deeds of Mercy Our Lord's words "... You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere... I am giving you three ways of exercising mercy toward your neighbor: first by deed, the second by word, third by prayer. Those wishing to exercise mercy by deed and word are invited to send cards of condolence and support to: Mrs. Tiffany Dickson, 1206 Monroe Ave. Dunmore, Pa 18512 and to Alex Douglass, Geisinger Medical Community Center, 1800 Mulberry Street, Scranton, PA 18510. Our prayers are with the families of Cpl. Bryon K. Dickson II and Alex Douglass, the troupers involved in the State Trooper Ambush Tragedy.

Sign-ups for Our Family Directory will be taken for the next 2 weekends in the vestibule of the church. Please sign-up to be part of the directory. Each family that participates in the program will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory to keep. Supply your email address to receive a \$10 off coupon via email for any additional portraits you would like. Lifetouch will also take an additional \$5 off for anyone filling the Feed the Need Bag supplied at sign-ups to donate to our Food Pantry. Don't forget to pick one up. Do both to receive a total of \$15 off. Dates for the Photo Sessions are as follows: Tuesday, Oct 21 to Friday, Oct. 24 from 2pm to 8:40pm and Saturday, Oct. 25 from 10am to 4:50pm. Stop after services on the weekend or call the Rectory during Office Hours to schedule your session.

Attention... All Parish Bakers and Candy Makers!!! In a few short weeks our Annual Quilt Bingo will be held in our School Hall – Sunday, October 12th. All of you have been invited to help in conjunction with this fundraiser by holding our "Weekend Parish Bake Sale. All of those favorites "goodies" you make so well are needed and wanted...breads, pies, many-many pineapple square – cookies, fudge, other candies – nut rolls – pasties ect. All can be dropped off in the School Hall on Saturday, Oct. 11th from 1pm till closing (around 6:30pm) and on Sunday, October 12th from 8am to 10am (doors close till noon). Customers can purchase and enjoy the items during the bingo or take some home to enjoy. Helpers are needed (you can play bingo too) Come help, bake and enjoy – all is appreciated. Anyone wishing to help at the Bake Sale please contact Mary Ann Jasonis at 570-825-2047 or Jean Curtis at 570-823-4607.

The Festival Assessment

We thank all who support the effort made for the good of all parishioners. To date 287 parishioners have returned a donation of \$50 or more. A breakdown of contributions is as follows: 2-\$1,000; 1-\$400; 3-\$300; 1-\$250; 11-\$200; 4-\$150; 1-\$121; 1-\$102; 55- \$100; 1-\$85; 9-\$75; 4-\$60; 1-\$58; 187-\$50; 107-less than \$50. Total contributions are \$29,056. Again thanks for your generous response to the appeal.

Forty Days for Life held September 24 to October 31 in front of Planned Parenthood in Wilkes-Barre. Held Monday thru Friday at 9am at 63 N. Franklin St. Come pray 5 decades of the rosary for an end to abortion. 40 Days for Life is a community-based campaign that draws attention to the evil of abortion through the use of a three-point program: Prayer and Fasting, Constant Vigil and Community Outreach. See www.40daysforlife.com.

First Friday Pro-Life Rosary Vigil held outside the office of Planned Parenthood, 63 N. Franklin St. Planned Parenthood is the largest provider of abortions in the country. Rosary offered to end abortion will be recited on the first Friday of every month at 9am. All faithful are invited to participate.

National Life Chain: Sunday October 5 sponsored by Misericordia University's Students for Life. 2-3:30pm in downtown Dallas (Memorial Highway/Main St./Lake St.) Meet at 1:45pm for brief instruction & sign selection at Pizza Bella Parking lot. LIFE CHAIN is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for 90 minutes praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by

Holy Redeemer High School, 159 S. Pennsylvania Blvd., will hold an Open House on Sunday, October 26th from 1-3pm.

Hope Makes It Possible...Royals Make It Happen.

Holy Redeemer Musical *Damn Yankees* will be held on Nov. 14th & 15th at 7pm. Reserved Seating - Adults \$7, Seniors \$6, Students \$5. All are welcome! For tickets call 570-829-2424.