



SS. Peter and Paul Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

*The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
November 9, 2014*

*The Lord of hosts is with us; our stronghold is the god of Jacob.
- Psalm 46:8*

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	Ted Toloczko by Rhona & Robert Conway
Tues.	7am	Frank Mattei by Ed & Elaine Kaius
Wed.	7am	Communion Service
Thurs.	7am	David Fedor by Nancy Fedor & Family
Fri.	7am	Parishioners
Sat.	4pm	Irene Magdon by Son, Richard & Daughter, Joyce
Sun.	8am	Genevieve Klepadlo (A) by Family
	11am	Frank & Anna Gayewski by Daughter, Ann

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

John 2:13-22

Jesus predicted his resurrection in today's Gospel. But it wasn't until after the disciples witnessed the miraculous event that they realized what he had been talking about. As the saying goes, "hindsight is twenty-twenty." How often do we find ourselves in the midst of a situation that doesn't make sense at the time? We question the "meaning" of a sickness, a lost job, a betrayal, or a disappointment. But often, after time has passed, we begin to see how good came out of these tough situations. St. Paul says, "We know that all things work for good for those who love God" (Rom 8:28). Sometimes it's hard to trust in God's promises, especially when his plan seems mysterious or confusing. Although the way may seem indirect, Jesus' perspective is bigger than ours. The path may not be one that we would choose. Even Jesus had to journey through the cross before his resurrection—the temple of his body was destroyed before it was rebuilt. But looking back, it's obvious that God's plans really do work out for the best.

Pastor Rev. John Boyle	Pastor Emeritus Rev. Joseph Greskiewicz
Coordinator of Religious Education Sande Holena	
Eucharistic Minister/Lectors David Loiacono	
Youth Group Maryann and Michael Quinn	Altar Servers Gloria Flynn
Food Pantry Pauline Makowski	Security Shiloh & Kolbe Inc.

In Memory of The Sanctuary Lamp Samuel & Katherine Skillinge

Votive by the Blessed Virgin Mary Ted Wysocki

November 2, 2014

Contributions	\$6,347
Dues	\$465
Repairs	\$14
Charity	\$111
Education of Priest	\$743
School	\$773
Utilities	\$120
All Saints	\$1,524
Immaculate Conception	\$5
Christmas	\$15
Christmas Flowers	\$5
Christmas Novena	\$1

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

Today's Reading

First Reading – I saw water flowing out of the temple; wherever the river flows, every living creature shall live (Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12).

Psalm – The waters of the river gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High (Psalm 46).

Second Reading – Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? (1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17)

Gospel – Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up (John 2:13-22).

Questions of the Week

John 2:13-22:

Why do you think Jesus reacted so strongly in the Temple?

Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12:

How do you imagine the exiled Israelites reacted to Ezekiel's vision?

1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17:

Whom do you see as the "builders" in your faith community?



Stewardship

Catholics who attend daily Mass come across interesting feasts all the time: unknown saints and martyrs, various titles for Jesus and Our Lady, the Chair of St. Peter. For the rest who mainly attend on the weekend, this Sunday they'll be saying, "A feast for the dedication of a building?" This is not just any building. It is the first church built after the legalization of Christianity by Constantine in the fourth century. In some ways, it held the font through which a baptismal revolution changed the world.

Good stewards cherish that which has been handed down to them through the ages. My pastor once likened stewardship to being in an antique store. When you purchase an antique you take responsibility not only for that material possession, but for all the memories of lives it has touched through the generations. You can almost feel the presence of the one who made the item, as well as those who possessed it and used it before you. Now it is yours to care for, and if it is truly of value, you will probably pass it on years later to the next steward.

What we create with God and what we take care of in this material world helps provide meaning in our lives. The picture your adult child drew when he/she was five rests comfortably in your hope chest. The book given to you by a friend on your birthday stands at attention on the bookshelf. The souvenir you bought on that once-in-a-lifetime trip reminds you of that special time as you sit daily at your desk. Yes, it is true, all these material things, just like the Lateran Basilica, will some day pass away when Christ returns. But what these things represent will live on forever.

As good stewards, we see the value of what is unseen as well as that which is seen. Take good care of all those things entrusted to you. They are important tools on the journey, to remind us what is important and where we are going.

Parish Activities

November 9 – November 16

**Sun. Religious Education Classes
9:30am – 10:30am**

Mon. Quilting 5:00pm
Rosary 6:30pm
Faith Sharing 7pm

Wed Grief Support 6pm

Tues. Quilting 9am – Noon
Thur. Quilting 9am – Noon

**Sat. Pasta Pick up–Parish Center
After Masses this weekend**

**Sun. Religious Education Classes
9:30am – 10:30am
Pasta Pick Up-Parish Center**

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Diocesan Appeal materials and pledge cards will be distributed to all parishioners during Masses celebrated next weekend. If you have not already done so, please make a pledge to help the thousands of people who will directly benefit from your caring support.

Each day, with your gift to the Appeal you join in "Transforming Lives Together" by enhancing the programs offered in each of our 120 parishes; by educating our most precious resources: the approximately 6,000 students in our 20 Diocesan schools and those children in parish religious education programs; by responding to the poorest, the weakest and those most in need through the good works of Catholic Social Services; and by supporting our retired and aging priests as well as our seminarians currently studying for the priesthood.

Our Parish Goal is \$74,000. Amount Pledged as of Oct. 27 is \$38,560.

Congratulations

Pauline Makowski, our Food Pantry Coordinator, received the 2014 "Volunteer of the Year" award for her dedicated service to St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Pauline not only volunteers her time and talent at SS. Peter & Paul Food Pantry, but also at the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, sponsored by Catholic Social Services. May God bless her for her service to the "Least of God's Family".

The Food Pantry Volunteers are getting ready for the busy Holiday Season. We are in need of items for Thanksgiving: Cans of yams, potatoes, boxes and canisters of stuffing, pie crust mix, evaporated milk, canned vegetables. *Frozen turkeys will be accepted, but must be brought to the Rectory during Office Hours for proper storage.* **Food Pantry for this month is Friday, Nov. 21st please bring all donated items in this week, so a shopping list can be made.** Thawed items must be discarded to avoid food spoilage. Please do not leave any items on the porches. Regular items are also needed: macaroni & cheese, soups, sides, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, canned meats, stews, skillet dinners, baking supplies, crackers and cookies. Thank you for your generosity, providing monetary donations and food items to the pantry. It is so greatly appreciated by those in need of assistance

SS Peter and Paul will participate in MaineSource's Give Back Program. This program allows our parish to earn 5% of all purchases made by our participating members. To participate in this program just fill out a sheet located in the vestibule of the church and next time you shop, give it to a cashier at MaineSource. If you are not familiar with MaineSource which is located in Forty Fort, they are a large size grocery store/party warehouse that offers small and large quantity items at affordable prices. When shopping at MaineSource you will find savings on your items while helping the parish by our receiving a percentage of the purchase. There are no membership cards or fees required to shop.

Marriage Moments

What does your spouse do that makes you laugh? Often it's the silly idiosyncrasies or foibles that can be special precious moments between you.

To All the Women of the Parish Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

You are invited to attend the Epiphany Party that will be held at Vanderlyn's Restaurant in Kingston on Sunday, January 4, 2015, at 12:30pm to 3:30pm. Anyone interested in attending may call Joann Melman at 570-824-6735 or Martha Yanaitis at 570-829-2870. Plan to spend an afternoon with good food, entertainment and camaraderie with the Women of SS Peter and Paul Parish. Price is \$40 which includes your choice of dinner. Deadline is December 20, 2014.

Travel Opportunity

Fr. B is sponsoring a trip to CANYON COUNTRY - featuring Arizona & Utah. The trip is 9 days, 12 meals (7 Breakfasts, 5 Dinners). The trip also will stop in Las Vegas for 2 nights. Date of the trip is: September 24, 2015 – October 2, 2015. Price – based on double occupancy is \$ 2929 – book now and save \$100 per person. For further information, please call the Parish Office and/or Fr. B.

Catholic Cruise to Alaska

Come and sail away on a 7 night Catholic Alaska Cruise with Father Leo Prengaman on May 2nd to May 9th on Holland America Westerdam out of Seattle, Washington – Ports of Call: Juneau, Alaska; Glacier Bay; Sitka, Alaska; Ketchikan, Alaska; Victoria, British Columbia; Seattle, Washington. Prices begin at \$2,004 for two passengers this includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass offered. Deposits of only \$250 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For further information or to register, contact Dough or Eileen at 860-399-1785/ Doug@CatholicCruisesandTours.com

St. Barbara's Parish in Exeter, will be conducting a Holy Land Pilgrimage in early October 2015. If you have an interest in possibly joining him and other from the Diocese of Scranton you can contact him at 570-654-2103 or by email at mykfinn1977@aol.com.

March for Life

St. Joseph Mareello Parish, Pittston will be hosting a pilgrimage to walk in the annual March for Life held in Washington DC. The upcoming March will take place on January 22, 2015. Cost per individual is \$35. Please call the parish office at 570-654-6902 to make your reservation.

Retreat Sponsored by Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will be held on Saturday, Nov. 15 at St. Joseph's Seminary, 1880 Highway 315, Pittston. All Catholic women are invited. Sister Mary Beth Makuch, SS.C.M. will present a session entitled, "Living with an Attitude of Gratitude." The day's event will begin with 8am Mass. Coffee and snacks will be available during registration. **Election of SDCCW Officers will take place.** A light lunch will be provided and the retreat will conclude at 1pm. Pre-registration is preferred. Please contact Mary Lloyd at 570-636-2645, Helen Oravec at 570-489-5231 or Joanne Austin at 570-288-6785.

Parenting Pointers

As the seasons change, so do people. Children grow. People die. We drop old habits and learn new ones. Discuss in your family one bad habit each of you would like to get rid of.

- Susan Vogt

Life in the Spirit Seminar at St. Monica's Church Hall, 363 West 8th St. West Wyoming, will be held on Thursday, Nov. 6 after the 7pm Mass (7:30pm) Come and experience the joy of the Gospel thru the mysterious movements of the Holy Spirit. To register email Ted Mike at TedMike@kings.edu or Fr. McKernan at revatmonica363@comcast.net or call the parish office at 570-693-1991.

St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen, a program of Catholic Social Services is once again teaming up with local parishes and the United States Marines "Toys for Tots" for this year's Christmas Toy Drive. Last year, we distributed toys to over 2,000 children in the Wyoming Valley. Toys are needed and donations may be taken to St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen, 39 East Jackson St. Wilkes-Barre, 7 days a week from 7:30am until 1pm.

Registration for Toys and Food for Christmas will be held at Our Lady of Hope Parish, 40 Park Avenue in Wilkes-Barre on Mon, Nov. 24th from 9 to 11am and 2-6pm. Parents should bring the following: Photo ID, verification of income, a Social Security card for everyone in the household and proof of address with a recent date.

Food Distribution will take place at St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen on Tues., Dec. 17th from 10am-2:30pm and 4-7pm.

Toy Distribution will take place at Our Lady of Hope Parish, 40 Park Ave, Wilkes-Barre on Wed. Dec. 17th from 9am – 2pm and 4-7pm.

Spaghetti Dinner

St. Andrew Parish is holding their annual Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, November 23, in St. Andrew Parish Hall, 318 Parrish Street, Wilkes-Barre. Serving will be from 11:30am to 4pm. Take-out will be available. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children age 12 and under. Tickets can be purchased at the door. There will also be theme baskets and instant bingo.

The Living Christ Retreat is a community experience that enhances communications and collaboration in relation to spirituality. The next Living Christ Retreat will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 20 – 22. As we prepare for the Advent season, please consider this retreat as a way to prepare and help to keep you focused on our Lord. Previous attendees have stated that "The retreat brought a new richness to the season; and "helped them know that God is with them." The retreat will be held in Conlan Hall, Thursday and Friday evenings from 6-10pm, starting with dinner; Saturday morning – 8am – noon, starting with breakfast. Please call Tony Butel at St. Ignatius Loyola Rectory at 570-288-6446 to sign up and give yourself the gift of the retreat. If you have previously attended, please invite a few friends and neighbors to attend.

God's Call for Your Life

God is calling you to a unique purpose in life, a work only you can do. Discern your call by discerning your spiritual gift! Come and begin to discover your "charisms" (gifts) at the Called & Gifted Workshop" on Nov. 21 & 22, at Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas. The Workshop is a two-day live presentation which will include Church teachings on the laity and lay apostleship, the nature of spiritual gifts, call and vocation (including lay vocations) and how to discern your gift. It is especially useful for young adults who are discerning career or vocational direction, parents who want to help their children live their faith and recognize their gifts, catechists, clergy, religious, and the lay faithful who are seeking to better understand God's will for their lives. All are welcome! The workshop runs from Friday evening 7-9pm and Saturday from 9am to 4pm, Nov. 21 & 22. The cost is \$35, which includes materials and lunch. Register on line at www.calledandgiftedws.eventbrite.com, or by mail by sending your check payable to Gate of Heaven, c/o Fr. Dan Toomey, 40 Machell Ave, Dallas, Pa 18612. Register before Nov. 13. Questions call Joe Lisewski at 5870-466-6099 or email at joelisewski@aol.com.