



# SS. Peter and Paul Parish

## A Roman Catholic Faith Community

*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*February 15, 2015*

*Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything  
for the glory of God..* *1- Corinthians 10:31*

### *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.

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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*



**February 16 through February 21**

Mon 7am **Robert Yakaski** by Yarrish Family  
 Tues. 7am **Angelo Stella**  
                   by Thomas & Dorothy Corcoran  
**Wed. 7am Patricia Bachman** by Sister Immacule  
           **12pm Prayer Service**  
           **6pm Angeline Parise (A)** by Jane Biniek  
 Thurs. 7am Florence Kelly  
 Fri. 7am **Edward Stachowski (A)**  
                   by Rygielski Family  
           **6:30pm Stations of the Cross**  
 Sat. 4pm Ruth Verespy (A) by Children  
 Sun. 8am **Mickey Zajaczkowski** by Husband  
       11am **Parishioners**

*In case of inclement weather conditions,*  
 If Wilkes-Barre Area is cancelled, there will no Mass;  
 if there is a delay, Mass will be at 12:10pm

*In Memory of*  
**The Sanctuary Lamp**  
*Barbara Ann Franchella*

**Votive by the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
*Special Intention*

**February 8, 2015**

<b>Contribution</b>	<b>\$6,740</b>
<b>Dues</b>	<b>\$680</b>
<b>Maintenance</b>	<b>\$1,255</b>
<b>Charity</b>	<b>\$75</b>
<b>Care and Education of Priest</b>	<b>\$186</b>
<b>Utilities</b>	<b>\$5</b>
<b>Retirement of Religious</b>	<b>\$5</b>
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Initial Offering</b>	<b>\$120</b>
<b>Holy Day</b>	<b>\$97</b>

**Pastor's Message**

*Mark 1:40-45*

*"He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere."*  
 Nothing could stop the crowds from gathering. Men, women, and children traveled from near and far—everywhere—to find Jesus. Word had spread quickly about the miraculous healing of the leprous man. And people wanted to know what it was all about. Yes, he had the power to cure illnesses and drive out demons. But more than that, he had the power to change hearts. His words of compassion and mercy, and the actions that backed them up, must have caused many a conversion during those encounters in the deserted places. Although we don't have the opportunity to see him in person, we do have the chance to search for Jesus and to find him. Sometimes, he may seem remote. Maybe we don't automatically feel his presence. Perhaps, when times are tough, we wonder where he is hiding. But when we persevere in our journey by praying, reading the Bible, and receiving the sacraments, we too can find the Lord. And as we bring our needs to him, Jesus will be "moved with pity" for us as well and will extend to us the healing love that has transformed so many hearts throughout Christian history.

**Questions of the Week**

**Mark 1:40-45:**

Why do you think the cleansed leper disobeyed Jesus?

**Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46:**

Whom do we consider the "lepers" of our times?

**1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1:**

In what areas of your life do you best imitate Christ?

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



Message  
from your Pastor

### Memorial Donations

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

#### SS. Peter and Paul Parish

\$50 Leona Nesterak

In Memory of Dorothy Vearling

\$200 Mary E. Powers

\$1000 Thomas Vearling

#### SS. Peter and Paul Food Pantry

\$50 Anonymous

\$25 Elizabeth Segeda

\$25 Joseph & Deborah Bronack

\$25 Julia Ponelli

\$25 Roselle Prebola

\$1500 United Way

In Memory of Alvida Eustice

\$10 Joann Melman

\$25 John and Marie Spagnuolo

\$20 Frank & Irene Martin

\$50 David & Deborah Skaff

\$25 Theresa Flanagan

\$15 Patricia and Stanley Neishel

In Memory of Stella Dalessandro

\$15 Patricia and Staley Neishel

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.

### Diocesan Annual Appeal Update

Our Parish Goal is \$74,000. Amount pledged as of Jan. 26, 2015 is \$62,547. We are under our goal by \$11,453. 417 Parishioner have contributed to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Anyone wishing to contribute Appeal can call the Diocesan

### Rosary in need of Repair?

Call Len Kalinoski, (570-829-1864) member of the Holy Name Society for a free repair

### Parish Activities

February 15 through February 21

#### Sun. Religious Education Classes

**Class 9:30am – 10:30am**

**2015 Confirmation – noon**

**Mon.** Quilting

5pm

Rosary

6:30pm

Faith Sharing

7pm

**Women's Meeting**

**7pm**

**Tues.** Quilting

9am

**Liturgy Meeting**

**6:30pm**

**Wed.** 2015 Confirmation

**6pm**

**Thur.** Quilting

9am

Food Pantry Prep

9am

**Men's Meeting**

**6:30pm**

**Fri.** Food Pantry

**9am**

#### Sun. Religious Education Classes

**2015 Confirmation – noon**

**A Trip to 911 Memorial in New York**, sponsored by the Women's Group is planned for April 15<sup>th</sup>. The bus will leave the Bank Street Parking Lot at 8am. Following the Memorial the bus will take you to the Avenue of the Americas. You'll spend the remainder of the day as you wish. The cost is \$65. This includes the Memorial ticket and bus. (Dinner is not included). The bus will leave NYC at 6:30pm. Payment is due at the time of your reservation. Contact Joan Pisack at 570-822-3815 for more information and to reserve a seat.

### Lottery Tickets

Tickets for March are in the printing process and will soon be available. Awards will begin March 1 and end March 31 – a winner daily number (excludes the double draw). Prizes are \$50 Sunday to Friday, \$100 on Saturday and \$500 on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Anyone selling 25 or more will be entered into the \$50 Sellers drawing and 10 or more into the \$10 Sellers drawing.

## Food Pantry

Thank you to all, who continue to support the Food Pantry. We are grateful for the food and monetary donations received in the past year. The holidays were an extremely busy time for the Pantry. The shelves are quite empty and need restocking. We are in need of:

*Canned fruits and vegetables,  
Meats, Tuna,  
Cereal, Peanut Butter and Jelly, Soups,  
Boxes: Pasta, Spaghetti,  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Hamburger Helper*

We cannot use outdated, opened or dented items. Again thank you for your continue support!!!

## Marriage Moments

Lent begins this Wednesday. Sure, celebrate Mardi Gras on Tuesday but start thinking now of a meaningful Lenten practice. Why not choose at least one penance that you will both do. It can reinforce your decision and bond you in a common effort.

- Susan Vogt

**The Lenten Buffet** is scheduled for Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> in the School Hall. The buffet will include baked fish, pierogi, haluski, homemade pizza, choice of soup, French fries, cole slaw, dessert and beverage. Dinner and takeouts will begin at 4pm and run until 7pm. Cost is \$11 per adult and \$6 for children 12 and under. Children under 3 are free. Planning to attend, please fill out the coupon below enclose payment and drop in Collection Basket or bring to the Rectory during Office Hours. Names of families will be at the door.

### Lenten Buffet

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**# of Adults** \_\_\_\_\_

**#of children** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Pierogies Are Available** at the Parish Office during Office Hours until all are gone. Cost per dozen is \$7.

**The St. Joseph's Table** will be held on March 19<sup>th</sup> from 5pm to 6:30pm in the School Hall. The custom of the St. Joseph's Table is to bless bread and other simple foods and share them with the poor. Our St. Joseph's Table will consist of a variety of soups, salad and breads. All are invited to join us in this celebration. We will begin with the Blessing Prayers for St. Joseph Table. Anyone able and willing to donate soups should contact Joanne Nixon at 570-823-8968. Monetary donations for this simple meal will be given to our Food Pantry.

**We All Need a Plan for Our Money.** *Financial Peace University (FPU)* is that plan! It teaches God's ways of handling money. Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities. FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more! The class meets once a week for 9 weeks for about 90 minutes. Each week covers a financial topic such as saving, creating a budget, saving for college or retirement and much more! Please come and join us on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:30am in the Parish Center for the course preview of what you might learn during the program. For more information you can contact the programs Lead Coordinator Jason Giomboni at [jgiomboni@gmail.com](mailto:jgiomboni@gmail.com) or 570-793-9408.

**The Confirmation Class of 2015** completed their Krispy Kreme Fundraiser. The class will be having additional fundraisers in order to fund a Ham and Turkey Dinner to be held on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> to honor seniors in our parish, who live alone. Your support and participation is greatly appreciated. Look to the bulletin for future information.

## Parenting Pointers

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday which begins Lent. But before Lent comes Tuesday, Feb 17, Mardi Gras. I guess it is human nature to want to splurge before taking on a sacrifice. Decide a family penance for Lent, but plan a family treat for next Tuesday.

- Susan Vogt

## Wedding Anniversary Mass

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2015 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 7. (This is a change from the original date of June 21). The event includes a 2:30pm Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Request for an invitation, with a mailing address, should be made through your pastor before March 16. Please call the Parish Office if you would like to participate.

**Knights of Columbus in Luzerne** is under new management and have a chef on board in our kitchen and are having a Lenten specials from fish to pizza in February and March with a St. Paddy's day Ham and Cabbage Dinner please call for reservations sit in and take out welcome limited to 100 meals please contact us at 570-287-2826 or email [kofchall32987@gmail.com](mailto:kofchall32987@gmail.com).

**St. Andre Bessette, Wilkes-Barre** will sponsor an Ash Wednesday Fish Dinner on Feb. 18 at Father Zolcinski Hall. Dinner will be served from 4pm – 6pm, including take outs. Cost is \$8.50. Tickets must be purchased by Feb. 11. For tickets call Mary at 570-823-4988. Proceeds will benefit the Parish Social Justice Ministry.

**Bring joy to a child living with a life-threatening medical condition** today by referring him/her to Make-A-Wish. Contact Christina at 570-341-9474 or via email, [Clatham@wishworld.org](mailto:Clatham@wishworld.org). Making a referral takes only a few minutes, but the impact of a wish is long-lasting

**Homemade Pasta and Sausage Dinner** held at St. Maria Goretti on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> from noon to 5pm. Dinner includes salad, rolls/butter, beverage and dessert. Take out are from noon to 4pm. Tickets available at the door for \$11. Children 5 years and under are free for eat in only.

## Choral Society Lenten Concerts

In a 66 year tradition of inspiring prayer and meditation through music, the Catholic Choral Society will present Lenten Concerts on March 8<sup>th</sup> in Wilkes-Barre and on March 15<sup>th</sup> in Forty Fort. The first concert on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> will be held at St. Andrew Parish, 316 Parish St., W-B at 3pm.

The second concert will be presented by Forty Fort United Methodist Church, 26 Yeager Ave. Forty Fort on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. Both concerts are open to the public free of charge. The group, marking its 66<sup>th</sup> season, is composed of members from both Luzerne and Lackawanna counties who will perform inspirational music in the Advent tradition at the March concerts. Further information may be obtained by calling 570-575-1040 and also at [www.catholicchoralsociety.org](http://www.catholicchoralsociety.org).

Evening of Reflection – St. Monica's Parish (West Wyoming) will be held on Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm with Sung Evening Prayer, Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (followed by a social) and ending with Sung Night Prayer. This Evening of Reflection is sponsored by the Christian Society. Fr. Pio Mandato will share on the theme: "Adoration: Encountering Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.: All are most welcome.

Cycle B

# < KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today  
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mark 1:40-45  
Jesus cured the leper, a man with a skin disease, with a touch of His hand.

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When the leper was healed, Jesus said, "Don't tell this to anyone". Jesus trusted the man to go quietly to the priest, but instead he ran off telling everyone he was cured. He did NOT keep it a secret (he was very excited). As a result, Jesus could no longer enter a town openly, but stayed in lonely places. Still, people kept coming to Him from everywhere. **Jesus gave the leper new life...**


## LENT

begins this week...

### Give us New Life, O Lord.

Dear Jesus... I have sinned, I am sorry, let's begin again. Love, \_\_\_\_\_  
your name

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## SHROVE TUESDAY

also known as... FAT TUESDAY • MARDI GRAS • PANCAKE DAY

It is a tradition to eat pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. Shrove comes from the word "shrive", meaning to confess, or tell God we are sorry for our sins. Pancakes use up food items that were not permitted during Lent in the Middle Ages - milk, eggs, fat, butter and meat. Lent begins tomorrow - Let's eat pancakes today!

### Homemade Pancakes

SIFT	MIX IN
1 1/4 cup flour	1 beaten egg
3 teaspoons baking powder	1 cup milk
2 tablespoons sugar	2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1/2 teaspoon salt	

Cook on greased, hot skillet. Flip when bubbles appear and pop. Makes 8, 4" pancakes – Serving with butter, syrup, fruit or meat is optional.

### ASH Wednesday

The ashes on my forehead say, "I have sinned, I am sorry. Please God, help me change, make me a new person".

## Compassion and Generosity

*Let your heart feel for the afflictions and distress of everyone, and let your hand give in proportion to your purse.* - George Washington