



February 9 through February 15

Mon 7am **Erald Biondi** by Sean & Debbie Rauden
Bush & Family

Tues. 7am **Rose Miller** by Joseph Miller

Wed. 7am **Communion Service**

Thurs. 7am **Thelma Mendola**
by Caroline Guzinski & Family

Fri. 7am **Joseph Miller** by Barbara Miller

Sat. 4pm **Florence Romanowski**
by Sister, Marian Sieniewski

Sun. 8am **Dorothy DeAnthony** by Mattei Family
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

Pastor's Message *Mark 1:21-28*

"The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes."

Jesus was doing something different. His teaching was new, fresh, surprising. And just in case those who heard him doubted his legitimacy, Jesus proved his authority by more than words; he cast out evil spirits. When the people witnessed Jesus commanding "even the unclean spirits" and saw that these spirits obeyed him, they were "amazed" at this "new teaching with authority."

What our Jewish ancestors experienced is recorded for us to bolster our own faith. Although we were not there to see these events unfold, if we meditate on the reality of today's Gospel story we will also be astonished and amazed. Jesus is more than a teacher. He is more than a kind man with an attractive philosophy. Jesus has power over the spiritual world! His authority over us is real. And he exercises this authentic authority for our own good. He has the power to do away with evil and to set us free, both through his teachings—passed on to us in the Bible and in the Church—and through his action in our lives. We only need to follow his lead.

In Memory of
The Sanctuary Lamp

Celia Katsak

Votive by the Blessed Virgin Mary

Celia Katsak

Flowers on the Altar

Celia Katsak

February 1, 2015

Contribution	\$7,019
Dues	\$716
Maintenance	\$161
Charity	\$135
Care and Education of Priest	\$690
School	\$1,064
Initial Offering	\$149
Holy Day	\$118

Questions of the Week

Mark 1:21-28:

Why do you think Mark records an exorcism as Jesus' first miracle?

Deuteronomy 18:15-20:

Why do you think Moses' prophecy ends with such a dire warning?

1 Corinthians 7:32-35:

How does your faith life assist you in being "free of anxieties"?

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



Message
from your Pastor

Lottery Winners

1-26 #148 Ailene Solvey
1-27 #250 Linda Ceccoli
1-28 #490 Rebecca Wanyo
1-29 #751 Joseph Stec
1-30 #908 Lorraine Baginski
1-31 #880 Pat Koschak

Congratulations to All!!!

Women Society will meet on Monday Feb. 16th at 6:30pm to recite the rosary and will hold their monthly meeting following the rosary. Hostesses will be Martha Yanaitis and Mary Jo Carozzoni.

A Trip to 911 Memorial in New York, sponsored by the Women's Group is planned for April 15th. 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.

A trip to see The Miracle of Christmas in Lancaster is planned for November 18th. Details at a future date.

Reminder

All Christmas decorations should be removed from our cemeteries. Help to keep our cemeteries a clean and respectful place by properly disposing of any decorations or waste.

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

Pick up for Krispy Kreme Donut sponsored by the 2015 Confirmation candidates will be held this weekend. *Thanks for your support.*

Parish Activities

February 8 through February 15

Pick up Donuts this weekend

Sun. Religious Education Classes

Class 9:30am – 10:30am

2016 Confirmation – noon

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

Tues. Quilting 9am
Finance Meeting 6:30pm

Wed. 2016 Confirmation 6pm

Thur. Quilting 9am
Parish Council 6:30pm

Sun. Religious Education Classes

2015 Confirmation – noon

**Pierogies will be available after
Masses this weekend**

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 19th. 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.

Thank You to all who came out this Saturday to help make Pierogie for the Lenten Season. They will be available after Masses next weekend (just in time for Ash Wednesday) Cost is \$7 per dozen. There is a limited amount available so get them while they last.

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

You have almost a week to think about how to celebrate Valentine's Day. (Luckily, it's before Lent so chocolate is a possibility) Better yet, choose one favor a day to surprise your beloved with. Your love is a daily act, not just one day a year.

- Susan Vogt

The Lenten Buffet is scheduled for Friday, March 6th 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.7,02

Lenten Buffet

Name: _____

Phone: _____

of Adults _____

of children _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

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 1st 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 or 570-793-9408.

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 25th or 50th 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.

Parenting Pointers

February is Black History Month. No matter what our skin color, religion, or economic status we need to learn to get along with people who are different from us. As a family, learn about a race different from your own this month.

- Susan Vogt

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56

Tue. Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13

Wed. Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23

Thur. Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30

Fri. Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37

Sat. Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10

Sun. Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11;
1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

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.

St Andrew Parish is holding a Pre-Lenten "Piggie" Dinner on Sunday, February 15 from 11:30am to 3:30pm in the Church Hall, 318 Parrish Street, W-B. The dinner will consist of three "Piggies", mashed potatoes, vegetable, rolls, butter, desserts and coffee, tea or water. Tickets will be sold only at the door at \$10 each. Only 300 dinners will be available on a first-come-first-serve basis. Servings and take-outs will continue until we are sold out. A Bake Sale will also be held.

St Anthony & St. George Church will be holding their 2nd Annual Fat Sunday on Feb. 15th at 11am until they sell out. Located at St. Anthony Church on corner of Park Ave and Dana Street. We will be featuring a \$5 Ala Carte Menu with items such as Kibbeh (Raw and Baked), Tabouli, Grape Leaves, Hummus, Laban with Cucumber, Luby and Rice. There will also be a Bake Sale with Cakes, Goodies and Lebanese Pastries. Coffee, Soda and Water included. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend and enjoy yourself before Lent begins!

Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, Wilkes-Barre will hold a take-out Piggie Dinner on Sunday, Feb. 15th. Dinners may be picked up between 11:30am and 2pm at the Parish Hall, corner of N. River and W. Chestnut Streets. Dinner includes Piggies (meat stuffed cabbage), mashed potatoes, vegetable, bread and butter and desserts. Dinners will be \$10 for adults and \$5.00 for children (12 and under). Walk-ins welcome but reservations are encouraged, call 570-829-3051.

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. Making a referral takes only a few minutes, but the impact of a wish is long-lasting

< **KID'S** >
KORNER

Gospel Today
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mark 1:29-39
Jesus healed many people as He and His disciples moved from town to town.

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Color the broken hearts dark red and make them whole again.

SWEET as HONEY

J.D., if Jesus healed broken hearts, did He start Valentine's Day?

Well, Honey, legend says, based on his love for Jesus, St. Valentine (269 AD) shared his belief and love even from prison.

His faith healed the jail keepers daughter from blindness, and he wrote letters of encouragement signed, from your Valentine. Valentine's Day comes from love, and love is God's commandment.

HOLY UNION

The union of man and wife is from God.

—St. Augustine