



# SS. Peter and Paul Parish

## A Roman Catholic Faith Community

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*January 25, 2015*

*I am the living bread that came down from heaven.*  
*- John 6:51*

### *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*



**January 26 through February 1**

Mon 7am *Patricia Bachman* by Sister Immacule  
 Tues. 7am *Theresa Chitielewski* by Rita Wysocki  
 Wed. 7am *Communion Service*  
 Thurs. 7am *Joseph T. Price* by Greg & Gail Price  
 Fri. 7am *Angeline Parise (A)* by Jane Biniek  
 Sat. 4pm *Mary M. Baginski (A)*  
 by Children, Grandchildren  
 & Great Grandchildren  
 Sun. 8am *Thomas Czekalski* by Marie Stachowski  
 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 1:14-20*  
 "Repent, and believe in the Gospel." What would happen if Jesus spoke these commanding words today? Would his listeners accuse him of shoving his religion down their throats? Would they give him a lecture on tolerance or insist that repentance is an outdated idea from a bygone era obsessed with guilt? How many of us would actually listen to him, and do what he said? Our modern culture has been programmed to respond with skepticism, if not anger, to any suggestion that there is a "right" way of doing things or a "true" religion. But when Jesus tells us to repent, he implies that some of the choices we are making are wrong, that we need to change, to eliminate our sins, to turn toward God, and to become more loving, more generous, and more forgiving. And when he tells us to believe in the Gospel, he's not just making a recommendation. He is giving us directions for entering "the Kingdom of God." Are we willing to let his words affect us? Are we ready to examine our lives and repent of our sins? Are we prepared to believe the good news he preached of salvation and forgiveness? He wants us to share in the glory of his kingdom, now and for all eternity. The question is only how we will respond to this divine invitation.

*In Memory of*  
**The Sanctuary Lamp**  
*Albert Janerich*

**Votive by the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
*Beth Bonn*

**Flowers on the Altar**  
*Beth Bonn*

**January 18, 2015**

<b>Contribution</b>	<b>\$8,286</b>
<b>Dues</b>	<b>\$4,508</b>
<b>Maintenance</b>	<b>\$233</b>
<b>Charity</b>	<b>\$15</b>
<b>Care and Education of Priest</b>	<b>\$39</b>
<b>Christmas</b>	<b>\$90</b>
<b>Lenten Offering</b>	<b>\$10</b>
<b>Initial Offering</b>	<b>\$255</b>
<b>Holy Day</b>	<b>\$52</b>
<b>Human Development</b>	<b>\$7</b>

**Questions of the Week**

**Mark 1:14-20**

What place does repentance have in your spiritual life?

**Johan 3:1-5, 10**

What is surprising to you in the conversion of the Ninevites?

**1 Corinthians 07:29-31**

What do you think Paul meant by the phrase "For the world in its present form is passing away?"

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<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.

## Justice Notes

*For the world in its present form is passing away*

*1 Corinthians 7:31*

My brother was driving his six year old grandson from school one day. Little Justin paused in playing a small video game and asked his grandfather what video games he played as a child. He had a rather stunned look on his face, when his grandfather told him that there were no video games when he was a boy. As a matter of fact, we lived in the house where my Dad grew up – we only had one television. The world of our childhood no longer exists. All three readings this Sunday involve a prophetic interruption of business as usual and a call to change ones ways in light of new situation.

Eschatology. This may be a word that is not familiar in everyday conversation, but it is an important one for us to understand. The word literally means talk about the end. In the Old Testament there is national, cosmic, and personal eschatology. In the New Testament, Christian eschatology looks to the future in light of the pascht events of Jesus. The flow of time is thus sanctified and brought into the process of future fulfillment. The 20<sup>th</sup> century Vatican Council II represents an important instance of magisterial teaching attempting to deal with the theological implications of the renewal of eschatological thought. The Council makes a significant distinction between the Church and the reign of God, seeing the former as the historical instrument of the latter and it attempts to draw, from its vision of the reign of God, the motivation for Christians engagement in the processes of world-building. One of the Vatican II documents, Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World (39), states: Therefore, while we are warned that it profits a man nothing if he gain the whole world and lose himself, (22) the expectation of a new earth must not weaken but rather stimulate our concern for cultivating this one. For here grows the body of a new human family, a body which even now is able to give some kind of foreshadowing of the new age. Hence, while earthly progress must be carefully distinguished from the growth of Christ's kingdom, to the extent that the former can contribute to the better ordering of human society, it is of vital concern to the Kingdom of God (23). For after we have obeyed the Lord, and in His Spirit nurtured on earth the values of human dignity, brotherhood and freedom, and indeed all the good fruits of our nature and enterprise, we will find them again, but freed of stain, burnished and transfigured, when Christ hands over to the Father: "a kingdom eternal and universal, a kingdom of truth and life, of holiness and grace, of justice, love and peace."(24) On this earth that Kingdom is already present in mystery. When the Lord returns it will be brought into full flower. Today we are

## Parish Activities

January 25 through February 1

**Sun. Class 9:30am – 10:30am**

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

**Tues.** Quilting 9am

**Thur.** Quilting 9am

**Fri. Appreciation Dinner 6:30pm**

**Sat. Pierogie Making 9am**

**Sun. Religious Education Classes  
Orders for Krispy Kreme  
Donuts due this weekend**

invited to put our hope into action as we strive to understand that the Kingdom of God is at hand. We have a lot to do.

## Thank You !!!

*Dear Friends at SS. Peter and Paul,  
How can I begin to thank you for the wonderful celebration of my 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary? I'm deeply grateful to the Men's and Women's Society for all their work in planning the occasion, and to all who helped in any way to make it possible. And let me say once again that I'm grateful to all of you for your kindness to me all through my 3 ½ years with you. May God bless you always! Fr. John*

**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.

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

### Lottery Winners

- 1-12 #975 Jane Serafin
- 1-13 #813 Evanko
- 1-14 #736 Charles Zajaczkowski
- 1-15 #234 Haldin Bronack
- 1-16 #617 Dot Vearling
- 1-17 #400 Fred Stanski
- 1-18 #884 Joan Eustice

*Congratulations to All!!!*

**“The Prayer Shawl” Group** will meet on Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Parish Center. The shawls wrap, comfort, cover, give solace, a hug, shelter and beautify those who receive them. The Prayer Shawls will be made by the parish, blessed by Father and given to those in need. Come join/learn/teach/get involved (people will be available to teach if you do not crochet or knit). Anyone wishing to donate cash and or yarn please bring to the rectory. For more information contact Mary Jo Marek at 570-825-6969 or Joan Pisack at 570-822-3815.

**Krispy Kreme Donut Fundraiser** sponsored by the 2015 Confirmation candidates will be held the weekend of February 7 & 8. Donuts/certificates (Certificates are used at the buyers convince and can be used at two stores that are located in Scranton and one in Clarks Summit) can be picked up after all Masses in the School Auditorium. Cost is \$7.50 per dozen/certificate, and payment is due at the time of ordering. Proceeds will be used for a upcoming Confirmation Project. Please fill out the form below and return to the rectory or place in the collection basket by Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

*Thanks for your support.*

<b>Krispy Kreme Donuts</b>	
Name: _____	
Phone: _____	
_____ Dozen	_____ Certificates
_____ Amount Enclosed	

### Contributions for 2014

Anyone wishing a financial statement for 2014 please call the Rectory at 570-825-6663.

### Calling All Men, Women and Teens, Pierogies

will be made for the Lenten Season on Saturday, January 31, with a snowdate for Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 9am in the School Hall. It takes many hands to complete this task so please consider lending yours.

### Diocesan Annual Appeal Update

Our Parish Goal is \$74,000. Amount pledged as of Dec. 22, 2014 is \$59,062. We are under our goal by \$14,938. Anyone wishing to contribute to the Diocesan Annual Appeal can call the Diocesan Development Office at 570-207-2250 or on-line at [www.DioceseofScranton.org](http://www.DioceseofScranton.org). Each gift truly matters.

### 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. 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 will be available in the church the weekend of February 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>

<b>Lottery Tickets for March</b>	
Name:	_____
Phone:	_____
Special Numbers:	_____
	_____
Total Number of Tickets:	_____

## **Marriage Moments**

As the story goes, Jonah was trying to run away from God because he feared announcing a message of repentance. A whale changed his mind (Jonah 1-4) Are there any disputes I'm running away from in our marriage? Identify one troublesome difference today and face it squarely. Repent if necessary. Honest communication can be an act of courage and salvation.

- Susan Vogt

## **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!!!

## **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.

## **Catch Our Spirit...**

### **Celebrate Our Catholic Schools**

Your contribution is an investment in a child's future...the outcomes speak for themselves. Our schools offer an instructional environment that challenges the mind, while inspiring and strengthening the spirit. Please consider supporting our students for the 2015-16 school year; you can designate the gift as a memorial or honor of someone special, select a particular school to receive it, or let us put it to where it is needed the most. Contributions can be sent to the Diocese of Scranton Scholarship Foundation, 300 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton, Pa 18503.

**Celebrate Catholic Schools Week Jan. 25-31** by attending our communities of faith and academic excellence. From Pre-Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, our students live their faith, challenge their minds, serve their communities, and build lifelong friendships. For specifics about the Open Houses or for more information about our Diocesan Catholic Schools, including tuitions assistance opportunities, please visit [www.DioceaseofScranton.org/CatholicSchools](http://www.DioceaseofScranton.org/CatholicSchools).

## **Wyoming Area Catholic School Open House**

You are invited to spread the good news about Wyoming Area Catholic School by joining us (and a friend or neighbor) for an Open house at 1690 Wyoming Avenue, Exeter on Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> from noon to 2pm during Catholic School's Week. Tours will be given by students, parents, teachers and administrators who will answer all your questions and concerns.

## **Prince of Peace Parish, Old Forge MardiGras**

will be held on Saturday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> from 6pm at Arcaro & Genell Banquet Room, Main Street Old Forge. Hors d'oeuvres, Family Style Dinner, Beer, Wine & Soda included. Entertainment by Frankie Gervasi of "The Poets". Price is \$30 per person. Adults Only. Reservations close on Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>. Seating is limited so make your reservations early. Payment is due with reservations. Contact the rectory at 570-457-5900 or Francis at 570-451-0112

## **Holy Redeemer High School Grade 8**

**Placement/Scholarship Test Results Night and Registration Night for Incoming Freshman** will be held on January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Auditorium. Appointments for class scheduling for new students for the 2015-2016 School Year will be held from February 5, 9, 10, 11 from 3 to 6pm. Call Holy Redeemer High School's Guidance Department at 570-829-2424 to set an appointment.

## **Parenting Pointers**

Gimme, get me, I want it, I saw it on TV! We used to make fun of this jingo with our kids. Although TV is a frequent companion in many homes, we needn't be a slave to it. Sometimes humor can help. Can you and your child identify one item advertised on TV or the internet that you really don't need. Laugh together about how ridiculous it is that advertisers present it as a life necessity. Hint: Check out the Super Bowl this Sunday for ideas.