



SS. Peter and Paul Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
March 29, 2015

*[Christ Jesus] humbled himself,
becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross*
Philippians 2:8

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; 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
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Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 7am
Wednesday – 6pm
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



March 29 through April		
Mon	7am	Daniel McGettigan by Mr. & Mrs. Baldino Vincinelli
Tues.	7am	Michael Wanek by Ben, Francine & Candice Berrini
Wed.	6pm	Joseph Franchella (A) by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Salvatore
Thurs.	7pm	Mass of the Lord Supper
Fri.	2pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
	6:30pm	Stations of the Cross
Sat.	8pm	Easter Vigil – Special Intentions
Sun.	8am	Easter – Special Intentions
	11am	Easter – Special Intentions

In Memory of
The Sanctuary Lamp
Al Soboleski

Votive by the Blessed Virgin Mary
Irene Stanski

Message of the Week *Mark 14:1—15:47*
"They began to be distressed and to say to him, one by one, Surely it is not I?"

During this dramatic scene at the Last Supper, we can picture Judas Iscariot, the betrayer, trying to play up his innocence as long as possible. He knew he had already betrayed Jesus, and if he joined in the "who, me?" ritual, he was just putting on appearances. But what about the others? The rest of the Twelve were deeply disturbed by the idea that they might betray Jesus. As we know, however, when push came to shove, Peter's fear of betraying Jesus was trumped by fear for his own life. But notice Peter's reaction when he realized what he'd done: "He broke down and wept." How different was humble Peter's response from that of prideful Judas. The betrayers in today's Gospel readings are not just these two men, however. We also follow the crowd who hailed Jesus one day with "hosannas!" and a week later nailed him with their angry "crucify him!" How quickly our faith can turn fickle. But today, let us resolve not to be so proud as to think we are perfect disciples. Let us have the humility of Peter who wept over his imperfections and, ultimately, repented of his sins. Only when we acknowledge that we need God's help will we be able to hail him and praise him as he truly deserves.

March 22, 2015

Contribution	\$7,794
Care and Education of Priest	\$25
Charity	\$85
Easter	\$90
Dues	\$1,434
Flowers	\$267
Initial Offering	\$3
Lenten	\$123
Maintenance	\$50
Novena	\$1,116
Utilities/Fuel/Heat	\$86
Ash Wednesday	\$14
Good Friday	\$4
Holy Thursday	\$4
Insurance	\$10

Questions of the Week?

Mark 14:1—15:47:

What do you do to hear the Passion narrative anew each year?

Isaiah 50:4-7:

How do you make peace with the suffering you experience in life?

Philippians 2:6-11:

What do you think Paul meant by the phrase that Jesus "did not regard equality with God something to be grasped"?

Pastor

Rev. John Boyle

Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Joseph Greskiewicz

Religious Education

Sande Holena

Music

Christine Katsock

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.

Buildings/Maintenance/Properties

Michael Levandowski

JUSTICE NOTES:

Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave
Philippians 2: 7

This week, our faith asks us to look ultimate sacrifice right in the eye. We, humans, who are so averse to pain, must ponder the depth of love Jesus has for us. In an act of self-emptying, Jesus pours out his very self for us in love. As we recall the Passion story, we are called as witnesses to respond and to imitate his life. And as God's family, we are called to look out for one another. It's not just about "me." It's about "us." Ours is a journey of self-emptying in love too.

The Vatican Council II document, **Gaudium et Spes** ("Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World") expresses this intense giving so eloquently in its opening paragraphs that I hope you reflect on its words in this most holiest of weeks.

"1. The joys and the hopes, the grief and the anguish of the people of our time, especially of those who are poor or afflicted, are the joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the followers of Christ as well. Nothing that is genuinely human fails to find an echo in their hearts. For theirs is a community of people united in Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit in their pilgrimage towards the Father's kingdom, bearers of a message of salvation for all of humanity. That is why they cherish a feeling of deep solidarity with the human race and its history.

2. Now that the Second Vatican Council has studied the mystery of the Church more deeply, it addresses not only the daughters and sons of the Church and all who call upon the name of Christ, but the whole of humanity as well, and the council wishes to explain to everyone how it conceives of the presence and activity of the Church in the world of today. The world which the council has in mind is the world of women and men, the entire human family seen in its total environment. It is the world as the theater of human history, bearing the marks of its travail, its triumphs and failures. It is the world which Christians believe has been created and is sustained by the love of its Maker, has fallen into the slavery of sin but has been freed by Christ, who was crucified and rose again in order to break the strangle hold of the evil one, so that the world might be fashioned anew according to God's design and reach its fulfillment."

Ask yourself how these words portray love as the meaning of Holy Week. How are we called to

Parish Activities

March 29 through April 3

Sun.	Religious Education Classes Class 9:30am – 10:30am Palm Sunday - Family Mass Easter Egg Hunt	3pm
Mon.	Quilting Confession Rosary Lenten Spiritual Experience	5pm 5:30pm – 7pm 6:30pm 7pm
Tues.	Quilting	9am
Wed	Youth Group	6:30pm
Thur.	Office and Parish Center Closed	
Fri.	Stations of the Cross	6:30pm

empty ourselves for the good of others? How have our Lenten reflections on global solidarity affected how we view poor and vulnerable people in our own communities? Has our own life been changed?

PRO-LIFE ISSUE:

Pope Francis came out squarely against the death penalty once again, calling it "unacceptable" regardless of the seriousness of the crime of the condemned.

Pope Francis met with a three-person delegation of the International Commission Against the Death Penalty March 20, and issued a letter on the occasion urging worldwide abolition.

Citing his previous messages against the death penalty, the pope called capital punishment "cruel, inhumane and degrading" and said it "does not bring justice to the victims, but only foments revenge."

Furthermore, in a modern "state of law, the death penalty represents a failure" because it obliges the state to kill in the name of justice, the pope said. Rather, it is a method frequently used by "totalitarian regimes and fanatical groups" to do away with "political dissidents, minorities" and any other person deemed a threat to their power and to their goals.

"Human justice is imperfect," he said, and the death penalty loses all legitimacy within penal systems where judicial error is possible.

Increasingly, public opinion is against the death penalty, in view of the effective means available today to restrain a criminal without denying them the possibility to redeem themselves and of a "greater moral sensitivity regarding the value of human life," Pope Francis said.

The death penalty is an affront to the sanctity of life and to the dignity of the human person, he said. It contradicts God's plan for humankind and society and God's merciful justice, he added.

Capital punishment "is cruel, inhuman and degrading, as is the anxiety that precedes the moment of execution and the terrible wait between the sentence and the application of the punishment, a 'torture' which, in the name of a just process, usually lasts many years and, in awaiting death, leads to sickness and insanity."

The pope went on to say that the application of capital punishment denies the condemned the possibility of making reparation for the wrong committed, of expressing their interior conversion through confession, and expressing contrition, so as to encounter God's merciful and saving love.

Speaking about life imprisonment, Pope Francis said such sentences makes it impossible for a prisoner to "project a future" and in that way can be considered a "disguised death" as it deprives prisoners not only of their freedom but also of their hope.

Message of the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference:

The Pennsylvania Catholic Conference welcomes Governor Tom Wolf's **announcement** of a "reprieve to inmate Terrance Williams, who was scheduled to be executed on March 4, 2015. Governor Wolf will grant a reprieve – not a commutation – in each future instance in which an execution for a death row inmate is scheduled, establishing an effective moratorium on the death penalty in Pennsylvania." The Catholic Bishops of Pennsylvania have long been advocating for an end to the death penalty in Pennsylvania because the modern penal system provides alternatives to taking the lives of the guilty. Punishment should reflect our belief in the inherent human dignity of each person, and taking a life to avenge the death of another does not create a culture of life.

People convicted of capital offenses must be punished effectively and appropriately for their crimes. Family and friends of victims, and society as a whole, demand this. Just punishment, however,

can be attained without resorting to execution. Even the most violent offenders who commit heinous crimes still have a dignity given by God.

In *Living the Gospel of Life*, the U.S. Bishops wrote, "Our witness to respect for life shines most brightly when we demand respect for each and every human life, including the lives of those who fail to show that respect for others. The antidote to violence is love, not more violence."

In unity with Pope Francis and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the PCC reaffirms absolute respect and protection for every human life, from conception to natural death, even when one of those lives has been responsible for a heinous crime.

Society will not benefit from imposing the death penalty, nor will it be harmed by showing mercy. By turning away from the death penalty, we are embracing hope, not despair. Today's announcement breaks the cycle of violence that so plagues our society. We hope that this spirit of respect for human life is shown throughout all laws and policies of the Commonwealth.

Lottery Winners

3-16	#783	Andrea Melman
3-17	#118	Al Stashis
3-18	#146	Charles Zajackowski
3-19	#378	Sierra Jendrzewski
3-20	#587	Carol Caffery
3-21	#825	Marion Koneski
3-22	#161	Abby Loftus

Congratulations to all!!!!

Increased Offertory Program

Within the next few days you will receive a Summary Report detailing the results of our Increased Offertory Program. Six weeks ago we began this program. We are beginning to see signs that our Sunday offertory collections are growing through the generosity of many, many parishioners. Thank you so very much to all who have chosen to participate in this very important program. Your generosity shows your willingness as a faithful stewards to be part of the ongoing mission of SS Peter and Paul Parish.

Memorial Donations

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

SS. Peter and Paul Food Pantry

\$415 Proceeds from the St. Joseph's Table
\$100 Sandra & Rebecca Harowicz
\$145 Anonymous
\$50 Joseph & Mary Wilk
\$10 Jerome Perch
\$30 Joan Yostrum
\$50 Ty Biniek
\$15 Ann Wielgopolski
\$10 Nancie Conlon

In Memory of Nello Carozzoni

\$100 Marijo Carozzoni

In Memory of Alvida Eustic

\$25 Sherry Dymond

In Memory of Annette Aritz

\$25 Joseph & Barbara Salus

\$100 Gary & Kathy Lauer

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 Feb. 9, 2015 is \$62,697. We are under our goal by \$11,303. 421 Parishioner have contributed to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Anyone wishing to contribute Appeal can call the Diocesan

9th Annual Regional Celebration of the Divine

Mercy Sunday will be held at St. Maria Goretti Parish, Laflin on Sunday, April 12. This year's theme will be focused on the role of St. Faustina as the vessel of the message of Divine Mercy, where Jesus poured out to us His love and mercy on the cross. In this year of Consecrated Life we honor St. Faustina on the fifteenth anniversary of her Canonization, and also pray for all those who dedicate their lives to Christ and His Holy Church. The itinerary includes, 1pm Sacrament of Reconciliation; (7 priests) 2pm Veneration of the Image followed by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass; 3pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Divine Mercy in song, Holy Rosary, Benediction,

individual blessing of the First Class Relic of St. Faustina.

Ways to Evangelize During Lent

Observing Good Friday vs. Opening Day

So, why can't you go to the baseball opener on Friday?

In some years, Good Friday occurs on the same day major league baseball teams have their "opening day" celebrations with games usually starting at 3:05pm. While everyone else is heading

to the stands, eager for hot dogs and home runs, all those Catholics are walking quietly towards churches. Why?? Because at three o'clock on a Friday, on a hillside called Calvary, the Savior of the world took his last breath. All for love of us. "It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"; and when he had said this he breathed his last." (Luke 23:44-46) At 3pm on Good Friday, we take the time to reflect on what Christ has done for us, not only by fasting, but also by the various devotions that our churches offer: veneration of the cross, the reading of the Passion and the Stations of the Cross. On Good Friday, we spend our afternoon walking with Christ to Calvary, immersed in his love and mercy...and that beats any

baseball game, any time.

20th Anniversary Talent Show

St Maria Goretti will be held on Sunday, April 19th at 7pm. Free admission and free refreshments.

Living Stations will be held at St. Cecilia's Church on March 29th at 3pm. We invite everyone to attend and experience this beautiful re-enactment of our Lord's Passion and Death.

Suffering

Jesus did not come to do away with suffering or remove it. He came to fill it with his presence.
Paul Claudel

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Holy Thursday – Last Supper

April 2nd – 7pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Repository until 11pm

Knights of Columbus

will provide an honor guard

9-10pm Women's Society

10-11pm Holy Name Society



Good Friday

The Passion of Our Lord

April 3rd – 2pm

Stations of the Cross – 6:30pm



Blessing of Easter Baskets

Saturday, April 4th

11am and 1pm in the School Hall



Easter Vigil Services

April 4th – 8pm

Easter Sunday

April 5th

8am and

11am Family Mass

Easter Flowers

Giacinta Sabatini
 Caroline Rocconi
 Adrianna Giovanelli
 Julia Milanck
 Paul Mattiucci
 John Panatieri
 Sylvester Panatieri
 Timothy Wheeler
 Vincent Starzynski, Jr.
 Edward Stachowski
 Irene Stanski
 Anna & John Pientka
 M/M Joseph Riccetti
 Mrs. Slader
 Edward Stachowski
 Margaret Kwasnik
 Nicholas & Vera Mascioli
 Anna & Jacob Mycko
 Maryann Pizzella
 Francis Teresinski
 Mocion Family
 Joseph Oley
 Mary Magda
 M. Aling
 Stella Miller
 Jean Osbirak
 Paul/Josephine Anderus
 Betty MacCartney
 M/M Ed Regina
 Genevieve Klepadlo
 Skillinge/Konitski Families
 Max Green
 Robert Brozowski
 Joseph Eckert
 Geroge Eckert
 Peter & Josphine Rajnik
 Jason Joseph Tavella
 Frances Meehan
 John Yench
 Charles & Ann Zajackoski
 Michael Martin
 Andrew & Mary Yevich
 Thomas & Dora Yevich
 Celia Katsak
 M/M Frank Sustnkoski
 M/M George Pilconis
 Frank Kaminski
 Anna Gambini
 Ted Toloczko
 Ted/Loretta Winiewicz
 Mary Baginski

In Memory/Honor of

Assunta Rocconi
 Margaret Rocconi
 Henry J. Ehick
 Edward Milanck
 Garry Mattiucci
 Alvira Panatieri
 Barbara Chukinas
 Thomas Deptulski
 Victoria Serino
 Gloria Antosh
 Bill Koneski
 M/M Anthony Slabak
 Edmund Riccetti
 Barker Slader
 Joseph Kwasnik
 Frank Yackoski
 John Krulack
 Alice Leibman
 Theresa Nearhoof
 Stacharski Family
 All Souls
 George Magda
 Alfred DeAngelica
 McKenn Family
 Frances Jasonis
 Ann Berzynski
 Chester Bilski
 M/M John Sokolski
 Joseph S. Klepadlo
 Joseph A. Toloczko
 Dorothy A. Vearling
 Jule Green
 John & Celia Mrak
 Leo & Emma Shivell
 Frances Eckert
 Stella Pysher
 Martha Rudda
 Walter Ruddo, Jr
 Mary Yench
 Nellie Szhmanski
 Michael Zajackoski
 Jennie Yevich
 Willard Frazier
 M/M Charles Pilconis
 Rosemary Fanucci
 Gene & Santina Berti
 Russell Gambini
 Mary Antosh
 Joseph/Agnes Bilski
 Chester Baginski
 Victoria Panowicz

Mary Yackiewicz
 Daniel Pientka
 Michael Burk
 Al Dombrosky
 Joey Hoinski
 Stanley Walkowiak
 Alec Tempalski
 John Harowicz
 Thomas Nawiatowicz
 Arthur C. Kline
 Madeline Kline
 Jakuboski Family
 Elizabeth McGough
 Erin Wight
 Robert Wicht
 William & Mary Zelinski
 Beth Bonn
 Stanley Doblix
 Wanda Jankowski
 Ted Wysocki
 Helen Kozik
 Michael L. Sepafin
 Ann Honeywell Serafin
 Robert Suchoski
 M/M Louis Bechetti
 Rita Calabrese
 Mildred Fender
 Yackowski Family
 Joseph Doughee
 Mary Matzel
 Mussynski & Stec Families
 Alexander & Anna Waskie
 Irene & Michael Konycki
 Louise & Josephine Mastrini
 Emma & Enrico Brunetti
 John & Catherin Tympalski
 William/Josephine Dombroski
 Violet & Stephen Polacheds
 Veronica Stachurski
 Charles Zack
 Anna & Joseph Boniewicz
 Keil & Ciechoski Families
 Ann Giovannini
 Marianne Jasonis
 Frantz Family
 Trosky Family
 Frank & Josephine Jagodinski
 Joseph & Constance Mastrini
 George & Sophie Baltusavich
 Phil, Daniel & Matthew Koneski
 Magda, Oley McMullen Families
 Anthony, Bertha, Joe, Henry Toloczko

Veronica Svab
 Jack Cavanaugh
 Louise Myers
 Joseph Hoinski
 Josephine Walkowiak
 Henry Walkowiak
 Stephen Adams
 Bruno Brunetti
 Anna Nawiatowicz
 Arthur L. Kline
 Marchetti Family
 Walter Burko Sr.
 Stanley Prescavage
 Basil Desiderio
 Frances Wanek
 Jean Triebec
 Lorraine Doblix
 Olga Burko
 John Dragon
 Theresa Chipieski
 John Kozik Jr.
 Caroline Serafin
 Vail Ent
 M/M William Fender
 M/M Harry Donane
 Maria Bechetti
 Balestrini Family
 Ralph Macaravage
 Frank Mattei
 Donald Langdon
 Godula Famiy
 Trosky Family
 George Blom
 Attilio Tonitini
 Anna Tontini
 Michele Tontini
 Barbara Tontini
 Roman Stachurski
 Stanley Stachurski
 Anna Zack
 Florence Sierko
 Joseph Popple
 Andrew Giovannini Sr.
 Bernard Frantz
 Pesotski Family
 Godula Family
 Jesse Jude Joyce
 Dr. Joseph Matticks
 Margaret Biniek
 "Bena" Eustice
 Helen Biniek

HersheyPark Tickets

We are again offering tickets to Hershey Park at a substantial discount, to our Parishioners. If you would like to order individual admission tickets for the 2015 summer season (valid public operating days) complete and submit this ORDER FORM along with full payment by **APRIL 12th**.

Make checks payable to SS Peter and Paul Church

Drop this completed order form with payment in the collection basket or bring to the Parish Office.

Name: _____ Primary Phone: _____ EMAIL: _____

Families will be called when tickets arrive at Parish
 The youth involved in ministries will again be treated to a trip to Hershey
 At a date to be announced

Quantity	Type	Gate	Your Price	Savings	Total
	Regular (ages 9-54)	\$62.80 Peak Season	\$35	44%	\$
	Junior ages (ages 3-8) Senior (Ages 55-69)	\$39.80	\$30	28%	\$
	Senior Plus (Ages 70+)	\$25.80	\$30	30%	\$
		Order	Grand	Total	

*The 2015 Confirmation Candidates
cordially invite*

*The Senior Citizens
of SS. Peter and Paul Parish*

*to a Spring Social
being held on
Sunday, April 26th
in the School Hall.*

*Doors will open at 12:15pm,
dinner will take place at 12:30pm.*

Menu

*Fresh Fruit Cup
Ham, Turkey,
Mashed Potatoes/Gravy
Carrots, Rolls and Butter
Beverages, Pie*

*There will be musical entertainment
and door prizes will be awarded.*

*Seating is limited so please call the
Rectory (570-825-6663) to make
reservations as soon as possible.*

*Admission is Free,
you need only to respond*