



SS. Peter and Paul Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 19, 2014

*Have no anxiety at all, but in everything by prayer and petition,
with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God..*

- Philippians 4:6

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	Virgie & Samuel Butch by Ethel & George Mehal Sr.
Tues.	7am	Parishioners
Wed.	7am	Communion Service
Thurs.	7am	Patrick Delasandro by Jack Delaney
Fri.	7am	Lottie Silvi by Patty & Bob Tomlinson
Sat.	4pm	Jennifer Snarski (A) by Grandmother & Family
Sun.	8am	Catherine Neishell by Rose & Gerald Oliver
	11am	Stella & Edward & Robert Pienta by Family

In Memory of
The Sanctuary Lamp
George and Mary Magda & Sons
Votive by the Blessed Virgin Mary
Virgie & Samuel Butch
Flowers on the Altar
Ronald Milgate

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

Matthew 22:15-21

In today’s Gospel, the Pharisees “plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech.” But he outwitted them, as usual. They wanted to catch him being a political rebel; they expected him to suggest that paying taxes to Caesar was unnecessary or even unjust. But instead, he shifted the focus.

So, how do we know what we should “repay” to God? Well, Jesus’ response to the Pharisees gives us our answer. He looked at the Roman coin that bore the image of Caesar on it. Then he concluded that the coin belonged to Caesar because it was made in his likeness. Now, what bears the image of God? What is made in his likeness? We are! “God created man in his image; in the divine image he created him; male and female he created them” (Gn 1:27). If the coin belonged to Caesar, we belong to God. We repay God by giving him ourselves!

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.

October 12, 2014	
Contributions	\$7,058
Dues	\$756
Repairs	\$1,308
Charity	\$36
Education of Priest	\$138
All Saints	\$118
<i>A good place for the “buck to stop” is in the collection basket!</i>	

Today’s Reading

First Reading –The Lord said to Cyrus, his anointed, “I am the Lord, there is no other” (Isaiah 45:1, 4-6).

Psalm – Give the Lord glory and honor (Psalm 96).

Second Reading –Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians: We thank God always for all of you (1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b).

Gospel – Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s and to God what is God’s (Matthew 22:15-21).

Questions of the Week

Matthew 22:15-21:

As a Christian today, how do you handle contentious political debates?

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6:

What do you think Isaiah’s message to King Cyrus says about the reign of God?

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b:

What are some of your virtues for which you are thankful to God?



Justice Notes:

Give to the Lord, you families of nations, give to the Lord glory and praise; give to the Lord the glory due his name! ---Psalm 96:7-8

This weekend is World Mission Sunday, which makes it a perfect time for the Sacred Heart Cathedral Global Solidarity Weekend---a celebration of grace and joy!

As Pope Francis states in the opening of his message for World Mission Sunday 2014, "The Church is missionary by her very nature: she was born 'to go forth'. World Mission Day is a privileged moment when the faithful of various continents engage in prayer and concrete gestures of solidarity in support of the young Churches in mission lands. It is a celebration of grace and joy. A celebration of grace, because the Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, offers wisdom and strength to those who are obedient to his action. A celebration of joy, because Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, sent to evangelize the world, supports and accompanies our missionary efforts."

The Pontifical Mission Societies (The Society for the Propagation of the Faith) have chosen this year to focus on the words from St. Matthew's Gospel, "I Will Build My Church" (Matthew 16:18) by highlighting the outreach of local churches through priests, religious, and laity among the poor and marginalized. The specific example they have chosen is of Bishop Wenceslao (Wens) Padilla, the first Bishop of Mongolia, and his fellow missionary priests from the Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and their work among families and children in need, sharing God's love and mercy, His hope and peace, while offering practical help---changing lives every day! Similar help is provided to mission churches in territories covering more than half the globe. Your prayers and generous support offered to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith on World Mission Sunday directly benefit the mission church. Such support is a concrete way to "build our Church" and to deepen your relationship with Jesus by helping missionaries

around the world.

<http://www.onefamilyinmission.org/society-propfaith.html>

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Catholic Social Services: *Strengthening our commitment to social justice and to those in need*
The Diocesan Annual Appeal enables us to "Transform Live Together" by embracing all of humanity, especially by serving the poorest, the weakest and the most vulnerable. Catholic Social Services provides valuable programs that help ensure the most defenseless among us are cared for and protected. Your generosity helps keep our soup kitchen and shelters open. Thousands of meals are served daily at St. Francis of Assisi Kitchen, Scranton, St. Anthony's Kitchen, Williamsport and St. Vincent DePaul Kitchen, Wilkes-Barre. St. Anthony's Haven, Scranton, provides a temporary refuge for those who have no place to call home. At Nativity Place, families in crisis find emergency housing. Your contributions help us to operate housing and supportive programs for families and for individuals, including veterans and the homeless, while expanding our outreach throughout the 11 counties of our diocese.

Our Parish Goal is 74,000. Amount Pledged as of Oct. 8th is \$18,020.

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.

Readings for the Week of October 12

Mon	Eph 2:1-10; Lk 12:13-21
Tue	Eph 2:12-22; Lk 12:35-38
Wed	Eph 3:1-12; Lk 12:39-48
Thurs	Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12:49-53
Fri	Eph 4:1-6; Lk 12:54-59
Sat	Eph 4:7-16; Lk 13:1-9
Sun	Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

Parish Activities

October 19 – October 26

Sun. Religious Education Classes

9:30am – 10:30am

Pasta Orders Being Taken

Mon. Quilting 5:00pm

Rosary 6:30pm

Faith Sharing 7pm

Women's Meeting 7pm

Tues. Quilting 9am – Noon

Wed. Grief Support

Thur. Quilting 9am – Noon

Holy Name Meeting 6:30pm

Sun. Religious Education Classes

9:30am – 10:30am

World Mission Sunday

Today is World Mission Sunday! We are invited to reach out and help build the Church in Mongolia, the world's youngest Catholic Church, as well as local churches throughout the Missions, in the most remote areas across our world. Your prayers and generous gift to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in the collection today help the work of priest, religious and lay leaders in Mongolia and throughout the Missions who offer the poor practical help and the experience of God's love and mercy. His hope and peace. Please keep the Mission in your daily prayers. Please be generous as you can to today's collection. For more information. Please visit

www.IAmAMissionary.org.

We are in need of Volunteers to act as hostesses for the upcoming photo sessions for the Parish Directory. Anyone wishing to help can call Diana at the Rectory during office hours.

Sight and Sound Theatre

The Women's group will sponsor a bus trip on December 3rd to see "Moses". Bus will leave from SS. Peter and Paul, they will stop on the way for some shopping, the performance at 2pm and dinner following at Shady Maple. Cost is \$110 and payable to SS Peter and Paul Church. **Deadline for reservation is Nov. 9th** contact Joan Pisack at 570-235-0777.

PASTOR'S WISH LIST: Occasionally, there are items that are needed in the Parish and hopefully, there are parishioners or friends who would be interested in donating them – for the good of the parish. We are currently in need of at least 5 (five) AEDs. – to be used in emergency situations. We could use them in the following parish locations: Church (1); School (2) – One for classroom level and one for Cafeteria Level; Rectory (1) and Parish Center (1). Not only are the Defibrillators needed, but we need individuals to be trained in their use. While you may wonder why we need these – you may wonder if the life they could save could be yours!! If you are interested in donating one or more of these units, please contact Fr. B. at your earliest convenience. Anyone wishing to donate to this cause can place the donation in an envelope designate "Defibrillator" and place in collection basket.

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.** 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.

Baby Bottles will be in the back of the church. Please take one home, fill and bring back by October 26th. All proceeds will go to the Pro-Life Center, in Wilkes-Barre.

Holy Redeemer High School, 159 S. Penn. Blvd. Wilkes-Barre, 5670-829-2424, www.holyredeemerhs.org will hold an Open House on Sunday, October 26th from 1:00 to 3:00pm. Mark your calendars: Scholarship/Placement Test will be held on Saturday, December 13th at 8:30am.

SURVEY FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES: Like it or not, Christmas is only a little more than 2 months away. In order for scheduling purposes, the time of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses needs to be settled. While everyone has their own ideas on the number and times of Masses, we cannot cater to everyone's desire. The following form will help decide the times of the Masses. In order for your vote to count, the following must be observed:

- You must be a registered and contributing parishioner.
- You must sign your "ballot"
- **You may only submit one ballot per household or contributing member – either for Christmas Eve or Christmas Day – not both.**

**PLEASE RETURN VIA THE
COLLECTION BASKET OR VIA MAIL
NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 2.**

Please Print

Name: _____

Envelope # _____

**Please select only ONE
for Christmas Eve**

_____ 5:00 P. M. Christmas Eve

_____ 9:00 P.M. Christmas Eve

_____ 12:00am Midnight Mass

*(The 2 with the most votes will be on
Christmas Eve.)*

or Christmas Day

_____ 10:00 A.M. Christmas Day

_____ 11:00 A.M. Christmas Day

*(The 1 with the most votes will be the time of
the Mass on Christmas Day.)*

Signature: _____

St. Andrew Parish is holding a "Designer Bingo" on Sunday, October 26 at 318 Parrish St. Wilkes-Barre. Bingo starts at 1pm. Doors open at noon. Tickets are \$20 and include 20 games. Some prizes include: Coach, Dooney & Bourke, Michael Kors, Vera Bradley, Longaberger, Avon, Jewelry and more. There will be a Theme Basket Raffle and 50/50 drawing. Food, refreshments and homemade baked goods will be available. For tickets or more information, please call St. Andrew Rectory at 570-823-1948 or 570-822-8330.

VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children for Adults Program. This training session is required for all adult volunteers who work a minimum of 20 hours or more per year with children. During the three-hour training, a facilitator, who will teach you the tools and show you the resources to maintain a safe environment for all children, will incorporate techniques in a discussion-format to help you recognize the warnings signs of child sexual abuse and how to respond to it appropriately and effectively. Please consider joining your community on Monday, November 3, 2014 at Misericordia University, Dallas, beginning at 4pm, to take part in this vital program to help safeguard our most vulnerable and precious gifts: our children. The session details are listed below and also on our website. Thank you for your cooperation and your willingness to protect our children and to keep them safe.

Holy Redeemer High School Musical "Damn Yankees" will be held on Friday, Nov. 14th and Saturday, Nov. 5th at 7pm. Reserved seating in advance. Call to pick up presale tickets at 570-829-2424. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$6 for Seniors and \$5 for Students. All are welcome.

Students of Luzerne County are once again invited to submit to the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians 2014-2015 Irish History Contest. The contest is open to any student of grades 6 through 12. This year's topic is: *The Role of the Irish People in the American Civil War*. For complete contest rules and list of cash prizes, please visit www.ladiesaoh.com or call Mary Ellen Dooley at (570)735-1711. Deadline for entries is November 15, 2014. The J.A.O.H. is a charitable organization of Catholic Irish-American women founded in 1894, and aims to promote Irish history and culture.