

# Church of Saints Peter and Paul

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*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*January 29, 2017*

## *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 Saints Peter and Paul opens wide its doors  
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!*

## **Mission Statement**

As members of Saints 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.

### **Office Hours**

Monday 10AM – 4pm  
Tuesday through Friday 8am – 4pm  
Office closed daily Noon – 12:30pm  
Saturday by appointment

### **Mass Schedule**

Monday – Communion Service – 7am  
Tuesday through Friday – 7am  
Saturday 4pm  
Sunday 8am & 11am

### **Confession**

Daily 6:30AM – 6:45am  
Saturday 3PM – 3:30pm  
By appointment anytime

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

First Friday of every month – noon till 3pm

*Working Together to Build the Kingdom of God*

**M** 1-30 7am **Communion Service**  
**T** 1-31 7am **Robert Pisack (A)** by Wife & Sons  
**W** 2-1 7am **Catherine Neishell**  
 by Mr. & Mrs Barry Centini  
**Th** 2-2 7am **Walter Rudda** by Myron & Mildred Yencha  
**F** 2-3 7am **Ted Toloczko (A)** by Mrs. David Kasper  
**Noon to 3pm** **Eucharistic Adoration**  
**S** 2-4 4pm **Lottie Silvi** by Ron & Ceil Phillips  
  
**S** 2-5 8am **Living and Deceased Parishioners**  
 11am **Allan Makowski** by Family

**THE CHOSEN REMNANT**

Zephaniah is one of the least-known of the Old Testament prophets. He speaks in today's first reading of impending judgment. But the Lord will leave a "remnant" in Israel. This image of a remnant, or remainder, was to become vital to both Judaism and Christianity.

Paul's letter to Corinth makes obvious his deep concern for the Christians there. They are too self-confident, he says, too sure of themselves. He admonishes them to remember that Christ has given them all they have.

Today's Gospel comprises the opening of Jesus' "Great Sermon." As God gave Moses the law on Sinai, so now Jesus gathers his disciples on a hillside to teach them the new law. Each of these Beatitudes contrasts the humiliation of the present with the glory of the future: poverty vs. the riches of God's kingdom, hunger for holiness vs. fulfillment in the Spirit, persecution vs. the reign of God. Jesus is here speaking to God's chosen "remnant."

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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — You humble of the land, seek justice and humility, and the Lord will be your protection (Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13).

**Psalm** — Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! (Psalm 146).

**Second Reading** — God chose the weak of the world, those who count for nothing, so that whoever boasts should boast in the Lord (1 Corinthians 1:26-31).

**Gospel** — Jesus taught from the mountain: Blessed are the poor in spirit (Matthew 5:1-12a).

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*In Memory of  
Sanctuary Candle  
Albert Janerich*

*Our Lady of Lourdes Votive Candle  
Ted Wysocki*

*The Holy Family  
Mary Chester Baginski*

January 22, 2017

<b>Contribution</b>	<b>\$7469</b>
<b>Dues</b>	<b>\$1505</b>
<b>Christmas</b>	<b>\$130</b>
<b>Solemnity of Mary</b>	<b>\$72</b>
<b>Initial Offering</b>	<b>\$262</b>
<b>Maintenance</b>	<b>\$122</b>
<b>St. Vincent de Paul</b>	<b>\$37</b>
<b>Care of the Priest</b>	<b>\$54</b>
<b>Catholic Campaign</b>	<b>\$101</b>

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Catholic Schools Week  
 Tuesday: St. John Bosco  
 Thursday: The Presentation of the Lord;  
Groundhog Day  
 Friday: St. Blase; St. Ansgar; First Friday;  
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

<b>Pastor</b> Rev. John C. Lambert	<b>Pastor Emeritus</b> Rev. Joseph Greskiewicz
<b>Liturgical/Musical Consultant and Choir Director</b> Joan Turel	
<b>Faith Formation</b> Sande Holena	<b>Custodians</b> Michael Lambert Michael Levandowski
<b>Extraordinary Ministers/Readers</b> David Loiacono	<b>Ushers</b> Paul Muczynski
<b>Organists</b> Christine Katsock & Charles Unice	<b>Altar Servers</b> Gloria Flynn
<b>Food Pantry</b> Pauline Makowski	<b>Youth Group</b> MaryAnn and Michael Quinn

**Weekly Activities**  
January 29– February 5

<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Location</b>
Sun.	9:30am	Faith Formation	Faith Formation Center	Classroom
Mon.	5pm	Quilting	Parish Center	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
	6:30pm	Rosary	Parish Center	Prayer Room
	7pm	Faith Sharing	Parish Center	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
Tues.	9am	Quilting	Parish Center	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
	6:30pm	Chess Club	Parish Center	Prayer Room
Wed.		Plains Seniors	Faith Formation Center	Bernardine Hall
	2:15pm	Mass	Riverstreet Manor	
Thurs.	9am	Quilting	Parish Center	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
	6:30pm	Liturgy Meeting	Parish Center	Conference Room
Fri.	7am	Blessing of Throats	Church	During Mass
Sun.	9:30am	Faith Formation	Faith Formation Center	Classrooms

**Memorial Donations**

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

**Saints Peter and Paul Parish  
Bernardine Hall**

\$5,000 In Memory of Joseph Luczak  
by Angela Trentowski

**Saints Peter and Paul Food Pantry**

\$250 Italian American Citizens Club  
\$50 Josephine Tanski  
\$25 Elizabeth Segeda  
\$20 Anonymous  
\$200 In Memory of John and Ann Krokos  
by Richard & Diane Krokos  
\$50 In Memory of Rose Flussi by Mary Iorio  
In Memory of Thomas Brice  
\$100 Brice Family  
\$25 Liz Segeda  
\$20 Mary Drew  
\$20 Liz & Rosemary Parise  
\$20 Betty & Joan Slawick  
\$10 Gerry Hirko

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.

**Circle of Prayer**

Many of us need the community's prayers. To request prayers for your intention, or to join the circle of prayer contact Mary Jo Marek at 570-825-6969.

**Marriage Moments**

Which of the Beatitudes most typifies your spouse – living simply, grieving, humility, hunger for righteousness, merciful, acts with integrity in the face of temptations, peacemaking, works for justice despite personal attacks (Mt. 5:1-12) *-Susan Vogt*

**Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass**

His Excellency, the Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office of Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2017 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 11. The event includes a 2:30pm Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address, should be made through your pastor before March 13. (Call the Office 570-825-6663 2 then 1 to be placed on the list)

## Liturgy Corner

### Did You Know.....

#### Ordained Ministry – Deacons

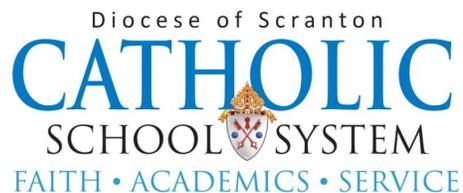
Deacons, priest, and bishops constitute the ordained ministry of our church. Deacons are either transitional or permanent. Transitional deacons have committed themselves to celibacy and are on their way to the priesthood. Permanent deacons have chosen the diaconate as a life-long ministry. A permanent deacon may be a married man, but if he loses his wife, he may not marry again. Liturgically, a deacon may baptize, celebrate benediction, conduct the vigil and grave-site rites at a funeral, and in the absence of a priest, presides at marriages outside of Mass. The deacon's most solemn functions during the Eucharistic liturgy are to proclaim the gospel and to preach. A deacon's stole is worn diagonally, placed across the left shoulder and fastened at the right hip. His Mass vestment is a kind of square, sleeved garment called a dalmatic.

#### Mark your Calendars!!!!

**Pierogi for the Lenten Season** will be made on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> and March 4<sup>th</sup>. Please consider lending a hand, many are needed. We will gather in Bernardine Hall each Saturday at 9am and should be finished around 1pm. We are also looking for a few hands to pack on Sunday morning (during Faith Formation) If you are able to help with this please call the Parish Office. We will again make potato, cabbage and cheese.

**Thank you** for your generosity to the Food Pantry, with both food and monetary donations. The holidays were a very busy time, therefore the pantry shelves are empty. We are in need of ...peanut butter, tuna, canned meats, pasta, coffee, Chef-boy-r-dee pasta, spaghetti sauce, cereal, potatoes. Also... soup, carrots, bake beans, fruit, tomatoes, beets, mixed veggies

***Congratulations to Michael Levandowski and Janna Michael on the announcement of their engagement. Michael has been our custodian here at Saints Peter and Paul for the past three years. May God Bless them and keep them in his care, now and in their future life together!!!***



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### Catch Our Spirit... Celebrate Our Catholic Schools

As families register their students for the upcoming school year, consider becoming an **Academic Angel!**

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 2017-18 school year. You can designate the gift as a memorial or as an honor for someone special; you can also select a particular school to receive your gift, or allow us to allocate it to the area with the greatest need. Contributions can be sent to the Diocese of Scranton Scholarship Foundation, 300 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton PA 18503

### Catch Our Spirit... Celebrate Catholic Schools Week January 29 – February 4, 2017

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week by attending one of our Catholic School Open Houses! You are invited to come experience 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 tuition assistance opportunities, please visit [www.DioceseofScranton.org/CatholicSchools](http://www.DioceseofScranton.org/CatholicSchools)

## Parenting Pointers

March for Life – Envision a world where every human life is valued and protected. Help your children understand the importance of protecting life, no matter how small, by some act of solidarity with children younger than themselves today.

- Susan Vogt

**The Order of Alhambra**, an organization of Catholic men and women, dedicated to providing activities and support for special needs children and adults and assisting persons with intellectual disabilities is seeking donations. The local chapter, known as Alhambra Caravan No 4, hosts an annual picnic for developmentally disabled in August and provides assistance to St. Joseph's Center in Scranton and the White Haven Center. Adults 18 years old or older are welcome to become members. Donations can be made to: Alhambra Caravan No 4 & sent to: Kathy Kennedy, Grand Commander 17 Belles Ave, Ashley, PA 18706. For more information, please contact Kathy at 570-825-3272 or Chaplain: Rev. James E. McGahagan at 570-823-1948. Your generosity benefits God's Special People.

**St. Leo Cyrenians Night at the Races** will be held on Saturday, February 25 in the Church Hall at 33 Manhattan St. Ashley. Post time is 7pm, doors open at 5:45pm and food is served at 6pm. You must be 21 years old to attend and admission is \$5.00. Admission includes food and beverages. For more information or horses call Jackie Lehman at 570-823-6633.

**Wyoming Area Catholic School** will have an Open House on Sunday January 29 from 12 noon to 2pm. We have limited openings in Grades Pre K through 8<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Eileen Rishcoff, Principal and the faculty and staff invite you to come to the Open House and tour the school to see what a Catholic Education has to offer your child. Call the School Office for more information (570-654-7982). Come and "Catch Our Spirit".

**Wyoming Area Catholic** will hold their annual Night at the Races on Sat. Feb. 4 in the school gym. Doors open at 5:45pm race starts at 7pm. Complimentary food, snacks, and soft drinks will be provided. Horses are \$10 – prize is \$50 if your horse wins. Donation is \$56 per person (must be 21 or over to attend) Please call the school officer for more information 570-654-7982.

## Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (Childline) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Joseph DeVozoa at 570-862-7551 or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at 570-207-2269

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 5:1-12a

Beatitude means happiness, and in the Gospel today, Jesus teaches The Beatitudes as a guide for the way we should live each day.

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## The Good News

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Jesus wants us to be happy. Jesus teaches happiness to all in His Sermon on the Mount.

**In His sermon today Jesus teaches us a good way to live.**

*This is what Jesus says:*

Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger  
and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart,  
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted  
for the sake of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Draw a picture of yourself in the newspaper, then share and talk to someone about what you drew.

This is \_\_\_\_\_, happily living The Beatitudes.

Living the message in The Beatitudes, gives happiness to everyone - ourselves, those around us and especially Jesus!