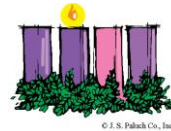




SS. Peter and Paul Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community



The First Week of Advent
November 29, 2015

I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land
Jeremiah 33:15

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 10AM – 3PM
Tuesday through Friday 8AM – 3PM
Saturday by appointment

Mass Schedule

Monday – Communion Service – 7AM
Tuesday through Friday – 7AM
Saturday 4PM
Sunday 8AM & 11AM

Confessions

Daily 6:30AM – 6:45AM
Saturday 3:00PM - 3:30PM
And by appointment anytime

Parish Center

(570)822-8761

Working Together to Build the Kingdom of God



Mass Intentions
for the Week

November 30 through December 6

- M 11/30 7AM **Communion Service**
- T 12/1 7AM **Suzanne Kanasky**
by Mr. & Mrs. David Miller
- W 12/2 7AM **Joseph Franchella**
by Jerome & Bonnie Majeski
- Th 12/3 9AM **Rosemary Bernesky**
by Gloria McAdara
- F 12/4 7AM **Evelyn Krzywicki**
by Frank & Diane Colleran
- S 12/5 4PM **Josephine Antosh**
by Shirley Ritsick & Family
- S 12/6 8AM **Stella Kielert**
by Michael & Ann Wheeler
11AM **Living and Deceased Parishioners**

In Memory of

The Sanctuary Lamp
50th Anniversary
Irene and Edward Mangan

Votive by the Blessed Virgin Mary
50th Anniversary
Irene and Edward Mangan

November 22, 2015

*Due to an early submission of the
bulletin Contributions will be
listed next weekend*

THE COMING KINGDOM

Jeremiah could see it coming—the kingship of Jesus and the restoration of Jerusalem. But was anybody listening? Is anybody listening now? It must have been tough being a prophet, but Jeremiah was persistent in his message because he knew that it needed to be heard.

Also persistent in his message is Paul as he encourages the Thessalonians—and all of us—to live in accordance with the kingship that Jeremiah foretold. He encourages us to conduct ourselves in ways of holiness so that we may be well prepared for the king’s coming. Finally, Jesus himself tells us to be ever diligent so that we may gain favor before our God and King.

Jeremiah could see the kingship of Jesus coming. As we begin the season of Advent, Paul and Jesus tell us not only how to prepare for the Kingdom, but how to live it day to day.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

Psalm — To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — May the Lord make you increase and abound in love that you may be blameless in holiness; conduct yourselves so as to please God (1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2).

Gospel — There will be signs and you will see the Son of Man coming with power and great glory. Be vigilant (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: First Sunday of Advent
- Monday: St. Andrew
- Tuesday: World AIDS Day
- Thursday: St. Francis Xavier
- Friday: St. John of Damascus; First Friday
- Saturday: First Saturday

GREATNESS

The measure of greatness is not the number of servants you have, but the number of people you serve.

—Anonymous

<p>Pastor Rev. John C. Lambert</p>	<p>Pastor Emeritus Rev. Joseph Greskiewicz</p>
<p>Liturgical/Musical Consultant and Choir Director Joan Turel</p>	
<p>Faith Formation Sande Holena</p>	<p>Buildings/Maintenance Michael Levandowski</p>
<p>Organist Christine Katsock</p>	<p>Eucharistic Minister/Lectors David Loiacono</p>
<p>Ushers Paul Muczynski</p>	<p>Altar Servers Gloria Flynn</p>
<p>Food Pantry Pauline Makowski</p>	<p>Youth Group Maryann/Michael Quinn</p>



Memorial Donations

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

Organ Donation

\$20 Anonymous

SS. Peter and Paul Food Pantry

\$535 Anonymous
 \$100 Ann Pendolphi
 \$100 Special Intention
 \$100 Mariann McGroarty
 \$50 Irene and Edward Mangan
 \$25 Elizabeth Hession
 \$25 Joseph & Deborah Bronack
 \$25 Kathleen Pilconis
 \$10 Stella Cappellini

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.

Advent Vespers will be celebrated on *Guadete Sunday* (the Third Sunday of Advent), December 13 at 6:30pm. It is a Sunday of rejoicing. Please take some time from your busy schedule to attend this prayer in our beautiful church.



Christmas Giving Tree

The Giving Trees are in place this weekend decorated with gift tags. Anyone wishing to participate in this Christmas project is asked to take a tag, purchase a gift for the person, wrap the present, placing the tag on the gift and return it to the Church by December 13th. The gifts will be distributed through our Food Pantry on Dec. 18th. Anyone wishing to donate gloves, socks, scarves, hats etc. (for children infant to 12) may drop them off at the Office. Any not needed here will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul's

Parish Activities

November 29 through December 6

Sun. Pierogi on Sale after Masses

Mon. Quilting 5PM
 Rosary 6:30PM

Tues. Quilting 9AM

Wed. Choir 7PM

Thurs Quilting 9AM

Sun. Faith Formation 9:30AM

Lottery Winners

Nov. 16th #772 Ann Berecin
 Nov. 17th #709 Charles ZSajackowski
 Nov. 18th #108 Sheila Mooney
 Nov. 19th #974 Janice Weaver

Congratulations to all!!!!

Marriage Moments

As we enter the holy season of Advent, the rest of the world often knows this as the holiday and party season. Who does most of the decorating, buying, cooking, and cleaning up around your home? Is it shared? Is it hectic? Is it too much? Simplify.

- Susan Vogt

Lottery Tickets – Stocking Stuffers

Tickets for January are in the printing process and will soon be available. Awards will begin Jan 1 and end January 31 – a winner daily number (excludes the double draw). Prizes are \$50 Sunday to Friday, \$100 on Saturday and \$500 on January 1st. 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. These make great Stocking Stuffers or to place in a card for Christmas!!!! Tickets will be available next weekend at all Masses.

Liturgy Corner: Did You Know?



First Sunday of Advent

Today is the First Sunday of Advent, the first day of the new liturgical year.

Advent, which always begins on the Sunday closest to November 30, dates back to the fourth century.

It is a four-week period of joyful expectation and devout preparation for the celebration of Christmas and for Christ's coming again at the end of time.

Early in Advent, the liturgy focuses our attention on the Second Coming. After December 16, it shifts to the events surrounding the Lord's birth in Bethlehem.

The Women's Society of SS. Peter and Paul will be celebrating the Baptism of the Lord at the Irem Clubhouse, 64 Ridgeway Drive, Dallas on January 10th. All members, women of the parish and their guest are invited to attend. Please join us for dinner (choice of one of three entrees), entertainment and the good fellowship of the women of the parish. Reservation can be made by calling Joann Melman at 570-824-6735, Joanne Nixon at 570-823-8968 or Martha Yanaitis at 570-829-2870. Payment of \$40 is due to Joann Melman at the time of reservation and no later than January 3rd. If possible, please bring a donation for the Pro Life Center, such as clothing or baby items suitable for a newborn – two year old.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Our parish goal is \$70,000, thus far 322 parishioners made a pledge contributing \$52,441. Please consider making a pledge if you haven't already.

Israel: A Biblical Journey with Optional 4-Night Discover Jordan Post Tour Extension, April 11th – 19th, 2016. Highlights...Jaffa, Caesarea, Nazareth, Cana, Tiberias, Sea of Galilee, Mount of Beatitudes, Capernaum, Golan Heights, Caesarea Philippi, Mount Tabor, Tel Megiddo, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Mount of Olives, Mount Zion, Ein Karem, Via Dolorosa, Western wall, and Garden Tomb. Price for double is \$3,859, Single is \$4,509 and Triple is \$3,829 per person. Please contact Karen at Sea the World Travel at 570-714-5566.

Free CPR Training for Friends and Family will be held on December 6th at 3pm. It includes basic training in CPR for adults and infants and use of an AED device. You can register by calling 570-207-5200, Amanda at ext 240. It is being sponsored by Commonwealth Health System and Wilkes University at the EMS building (the old Fire Station) on Cunningham Ave., Wilkes-Barre, PA.

Bulletin Briefs

“Within the family each member is accepted, respected, respected and honored precisely because he or she is a person; and if any family member is in greater need, the care which he or she receives is all the more intense and attentive.”

Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae*, no. 92

The Wyoming Valley Barbershop Harmony Chorus will be presenting its 2015 Christmas Program at two locations Sunday, December 6. The first performance will take place at 2:30PM at St. John the Evangelist Church, 35 Williams Street, Pittston. The second will take place at 7PM at Dorranceton United Methodist Church, 549 Wyoming Ave, Kingston. “Santa” is expected to visit each performance. Ticket cost is \$5 each and can be purchased at the door.

Holy Redeemer High School

Placement/Scholarship Test for interested public and private school 8th graders will be held on Saturday, December 12 at 8:30AM. Call the Guidance Office to register for the test at 570-829-2424.

Holy Redeemer High School – Seasonal Concert will be held on Sunday, December 13th at

< KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today

First Sunday of Advent | Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36

Jesus tells us to be on guard, and be watchful for His coming.

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WEEK 1, evening lighting prayer

Prayer said by Father or head of household

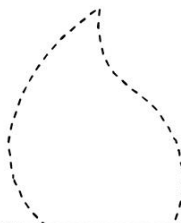
“O Lord, stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, and come, that by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by Thy deliverance. Through Christ our Lord, Amen”.

Youngest child lights 1 purple candle.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



--- COLOR & CUT ON DOTTED LINES ---



ROLL & OVERLAP
EDGES & GLUE OR
TAPE TOGETHER

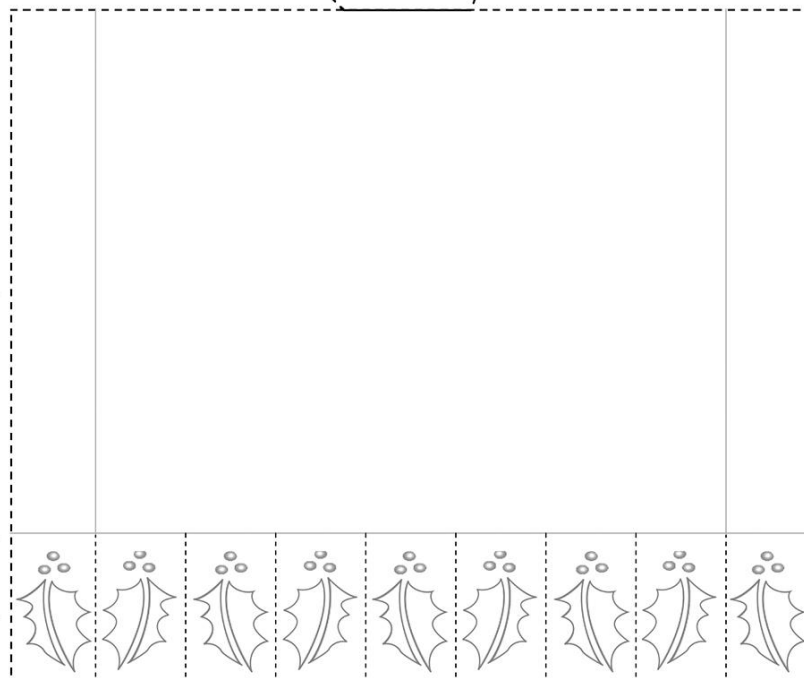
OVERLAP WITH
OPPOSITE SIDE

COLOR PURPLE

FOLD

COLOR GREEN

CUT BASE



This is what the
finished candle
should look like

WEEK 1 Cut, color and fold our first advent candle - tape or glue to a 9" paper plate or cardboard circle that has been colored green. Place as shown on the diagram at right.

