



Church of Saints Peter and Paul

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*Solemnity of Mary,
The Holy Mother of God
January 1, 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 1-2 7am **Communion Service**
T 1-3 7am **Sophie Juzwick**
 by Carolyn & Joseph Guzinski
W 1-4 7am **Anthony Wilk** by Stanley & Walter Jankowski
Th 1-5 7am **Annie Gavin**
 by Husband & Family
F 1-6 7am **Donna Keil** by Stella Tomchak
S 1-7 4pm **Joseph Klepadlo (A)** by Family
S 1-8 8am **Ceil Pascucci** by Husband & Daughters
 10am **For all Living and Deceased Parishioners**

THE BLESSING WE RECEIVE

The blessing we experience in Christ Jesus is proclaimed in Numbers as the special blessing for the people of Israel. They and we are to be blessed by the invocation of God's loving kindness, the shining glory of God's face turned toward us in love, not away from us in anger. We are blessed by God's own peace!

Our wish and our hope are fulfilled in this blessing, which is made visible in the coming of Jesus. In Jesus, the image of the invisible God, God's face is shown to us and God's presence is made known to us in faithful and loving kindness.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! (Numbers 6:22-27).

Psalm — May God bless us in his mercy (Psalm 67).

Second Reading — God sent the Spirit of the Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but an heir, through God (Galatians 4:4-7).

Gospel — The shepherds glorified and praised God for all they had heard and seen (Luke 2:16-21).

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Our Lady of Lourdes Votive Candle
Nello & Orellia Caparoni

The Holy Family
Joseph Canterini

December 25, 2016

Contribution	\$7650
Dues	\$941
Immaculate Conception	\$175
Utility	\$22
Maintenance	\$111
Christmas	\$19,446
Christmas Flowers	\$50
Care/Education of Priests	\$12
St. Vincent de Paul	\$23

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Mary, the Holy Mother of God;
 The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord;
 World Day of Prayer for Peace;
 New Year's Day
Monday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
Tuesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Wednesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Thursday: St. John Neumann
Friday: St. André Bessette; First Friday
Saturday: St. Raymond of Penyafort; First Saturday;

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

Weekly Activities
January 1 – January 8

<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Building</i>	<i>Location</i>
Sun.		<i>Happy New Year</i>		
Mon.		Office Closed		
Tues.	9am	Quilting	Parish Center	2 nd Floor
	6:30pm	Chess Club	Parish Center	Prayer Room
Wed.	Noon	Plains Seniors	Faith Formation	Bernardine Hall
	2:15pm	Mass	Riverstreet Manor	
Thurs.	9am	Quilting	Parish Center	2 nd Floor
Sun.		<i>Happy New Year</i>		

Mass Times for Sundays will remain 8am and 11am and Faith Formation will be held at 9:30am to 10:30am.

NO CHANGES WILL BE MADE.

Attention all ADULT...

Liturgical Ministers... Music, Ushers, Servers, Lectors, and Children's Liturgy of the Word. Parish Employees.

Volunteers at ...Food Pantry, Faith Formation Teachers/Aids, Youth Group, Fundraisers, Collection Counters, Members of theParish Pastoral Council, Parish Finance, Liturgy Committee, Quilters, Prayer Shawl, Women's Group, Holy Name Society, Bereavement and Grief Support.

You and your spouse are invited to our 2016 Parish Appreciation Dinner to be held on Sunday, January 22nd at the Touch of Class. Cocktail Hour will begin at 4pm and dinner will begin at 5pm. This is one means to show appreciation to all the Volunteers and Ministers who give so freely to help the Parish meet the challenges of Parish Life during the course of the year.

Please call the Parish Office (570) 825-6663 extension 2 then 1 and leave your name and the number of people attending. Please RSVP by Monday, January 16th.

Christmas Party for All Altar Servers will take place on Saturday, January 21st at noon in the Parish Center. New albs will also be distributed at this time so please plan to attend. Anyone UNABLE to come are asked to contact the Parish Office (Diana).

Children Envelopes for 2017 are located in the Vestibule of the Church. Anyone who would like their child/ren to receive envelopes for 2017 should call the office.

Looking for something new to do in the New Year? Our Faith Formation Program can use your help! Both our Faith Formation Classes and Children's Liturgy of the Word can always use the energy of a few new people. These rewarding ministries can change your life! For more details



Preparation for Confirmation 2017 will begin on Sunday, January 8th. All students currently in Grade 8 or older who are not currently attending Faith Formation classes and wishing to receive Confirmation this coming fall is asked to contact the Faith Formation Office at 570-825-6663 ext 3 then 1.

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

January 1 is New Year Day in our secular life, but in our liturgical life, it is the solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

In the year 431, the Council of Ephesus declared that the Virgin Mary was Mother of God; in Greek, *Theotokos*, "God-bearer."

Mary was celebrated under this title on the first of January until about the eighth century when the day was changed to mark the Circumcision of the Lord.

The reforms of the Second Vatican Council returned the day to Mary, the Holy Mother of God but kept the gospel reading which refers to Jesus' circumcision.

Parenting Pointers

The calendar year is over. Ask yourself and your child what you liked most and least about 2016? What are you looking forward to in 2017? What is one thing you'd like to improve about yourself?

- Susan Vogt

Marriage Moments

Traditionally people make resolutions to improve themselves at the beginning of the year. In marriage, since you are united in love, what improves one spouse also improves the other. What marriage building practice do you want to start or continue during 2017? For ideas go to

<http://www.susanvogt.net/EnrichmentEx.htm>

-Susan Vogt

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

His Excellency, the Most Rev. Joseph C. Banbera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office of Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th 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)

Fall Lottery Winners

12-19	#239	Marie Fender
12-20	#701	Mike Bedrin
12-21	#342	Viola Rubbico
12-22	#437	Janet Soller
12-23	#003	Mary Drew
12-24	#232	Bernie Tarasek
12-25	#754	John Serafin

Congratulations to all!!!

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.

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 at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis.

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 DeVoza 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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Gospel Today

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God | Luke 2:16-21

The shepherds went to Bethlehem to see Jesus and immediately understood all that they had been told about him. They praised God for what they had seen, and Jesus was given the name that the angel had chosen for him.

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Find all the words...
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Solemnity

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God

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Manger

Hurried

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