



# Church of Saints Peter and Paul

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## *The Epiphany of the Lord* *January 8, 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

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

First Friday of every month – noon till 3pm

#### **Confession**

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

*Working Together to Build the Kingdom of God*



**M** 1-9 7am **For all Living and Deceased Parishioners**  
**T** 1-10 7am **John Wincek**  
by Celia Wincek  
**W** 1-11 7am **Charles & Thelma Mendola**  
by Caroline Guzinski & Family  
**Th** 1-12 7am **Stanley & Helen Miskiewicz**  
By Stan & Elizabeth Miskiewicz & Family  
**F** 1-13 7am **Joseph Flynn** by Altar Servers  
**S** 1-14 4pm **Theresa Egan** by Dorothy D'Iorio  
**S** 1-15 8am **Gloria Antosh**  
by Husband, Bernard & Children  
11am **For all Living and Deceased Parishioners**

### THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM

The unfolding of the story of the Incarnation continues today as the Church celebrates the Epiphany. The tale of the magi from the East is one of the most fascinating in all of scripture. It has much to teach us about what we can come to expect, even in circumstances and places that may seem insignificant or small. Bethlehem was a tiny town, what we might refer to today as a town without even one stop light. Yet it is over this seemingly insignificant place that the guiding star stops in its own search for the place where the Savior would be born. Too often we fail to recognize the fact that the star of Bethlehem comes to rest in our everyday lives, where we can experience God's presence, manifested in ever new ways. Epiphany calls us to shake off our stupor and recognize the One who comes to save us.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

**Psalm** — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

**Second Reading** — The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

**Gospel** — Magi from the east arrive looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

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**Mass will be said this Monday for the Baptism of the Lord. The Communion Service will resume next week.**



*Our Lady of Lourdes Votive Candle*  
*Mary Magda & Family*

*The Holy Family*  
*Health & Blessings Cirko Family*

**January 1, 2016**

<b>Contribution</b>	<b>\$6,159</b>
<b>Dues</b>	<b>\$259</b>
<b>Solemnity of Mary</b>	<b>\$2,263</b>
<b>Utility</b>	<b>\$55</b>
<b>Maintenance</b>	<b>\$150</b>
<b>Christmas</b>	<b>\$1,498</b>
<b>Christmas Flowers</b>	<b>\$11</b>
<b>Care/Education of Priests</b>	<b>\$1,126</b>
<b>St. Vincent de Paul</b>	<b>\$70</b>
<b>School</b>	<b>\$227</b>

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;  
National Migration Week  
Monday: The Baptism of the Lord  
Tuesday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins  
Friday: St. Hilary  
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

<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 8 – January 15

<b><i>Day</i></b>	<b><i>Time</i></b>	<b><i>Activity</i></b>	<b><i>Building</i></b>	<b><i>Location</i></b>
Sun.	9:30am 1pm	Faith Formation Women's Christmas Party	Faith Formation	Classroom Irem Clubhouse
Mon.	5pm 5pm 6:30pm 7pm	Quilting Prayer Shawl Rosary Faith Sharing	Parish Center Parish Center Parish Center Parish Center	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Dining Room Prayer Room 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
Tues.	9am 6:30pm	Quilting Chess Club	Parish Center Parish Center	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Prayer Room
Thurs.	9am 6:30pm 7pm	Quilting Parish Council Youth Group	Parish Center Parish Center Parish Center	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room Dining Room
Sun.	9:30am	Faith Formation Youth Group Christmas Party	Faith Formation	Classroom

**Memorial Donations**

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

**Saints Peter and Paul Food Pantry**

In Memory of Bridget O'Connor

\$150 Plains Senior Citizens/Project Head  
 \$100 Karen & Roman Misorek  
 \$100 James & Diane Dennis  
 \$100 Plains Twp Fire Dept.  
 \$100 Elmo & Teresa Clemente  
 \$50 Mary Ann Kropiewnicki  
 \$50 Carl & Susan Baker  
 \$50 Janet Doyle  
 \$50 RJ & Barbara Sharratta  
 \$50 Gerald & Ellen Mondlak  
 \$25 William & Marie Fendor  
 \$25 Josephine Kline  
 \$25 Sandra & Phillip Lukas  
 \$25 Elizabeth Segeda  
 \$25 Joan & Gino Marchetti  
 \$25 Jane Biniek  
 \$25 Catherine Bonita  
 \$25 Mary & Ronald Drew  
 \$25 Joseph & Elizabeth Keating  
 \$25 Bernice Kostelansky  
 \$25 Martha & Christopher Yanaitis

\$25 Eleanor E. Donati  
 \$25 Barbara & Carmen Oliveri  
 \$25 Stephanie & Robert Krehely  
 \$20 Monica Ciolek  
 \$20 Charles Kirkutis  
 \$20 Leonard & Beverly Pavia  
  
 \$100 Anonymous  
 \$75 Joseph & Deborah Bronack  
 \$25 In Memory of Marcia Sabol  
       by Suzann & Susan Kelly  
 \$50 In Memory of Lebro & Lena Felli  
       By Rick & Diane Melvin  
       & Elaine Felli  
 \$50 In Memory of Anthony Wilk by Family

**Saints Peter and Paul Church**

\$200 Jeanne Torony  
 \$25 In Memory of Jeff Strouse  
       by Rickey & Esther Strouse

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.

## The Epiphany of the Lord

The solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord which celebrates the manifestation of God to humanity began in the Eastern Church in the third century.

Called *Theophany*, it was primarily a feast of the baptism of the Lord, but it also incorporated themes of his nativity, the visit of the magi, and the marriage feast at Cana.

The Church of Rome adopted this celebration in the fourth century and focused it on the adoration of the magi since it already had a feast of the Lord's nativity in place.

In the United States, we observe the Epiphany on the Sunday between the second and eighth of January, but there are places where it is celebrated as a holy day of obligation on the traditional date of January 6.

**Preparation for Confirmation 2017** will begin on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**Christmas Party for All Altar Servers** will take place on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> 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).

### Christmas Flower Offerings

#### In Memory/Honor of

Florence Baczmarga                      Regina Baczmarga  
Robert & Lena Pastorelli

**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. **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 the ....Parish 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Women's Society** will not meet in the month of January their next scheduled meeting will be Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>.

**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

### Marriage Moments

Jan. 9: Trip Down Memory Lane #16. It is the middle of winter cold in the northern hemisphere. What was your first winter living together like? Do you have newer, better ways of keeping warm enough today?

-Susan Vogt

### Fall Lottery Winners

12-26	#740	Jim Slocum
12-27	#471	S. McCarthy
12-28	#114	Jacob Kolessar
12-29	#300	Debbie Wychock
12-30	#589	Sandra Molitoris
12-31	#033	Josephine Kline
1-1	#518	Mike Bedrin

*Congratulations to all!!!*

### **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)

**Holy Redeemer High School Grade 8 Placement/Scholarship Test Result Night and Registration Night** for incoming Freshmen will be held January 25 at 7pm in the Auditorium. (snow date Jan. 26). Appointments for class scheduling for new students for the 2017-18 school year will be held on Feb. 2, 7 and 8 from 3 to 6pm. Call Holy Redeemer High School's Guidance Department at 570-829-2424 to set an appointment.

### **Parenting Pointers**

(Epiphany) According to tradition, 3 kings came to honor the baby Jesus and we call this feast the Epiphany (the recognition of Jesus as God by the larger world). Consider giving something gold, sweet smelling, or soothing (myrrh) to your child today as a sign of God's presence within him or her.

*- 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.

### **Respect Life Breakfast. Scranton Area**

The Scranton Chapter, Pennsylvanians for Human Life, will hold their annual Respect Life Breakfast on Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at Fiorella's Restaurant, Peckville. Mr. Steve Mosher will be Guest Speaker. For reservations (\$21) please call the Scranton PHL Office at 570-347-8299.

### **Respect Life Mass**

The Knights of Columbus of Wyoming Valley is sponsoring a Respect Life Mass. This Mass will be held Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 10am, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 116 Hughes Street, Swoyersville. Following Mass refreshments will be available in the Parish Hall. All are welcome. Please attend and show your support for the respect of every Human Life through your prayers.

### **March For Life Bus**

A bus to the March for Life, Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, will leave from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Swoyersville. For further information and reservations please call Chris Calore at 570-824-5621.

**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 DeVozza at 570-862-7551 or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at 570-207-2269