



SS. Peter and Paul Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

The Baptism of the Lord *January 10, 2016*

*He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal
By the Holy Spirit.*

Titus 3:5

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 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



January 11 through January 17

M	1/11	7AM	Communion Service
T	1/12	7AM	Ersilia Pascucci by Husband & Daughters
W	1/13	7AM	Theodora Witczak by Stephanie Harchar
Th	1/14	7AM	Helen Zius by Daughter, Clara
F	1/15	7AM	Ann Gioannini by Ron, Ceil Phillips
S	1/16	4PM	John Krulack by Al Berrettin
S	1/17	8AM	"Special Intention" Rita Wysocki by Charles & Hanna Chisarick
		11AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners

MANIFESTING THE SPIRIT

The Christmas season closes this Sunday with the Baptism of the Lord. This feast is a sister to last week's feast of the Epiphany. Each of them celebrates an "epiphany," or a manifestation of the Spirit of God in Jesus—first in his birth, and now at his baptism.

The divine Spirit is manifested in all of the scriptures for this feast. Psalm 104 highlights the Spirit of God creating and renewing the earth, while the reading from Isaiah describes God restoring Israel. In Luke's account of the baptism of the Lord the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus. And the letter to Titus reminds us that the Holy Spirit was "richly poured out" on us also, through the "bath of rebirth" (Titus 3:5, 6).

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the Lord upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) *or* Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11.

Psalm — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) *or* Psalm 104.

Second Reading — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38) *or* Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7.

Gospel — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22).

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In Memory of

The Sanctuary Lamp

Joseph Rowker Jr.

Votive by the Blessed Virgin Mary

Harry & Viola Donini

Christmas (2015)		New Years (2016)
9,429	Contribution	\$9,396
\$ 7	Care for the Priest	\$1,569
\$10	Charity	\$11
\$1,901	Dues	\$2,079
\$91	Maintenance	\$63
\$179	Holy Day	\$2,864
\$4	All Souls Day	
\$13	Utilities	\$20
\$21	Christmas Flowers	
\$41	Christmas Novena	\$65
\$23,100	Christmas	\$1,735
\$147	First Offering	\$3,391
\$30	Religious	\$57
\$1	Ash Wednesday	\$5
	Lenten	\$15
	School	\$340

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord
Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time
Wednesday: St. Hilary
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Pastor Rev. John C. Lambert
Pastor Emeritus Rev. Joseph Greskiewicz

Liturgical/Musical Consultant and Choir Director
Joan Turel

Faith Formation
Sande Holena

Facilities Engineer
Michael Levandowski

Organist
Christine Katsock

Eucharistic Minister/Lectors
David Loiacono

Ushers
Paul Muczynski

Altar Servers
Gloria Flynn

Food Pantry
Pauline Makowski

Youth Group
Maryann/Michael Quinn

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, Marriage Preparation Couples

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 ***Friday, January 22nd*** at the Touch of Class. Cocktail Hour will begin at 6:30pm (Cash Bar) and dinner will begin at 7:30pm. 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 5 and leave your name and the number of people attending. Sunday, January 17th is the cut off date for reservations

Marriage Moments

I'm very neat. My wife is messy. I cured myself from my annoyance with her by imagining that she had died and then asking myself, "If you could bring her back to life but she'd still be messy, would you still want her back?" "Yes, for sure!" It cured me. Whenever I get annoyed with her mess, I rerun the script. (Sam Bradley) This could work with many annoyances. - Susan Vogt

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Our parish goal is \$70,000, 377 parishioners made a pledge contributing \$56,852. Please consider making a pledge if you haven't already.

Holy Week Choir is begin formed to sing at the Holy Week Liturgies. All who participated in the Christmas and Confirmation choirs are invited to return and new members are welcome.

The first rehearsal will take place on Wednesday, January 20 at 7pm in the choirloft.

The Holy Week Liturgies are the high point of our liturgical celebration as a church. Giving the gift of your musical talent will richly enhance these liturgies.

Parish Activities

January 10 through January 17

Sun. Faith Formation 9:30AM
Women's Christmas Party

Mon. Quilting 5PM
Rosary 6:30PM

Tues. Quilting 9AM
Finance 6:30PM

Thurs Quilting 9AM
Food Pantry Prep

Fri. Food Pantry 9AM

Sun. Faith Formation 9:30AM
Youth Group Christmas Party

Food Pantry

Thank You to all
who have contributed
food and monetary donation
for 2015.

It was appreciated by all.

With holidays now over
our shelves are completely empty.

We can use all types of

Can goods

Pasta

Peanut Butter

Tuna

Jelly

Fruit

Spaghetti Sauce

Vegetables

Coffee

Paper products

Liturgy Corner: Did You Know?

The Baptism of the Lord

The feast of the Baptism of the Lord, our commemoration of the institution of the Sacrament of Baptism, is the last feast of Christmas Time and is usually observed on the Sunday following January 6th.

The calendar sometimes causes it to fall on Monday, but in its usual Sunday slot, it offers an excellent opportunity for parishes to focus on baptism by using the Rite of Blessing and Sprinkling of Water or to celebrate the sacrament during Mass, especially if this is not the usual custom.

The Baptism of the Lord launches us right into winter Ordinary Time with its concentration on the earlier public life and preaching of Jesus.

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.

Ecumenical Celebration of God's Word on Monday, Jan. 25th at 12:10PM in the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton." All are welcome to attend. The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., will preside, and Bishop Jeremiai Park of the Susquehanna Conference, Methodist Church will deliver the homily.

Rosary Repair

Parishioners who have Rosaries in need of repair can call Len Kalinoski, Holy Name Society at 570-829-1864.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass, for couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary will be held on Sunday, June 5. 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 by calling our Parish Office before Marcy 7th.

Northeast Bearcats present a Night at the Races on Saturday, January 30th at SS Peter and Paul Bernadine Hall. Doors Open at 6PM and races begin at 7PM. Adults only – 21 and over. Free food and refreshments will be provided. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

Know a Marriage That Needs Help

Throw them a lifeline and tell them about **Retrouvaille**, an international program that helps couples who are experiencing marital difficulties. This program is for all couples, at any stage of marriage that needs help to communicate with each other in a more attentive and loving manner. The next program in the Scranton Diocese begins Feb. 26 – Feb. 28, at the Ramada Inn, Clarks Summit, PA. Please call 800-470-2230 for more information or to register or visit the website at www.helpourmarriage.org.

March For Life

Tony Melendez will perform at the 22nd Annual National Memorial for the Pre-Born and Their Mothers and Fathers on Friday, January 22, 2016 at Constitution Hall, 1776 D. St. NW (18th and D St) Washington, DC from 8:30-10:30AM. Catholic Mass at 7:30AM. Free, no ticket is needed. Large group welcome. Only a short walk to the March for Life Rally starting point. For more information see NationalPrayerService.com. Email Christa@nprcouncil.org to let us know you are coming.

Parenting Pointers

"You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased." (Luke 3:22) Such words are music to a child's ears. Find an authentic way to say this to your own child today.

- Susan Vogt

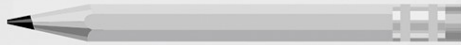
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Luke 3:22

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