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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 15, 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 1-16 7am **Communion Service**
T 1-17 7am **Mary Mido (A)** by Chris & Joe Madison
W 1-18 7am **Rita Astary** by Sharon Wojcik
Th 1-19 7am **Anthony & Eleanor Guzinski**
by Caroline Guzinski & Family
F 1-20 7am **Joseph Gill** by Mr. & Mrs. Denny Whitcomb
S 1-21 4pm **Dorothy Lutyski Vearling (A)**
by Husband, Tom
S 1-22 8am **Beth Bonn** by Family
11am **For all Living and Deceased Parishioners**

THREE MISSIONS

Today we begin with one of the "servant songs" from the book of Isaiah, a song prophetic of Jesus' ministry of service. Isaiah's mission is not only to bring back the children of Jacob to gather in Israel; it is also to be "a light to the nations" (Isaiah 49:6). Jesus Christ, as servant, will be the fulfillment of the ancient prophecy and the basis of the new.

This Sunday we begin a series of readings from Paul's letter to the Corinthians. Here Paul is identified by his mission: he is an apostle of Jesus Christ. The church at Corinth to whom he addresses this letter is also identified: it is part of the universal church of God. The Corinthians are called to holiness, as are all Christians.

Though the feast of the Baptism of the Lord was celebrated last Monday, today's Gospel also alludes to the importance of that event. The reading emphasizes that Jesus "outranks" John: his baptism in the Spirit will eradicate sin. Jesus accepts John's baptism, even though it is he himself who is the Lamb of God.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The glory of the Lord shows through Israel, a light to all nations, that salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (Isaiah 49:3, 5-6).

Psalms — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — All those who call upon the name of the Lord are called to be holy (1 Corinthians 1:1-3).

Gospel — John the Baptist testifies: The one who comes after me, on whom the Spirit comes down and remains, is the Son of God (John 1:29-34).

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Louis & Irene Pellegrini

Our Lady of Lourdes Votive Candle
Mr. & Mrs. George Magda & Family

The Holy Family
Jean Trosky

January 8, 2017

Contribution	\$7,714
Dues	\$960
Solemnity of Mary	\$346
Utility	\$10
Maintenance	\$1,452
Christmas	\$733
Christmas Flowers	\$200
Care/Education of Priests	\$291
St. Vincent de Paul	\$14

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Tuesday: St. Anthony
Wednesday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
Thursday: Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)
Friday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian
Saturday: St. Agnes

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

Liturgical/Musical Consultant and Choir Director
Joan Turel

Faith Formation	Custodians
Sande Holena	Michael Lambert
	Michael Levandowski

Extraordinary Ministers/Readers	Ushers
David Loiacono	Paul Muczynski

Organists	Altar Servers
Christine Katsock & Charles Unice	Gloria Flynn

Food Pantry	Youth Group
Pauline Makowski	MaryAnn and Michael Quinn

Weekly Activities
January 15 – January 22

Day	Time	Activity	Building	Location
Sun.	9:30am	Faith Formation Youth Group Christmas Party	Faith Formation	Classroom
Mon.		Office Closed		
Tues.	9am 6:30pm	Quilting Chess Club	Parish Center Parish Center	2 nd Floor Prayer Room
Wed.	2:15pm	Mass	Riverstreet Manor	
Thurs.	9am 9am	Quilting Food Pantry Prep	Parish Center Faith Formation	2 nd Floor Bernardine Hall
Fri.	9am	Food Pantry	Faith Formation	Bernardine Hall
Sat.	9am - 11am Noon	Drop Off – Advent Boxes Altar Servers Party	Parish Center	Bernardine Hall Dining Hall
Sun.	9:30am	Faith Formation	Faith Formation	Classroom

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

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.

Christmas Flower Offerings

In Memory/Honor of

Berti Family

Robert J Kubicki

Marriage Moments

In these days of racial tension, Yes, black lives matter. Yes, all lives matter. Presumably you've had to figure out how to resolve differences in your own marriage. Do you have friends of a different race than your own? Relationships matter. Make friends.

-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 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)

Winter Lottery Winners

1-2	#921	Debbie Wychock
1-3	#254	V. Mattei
1-4	#366	Constance Szustak
1-5	#876	Joseph Urban
1-6	#524	Lorraine Baginski
1-7	#704	Matthew Biniek
1-8	#559	Marilyn Corcoran

Congratulations to all!!!

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

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

Consider starting a new family prayer tradition this year. Try this ancient prayer: "May God bless you and keep you! May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you! May God look upon you kindly and give you peace!" (Numbers 6:22-27).

- 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.

March For Life Bus

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

Respect Life Breakfast. Scranton Area

The Scranton Chapter, Pennsylvanians for Human Life, will hold their annual Respect Life Breakfast on Saturday, January 28th 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 15th 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.

St. Benedicts Parish will host an American Girl Doo Bingo in the church hall Sunday, January 22. For ticket information contact either Mary Ann Wills at 570-825-7606 or Bernie Warren at 570-954-0301. Tickets are \$20 or \$25 at the door. There will be 15 games and 5 specials. Doors open at 12:30pm. Games start at 1:30pm Food and beverage will be sold. There will also be door prizes and 50/50 drawing.

St/ Leo's/Holy Rosary Church Altar & Rosary/St. Ann's Society Piggie Dinner

Will be held on Sun, Jan 22 from 12 noon to 3pm in the church hall at 33 Manhattan St. Ashley. Tickets are available in the vestibule before & after the weekend masses.

The Diocese of Scranton will again participate in the worldwide Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which is celebrated each year in January. The Diocese of Scranton will host an Ecumenical Celebration of God's Word on Wednesday, January 25 at 12:10Pm. Mass that day in the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton. Catholic Television will broadcast the service live. Bishop Bambera, will preside, and Rev. Dr. Robert Zanicky of First Presbyterian Church in Wilkes-Barre will deliver the homily.

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

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Gospel Today

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time | John 1:29-34

John was told by God to look for the sign of a dove descend upon His Chosen One. John saw the dove when he baptized Jesus, then told the others Jesus was "The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words...
left, right, up, down
or diagonally.

"I have seen and I testify that
this is God's Chosen One."

JOHN 1:34

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