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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 22, 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 1-23 7am **Communion Service**
T 1-24 7am **Leona S. Wincek (A)**
 by Daughter Marlene & John Grassi
W 1-25 7am **Jonel Hardy** by Kitty Pascucci & Family
Th 1-26 7am **Alvida Euctice** by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Haydu
F 1-27 7am **John Letinski (A)** by Daughters
S 1-28 4pm **For all Living and Deceased Parishioners**
S 1-29 8am **Robert Podmonski**
 by Mr. & Mrs. Gregorary Stella
 11am **Mary M. Baginski (A)**
 by Children, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren

LIBERATION AND REFORM

While you might have to reach for an atlas to determine that Isaiah is speaking about Galilee, today's first reading (part of which was read at Christmas) is prophetic of Jesus' future ministry in that province. The light that brings salvation and rejoicing is, ultimately, Christ. Liberation is the theme: liberation from both ignorance ("darkness") and sin (the "yoke").

As Isaiah identifies a place, so Paul describes an attitude: the attitude that develops, even among good people, of equating their own will with the common good. This always brings dissension, and so it has done in Corinth. Paul will not allow this; we are all members of "Christ's party." The gospel is not to divide us.

Matthew quotes from Isaiah in today's Gospel, presenting Jesus as the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecies. The theme is "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 4:17). To spread this message, Jesus begins to select disciples, four of whom we meet today: Peter, Andrew, James, and John.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The burdens that were once laid upon the people have been vanquished (Isaiah 8:23 — 9:3).

Psalms — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — Paul exhorts the believers at Corinth: As there is one Christ, so too must there be no divisions among you. (1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17).

Gospel — After calling his first disciples, Jesus goes throughout Galilee teaching, proclaiming the gospel, and curing the people (Matthew 4:12-23 [12-17]).

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*This week the
Sanctuary
Candle*
burns in memory of...

Beth Bonn

Our Lady of Lourdes Votive Candle

Happy Birthday Rita Wysocki

The Holy Family

John Letinski

Flowers on the Altar

Beth Bonn

January 15, 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: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of
Unborn Children; St. Vincent;
St. Marianne Cope

Tuesday: St. Francis de Sales

Wednesday: The Conversion of St. Paul;

Thursday: Ss. Timothy and Titus

Friday: St. Angela Merici

Saturday: St. Thomas Aquinas

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 22– January 29

Day	Time	Activity	Building	Location
Sun.	9:30am 4pm	Faith Formation <i>Appreciation Diner</i>	Faith Formation	Classroom <i>Touch of Class</i>
Mon.	5pm 6:30pm 7pm	Quilting Rosary Faith Sharing	Parish Center Parish Center Parish Center	2 nd Floor Prayer Room 2 nd Floor
Tues.	9am 6:30pm	Quilting Chess Club	Parish Center Parish Center	2 nd Floor Prayer Room
Thurs.	9am	Quilting	Parish Center	2 nd Floor
Sun.	9:30am	Faith Formation	Faith Formation	Classrooms

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.

Marriage Moments

Which of the Beatitudes most typifies your spouse – living simply, grieving, humility, hunger for righteousness, merciful, acts with integrity in the face of temptations, peacemaking, works for justice despite personal attacks (Mt. 5:1-12) -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)

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

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.

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.

Winter Lottery Winners

1-9	#816	Marian Wanyo
1-10	#412	Mary Wolfe
1-11	#882	James J. Cirko
1-12	#376	Dodie Yazorlo
1-13	#524	Lorraine Baginski
1-14	#204	Andrea Melman
1-15	#145	Lia Kelley

Congratulations to all!!!

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.

St. Leo Cyrenians Night at the Races will be held on Saturday, February 25 in the Church Hall at 33 Manhattan St. Ashley. Post time is 7pm, doors open at 5:45pm and food is served at 6pm. You must be 21 years old to attend and admission is \$5.00. Admission includes food and beverages. For more information or horses call Jackie Lehman at 570-823-6633.

Wyoming Area Catholic School will have an Open House on Sunday January 29 from 12 noon to 2pm. We have limited openings in Grades Pre K through 8th. Mrs. Eileen Rishcoff, Principal and the faculty and staff invite you to come to the Open House and tour the school to see what a Catholic Education has to offer your child. Call the School Office for more information (570-654-7982). Come and "Catch Our Spirit".

Wyoming Area Catholic will hold it's annual Night at the Races on Sat. Feb. 4 in the school gym. Doors open at 5:45pm race starts at 7pm. Complimentary food, snacks, and soft drinks will be provided. Horses are \$10 – prize is \$50 if your horse wins. Donation is \$56 per person (must be 21 or over to attend) Please call the school officer for more information 570-654-7982.

Parenting Pointers

Many people are on the move this weekend. Some going to Washington DC for the Inauguration,

others for the Women's March. Talk to your children about standing up for what they believe in.

Holy Redeemer High School

Register for the 2017-2018 school year at Holy Redeemer High School. Appointments for class scheduling are available February 2, 7, and 8 from 3pm to 6pm. Call today for an appointment or to arrange for a day to shadow a student. Guidance Department 570-829-2424

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.

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.

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

Jesus began His ministry by the sea. There He called His first disciples, brothers Simon (Peter) and Andrew as they were casting their nets. Brothers James and John were fishing when Jesus called them next, saying, "Come after Me and I will make you fishers of men".

Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

Matthew 4:17

PORPOISE WITH A PURPOSE

This school of fish (porpoise) wants to help you be a good disciple and teach others about God's Good News. Write some ways of being a good Catholic on the fish below, as they swim along the sea, for all to see!

Use these words or write your own...

Help

Share

Kind

Pray

Love

Give

