

Church of Saints Peter and Paul

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 29, 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	1-30	7am	Communion Service
T	1-31	7am	Robert Pisack (A) by Wife & Sons
W	2-1	7am	Catherine Neishell by Mr. & Mrs Barry Centini
Th	2-2	7am	Walter Rudda by Myron & Mildred Yench
F	2-3	7am	Ted Toloczko (A) by Mrs. David Kasper
	Noon to 3pm		Eucharistic Adoration
S	2-4	4pm	Lottie Silvi by Ron & Ceil Phillips
S	2-5	8am	Living and Deceased Parishioners
		11am	Allan Makowski by Family

THE CHOSEN REMNANT

Zephaniah is one of the least-known of the Old Testament prophets. He speaks in today's first reading of impending judgment. But the Lord will leave a "remnant" in Israel. This image of a remnant, or remainder, was to become vital to both Judaism and Christianity.

Paul's letter to Corinth makes obvious his deep concern for the Christians there. They are too self-confident, he says, too sure of themselves. He admonishes them to remember that Christ has given them all they have.

Today's Gospel comprises the opening of Jesus' "Great Sermon." As God gave Moses the law on Sinai, so now Jesus gathers his disciples on a hillside to teach them the new law. Each of these Beatitudes contrasts the humiliation of the present with the glory of the future: poverty vs. the riches of God's kingdom, hunger for holiness vs. fulfillment in the Spirit, persecution vs. the reign of God. Jesus is here speaking to God's chosen "remnant."

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You humble of the land, seek justice and humility, and the Lord will be your protection (Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13).

Psalm — Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — God chose the weak of the world, those who count for nothing, so that whoever boasts should boast in the Lord (1 Corinthians 1:26-31).

Gospel — Jesus taught from the mountain: Blessed are the poor in spirit (Matthew 5:1-12a).

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*In Memory of
Sanctuary Candle
Albert Janerich*

*Our Lady of Lourdes Votive Candle
Ted Wysocki*

*The Holy Family
Mary Chester Baginski*

January 22, 2017

Contribution	\$7469
Dues	\$1505
Christmas	\$130
Solemnity of Mary	\$72
Initial Offering	\$262
Maintenance	\$122
St. Vincent de Paul	\$37
Care of the Priest	\$54
Catholic Campaign	\$101

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week
Tuesday:	St. John Bosco
Thursday:	The Presentation of the Lord; Groundhog Day
Friday:	St. Blase; St. Ansgar; First Friday;
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary; 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 29– February 5

Day	Time	Activity	Building	Location
Sun.	9:30am	Faith Formation	Faith Formation Center	Classroom
Mon.	5pm	Quilting	Parish Center	2 nd Floor
	6:30pm	Rosary	Parish Center	Prayer Room
	7pm	Faith Sharing	Parish Center	2 nd Floor
Tues.	9am	Quilting	Parish Center	2 nd Floor
	6:30pm	Chess Club	Parish Center	Prayer Room
Wed.		Plains Seniors	Faith Formation Center	Bernardine Hall
	2:15pm	Mass	Riverstreet Manor	
Thurs.	9am	Quilting	Parish Center	2 nd Floor
	6:30pm	Liturgy Meeting	Parish Center	Conference Room
Fri.	7am	Blessing of Throats	Church	During Mass
Sun.	9:30am	Faith Formation	Faith Formation Center	Classrooms

Memorial Donations

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

**Saints Peter and Paul Parish
Bernardine Hall**

\$5,000 In Memory of Joseph Luczak
by Angela Trentowski

Saints Peter and Paul Food Pantry

\$250 Italian American Citizens Club
\$50 Josephine Tanski
\$25 Elizabeth Segeda
\$20 Anonymous
\$200 In Memory of John and Ann Krokos
by Richard & Diane Krokos
\$50 In Memory of Rose Flussi by Mary Iorio
In Memory of Thomas Brice
\$100 Brice Family
\$25 Liz Segeda
\$20 Mary Drew
\$20 Liz & Rosemary Parise
\$20 Betty & Joan Slawick
\$10 Gerry Hirko

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.

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)

Liturgy Corner

Did You Know.....

Ordained Ministry – Deacons

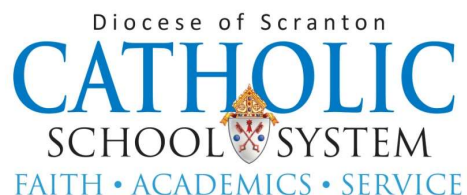
Deacons, priest, and bishops constitute the ordained ministry of our church. Deacons are either transitional or permanent. Transitional deacons have committed themselves to celibacy and are on their way to the priesthood. Permanent deacons have chosen the diaconate as a life-long ministry. A permanent deacon may be a married man, but if he loses his wife, he may not marry again. Liturgically, a deacon may baptize, celebrate benediction, conduct the vigil and grave-site rites at a funeral, and in the absence of a priest, presides at marriages outside of Mass. The deacon's most solemn functions during the Eucharistic liturgy are to proclaim the gospel and to preach. A deacon's stole is worn diagonally, placed across the left shoulder and fastened at the right hip. His Mass vestment is a kind of square, sleeved garment called a dalmatic.

Mark your Calendars!!!!

Pierogi for the Lenten Season will be made on Saturday, February 11th and March 4th. Please consider lending a hand, many are needed. We will gather in Bernardine Hall each Saturday at 9am and should be finished around 1pm. We are also looking for a few hands to pack on Sunday morning (during Faith Formation) If you are able to help with this please call the Parish Office. We will again make potato, cabbage and cheese.

Thank you for your generosity to the Food Pantry, with both food and monetary donations. The holidays were a very busy time, therefore the pantry shelves are empty. We are in need of ...peanut butter, tuna, canned meats, pasta, coffee, Chef-boy-r-dee pasta, spaghetti sauce, cereal, potatoes. Also... soup, carrots, bake beans, fruit, tomatoes, beets, mixed veggies

Congratulations to Michael Levandowski and Janna Michael on the announcement of their engagement. Michael has been our custodian here at Saints Peter and Paul for the past three years. May God Bless them and keep them in his care, now and in their future life together!!!



Catch Our Spirit... Celebrate Our Catholic Schools

As families register their students for the upcoming school year, consider becoming an **Academic Angel!**

Your contribution is an investment in a child's future...the outcomes speak for themselves. Our schools offer an instructional environment that challenges the mind, while inspiring and strengthening the spirit. Please consider supporting our students for the 2017-18 school year. You can designate the gift as a memorial or as an honor for someone special; you can also select a particular school to receive your gift, or allow us to allocate it to the area with the greatest need. Contributions can be sent to the Diocese of Scranton Scholarship Foundation, 300 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton PA 18503

Catch Our Spirit... Celebrate Catholic Schools Week January 29 – February 4, 2017

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week by attending one of our Catholic School Open Houses! You are invited to come experience our communities of faith and academic excellence. From Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade, our students live their faith, challenge their minds, serve their communities, and build lifelong friendships. For specifics about the Open Houses or for more information about our Diocesan Catholic Schools, including tuition assistance opportunities, please visit www.DioceseofScranton.org/CatholicSchools

Parenting Pointers

March for Life – Envision a world where every human life is valued and protected. Help your children understand the importance of protecting life, no matter how small, by some act of solidarity with children younger than themselves today.

- 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.

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 their 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.

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

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Gospel Today

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 5:1-12a

Beatitude means happiness, and in the Gospel today, Jesus teaches The Beatitudes as a guide for the way we should live each day.

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The Good News

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Jesus wants us to be happy. Jesus teaches happiness to all in His Sermon on the Mount.

In His sermon today Jesus teaches us a good way to live.

This is what Jesus says:

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger
and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted
for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.



Draw a picture of yourself in the newspaper, then share and talk to someone about what you drew.

This is _____, happily living The Beatitudes.

Living the message in The Beatitudes, gives happiness to everyone - ourselves, those around us and especially Jesus!