



# Church of Saints Peter and Paul

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*November 27, 2016*

## *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

### **Confession**

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

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

First Friday of every month – noon till 3pm

*Working Together to Build the Kingdom of God*



**M** 11-28 7am **Communion Service**  
**T** 11-29 7am **Alvida Eustice**  
by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Finnan  
**W** 11-30 7am **Paul Binker**  
by Martha & Christopher Yanaitis  
**Th** 12-1 7am **Mary Jo Paciga** by Rita Wysocki  
**F** 12-2 7am **Stella Cybulski** by Triani Family  
**S** 12-3 4pm **Robert S. Rymar (A)**  
by Jean Marie, Robert & Regina Rymar  
**S** 12-4 8am **Segeda & Gartley Families**  
by Liz Segeda  
11am **For all Living and Deceased Parishioners**

### BE PREPARED

Be prepared. It's that simple. As this Advent season opens before us, the Lord Jesus summons us to stand ready for his coming. At this time of year much of our attention is focused on being prepared for the details that accompany the holiday season. We purchase gifts; we decorate our homes, inside and out; we prepare foods that we eat only during the holidays; we write and send Christmas cards; we attend holiday concerts; we prepare either to welcome family and friends into our homes or arrange for visits to their homes. We really can't escape the details that make up the season. Perhaps this Advent is a time to attend to all those details with a different spin. As we prepare to celebrate the feast of Christmas, why not be deliberate about acknowledging the presence of the Lord as we go about these tasks? The Lord often comes to us in wonderfully surprising ways. Let us be prepared.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD's house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

**Psalm** — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

**Second Reading** — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).

**Gospel** — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

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*Our Lady of Lourdes Votive Candle*  
John Kozik

*The Holy Family*  
Happy Anniversary  
Edward & Irene Mangan

*Due to early submission of bulletin  
November 20<sup>th</sup> Contributions  
will be listed next week.*

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent  
Wednesday: St. Andrew  
Thursday: World AIDS Awareness Day  
Friday: First Friday  
Saturday: St. Francis Xavier; First Saturday

### TIME OF PREPARATION

*This life is the time of our preparation for  
our future state. Our souls will continue for  
ever what we make them in this world.*

—John Tillotson, Archbishop of Canterbury

<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Pastor Emeritus</b>
Rev. John C. Lambert	Rev. Joseph Greskiewicz

<b>Liturgical/Musical Consultant and Choir Director</b>
Joan Turel

<b>Faith Formation</b>	<b>Custodians</b>
Sande Holena	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

### Memorial Donations

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

#### Saints Peter and Paul Parish

\$50 Highland Park  
In Memory of  
Bernice Urban

#### Saints Peter and Paul Food Pantry

\$544 Anonymous  
\$500 Plains Lion Club  
\$100 Charles Obeid  
\$100 David Yakabouski Flooring  
\$75 Joseph & Deborah Bronack  
\$25 Irene & Edward Mangan  
\$50 In Memory of Michael Burian  
by Wife and Son  
\$30 In Memory of George & Helen Wojcik  
by Sharon & Paul Wojcik  
\$50 In Memory of Mary Jo Paciga by Ann Paciga  
\$50 In Memory of Henrietta Fagula  
by Shawn Bayle  
\$100 In Memory of Lebro & Lena Felli  
by Rick & Diane Melvin & Elaine Felli  
In Memory of Antoinett Stec  
\$25 Tom & Elaine Salus  
\$25 Tokach Family  
In Memory of Bridget O'Connor  
\$100 Sax, Cinti, Menn, Potter, & Shubilla  
\$100 John Servis  
\$100 John & Erin O'Connor  
\$50 Norma Nardone  
\$25 Viola & Anita Rubbico  
\$25 Tom & Elaine Salus  
\$20 Ronald Filippini

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.

***Sunday Mass Schedule Change***  
***Beginning Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup> our***  
***Sunday Masses will be 8am and 10am.***

### Parish Activities

November 27 – December 4

Mon.	5pm 6:30pm 7pm	Quilting Rosary Faith Sharing	Parish Center Parish Center Parish Center	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Prayer Room 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
Tues.	9am	Quilting	Parish Center	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
Wed.	7pm	Choir	Church	Choir Loft
Thurs.	9am	Quilting	Parish Center	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
Fri.	Noon	First Reconciliation	Church	
Sun.	9:30am	Faith Formation	Faith Formation Center	

### *Christmas Schedule*

#### *Christmas Eve*

*4pm & 9pm*

*Instrumental and Choral Prelude*

*8:30pm*

#### *Christmas Day - 10am*

*Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God*

#### *New Year's Eve - 4pm*

*For all those Parishioners, Family and  
Friends who died during 2016*

#### *New Year's Day - 8am & 10am*

### **No Festival Collection**

This collection is designated for the up-grade of our kitchen in Bernardine Hall. We are in need of some new kitchen equipment and your help will provide the much needed up-grade. In the event that our collection is sufficient, we will be able to up-grade the bathrooms and the hall lighting and maybe even air-condition the hall – Praise God! \$24,933.45 has been collected from 413 parishioners. The breakdown is as follows: 1-\$500; 1-\$400; 1-\$300; 13-\$200; 5-\$150; 1-\$142.45; 1-\$102; 70-\$100; 2-\$85; 8-\$75; 1-\$65; 4-\$60; 193-\$50; 112-\$49 or under. Thanks to all for the generous contributions.

### **Food Pantry – Advent Box**

The Advent Season is a time of caring and giving. The Advent Box is an opportunity for parishioners to make a donation to the parish Food Pantry. Have a box and place one non-perishable food item each day during Advent. Beginning Sunday, November 27 through Christmas Day. Drop off will be Saturday, January 7, 2017 from 9am to 11am in Bernardine Hall. Food item suggestions are tuna, peanut butter, cereal, pasta, carrots, beets, can soups, can meats, pasta sauce. Thanks for your continuing generosity.

**Blessing of Prayer Shawls** will be held on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the 4pm Mass. The Prayer Shawl Ministry of Saints Peter and Paul would like to remind everyone that prayer shawls are available upon request. If you know of anyone that might benefit from a prayer shawl please just ask. You can contact the rectory or call Mary Jo Marek at 570-825-6969. We started our ministry in Feb. of 2015. This Feb will make 2 years of making Shawls. We have given out over 70 shawls so far. Our small group has done a lot. We are always looking for new hands to join us. Please consider coming on board. If you know how to knit or crochet or would like to learn you are more than welcome. We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month in the Parish Center.

### **Marriage Moments**

Feast then famine. It's a paradox of USA and Christian church calendars that the feast of Thanksgiving is quickly followed by Advent – a season of waiting and preparation. Our culture hurries Christmas by trying to get us to fill Advent with buying and busyness. Don't let yourself be robbed of this holy time of reflection. Simplify.

*-Susan Vogt*

### **Lottery Tickets (Makes a Great Christmas Gift)**

Tickets for Winter Lottery are available. Awards will begin January 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>th</sup> – a winner daily number. Prizes are \$25 Monday through Saturday, \$100 on Sunday, \$300 on Solemnity of Mary, January 1<sup>st</sup>, Ash Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> and St. Joseph Day on March 20. Cost of the ticket is \$10. Anyone selling 25 or more will be entered into the \$50 Sellers drawing and 10 or more into the \$10 Sellers drawing. Together we can make it another great fundraiser.

***Schedule Change Beginning January 8<sup>th</sup>  
Faith Formation will be held immediately  
following the 10am Mass.***

### **The Giving Trees**

Anyone wishing to participate in this Christmas project is asked to take a tag, purchase a gift for the person, wrap the present, placing the tag on the gift and return it to the Church by December 13<sup>th</sup>. The gifts will be distributed through our Food Pantry on Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>. Anyone wishing to donate gloves, socks, scarves, hats etc.. (for children infant to 12) may drop them off at the Parish Office. Anything not needed here at Saints Peter and Paul will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul's.

### **An Olde Fashion Christmas**

The Women's Society would like to extend a heartfelt invitation to all women of the parish. Please join us in savoring a dinner based on the spirit of generosity and goodwill of this Blessed Christmas Season. The dinner will be held at 1pm on January 8<sup>th</sup>, at the Irem Clubhouse in Dallas, Pa. The cost of the dinner is \$40. It will include punch and cheese/fruit display and choice of turkey, fish, or pork and entertainment and fun to be had by all. Those women who are interested in attending may contact: Joanne Melman (570-824-6735), Joanne Nixon (570-823-8968) or Martha Yanaitis (570-829-2870) for more information. Deadline for reservations is December 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Christmas Choir** will rehearse 4 times; Nov. 30; Thurs., Dec 8, Wed. Dec. 14 and Dec. 21 in preparation for the 9pm on Christmas Eve. Practices are held in the church choir loft from 7-8:30pm. There are several places open for altoes but new members in any section are welcome. It is not necessary to audition. Simply call the Parish Center at 570-825-6663 and follow the prompts for the office and then liturgy. If no one is available just leave your name and telephone number so an adequate number of folders can be prepared.

### **Fall Lottery Winners**

11-14	#679	Peter McAliney
11-15	#819	Catherine Bonita
11-16	#590	Dave Marriggi

*Congratulations to all!!!*

**Oplatek/Christmas Wafer will be available at the Parish Office or after Masses on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>.**

**Prayer Service on the Morning of the March for Life** will take place Friday, January 27 in Washington DC. Pam Tebow will speak and music will be provided by Tony Melendez (famous guitarist with no arms) and Ryan Bomberger. The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Memorial for the Preborn and their Mothers and Fathers will take place at DAR Constitution Hall, 1776 D. Street, NW (18<sup>th</sup> and D St), Washington, DC from 8:30-10:30am. Free admission, no tickets required. Catholic Mass at 7:30am. Email to let us know you are coming!

### **Holy Redeemer High School**

**Placement/Scholarship Test** for interested Public and Private School 8<sup>th</sup> graders will take place on Saturday, December 10 at 8:30am. Call the Guidance Office to register for the test at 570-829-2424

### **Bulletin Briefs**

“A model of care has been developed specifically for families whose infant is likely to die before or after birth. Often called ‘perinatal hospice,’ ...[it] provides precious moments together – whether the baby is inside or outside the womb – which can be cherished forever.”

Supporting Families Who Receive a Prenatal Diagnosis” ([www.goo.gl/JqdQJT](http://www.goo.gl/JqdQJT)), USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

### **Parenting Pointers**

Your Thanksgiving meal is probably over, but you may have leftovers. May it prompt you to reflect on your abundance. Consult your family about one way during Advent that you can use extras around your home. (food, toys, tools...) to ease the lives of those who don't have as much. - Susan Vogt

### **St. Vincent de Paul Food and Toy Drive**

Food Distribution will take place at St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen on Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am to 1:30pm and 4-7pm. Toy Distribution will take place at Our Lady of Hope Parish, on Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 1pm and 4-7pm. To donate toys or new outerwear for the children, please contact Dianne at 570-406-9843. They can also be dropped off at the kitchen from 8am to 1pm daily. They can also be dropped off at

Our Lady of Hope on Park Ave. starting Dec. 2 on Wednesday & Fridays from 10-2pm.

### **Help Reach Out To God's Special Needs People**

You can become part of an organization that has been reaching out to special needs People since it founding in 1904. The Order of Alhambra is an organization of Catholic men and women that has as its most important mission to do things for special needs children and adults. It promotes social, fraternal and intellectual associations and through its Caravans provide a practical means to form enduring fellowship and friendship among its members while raising funds to achieve the Order's goals and objectives of assisting persons with intellectual disabilities. Its name comes from the castle of King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain, who commissioned Columbus for his voyage, and the fez worn by members bears the symbol of the red tower of the Alhambra in Spain. The local chapter, known as Alhambra Caravan #4, hosts an annual picnic for developmentally disabled and conducts programs and provides assistance to St. Joseph's Center in Scranton and the White Haven Center at Christmas time. For information, call Mr. Paul Makuch, Grand Commander (570-479-1168), Mr. Patrick Umbra, Regional Supreme Director (570-822-3597) or Rev. James McGahagan, Caravan Chaplain (570-823-1948)

### **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 at [www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis](http://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis).

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