



Church of Saints Peter and Paul

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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 12-19 7am **Communion Service**
T 12-20 7am **Dorothy Luchetti**
by Edward & Ruth Simonson
W 12-21 7am **Frank Kaminski** by Norma Pascucci
Th 12-22 7am **Barbara Ann Patts Ceccoli**
by Daughter, Kim
F 12-23 7am **Joseph Hirko**
by Carol Lee & Ryan McDonald
S 12-24 4pm **Merry Christmas**
9pm **Merry Christmas**
S 12-25 10am **Merry Christmas**

SUMMONED BY GOD

As Christmas draws near, Advent's scriptures lure us into a world of dreams, signs, wonders, and the miracle of the virgin birth. Too often we allow the great stories of our faith, the ones that are most familiar, simply to wash over us. Today's Gospel account of the events leading up to the birth of the Lord reads like a present-day soap opera. Yet Joseph's courage, even in the midst of what must have been an incredibly confusing time, provides a model for us. Each week, we are summoned by God to embrace the way of goodness and truth through the proclamation of God's holy word. Like Joseph, we are called to do as the Lord commands us. As we stand at the threshold of Christmas, let us have the courage to be open to whatever it is that the Lord will require of us as we celebrate the miracle of Bethlehem.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You will be given this sign: the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel (Isaiah 7:10-14).

Psalm — Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory (Psalm 24).

Second Reading — God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).

Gospel — The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. He shall be Emmanuel, "God is with us" (Matthew 1:18-24).

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

*Our Lady of Lourdes Votive Candle
Hugh Drew*

*The Holy Family
Joseph Canterini*

December 11, 2016

Contribution	\$7,785
Dues	\$544
Immaculate Conception	\$370
Utility	\$27
Maintenance	\$1,308
Christmas	\$70
Christmas Flowers	\$281
Care/Education of Priests	\$77
St. Vincent de Paul	\$19
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$1,649

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent
Tuesday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter Solstice
Thursday: St. John of Kanty
Saturday: The Vigil of Christmas
Sunday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

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
December 18 – December 25

<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Building</i>	<i>Location</i>
Sun.	9:30am	Faith Formation	Faith Formation Center	Classrooms
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.	2:15pm	Mass	Riverstreet Manor	
	7pm	Choir	Church	Choir Loft
Thurs.	9am	Quilting	Parish Center	2 nd Floor
Fri.		Office Closed - Christmas		

Sun. *Merry Christmas*

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 - 10am

Penance Services for the Advent Season
The following are the local services for the
Sacrament of Reconciliation. Several priests will
be present at each location. Please come to be
reconciled with the Lord.

Tues, Dec. 20th at 7pm – Saints Peter and Paul
Wed., Dec. 21st at 7pm – St. Mary's, Wilkes-Barre



Marriage Moments

“A husband always prefers his wife’s mother-in-law to his own.” (Anonymous) Think of one trait or talent that your mother-in-law or father-in-law passed on to your spouse for which you are grateful.

-Susan Vogt

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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

For the last couple of Sundays, we have focused on the person of John the Baptist who we think of as the last prophet of the Old Testament, that voice crying out in the desert, "Prepare the way of the Lord." ON this Fourth Sunday of Advent, the liturgical focus turns to the Blessed Virgin Mary whose story distills the essence of the season as no other figure can. Her *yes* to God made Christ's first coming as we know it possible while her unquestioning faith and trust furnish us with a model to follow as we prepare for his coming again at the end of time.



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 8th, 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 29th.

Fall Lottery Winners

12-5	#787	K Lambert
12-6	#445	Sandra Molitoris
12-7	#985	Tony Tarnalicki
12-8	#035	Jeanie Prushinski
12-9	#068	Tracy Wanyo
12-10	#740	Jim Slocum
12-11	#797	Norma Nardone

Congratulations to all!!!

No Festival Collection

An additional \$350 has been collected which brings the total to \$25,553.45 from 420 parishioners. Thanks to all for the generous contributions.

Marriage Help

If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communication, if you are considering separation or divorce, then the Retrouvaille Program can help you, Retrouvaille is helping couples put the pieces back together and to rediscover a more loving relationship. The next local program will be Feb. 24-26, 2017 at the Ramada Inn, Clarks Summit, PA. Registration required. All calls confidential. Cost is by donation. For more information or to register call 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.helpourmarriage.org.

Parenting Pointers

As Christmas approaches help your children prepare by urging them to choose at least one of their possessions to give away to someone who needs it more than they do.

- Susan Vogt

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.

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.



Christmas Flower Offerings In Memory/Honor of

*Parents, Grandparents, Brothers, Sisters,
Grandchildren, Family*

<i>Marion Williams</i>	<i>Marilyn Hoffman</i>
<i>Veronica Welgos</i>	<i>Marie Giovanni</i>
<i>Deanie Pearce</i>	<i>Julia Milanch</i>
<i>Edward Milanch</i>	<i>Henry J. Elick</i>
<i>Catherine Michaels</i>	<i>Edward Michaels</i>
<i>Anthony Stugus</i>	<i>George Andrejco</i>
<i>Frank Iorio</i>	<i>John Letinski</i>
<i>Eva Letinski</i>	<i>Sandy Drevenik</i>
<i>Peter Drevenik</i>	<i>Albert Family</i>
<i>Przystrzelski Family</i>	<i>Mary Phillips</i>
<i>Jean Lopresto</i>	<i>Ted & Ceil Toloczko</i>
<i>John & Pearl Woloski</i>	<i>Raymond Polak Sr.</i>
<i>Kubic Family</i>	<i>Tomshack Family</i>
<i>Matzel –Langdon Family</i>	<i>Mary Rehuski</i>
<i>Jospehine & Gelso Gubbiotti</i>	<i>John Wojcik</i>
<i>Helen & Stanley Jesikiewicz</i>	<i>Helen Wojcik</i>
<i>Julius & Joe Wojcik</i>	<i>Walter J. Emerick</i>
<i>Constance E. Emeriick</i>	<i>Arthur I. Kline</i>
<i>Arthur C. Kline</i>	<i>Madeline Kline</i>
<i>Thomas W. Nawratowicz</i>	<i>Elizabeth McGough</i>
<i>Anna S. Nawratowicz</i>	<i>Wanda Jankowski</i>
<i>Lorraine Doblix</i>	<i>Joseph J. Canterini</i>
<i>Walter Burko Sr.</i>	<i>Olga Burko</i>
<i>Stanley Dobbix</i>	<i>Nellie Peleski</i>
<i>Fr, Dominic Slemba</i>	<i>Ann Stanski</i>
<i>Mr. & Mrs. John Kelly</i>	<i>Godula Family</i>
<i>Trosky Family</i>	<i>Eddie White</i>
<i>Bud & Genka Klepadlo</i>	<i>Agnes Dombroski</i>
<i>Anthony Dombroski Sr.</i>	<i>Anthony Szymanski</i>
<i>Joseph & Florence Gill</i>	<i>Sean Kane</i>
<i>Charles & Anna Zajackowski</i>	<i>Michael Burian</i>
<i>George & Lillian Miskiewicz</i>	<i>Sharon Kuncio</i>
<i>Peter & Celia Kuncio</i>	<i>Kasaba Family</i>
<i>Alfred & Helen Burian</i>	<i>Albert Gazenski</i>
<i>Larry & Michael Martin</i>	<i>Joseph Guzenski</i>
<i>Anthony Guzenski</i>	<i>Eleanor Guzenski</i>
<i>Charles & Thelma Mendola</i>	<i>John Leshinski</i>
<i>Constance Leshinski</i>	<i>John Sarnecki</i>
<i>Ann Sarnecki</i>	<i>Ed Malinovitch</i>
<i>Godula Family</i>	<i>Trosky Family</i>
<i>Anna & Michael Sierko</i>	<i>Florence Sierko</i>
<i>Justine & Michael Ceklosky</i>	<i>Leonard Ceklosky</i>
<i>Pauline Evans</i>	<i>Ted Wysocki</i>
<i>Helen Kozik</i>	<i>John Kozik</i>
<i>Bernice Moritz</i>	<i>Michael L. Serafin</i>
<i>Caroline Serafin</i>	<i>Francis Serafin</i>

<i>Ann Honeywell</i>	<i>Elmer Honeywell</i>
<i>Julia & Joseph Oley</i>	<i>Michael L. Quinn</i>
<i>Ralph Macaravage</i>	<i>Andrew Yevich</i>
<i>Mary Yevich</i>	<i>Thomas Yevich</i>
<i>Jennie Yevich</i>	<i>Rita Calabose</i>
<i>Allan Makowski</i>	<i>Pauline Kmetz</i>
<i>Stephen Kmetz</i>	<i>Donna Marie Keil</i>
<i>Theresa Hannon</i>	<i>Bertha Bryzcki</i>
<i>Louis & Irene Pellegrini</i>	<i>Jack Keil Sr.</i>
<i>John & Irene Wozniak</i>	<i>Marianne Jasonis</i>
<i>Francis Herman</i>	<i>Stella Miller</i>
<i>Joan Montague</i>	<i>Robert Pisack</i>
<i>Banazek Family</i>	<i>Bahuseck Family</i>
<i>Mary-Stan Lutecki</i>	<i>Edward-Bob Lutecki</i>
<i>Stella-Joe Chulvick</i>	<i>Antoinette Stec</i>
<i>Chulvick Family</i>	<i>Mary S. Rymar</i>
<i>John & Ann Nestorick</i>	<i>Robert S. Rymar Sr.</i>
<i>Herb & Regina Dutt Sr.</i>	<i>Beverly Goretski</i>
<i>Nancy & Joe Bronack</i>	<i>Joseph Segeda</i>
<i>Martha Rudda</i>	<i>Frances Meehan</i>
<i>Mary & John Yencha</i>	<i>Walter Rudda</i>
<i>Frank Meehan</i>	<i>Gerald Dudeck</i>
<i>Florence Gregonis</i>	<i>Al Soboleski</i>
<i>Barbara Ann Franchella</i>	<i>Robert Franchella</i>
<i>Clara Franchella</i>	<i>Gerald Murray</i>
<i>Bill Koneski</i>	<i>Matthew Koneski</i>
<i>John & Anna Pientka</i>	<i>Phil Pientka</i>
<i>Mrs, Margaret Schinse</i>	<i>Joseph Canterini</i>
<i>Alice Kairo</i>	<i>Stanley Kairo</i>
<i>Celia Katsak</i>	<i>Joe & Jean Yarrish</i>
<i>Gloria Antosh</i>	<i>Rita Astarty</i>
<i>Anna Mycko</i>	<i>Jacob Mycko</i>
<i>Henry Mycko</i>	<i>Walter Mycko</i>
<i>Sophie Mycko</i>	<i>Joseph S. Klepadlo</i>
<i>Genevieve Klepadlo</i>	<i>Joseph A. Toloczko</i>
<i>Gilbert Chesney</i>	<i>Margaret Chesney</i>
<i>Thomas Chesney</i>	<i>Anthony Koschak</i>
<i>Irene Koschak</i>	<i>John Murray</i>
<i>Olga-Joseph Phillips</i>	<i>Lottie Slivi</i>
<i>Stella Miller</i>	<i>Frances Jasonis</i>
<i>Jean Oshirak</i>	<i>Kim Jasonis</i>
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Zig Roebuck</i>	<i>Marianne Jasonis</i>
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Antony Patts</i>	<i>Diane Kowalski</i>
<i>Susan Seprish</i>	<i>Golomb Family</i>
<i>Vincent Trentowski Sr.</i>	<i>Obahoski Family</i>
<i>Vincent Trentowski Jr.</i>	<i>Edmund Riccitti Jr.</i>
<i>Edmund Riccitti Sr.</i>	<i>Lutynski Family</i>
<i>Vearling Family</i>	<i>Chester Baginski</i>
<i>Mary Baginski</i>	<i>Baginski Family</i>
<i>Gilbert Chesney</i>	<i>John Binker</i>
<i>Susan Seprish</i>	<i>Diane Kowalski</i>
<i>Gloria Antosh</i>	<i>Maryann Williams</i>

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 McAliney Family John Stepanski
 John & Susan Stepanski James Grasavage
 Jane Luzny Archie Antonio
 Mr. & Mrs. John Knight Andy Kubaski
 Gloria Antosh Edward Knight
 Theresa A. Holub Frank J. Kosek
 Bohumil & Veronica Svab Anna J. Kosek
 Leon & Victoria Panowicz Elizabeth Kopec
 Rose Kuzminski Kimberly Krulack
 Kropiewnicki Families Szustak Families
 Helen & John Zuis Zigmund Koshinski
 Peter Stanski Amilia Stanski
 Max & Jule Green William Gall Jr.
 Michael, Lauren & Julia Pearl Woloski
 Theresa Rinehimer Mary Mido
 Mr. & Mrs. Frank Bobul Stella Piontek
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 Rosemary Fanucci Josephine Sak
 Krapcha Family Caffrey Family
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 Winiewicz Family William Gall
 Christine Gall Alice Stanski
 Leona Stanski George Wojcik
 Betty Chaback Barbara Ring
 Stanley & Barbara Malys Mark Ring
 John & Irene Giebus John Giebus Jr.
 Florence Polinski Paul Hession
 Marianne Adzema Walter Dunaj
 Stachurski Family Mocion Family
 Edward Januskivitz All Souls
 Stanley A. Curtis John F. Harrity
 Pachucki Family Gnoza Family
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 Eleanor & Clement Yazwiak Voltn & Klara
 Lemek
 Walter & Helen Lemek Anna Tontini
 Bernard & Jenny Canterini Attilia Tontini
 Sephanie & Angie Lemek Michele Tontini
 Barbara Tontini Lutinski Family
 Jackloski Family Samuel J. Bonita Jr.
 Edward & Anna Railer Bill Chango

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