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2ND
SUNDAY
OF
ADVENT

December 4, 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

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	12-5	7am	Communion Service
T	12-6	7am	Emily Chrzanowski by Grandchildren
W	12-7	7pm	Anthony Grzymski by Joseph Zawatski
Th	12-8	7am	Carmella DeBonis by Mr. & Mrs. Greg Stella
		12:15pm	Gerald Dudeck by Mr. & Mrs. Harold Golomb
F	12-9	7am	Rita Gayoski by Bill & Josephine Krukowski
S	12-10	4pm	Walter Matthey by WVV Middle School
S	12-11	8am	John Torony by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Pizano Jr.
		11am	For all Living and Deceased Parishioners



PREPARE THE WAY

Saint John the Baptist appears on the scene today as Advent enters its second week. The mysterious consumer of locusts and wild honey, John echoes the words of the prophet Isaiah as he calls for repentance in the face of the nearness of the kingdom of heaven. The rhythms of the Christian life are often confounding. Each year we meet the Baptist and hear his calls for repentance. Each year we see him pointing to the one who is coming after him, the Lord Jesus. Yet each year the words and actions of John the Baptist echo anew in our hearts, because we have fallen into old sinful traps again and again. Advent gives us the opportunity once again to turn away from our sinful ways and embrace the gospel way of life. John the Baptist invites us to prepare the way for the Lord, in whom we place our hope.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD (Isaiah 11:1-10).

Psalm — Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

Gospel — Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

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*This week the
Sanctuary
Candle
burns in memory of ...
Mary S. Rymar*

*Our Lady of Lourdes Votive Candle
Mary S. Rymar*

*The Holy Family
Matt Koneski*

November 20, 2016		November 27, 2016
\$8,010	Contribution	\$5,460
\$2,871	Dues	\$670
\$78	Immaculate Conception	\$48
\$333	Utility	\$187
\$6	Maintenance	\$15
\$430	Christmas	\$25
\$15	Christmas Flowers	\$80
\$57	Care/Education of Priests	\$37
\$33	St. Vincent de Paul	\$938

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Second Sunday of Advent
Tuesday:	St. Nicholas
Wednesday:	St. Ambrose; Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Thursday:	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday:	St. Juan Diego
Saturday:	International Human Rights Day

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

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

Pierogi Sales

\$4,672 was collected from the sales of the Pierogi made in October and November. Again thanks to all who came out to help make the pierogi. See you sometime in February when we will meet to make pierogi for the Lenten Season. (Watch for the date in the bulletin)

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

Weekly Activities

December 4 – December 11

Sun.	9:30am	Faith Formation	Faith Formation Center
Mon.	5pm	Quilting	Parish Center 2 nd Floor
	5pm	Prayer Shawl	Parish Center Dining Room
	6:30pm	Rosary	Parish Center Prayer Room
	7pm	Faith Sharing	Parish Center 2 nd Floor
Tues.	9am	Quilting	Parish Center 2 nd Floor
Wed.	Noon	Plains Senior Meeting	Bernardine Hall
	2pm	Mass at Riverstreet Manor	
Thurs.	9am	Quilting	Parish Center 2 nd Floor
	7pm	Choir	Church Choir Loft
Sun.	9:30am	Faith Formation	Faith Formation Center

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will take place on Thursday, December 8. The Mass schedule is as follows: Wednesday 7pm. (*note that there is not a morning Mass this day*), and Thursday 7am and 12:15pm.

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! \$25,203.45 has been collected from 417 parishioners. The breakdown is as follows: 1-\$500; 1-\$400; 1-\$300; 13-\$200; 5-\$150; 1-\$142.45; 1-\$102; 72-\$100; 2-\$85; 8-\$75; 1-\$65; 4-\$60; 194-\$50; 113-\$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.

Schedule Change Beginning January 8th
Faith Formation will be held immediately
following the 10am Mass.

Second Sunday of Advent Year A

As we celebrate this second Sunday of the new liturgical year, we note that this is an A year in the three-year cycle of Sunday readings. In A years, we concentrate on the Gospel of Matthew. In B years, we read Mark, and in C years, we delve into Luke.

Matthew was a Jewish Christian writing for a similar audience. His Gospel emphasizes Jesus as promised Messiah, is filled with references to Jewish life, and is even divided into five sections reflecting the Pentateuch of Moses.

Matthew's Gospel is always listed first since it used to be believed that it was the first of the four Gospels to be written.

Scholars now know that Mark's was earlier and that Matthew probably used it as his primary source.

It is from Matthew's Gospel that we get our familiar forms of the Beatitudes and the Lord's Prayer.

Marriage Moments

Many parents put a small treat in their children's shoes the night before St. Nick's Day, December 6. Consider putting a treat in your spouse's shoe (a Hershey kiss, a love note, a coupon for a favor like a backrub or a chore you'll relieve your spouse of the next day).

-Susan Vogt

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 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 1st Monday of each month in the Parish Center.

Advent Vespers will be celebrated on *Guadete Sunday* (the Third Sunday of Advent), December 11th at 6:30pm. It is a Sunday of rejoicing. Please take some time from your busy schedule to attend this prayer in our beautiful church.

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 12th at 7pm - St. Benedict, Wilkes-Barre

Tues, Dec. 20th at 7pm – Saints Peter and Paul

Wed., Dec. 21st at 7pm – St. Mary's, Wilkes-Barre

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***** Father Jack will also hear confessions, here on Saturday, Dec. 10th & 17th from Noon to 1PM***

Christmas Gifts Due Back by December 11th for December 16th give away.

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.

Oplatek/Christmas Wafer will be available at the Parish Office or after Masses next week

St. Monica Parish will hold a Nite at the Races on Friday, February 3, 2017 in the Parish Hall. 363 West 8th Street, West Wyoming, PA.

Horses and Admission tickets are both \$10 each.

There will only be 175 tickets sold. Doors open at 6pm with post time at 7pm. If you have any questions, please contact Chairman Tom Tomsak at 570-237-2188. Thank you in advance for your support.



Christmas Cookie Platter Sale –

Dec. 10, sponsored by the Youth Ministry of Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church, Buttonwood section of Hanover Township; held from 11am to 1pm in the church hall, 420 Main Road. Platters are \$35 and will include 75 cookies and approximately 20 different varieties. Platters must be pre-ordered by calling 570-814-6444.

Fifth Annual “Christmas Cookie Walk”

Fundraiser held on December 17th, sponsored by the Youth Ministry of Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church, Buttonwood section of Hanover Township; held from 10am to 1pm, in the church, 420 Main Road. Cookie containers may be purchased for \$9 each and filled with the Christmas cookies of one’s choice; more than 30 different types of homemade cookies will be available. Pre assorted containers are also available for purchase. To purchase tickets or for more information call 570-814-6444.

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 23rd Annual National Memorial for the Preborn and their Mothers and Fathers will take place at DAR Constitution Hall, 1776 D. Street, NW (18th 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!

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), USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

Parenting Pointers

“Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you.” (Romans 15:6) As we approach Christmas many families will be planning family gatherings. What a joy

- Susan Vogt

Fall Lottery Winners

11-17	#750	Theresa Capozzolo
11-18	#885	Leona Svab
11-19	#229	Pat Mravcak
11-20	#231	Theresa Pachucki
11-21	#621	Elizabeth Segeda
11-22	#091	Mr/Mrs. Richard Walko
11-23	#259	Rebecca Everhart
11-24	#065	Mollie Osmanski
11-25	#330	Joseph Krulack
11-26	#067	Abby Loftus
11-27	#725	Carol Simonson

Congratulations to all!!!

St. Benedicts Parish will present Changing Habits an outreach ministry from Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas on Saturday, December 10 at 7pm in the church hall. There is no admission charge, however, a free –will offering will be accepted. The program will have a Christmas theme. Refreshments will be served after the performance.

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