



SS. Peter and Paul Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community



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The Fourth Week of Advent

December 20, 2015

*O Lord of hosts, look down from heaven and see; take care of this vine,
and protect what your right hand has planted.*

Psalms 80:15-16

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; o
and to all who sin and need a Savior;
and to whomsoever will,
the Parish of SS. Peter and Paul opens wide its doors
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!*

Mission Statement

As members of SS. 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.

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Office Hours

Monday 10AM – 3PM
Tuesday through Friday 8AM – 3PM
Saturday by appointment

Mass Schedule

Monday – Communion Service – 7AM
Tuesday through Friday – 7AM
Saturday 4PM
Sunday 8AM & 11AM

Confessions

Daily 6:30AM – 6:45AM
Saturday 3:00PM - 3:30PM
And by appointment anytime

Parish Center

(570)822-8761

Working Together to Build the Kingdom of God

December 21 through December 27

M 12/21 7AM *Communion Service*
 T 12/22 7AM *Barbara Ann Ceccolli* by Family
 W 12/23 7AM *Rita Smurl (A)* by Dorothy Murray
 Th 12/24 **4PM** *Special Intention*
 9PM *Special Intention*
 F 12/25 **10AM** *Special Intention*
 S 12/26 4PM *Special Intention*
 S 12/27 8AM *Special Intention*
 11AM *Living and Deceased Parishioners*

A NEW ORDER

“O, Little Town of Bethlehem.” A Philadelphia clergyman named Phillips Brooks penned these popular words back in the mid-1800s, but the prophet Micah could have used them first. Micah knew that from small packages great treasures come. In today’s first reading, he knew that from tiny Bethlehem would come the Lord.

The writer in Hebrews explains that Christ came to us to do the will of God by establishing a new order and by becoming our perfect sacrifice. And Luke tells us that Elizabeth and John, the infant in her womb, understand that great and wondrous things are at hand with the coming of the Lord.

This is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Soon we celebrate anew the fruit of Mary’s womb. As we are told in Hebrews, Jesus’ new order is being established even today. And as Micah proclaims, his greatness is reaching even now to the ends of the earth.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — From you, Bethlehem, shall come forth one who is to be ruler in Israel. (Micah 5:1-4a).

Psalm — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — By Christ doing the will of God, we have been consecrated (Hebrews 10:5-10).

Gospel — “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb” (Luke 1:39-45).

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Have a Blessed Christmas!!!

In Memory of

The Sanctuary Lamp
Edward & Julia Milanch

Votive by the Blessed Virgin Mary
Hugh Drew

December 13, 2015

Contribution	\$9,628
Care for the Priest	\$110
Charity	\$22
Dues	\$854
Maintenance	\$1,344
Holy Day	\$1,988
All Souls Day	\$15
Utilities	\$27
Christmas Flowers	\$269
Christmas	\$274
Retirement for Religious	\$1,548

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent
 Monday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins
 Wednesday: St. John of Kanty
 Thursday: The Vigil of Christmas
 Friday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
 Saturday: St. Stephen; First day of Kwanzaa

Pastor Rev. John C. Lambert	Pastor Emeritus Rev. Joseph Greskiewicz
Liturgical/Musical Consultant and Choir Director Joan Turel	
Faith Formation Sande Holena	Facilities Engineer Michael Levandowski
Organist Christine Katsock	Eucharistic Minister/Lectors David Loiacono
Ushers Paul Muczynski	Altar Servers Gloria Flynn
Food Pantry Pauline Makowski	Youth Group Maryann/Michael Quinn



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 2015

New Year's Day - 10am

Christmas Wafers and Pierogi and Lottery

Tickets are available at the office.

Penitential Services for the Advent Season

The following are the local services for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Several priest will be present at each location. Please come and be reconciled with the Lord.

Mon, Dec 21 at 7PM - St. John Church, Pittston

Tues, Dec 22 at 7PM - St. Benedict, Wilkes-Barre

Bulletin Briefs

Every life is a good and perfect gift

"A Perfect Gift" 2015-16 Respect Life Program,

Parish Activities

December 20 through December 27

Sun. Faith Formation 9:30AM

Mon. Quilting 5PM
Rosary 6:30PM

Tues. Quilting 9AM

Wed. Choir 7PM

**Office and Parish Center Closed
until January 4th**

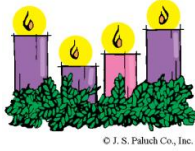
The Women's Society of SS. Peter and Paul will be celebrating the Baptism of the Lord at the Irem Clubhouse, 64 Ridgeway Dr, Dallas on Jan 10th. All members, women of the parish and their guest are invited to attend. Please join us for dinner (choice of one of 3 entrees), entertainment and the good fellowship of the women of the parish. Reservation can be made by calling Joann Melman at 570-824-6735, Joanne Nixon at 570-823-8968 or Martha Yanaitis at 570-829-2870. Payment of \$40 is due to Joann Melman at the time of reservation and no later than Jan 3rd. If possible, please bring a donation for the Pro Life Center, such as clothing or baby items suitable for a newborn – two year old.

Marriage Moments

(Winter Solstice) The winter solstice brings the longest night of the year. Warm it with candlelight. For some couples, however, dark nights bring depression. If you are among those who are currently struggling in your marriage, turn to the power of prayer as one resource. - Susan Vogt

Israel: A Biblical Journey with Optional 4-Night Discover Jordan Post Tour Extension, April 11th – 19th, 2016. Highlights...Jaffa, Caesarea, Nazareth, Cana, Tiberias, Sea of Galilee, Mount of Beatitudes, Capernaum, Golan Heights, Caesarea Philippi, Mount Tabor, Tel Megiddo, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Mount of Olives, Mount Zion, Ein Karem, Via Dolorosa, Western wall, and Garden Tomb. Price for double is \$3,859, Single is \$4,509 and Triple is \$3,829 per person. Please contact Karen at Sea the World Travel at 570-714-5566

Liturgy Corner: Did You Know?



Fourth Sunday of Advent

For the last couple of Sunday, 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.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Our parish goal is \$70,000, thus far 363 parishioners made a pledge contributing \$55,287. Please consider making a pledge if you haven't already.

Parenting Pointers

The last few days before Christmas can be hectic – concerts, cooking, creating gifts...As the nights grow longer, a candle can be your friend. Light the 3rd Advent candle tonight and pause, gaze, take a deep breath. Let the pause refresh and calm you.

- Susan Vogt



Christmas Flower Offerings

In Memory/Honor of

Brady Lukachinsky
Cavanaugh Family
Robert Pastorelli
Frank Yackoski
Sophie Kantor
Florence Boslego

Timothy Wheeler
Conway Family
Joe Woloski
Robert Pisack
Joseph Yoscak
Joseph Segeda

Nancy & Joe Bronack
Sara & James Gartley
Bernard Antosh
Edward Stachowski
Lea Caroline Sassi
Edward Stachowski
Mary Tomshack Stack
Margaret Kwasnik
Paul & Stella Jakuboski
Thomas Nawratowicz
Anna Nawratowicz
Madeline Kline
John Knight
Edward Knight
George Antosh Sr.
Helen & Geo Wojcik
Victoria & Geo Wojcik
John, Julius, Joe Wojcik
Frank Kaminski
John & Pearl Woloski
Josephine Falkowski
Florence Yansheck
Thaddeus Falkowski
Constance Emerick
Walter Emerick
Beloved Mom & Dad
John & Anna Krokos
Margaret Zapotoczny
Krokos Family
Stephen Voitus
Marianne Lynch
Elizabeth McGough
Peter & Pauline Trosky
George Godula
Francis Guntkowski
Bertha Kappavich
Frances Godula
M/M George Magda
Matt, Joe, Stan Magda
Harold Cirko
Genevieve Klepadlo
Joseph Toloczko
Ann & John Sarnecki
Peter & Celia Kuncio
Alfred & Helen Burian
Anthony Dombroski
John Kozik
John Kozik Jr.
Francis Serafin
Caroline Serafin
Joseph Klimek
M/M Harry Domini

Joseph Poppo
Gloria Antosh
Rita Astary
Kevin Miller
Joseph Kwasnik
John Tomshack
John Tomshack Jr.
Bruce Marchetti
Gino & Leonora
Arthur Kline Jr
Arthur Kline Sr
Gloria Antosh
Susan Knight
Andrew Kuboski
George Antosh Jr.
Jerome Antosh
Barbara Ring
Betty Charback
Paul Binker
Joseph Woloski
Nellie Yansheck
Stanley Magdon
Irene Magdon
Jerry Rubbico
Lutinski Family
Jackloski Family
Peter P. Nat
Josie Krokos
Frances Voitus
Andy King
Larry Georgetti
Robert Georgetti
Frank Godula
Fedor Family
Genevieve Trosky
Pauline Trosky
Alice Trosky
Ed Malinovitch
Joseph Cirko
Jim Cirko
Joseph Klepadlo
John Leshinski
Michael Burian
Sharon Kuncio
Agnes Dombroski
Ted Wysocki
Helen Kozik
Helen Sullivan
Michael Serafin
Ann Honeywell
Rita Calabrese
John Altoe

<i>Josephine Altoe</i>	<i>Sorbelli Family</i>	<i>Sister Barbara</i>	<i>Ted Toloczko</i>
<i>Koscielski Family</i>	<i>Mom</i>	<i>Joseph/Agnes Bilski</i>	<i>Jack Cavanaugh</i>
<i>Skillinge Family</i>	<i>Ronald Rygielski</i>	<i>Walter/Helen Bilski</i>	<i>Matt Brzycki</i>
<i>John & Anna Pientka</i>	<i>Bill Koneski</i>	<i>Bertha Brzycki</i>	<i>Joseph Gierszal</i>
<i>Phil L& Dan Pientka</i>	<i>Ceil Koneski</i>	<i>Anna Gierszal</i>	<i>Joseph Hoiniski</i>
<i>Chester Koneski</i>	<i>Gilbert Chesney</i>	<i>Joey Hoiniski</i>	<i>Leona J. Wincek</i>
<i>Margaret Chesney</i>	<i>Thomas Chesney</i>	<i>M/M Frank Sustaksoski</i>	<i>Rose Faneeca</i>
<i>Robert Franchella</i>	<i>Al Soboleski</i>	<i>M/M George Pilionis</i>	<i>M.M John Serbert</i>
<i>Clara Franchella</i>	<i>M/M J. Riccetti</i>	<i>Joseph S. Wincek Sr.</i>	<i>Celia Katsak</i>
<i>Edmund Ruccetti Sr.</i>	<i>Daddy</i>	<i>Robert Brozowski</i>	<i>John Mrak</i>
<i>Joseph Anthony Popple</i>	<i>Stec Families</i>	<i>Frank Kaminski</i>	<i>Andrew Condo</i>
<i>Mussynski Families</i>	<i>Anna Mycko</i>	<i>Father Casmir Mocion</i>	<i>Celia Mrak</i>
<i>George & Jennie Holby</i>	<i>Jacob Mycko</i>	<i>Michael & Mary Katsak</i>	<i>John F. Harrity Jr.</i>
<i>M/M A. Slabachester</i>	<i>Alec Tempalski</i>	<i>Peter/Josephine Rajnik</i>	<i>Raymond Polak Sr.</i>
<i>Bernard Orzechowski</i>	<i>Leonard Sarnick</i>	<i>M/M Charles Pilconis</i>	<i>John/Irene Wozniak</i>
<i>Mary Orzechowski</i>	<i>William Gall Jr.</i>	<i>Susan (Kowalski) Seprish</i>	<i>Irene Stanski</i>
<i>Slade, Helen Garbice</i>	<i>Beth Ann Gall</i>	<i>Louis & Irene Pellgrini</i>	
<i>Albert & Ann Soboleski</i>	<i>Joseph Hirko</i>	<i>Anthony M. Dineski Jr.</i>	
<i>John & Irene Giebus</i>	<i>John Giebus Jr.</i>	<i>Justin & Helen Orzechowski</i>	
<i>Joseph Patronick</i>	<i>Stanley Giebus</i>	<i>Joseph, Joann & Lynn Linker</i>	
<i>Marianne Adzema</i>	<i>Florence Polinski</i>	<i>Raymond & Marie Kownacki</i>	
<i>Mickey Zajackowski</i>	<i>Stella Miller</i>	<i>McAliney & McKenna Family</i>	
<i>Frances Jasonis</i>	<i>Marianne Jasonis</i>	<i>George & Frances Eckert</i>	
<i>Genevieve Oshirak</i>	<i>Joan Montague</i>	<i>Paul & Josephine Andrews</i>	
<i>Vincent Trentowski</i>	<i>John J. Krulack</i>	<i>Loretta & Ted Winiewicz</i>	
<i>Lena Piscontini</i>	<i>Frank Mattei</i>	<i>Steve, Violet & Stephen Polachek</i>	
<i>Celeste Mattei</i>	<i>Joseph Eckert</i>	<i>Larry & Michael Martin</i>	
<i>Leon & Emma Shivell</i>	<i>Stella Pysker</i>	<i>Nellie & Andrew Szymanski</i>	
<i>Zigmund Koshinski</i>	<i>Veronica Welgos</i>	<i>Charles & Ann Zajackowski</i>	
<i>Marian Williams</i>	<i>Diane Wanyo</i>	<i>Stanley & Barbara Malys</i>	
<i>Veronica Welgos</i>	<i>Marion Williams</i>	<i>Catherine & Samuel Franchella</i>	
<i>Diane Wanyo</i>	<i>Marilyn Hoffman</i>	<i>Barbara Ann Franchella</i>	
<i>Stanley Waslasky</i>	<i>Padden Family</i>	<i>M/M William Fender Sr.</i>	
<i>Caffrey Family</i>	<i>Krapthe Family</i>	<i>Mon, Dad, Joe, Kitty, Don</i>	
<i>Podeasy Family</i>	<i>Paddick Family</i>	<i>John & Constance Leshinski</i>	
<i>Vincent & Marie Stella</i>	<i>Diane Kowalski</i>	<i>Frank & Josephine Jagodinski</i>	
<i>William Biniek</i>	<i>Doris Ann Biniek</i>	<i>Stachurski & Zack Families</i>	
<i>Clarence Juzwiak</i>	<i>Joe Williams</i>	<i>Raymond & Theresa Shavish</i>	
<i>John Welgos, Sr.</i>	<i>John Wekos, Jr.</i>	<i>Ted & Margaret Dzedzic</i>	
<i>Lester Williams</i>	<i>Alice Leibman</i>	<i>Walter & Sophie Wolyniec</i>	
<i>Mary Ann Pizzella</i>	<i>Daniel Pientka</i>	<i>M/M Stanley Krawczyk</i>	
<i>Catherine Michaels</i>	<i>Edward Micheals</i>	<i>Helen & Stanley Jesikiewicz</i>	
<i>Anna Pientka</i>	<i>John Pientka</i>	<i>Josephine & Gelso Gubbiotti</i>	
<i>Gil Chesney</i>	<i>Yearling Family</i>	<i>David & Joan Marchetti</i>	
<i>Lutyński Family</i>	<i>Toni Thomas</i>	<i>Anthony & Lottie Jakuboski</i>	
<i>William Gall</i>	<i>Christine Gall</i>	<i>Edward & Elizabeth Glazewski</i>	
<i>Amelia Stanski</i>	<i>Peter Stanski</i>	<i>Nicklas & Vera Mascioli</i>	
<i>Chester Baginski</i>	<i>Mary M. Baginski</i>	<i>M/M Louis Bechetti Marie Bechetti</i>	
<i>Alfred DeAngelis Sr.</i>	<i>Baginski Family</i>	<i>Andrew, Mary, Thomas & Jennie Yevich</i>	
<i>Joe Smolko</i>	<i>Mary Griglock</i>	<i>Grandchildren, Lauren, Julia & Michael</i>	
<i>M. Burko</i>	<i>L. Myers</i>	<i>Mom & Dad, Granddaughter, Friend</i>	
<i>Al Dombroski</i>	<i>Thomas</i>	<i>Pearl & John Wolosky Sr</i>	