

Mon.	7am	<i>Theresa Shivell</i> by Bill & Pauline Olson
Tues.	7am	<i>Robert Rymar Sr. (A)</i> by family
Wed.	7am	<i>Communion Service</i>
Thurs	7am	<i>Helen Wojcik (A)</i> by Frank Nocito
Fri.	7am	<i>James & Sarah Gartley</i> by Liz Segeda
Sat.	4pm	<i>Anso & Maria Dominic</i> by Grandchildren
Sun.	8am	<i>Rev. Victor Zawadzki</i> by Delphine Wejkszker
	11am	<i>Parishioners</i>

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Mark 13:33-37

Advent is meant to serve as a wake-up call for those of us Christians who have a tendency to start drifting off after a while. We get into our routines, find the patterns that work for us, and then run the risk of just going through the motions. Maybe we say a morning prayer with consistency but have begun to forget to really think about the words. Perhaps we rouse ourselves enough to get to Mass on Sundays, but when we're there we let our minds daydream. Some of us might have made spiritual resolutions to overcome a bad habit or to begin some regular program of service, but instead of following through with the hard work of perseverance, we gave up the effort and fell back into our previous rut.

Whatever the case, now is the time to shake ourselves free and to ask God to invigorate us once again. Now is the time to stop zoning out and start tuning in. Jesus' message today has the intention of getting our attention. He's doing what he can; the rest is up to us. As Advent begins, we would do well to pause for a few moments and reflect. What might be preventing me from being fully awake to my faith? What activities preoccupy my time and my thoughts? What bad habits blur my spiritual vision? How could I really listen to the voice of the Lord this Advent season?

Today's Reading

First Reading – We are the clay and you, O Lord, are the potter: we are the work of your hands (Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).

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

Second Reading – God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (1 Corinthians 1:3-9)

Gospel – Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. (Mark 13:33-37).

In Memory of
The Sanctuary Lamp
Mike McGrady

Votive by the Blessed Virgin Mary
Irene & Lois Bechetti

November 23, 2014

*Due to early submission
Contributions will be posted next week*

Questions of the Week

Mark 13:33-37:

Why do you think the season of Advent begins each year with Jesus' urgent message to "be watchful"?

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7:

Why do you think God allows us to "wander"?

1 Corinthians 1:3-9:

What do you see as some of the challenges of your faith community?

Pastor Rev. John Boyle	Pastor Emeritus Rev. Joseph Greskiewicz
Coordinator of Religious Education Sande Holena	
Eucharistic Minister/Lectors David Loiacono	Ushers Paul Muczynski
Youth Group Maryann and Michael Quinn	Altar Servers Gloria Flynn
Food Pantry Pauline Makowski	Security Shiloh & Kolbe Inc.



ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE:

Our Advent Penance Service – combining our Parish, St. Andre Besetts and St. Benedict’s will be held on Sunday, December 14, at 2:00 P.M. at SS Peter and Paul Church. This will be the only Penance Service in our Area for the Advent/Christmas Season. Please plan on attending. There will be no special Confession Schedule in preparation for Christmas.



Christmas Eve: 5:00 P.M. & 9:00 P.M.
Christmas Day: 10:00 A.M.



New Year’s Eve: 4:00 P.M.
For all those Parishioners, Family and Friends
who died during 2014
New Year’s Day: 10:00 A.M.

2015 Children’s Envelopes can be found in the vestibule of the Church.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
- Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
- Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
- Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Parish Activities
December 1 – December 7

Mon.	Quilting	5:00pm
	Rosary	6:30pm
	Faith Sharing	7pm
Tues.	Quilting	9am – Noon
Wed	Trip to Lancaster – “Moses” Meet in parking lot 7:45am	
Thurs	Quilting	9:00am – noon
Sat	First Reconciliation 11:00am	
Sun.	Religious Education Classes 9:30am – 10:30am	

Religious Christmas Cards

We will be selling three styles of religious Christmas Cards to send to family and friends. Each box contains 20 cards and envelopes with a religious message for the season. The cost for each box is \$6 or 2 for \$10. Cards can be purchased at the Rectory during Office Hours.

Keep Christ in Christmas!!!!!!

Christmas Wafers will be available after Masses next weekend and at the Parish Office during Office Hours. Each envelope contains four wafers. Donations are accepted.

Cemetery News

Commencing with the first plowable snowfall, ALL funerals will have the Final Committal in the Church. This policy has been discussed with all of the local Funeral Directors and they are aware of this move. This change will provide those attending funerals a safer and warmer environment. Any difficulties with this arrangement are to speak with me (Fr. B).



will become the Family Christmas Tree

We are asking families to place one of their ornaments on the tree symbolizing the unity of our parish family. The ornaments can be retrieved after the Christmas Season.

Children's Christmas Liturgy

Active participation in our faith helps our children to grow closer to Jesus. Parents, please encourage your child/children to participate in the Children's Christmas Liturgy on Dec. 24th at 5pm. There will be some key parts (Mary, Joseph, ect...) and all others are asked to dress s either angels or shepherds. There are costumes available. There will be a short practice on Dec. 14th at 12pm. We will meet in the Parish Center for all interested. If you have any questions call Sande Holena at 570-822-8761.

Volunteers for Holiday Decorating are needed.

Anyone interested in lending a hand please call Dave Loiacono at 570-574-7842.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Thank you to those who have already made the commitment to join in "Transforming Lives Together."

On behalf of all who will benefit from your gifts, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera extends his sincere gratitude to everyone who has already made a pledge to the 2014 Diocesan Annual Appeal. Each gift truly matters. If you have not yet made your gift, and need a pledge envelope, envelopes will be distributed at Masses today. Packets are also available by calling the Diocesan Development Office at 570-207-2250, or on-line at www.DiocesefofScranton.org.

Our Parish Goal is \$74,000. Amount Pledged as of Nov. 11 is \$39,765.

To All the Women of the Parish

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

You are invited to attend the Epiphany Party that will be held at Vanderlyn's Restaurant in Kingston on Sunday, January 4, 2015, at 12:30pm to 3:30pm. Anyone interested in attending may call Joann Melman at 570-824-6735 or Martha Yanaitis at 570-829-2870. Plan to spend an afternoon with good food, entertainment and camaraderie with the Women of SS Peter and Paul Parish. Price is \$40 which includes your choice of dinner. Deadline is December 20, 2014.

Lottery Winners

Nov. 17 #251 Kathleen Sabetta
Nov. 18 #155 Gloria Flynn
Nov. 19 #637 Mary Alice Paraschak

Congratulation to All!!!!

Order Forms for Christmas Goods from the Carmelite Sisters are available at the Office.

Orders must be placed by Dec. 8. Fr. Boyle will be picking up the parish orders from the sisters, and returning to the Parish Office on Thursday, Dec. 18th at noon. All orders must be pre-paid.

Marriage Moments

"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." (Mk 13:33) Death is not a welcome though for anyone, but sad as it is, all of us will face death eventually. Are there any endearing words you want to say to your beloved? Don't wait.

- Susan Vogt

SS Peter and Paul will participate in

MaineSource's Give Back Program.

This program allows our parish to earn 5% of all purchases made by our participating members. To participate in this program just fill out a sheet located in the vestibule of the church and next time you shop, give it to a cashier at MaineSource. If you are not familiar with MaineSource which is located in Forty Fort, they are a large size grocery store/party warehouse that offers small and large quantity items at affordable prices. When shopping at MaineSource you will find savings on your items while helping the parish by our receiving a percentage of the purchase. There are no membership cards or fees required to shop.

January Lottery – Makes Great Stocking

Stuffers will be available on next weekend, Nov. 29th & 30th after Masses in the Church vestibule.

January Lottery will begin on Jan. 1st and end Jan 31st, with a winner every day. Sunday – Friday \$50 will be given and \$100 on Saturdays, with \$500 given on January 1st – New Year Day. Match the PA Evening Lottery (PA bonus #'s not honored). There will be a Sellers drawing with \$50 awarded to someone who sells 25 or more and \$10 to someone who sells 10 or more.

Travel Opportunity

Fr. B is sponsoring a trip to CANYON COUNTRY - featuring Arizona & Utah. The trip is 9 days, 12 meals (7 Breakfasts, 5 Dinners). The trip also will stop in Las Vegas for 2 nights. Date of the trip is: September 24, 2015 – October 2, 2015. Price – based on double occupancy is \$ 2929 – book now and save \$100 per person. For further information, please call the Parish Office and/or Fr. B.

St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen, a program of Catholic Social Services is once again teaming up with local parishes and the United States Marines “Toys for Tots” for this year’s Christmas Toy Drive. Last year, we distributed toys to over 2,000 children in the Wyoming Valley. Toys are needed and donations may be taken to St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen, 39 East Jackson St. Wilkes-Barre, 7 days a week from 7:30am until 1pm.

Food Distribution will take place at St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen on Tues., Dec. 17th from 10am-2:30pm and 4-7pm. The **Toy Distribution** will take place at Our Lady of Hope Parish, 40 Park Ave, Wilkes-Barre on Wed. Dec. 17th from 9am – 2pm and 4-7pm.

Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church, Buttonwood, is having a Soup, Bake and Book Sale on Thursday, Dec. 4th from 8am-6pm. Soup of the month is Clam Chowder. Cost is \$8 per quart. Take outs only. Your pre-order will be appreciated. To place an order, please call Sylvia at 570-825-6370 or Barry at 570-831-5593.

Exaltation of the Holy Cross Youth Ministry will be holding their 3rd Annual Christmas Cookie Walk on Sat., Dec. 13 from 10am – 1pm in the church hall, 420 Main Road Hanover Township. There will be over forty different types of homemade cookies to choose from. Fill a container for \$8. There will also be pre assorted containers available for purchase. Christmas Cookie platters will be available for purchase for holiday parties. For more information and/or ticket reservations, please call 570-814-6444 or 570-262-6413.

The Council of Catholic Women of St. Benedict’s Parish is hosting a Toyland Bingo on December 7 in the church hall. Doors open at 1:30pm and bingo will start at 2pm. Tickets for the bingo are now on sale and can be purchased for \$10. They will also be available the day of the bingo for \$15. Tickets include: American Girl Dolls, tablet, large lego construction sets and a whole lot more! If interested in purchasing tickets prior to the day of the bingo please contact Bernie Warren at 954-0301, 821+-0037 or Mary Ann Wills at 825-7606. Thank you for your support!

St. Mary’s Church of the Immaculate Conception, 134 South Washington Street, will hold a Advent Organ recital on Sunday, Dec. 7th at 3pm. The program will feature organ music on Advent humn tunes and chants by Johann Sebastian Bach, Richard Warner, David N. Johnson, Paul Manz, Wayne L. Wold, Mark Sedio, Malcolm Archer, Charles Callahan, and Adolphus Hailstork. The recital is free and all are welcome to attend. For more information contact 570-823-4168 or olfstmarys@aol.com.

King’s College Cantores Christi Regis Christmas Concert – Friday and Saturday, December 5 and 6 at 7:30pm in the Chapel of Christ the King. The choir will present their annual Christmas Concert, which will include many traditional Christmas favorites as well as some contemporary selections. The concert is free. For more information please contact Rob Yenkowski at 570-208-6044 or by e-mail at robertyenkowski@kings.edu.

Chapel of Christ the King will hold an evening of Lessons and Carols on Wednesday, Dec. 10 at 7:30pm. Evening of Lessons and Carols is a service of Scripture and song that dates to the late 19th century. In this service, we listen to the Scripture lessons which recount the promise of a Messiah and the Incarnation. Each lesson is followed by a carol or other song that reflects the lesson’s message and a brief prayer. All are welcome. For more information please contact Rob Yenkowski at 570-208-6044 or by email at robertyenkowski@kings.edu.

