



SS. Peter and Paul Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community



The Second Week of Advent *December 6, 2015*

God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low
Baruch 5:7

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 7 through December 13

M	12/7	7AM	Communion Service
		7PM	Mary Dudeck by Joe & Maryann Staskiel
T	12/8	7AM	Edna Burke by James Moran
		12:15	Ernest Nutaitis by Frank & Colleen Kurilla
W	12/9	7AM	Pearle Kulmaczeski by Mr. & Mrs. Carl Cross
Th	12/10	7AM	Elizabeth Wysocki by Baldoni Vinciarelli
F	12/11	7AM	Evelyn Krzywicki by Mr. & Mrs. William Vaxmonsky
S	12/12	11AM	First Reconciliation
		Noon	Reconciliation for parish
		4PM	Josephine Krakoski by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Griffith
S	12/13	8AM	Stella Kielert by Michael & Ann Wheeler
		11AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners

PUT ON JOY

Today, Baruch speaks of the splendor that lies ahead for the city of Jerusalem and for all of us, regardless of where home is for us. Throw off strife, he tells us, and put on joy. Like a favorite old sweatshirt, joy fits, and how warm it keeps us, even when the winds blow cold.

Paul knows of this joy as he pens his letter to the Philippians, praying that they may grow in their ability to discern what is righteous and good. And Luke speaks to us of John, who was foretold by Isaiah and who sings a similar song—"Prepare the way of the Lord," for salvation is at hand

A man ahead of his time, Baruch spent his days joyfully awaiting a distant glory. On this Second Sunday of Advent, Paul and John know that this glory is upon us.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Stand on the heights, Jerusalem; see your children rejoicing that they are remembered by God. A merciful and just God leads Israel in joy (Baruch 5:1-9).

Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

Second Reading — May your love increase in knowledge to discern what is valuable that you may be blameless for the day of Christ (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

Gospel — John proclaims a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All flesh shall see the salvation of God (Luke 3:1-6).

In Memory of

The Sanctuary Lamp Ted Wysocki

Votive by the Blessed Virgin Mary Joseph & Leona Wincek

November 22, 2015 November 29, 2015

\$8,544	Contribution	7,566
\$ 30	Care for the Priest	48
\$1,192	Charity	101
\$ 927	Dues	635
\$ 10	Maintenance	5
\$ 30	Holy Day	56
\$ 21	All Souls Day	7
\$ 80	Utilities	60
\$ 79	Christmas Flowers	362
	Thanksgiving	\$432

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Second Sunday of Advent; Hanukkah begins
Monday:	St. Ambrose; Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Tuesday:	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday:	St. Juan Diego
Friday:	St. Damasus I
Saturday:	Our Lady of Guadalupe

Pastor	Pastor Emeritus
Rev. John C. Lambert	Rev. Joseph Greskiewicz

Liturgical/Musical Consultant and Choir Director

Joan Turel

Faith Formation	Buildings/Maintenance
Sande Holena	Michael Levandowski

Organist	Eucharistic Minister/Lectors
Christine Katsock	David Loiacono

Ushers	Altar Servers
Paul Muczynski	Gloria Flynn

Food Pantry	Youth Group
Pauline Makowski	Maryann/Michael Quinn



Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation honoring the Patron of the United States – Mary under the title of *The Immaculate Conception*. We will celebrated Mass on Monday Evening at 7PM and on Tuesday, December 8th at 7AM and 12:15PM.

Christmas Wafers will be available after Masses next weekend (Dec. 12 & 13) and at the Parish Office during Office Hours. Each envelope contains four wafers. Donations are accepted.

Advent Vespers will be celebrated on *Guadete Sunday* (the Third Sunday of Advent), December 13th 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.

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 ant be reconciled with the Lord.

Tues, Dec 15th at 7PM – St. Monica's W. Wyoming
Wed. Dec. 16th at 7PM – St. Mary's, W-B
Thurs, Dec 17 at 7PM – SS Peter and Paul Church
Mon, Dec 21 at 7PM - St. John Church. Pittston
Tues, Dec 22 at 7PM - St. Benedict, Wilkes-Barre

**** Father Jack** will also hear confessions, here on Saturday, Dec. 12th & 19th from Noon to 1PM

Lottery Winners

Nov. 20 th	#027	Justin Januszko
Nov. 21 st	#966	B. Gubbiotti
Nov. 22 th	#426	Sharon McGowan
Nov. 23 rd	#706	Sierra Jendrzewski
Nov. 24 th	#309	Albert Kane
Nov. 25 th	#608	Marilyn Corcoran
Nov. 26 th	#065	Chris Kleckner
Nov. 27 th	#472	James Lynch
Nov. 28 th	#442	Bernie Hromek
Nov. 29 th	#034	Eleanor Pientka

Congratulations to all!!!!

Parish Activities

December 6 through December 13

Sun.	Faith Formation	9:30AM
Mon.	Quilting	5PM
	Prayer Shawl	5PM
	Rosary	6:30PM
	Women's Society Installation	7PM
Tues.	Office and Parish Center Closed The Immaculate Conception	
Wed.	Choir	7PM
Thurs	Quilting	9AM
	Parish Council	6:30PM
	Men's Meeting	6:30PM
Sat	First Reconciliation	11AM
	Reconciliation for Parish	Noon
Sun.	Faith Formation	9:30AM

Lottery Tickets – Stocking Stuffers

Tickets for January are now available. Awards will begin Jan 1 and end January 31 – a winner daily number (excludes the double draw). Prizes are \$50 Sunday to Friday, \$100 on Saturday and \$500 on January 1st. 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. These make great Stocking Stuffers or to place in a card for Christmas!!!! Tickets will be available next weekend at all Masses.

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.

Liturgy Corner: Did You Know?



Second Sunday of Advent

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

A Gentile convert to Christianity, Luke was a friend and disciple to Paul and possibly a physician. He was a sophisticated literary stylist who produced not only this Gospel but its companion volume, the Acts of the Apostles, as well.

More than the other evangelists, Luke presents Christ as a universal figure, one who accepts all kinds of outcasts from shepherds to Samaritans and one whose genealogy can be traced all the way back to Adam.

It is from Luke's Gospel that we receive our fondest images of the events surrounding the Nativity.

Holy Name Society will meet on Thursday, Dec. 10th at 6:30PM in the Parish Center. A Christmas Party will follow the meeting. New members are always welcome.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Our parish goal is \$70,000, thus far 322 parishioners made a pledge contributing \$52,441. Please consider making a pledge if you haven't already.

Marriage Moments

Do you have a pet name for your spouse (baby, honey, a nickname that only you use)? It's not essential but often it can remind both of you of your special relationship. It's like calling God, "Abba."

- Susan Vogt

Your Flu-Fighting Checklist #2

Rest up. When you're hit with the flu, there's nothing you want more than sleep. But research suggests that it's the sleep you get before you come down with a virus that really matters. One new study discovered that people who slept six or more hours a night for a week were much better at fighting off the common cold than those who clocked less than that, possibly because adequate rest boosts immunity.

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.

Bulletin Briefs

Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of life. Help us to cherish and protect this gift, even in the midst of fear, pain, and suffering. Give us love for all people, especially the most vulnerable, and help us bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living. Grant us the humility to accept help when we are in need, and teach us to be merciful to all. Through our words and actions, may others encounter the outstretched hands of your mercy. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

USCCB 2015-16 Respect Life Program
Prayer Card: "Every Life is Worth Living"

Holy Redeemer High School

Placement/Scholarship Test for interested public and private school 8th graders will be held on Saturday, December 12 at 8:30AM. Call the Guidance Office to register for the test at 570-829-2424.

Holy Redeemer High School – Seasonal Concert will be held on Sunday, December 13th at

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Gospel Today

Second Sunday of Advent | Luke 3: 1-6

As written in Isaiah, John the Baptist proclaimed, "Prepare the way of the Lord."

Luke 3:4

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WEEK 2, evening lighting prayer

Prayer said by Father or head of household

"O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for
Thy only begotten Son that through His coming we
may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds.
Through Christ our Lord, Amen".

Oldest child lights 2 purple candles.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



--- COLOR & CUT ON DOTTED LINES ---

ROLL & OVERLAP
EDGES & GLUE OR
TAPE TOGETHER

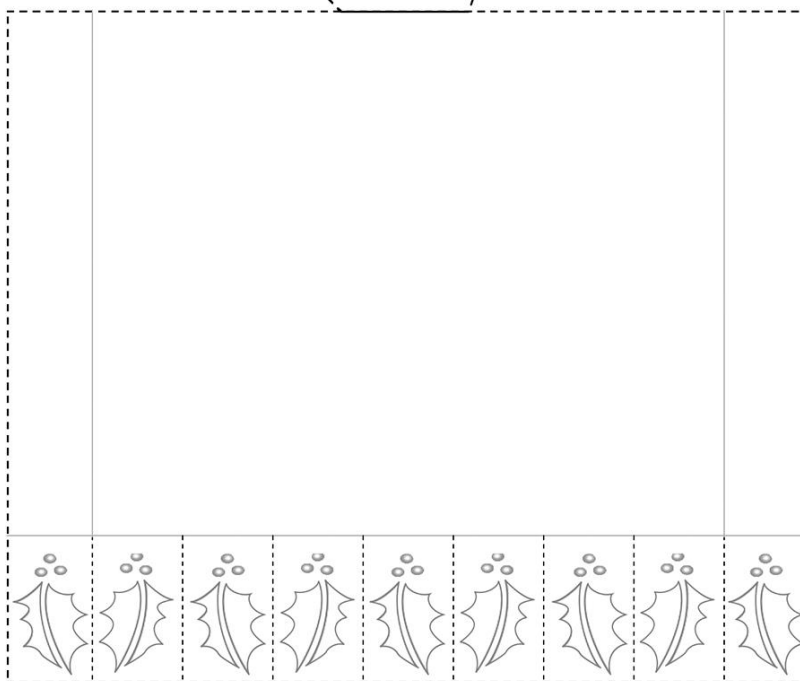
OVERLAP WITH
OPPOSITE SIDE

COLOR PURPLE

FOLD

COLOR GREEN

CUT BASE



*This is what the
finished candle
should look like*

WEEK 2 Cut, color and fold our second advent candle - tape or glue to the 9" paper plate or cardboard circle that was used for the first candle. Place as shown on the diagram at right.

