



SS. Peter and Paul Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 27, 2015

*Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.
John 3:2a*

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 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

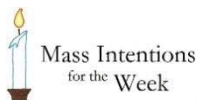
Confessions

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 28 through January 3

M	12/28	7AM	<i>Communion Service</i>
T	12/29	7AM	<i>Special Intention</i>
W	12/30	7AM	<i>Special Intention</i>
Th	12/31	4PM	<i>Special Intention</i>
F	1/1	10AM	<i>Special Intention</i>
S	1/2	4PM	<i>Special Intention</i>
S	1/3	8AM	<i>Catherine Neishell</i>

by Helen Rinkevich

11AM *Living and Deceased Parishioners*

FAMILY LIFE

Family life is sacred, but it is not without trial. Perhaps this is the most important message we can glean from today's readings. If Jesus, Mary, and Joseph can trip up sometimes—can disconnect—then we shouldn't find it surprising when such things happen to us as well. And parents everywhere (children, too) can probably relate to—and take some solace in—the Gospel's account of Mary and Joseph after Jesus explained why he stayed behind in the temple. They heard his words, Luke tells us, "But they did not understand what he said to them" (Luke 2:50). Amen! Nevertheless, Jesus does go back home with them, and continues to thrive under their care.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Hannah gives her son Samuel back to the LORD, leaving him in the temple at Shiloh: "As long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD" (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) or *Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14*.

Psalm — Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord (Psalm 84) or *Psalm 128*.

Second Reading — We are children of God when we believe in the name of God's Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us (1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24) or *Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]*.

Gospel — Joseph and Mary find the lost Jesus in the temple in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking questions (Luke 2:41-52).

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Have a Peaceful New Year!!!

In Memory of

The Sanctuary Lamp
Paul Hession

Votive by the Blessed Virgin Mary
Joseph & Leona Wincek

December 20, 2015

*Due to an early submission
the Contributions for
December 20, 2015
will be listed next week.*

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Monday:	The Holy Innocents
Tuesday:	Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket
Wednesday:	Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
Thursday:	Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve
Friday:	The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; First Friday; New Year's Day
Saturday:	Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen; First Saturday

Pastor

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Gloria Flynn

Food Pantry

Pauline Makowski

Youth Group

Maryann/Michael Quinn

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

Attention all ADULT...

**Liturgical Ministers... Music, Ushers, Servers,
Lectors, and Children's Liturgy of the Word.**

Parish Employees.

Volunteers at ...Food Pantry,

Faith Formation Teachers/Aids, Youth Group,

Fundraisers, Collection Counters, Marriage

Preparation Couples

Members of theParish Pastoral Council,

Parish Finance, Liturgy Committee, Quilters,

Prayer Shawl, Women's Group, Holy Name

Society, Bereavement and Grief Support.

You and your spouse are invited to our 2016 Parish Appreciation Dinner to be held on Saturday, January 22nd at the Touch of Class. Cocktail Hour will begin at 6:30pm (Cash Bar) and dinner will begin at 7:30pm. This is one means to show appreciation to all the Volunteers and Ministers who give so freely to help the Parish meet the challenges of Parish Life during the course of the year.

Please call the Parish Office (570) 825-6663 extension 5 and leave your name and the number of people attending. Sunday, January 17th is the cut off date for reservations.

Marriage Moments

The feast is over but the visiting and company may continue through the Christmas holidays. Although generally a happy time of family togetherness, Christmas can also be a time when stress causes short tempers. Be mindful and merciful with your beloved these days when you might be together in extremely close quarters.

- Susan Vogt

Parish Activities

December 28 through January 3

**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.

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.

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

It's Christmas. Relish the glee of giving and receiving a gift. After the hubbub dies down, pause as a family not only to thank each other, but to be thankful that you have the resources to give gifts and that you have a family to share this time with. Don't let the day slip slide away without this pause.

- Susan Vogt

Liturgy Corner: Did You Know?

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Today's liturgy not only offers us a glimpse into the life of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph but also gives us an opportunity to pray for our own families.

Although private devotions to the Holy Family go back to about the seventeenth century, the feast did not enter the church's calendar until 1921.

One of the readings designated for the day comes from Colossians 3 wherein wives are exhorted to be subordinate to their husbands. A shortened version of this reading, which omits that passage and is more in keeping with our modern idea of a woman's place in the family, is permitted as an option.



Christmas Flower Offerings

In Memory/Honor of

<i>Robert Suchocki</i>	<i>Irene Konycki</i>
<i>Stella Krawczyk</i>	<i>Stanley Krawczyk</i>
<i>Marianne Lynch</i>	<i>Thomas Lynch</i>
<i>Alice Lynch</i>	<i>Joseph Rowker</i>
<i>Joseph Rowker Jr.</i>	<i>John Shívell Sr.</i>
<i>Kate Shívell</i>	<i>Leona Rowker</i>
<i>Thomas Deptulski</i>	<i>Theodore Hines</i>
<i>Mary S. Ryman</i>	<i>Robert S. Ryman Sr.</i>
<i>Martha Rudda</i>	<i>Allan Makowski</i>
<i>Phil Gonshor Sr.</i>	<i>Phil Gonshor Jr.</i>
<i>Jennie Orbick</i>	<i>Gus Orbick</i>
<i>John Orbick</i>	
<i>Theresa Chipeliwski</i>	

Rosary Repair

Parishioners who have Rosaries in need of repair can call Len Kalinoski, Holy Name Society at 570-829-1864.

Infant Baptism

Expectant and new parents are required to participate in a Baptismal Preparation Class before scheduling their child's Baptism. These classes are held every three months; our next class is scheduled for Thursday, January 7th, 6PM. Please contact Sande Holena at 570-822-8761 to register for the class and/or schedule your child's Baptism (Baptism is not celebrated during Lent).

SS. Peter and Paul Parish participates in MaineSource's Give Back Program. This program allows our parish to earn 5% of all purchases made by our participating members. To participate fill out the sheet located in the vestibule and give it to a cashier next time you shop at MaineSource. MaineSource which is located in Forty Fort, is a large size grocery store/party warehouse that offers small and large quantity items at affordable prices. When shopping at MainSource you will find savings on your items while helping the Food Pantry by our receiving a percentage of the purchase amount back. There are no membership cards or fees required to shop.

Your Flu-Fighting Checklist #3

Scrub like a surgeon! Surgeons are famous for washing their hands thoroughly. In medical school, a surgeon has to wash his hands for at least five minutes before going into the operating room. You don't have to invest that much time but you need more than a quick rinse to make sure you're getting the flu off your hands (the virus can live outside the body for up to eight hours). Here's a trick to make sure you're washing long enough. Take a ball point pen and draw an X across your palms. Soap your hands and wash them until the X is completely gone. How long did that take? Now try to match that time whenever you're at the sink. Tip #4. Get more Vitamin D. A study in the Archives of Internal Medicine revealed that adults with the lowest blood levels of vitamin D were 36 per cent likelier to report having an upper respiratory infection in the previous few days than those with the highest levels. Research has shown that vitamin D plays a key role in immune function. To help get your fill, consume more fatty fish like tuna and salmon-both are good sources of the vitamin.

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Gospel Today

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph | Luke 2: 41-52

THE BOY JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

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1] *Jesus went to the temple with his parents in this town.*

- a) Jericho b) Jerusalem c) Bethlehem

2] *They were there for _____.*

- a) Christmas b) Easter c) Passover

3] *How old was Jesus?*

- a) Two b) Twelve c) Twenty

4] *When the caravan left, where was Jesus?*

- a) With the caravan b) He rode ahead
c) Left behind

5] *Mary and Joseph found Jesus after _____.*

- a) 3 hours b) 3 days c) 3 weeks

6] *What did the temple teachers think about Jesus?*

- a) Angry b) Annoyed c) Amazed/astounded

7] *When Mary and Joseph saw Jesus they were _____.*

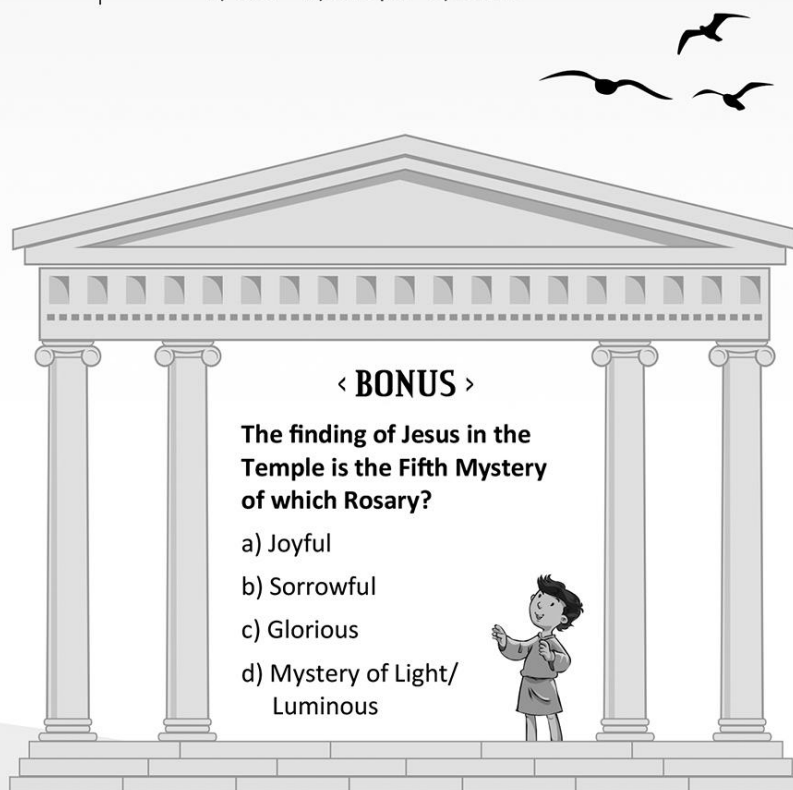
- a) Anxious b) Angry c) Astonished

8] *When Jesus said to his parents "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" Who is Jesus calling his Father?*

- a) God b) Joseph c) David

Each year his parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced [in] wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

- Luke 2: 41-52



< BONUS >

The finding of Jesus in the Temple is the Fifth Mystery of which Rosary?

- a) Joyful
b) Sorrowful
c) Glorious
d) Mystery of Light/Luminous

1) b 2) c 3) b 4) c 5) b 6) c 7) c 8) a Bonus) a