



SS. Peter and Paul Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

The Epiphany of the Lord January 3, 2016

*Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.*

Isaiah 60:1

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

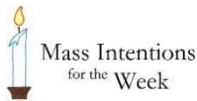
Confessions

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



January 4 through January 10		
M 1/4	7AM	Communion Service
T 1/5	7AM	Rosemary Bernesky (A) by Fran Goetz
W 1/6	7AM	Anthony Wilk by Ed & Jean Pienta
Th 1/7	7AM	Ann Gavin by Family
F 1/8	7AM	Anne Aritz by Patricia & Alex Choman
S 1/9	4PM	Joseph Klepadlo (A) by Family
S 1/10	8AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners
	11AM	Allan Makowski by Wife

LOOKING IN THE RIGHT PLACES

"Appearances can be deceiving," as the saying goes. As we celebrate the *epiphania*, the "appearing" of the eternal Word of God on earth, this is still true.

What rapturous foresight must have filled Isaiah as he wrote the words we hear today. How, for four hundred years, they must have filled the hearts of the people of Israel with hope for the day when God's glory would shine on them. How deceived some must have felt when the glory of God came to them in the lowliest and humblest of human lives.

We have many expectations about how the divine presence will appear among us. But we can also set ourselves up, through these expectations, to miss the divine glory when it truly appears. We get caught up in looking for the star, forgetting that the star is not the divine sign, the babe is. It may take a persistent journey for us to come upon the true appearance of God's glory in our lives: Jesus Christ.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The LORD shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:1-12).

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In Memory of

The Sanctuary Lamp

Ted Wysocki

Votive by the Blessed Virgin Mary

Joseph Rowker Jr.

December 20, 2015

Contribution	\$8,310
Care for the Priest	\$20
Charity	\$4
Dues	\$3,308
Maintenance	\$164
Holy Day	\$115
All Souls Day	\$4
Utilities	\$10
Christmas Flowers	\$105
Christmas	1,064

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Epiphany of the Lord;
National Migration Week

Monday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Tuesday: St. John Neumann

Wednesday: St. André Bessette

Thursday: St. Raymond of Penyafort;
Julian Calendar Christmas

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

Memorial Donations

The following donations and memorials have recently been given to our Parish:

SS. Peter and Paul Parish

- \$25 In Memory of Jeffrey Strouse
by Rickey & Esther Strouse
\$25 In Memory of Stephen Edward Dudek
by Barbara Petroski & Darlene Modla

Organ Donations

- \$500 Plains Senior Citizens

SS. Peter and Paul Food Pantry

- \$1,000 United Way
\$500 Plains Lions Club
\$300 Lena Spagnuolo
\$750 Anonymous
\$100 Kathryn Lambert
\$100 Joseph & Margaret Wilk
\$100 Elizabeth Kupstas
\$100 Patrick & Ann Marie Delasandro
\$70 Helen Stanski & Friends
\$30 Elizabeth Segeda
\$25 Edward Holub
\$25 Christine Szychowski
\$20 Elizabeth Hession
\$150 In Memory of
Joe & Genka Klepadlo & Eddie White Jr.
by Regina Klepadlo
\$100 In Memory of
John Harowicz & Gunner Hayes
by Sandra Jean & Rebecca Harowicz
\$50 In Memory of
Mary "Honey" Murphy
by Lillian McGrady & Family

We thank all who have made memorial and free-will donations. May God bless you for your generosity. We will keep your intentions and love ones in our prayers.

Marriage Moments

The 3 Magi (kings or wise men) recognized power in the unlikely person of a baby. Indeed it is wisdom that helps us see the Godliness within the ordinary people in our lives. Our beloved may seem pretty ordinary today. Look for the Godliness within.

- Susan Vogt

Parish Activities

January 4 through January 10

Sun. Faith Formation	9:30AM
Mon. Quilting	5PM
Prayer Shawl	5PM
Rosary	6:30PM
Tues. Quilting	9AM
Thurs Quilting	5PM
Baptism Class	6PM
Sun. Faith Formation	9:30AM
Women's Christmas Party	

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Our parish goal is \$70,000, 377 parishioners made a pledge contributing \$56,852. Please consider making a pledge if you haven't already.

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.

Ecumenical Celebration of God's Word on Monday, Jan. 25th at 12:10PM in the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton." All are welcome to attend. The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., will preside, and Bishop Jeremaih Park of the Susquehanna Conference, Methodist Church will deliver the homily.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass, for couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary will be held on Sunday, June 5. The event includes a 2:30PM Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address should be made by calling our Parish Office before Marcy 7th.

Liturgy Corner: Did You Know?

The Epiphany of the Lord

The solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord which celebrates the manifestation of God to humanity began in the Eastern Church in the third century.

Called *Theophany*, it was primarily a feast of the baptism of the Lord, but it also incorporated themes of his nativity, the visit of the magi, and the marriage feast at Cana.

The Church of Rome adopted this celebration in the fourth century and focused it on the adoration of the magi since it already had a feast of the Lord's nativity in place.

In the United States, we observe the Epiphany on the Sunday between the second and eighth of January, but there are places where it is celebrated as a holy day of obligation on the traditional date of January 6.



Rosary Repair

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

Parenting Pointers

New Year's Day: Consider making a "clean break" with the start of the new year. Ask if everyone in the family would be willing to clean one space - a drawer, a shelf, a toy box? Start with taking everything out. Then put back only those items you really want. Give a way or throw away the rest. See my January 1 blog, [The Beauty of Empty](#) for ideas.

- Susan Vogt

Know a Marriage That Needs Help

Throw them a lifeline and tell them about **Retrouvaille**, an international program that helps couples who are experiencing marital difficulties. This program is for all couples, at any stage of marriage that needs help to communicate with each other in a more attentive and loving manner. The next program in the Scranton Diocese begins Feb. 26 – Feb. 28, at the Ramada Inn, Clarks Summit, PA. Please call 800-470-2230 for more information or to register or visit the website at www.helpourmarriage.org.

March For Life

Tony Melendez will perform at the 22nd Annual National Memorial for the Pre-Born and Their Mothers and Fathers on Friday, January 22, 2016 at Constitution Hall, 1776 D. St. NW (18th and D St) Washington, DC from 8:30-10:30AM. Catholic Mass at 7:30AM. Free, no ticket is needed. Large group welcome. Only a short walk to the March for Life Rally starting point. For more information see NationalPrayerService.com. Email Christa@nprcouncil.org to let us know you are coming.

Let Heaven and Nature Sing

*Hush, the silent world grows darker,
Autumn colors dim from sight,
Turn from plain into beauty,
Then put on a coat of white.*

*Mountains don their ermine wraps
Against the chill of Winter squall,
Raise their faces ever upward
To the God Who made them all.*

*All creation praise the Savior,
In time's fullness come to earth.
May all majestic worlds bow down
And worship Christ at this His birth
Elizabeth Rosian*

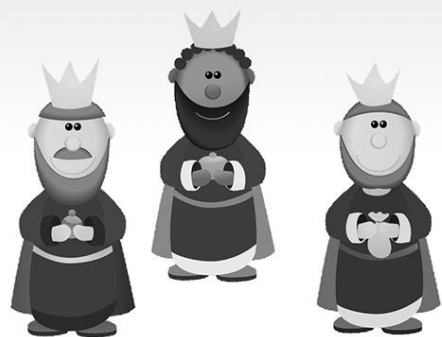
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Gospel Today

The Epiphany of the Lord | Matthew 2: 1-12

The Magi followed the star to where Jesus was and offered Him fine, expensive gifts. "And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way." *Matthew 2: 12*

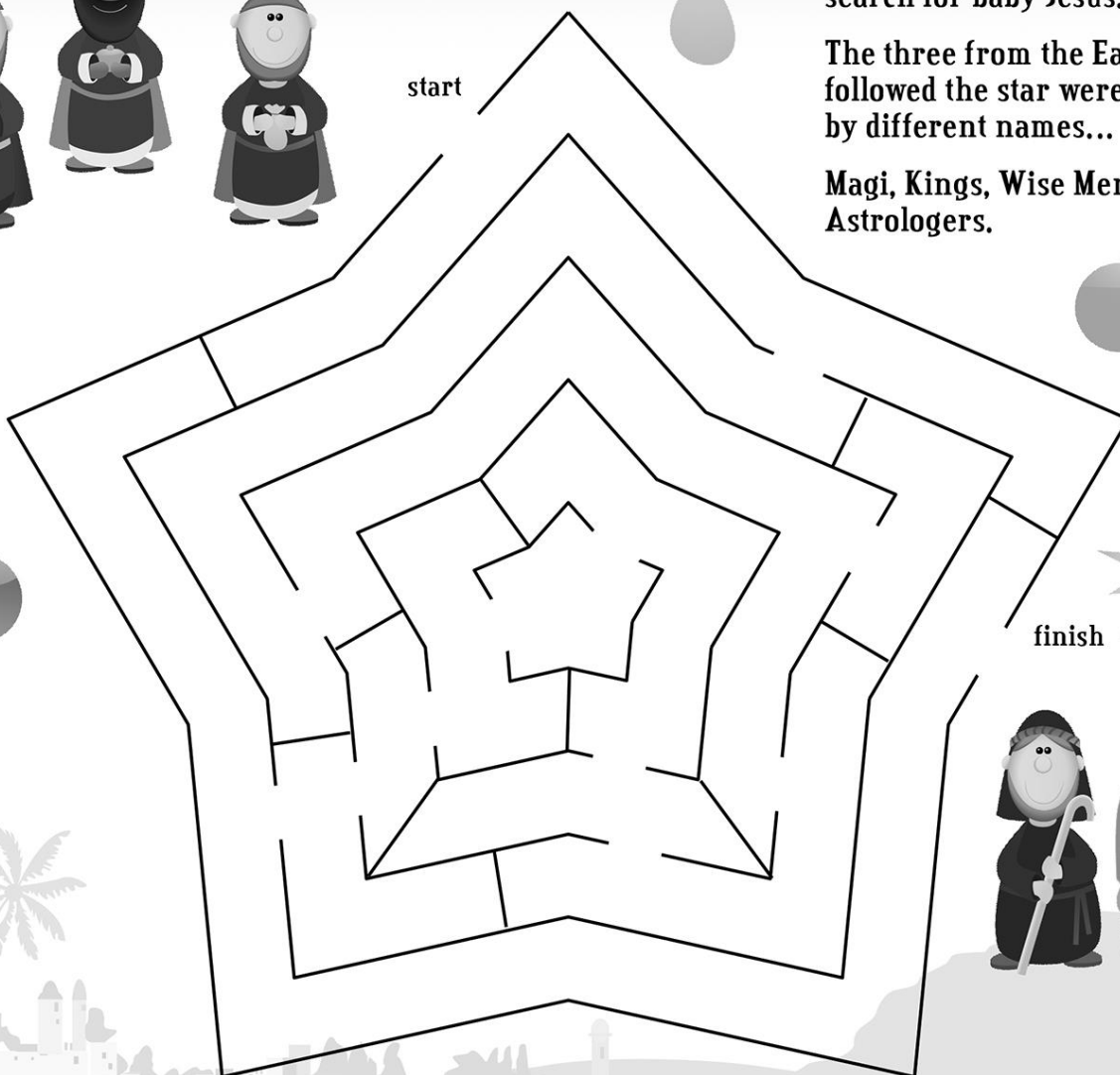
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Follow the Wise Men as they search for baby Jesus.

The three from the East who followed the star were called by different names...

Magi, Kings, Wise Men and Astrologers.



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VISIT OF THE MAGI

Do you know what the gifts were? Unscramble the words to find out...

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