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ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL



When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:1-2
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PARISH NEWS

Weekly Sacrificial Giving

Your Sunday contributions to *St. Peter's Cathedral* for the weekend of December 24 & 25 totaled \$6,700 (vs. \$8,874 for the same week last year). We remain grateful to all those who make a real financial sacrifice every week to support our parish and its ministries.

Christmas Offering

The Christmas contributions for *St. Peter's Cathedral* came to \$17,627 (vs. \$16,578 last year). Once again, thank you for your generosity to your parish during this holy season. Donations received for our Christmas flowers totaled \$3,026 (vs. \$2,134 last year). THANK YOU!!!

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Currently, we are at **98%** of our goal. We have **\$64,781** pledged or donated toward our Cathedral parish goal of \$66,000.00. Please remember: any gift, any size really matters...and is deeply appreciated!!!

If you have not yet made your gift, you may call the parish office (344-7231), call the Diocesan Development Office (207-2250) or you may go to the Diocesan Annual Appeal website, www.annualappeal.org. THANK YOU!!!

Do You Know?

You can go to www.StPetersCathedral.org and click the "CATHEDRAL DIRECT!" button to make your monthly financial contributions to St. Peter's Cathedral automatically by means of this secure online giving option. You will have a ready receipt for Federal Income Tax purposes.

PARISH NEWS



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Change in Daily Mass Schedule

On Wednesday, January 25, 2012, to celebrate the conclusion of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will preside at an Ecumenical Celebration of God's Word at 12:10 p.m. in St. Peter's Cathedral. **There will be no 12:10 Mass on January 25, 2012.** For more information on the annual Week of Prayer, visit: www.geii.org.

Cathedral Weekday Winter Hours

St. Peter's Cathedral is open weekdays, Monday through Friday, from 5:30 a.m. to **3:00 p.m.** for the winter months, with exceptions as noted in the bulletin. The Cathedral Prayer Garden is closed during the winter months.

Scripture Reflections

A series of Scripture Reflections are held at St. Peter's Cathedral on Friday mornings at 7:00 a.m. in Bishop's Hall (lower level of the Cathedral Rectory). All are welcome. Call Joan at 344-5216 for more information.

Chapel of the Holy Family

As of Friday, December 30, 2011, the Chapel of the Holy Family is now open. There are still some "final touches" that need to be made which include a new and easier slot to insert candle donations. Donations are \$1.00 per candle and candles may be lit by simply pressing the button in front of a candle. The candles are on electronic timers and will remain lit for 8 hours. Thank you for your support! May the Holy Family daily guide and protect us!

Personal 2011 Financial Statements

Financial Statements for the 2011 calendar year will be mailed out, **upon request**. Anyone desiring a copy of his/her 2011 Financial Contributions to our parish is asked to call the parish office at 344-7231. Thank you.

Thank You for Memorial Gifts

*A new **Roman Missal** for use at **St. Peter's Cathedral** has been donated *In Memory of Marcia Scartelli by the Ushers of St. Peter's Cathedral.*

*A new **Roman Missal** for use at **St. Peter's Cathedral** has been donated by *Mr. & Mrs. Harry Kuzmick.*

The **Roman Missal** is the large liturgical book that contains the texts and rubrics for the celebration of Mass. We are most grateful for these generous gifts to be used in the liturgical celebrations at St. Peter's Cathedral.

PARISH NEWS

Celebrate A Special Occasion, Honor a Loved One or Promote Your Business

People throughout the region rely on Catholic Television: CTV for faith-based programs, especially the Daily Mass from St. Peter's Cathedral. You can sponsor the broadcast of the Mass with a 30-second message about your business or organization. Sponsorships can also be used to celebrate a special occasion, or as a memorial to a loved one. Please call 570-207-2229 to discuss your options. Details can also be found on our website: www.dioceseofscranton.org.



Diocese Hosting Vocation Discernment Weekend

The Diocese of Scranton Vocation Office is hosting a weekend of discernment for young men in high school and beyond, ages 16-30 to assist them in recognizing whether God is inviting them to step forward to offer their lives as diocesan priests. The weekend will be held Feb. 10-12 at Fatima Center in Dalton.

The program runs from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon and includes a presentation on the basics of praying into God's will for us, testimony from current seminarians, celebration of Mass, personal prayer, and fraternity.

"Many young men have imagined the possibility of being a priest one day. Many have been told by others that they possess the qualities that would make a good priest. Often as young men consider their future, the idea of priesthood occurs over and over again, even as they look to other possible careers or to the married life. Frequently young men find peace around their search to know where God is leading them by talking about their interest in priesthood and by listening to the experiences of those who have already decided to enter seminary to become priests," said Fr. Jim Rafferty, Diocesan Vocation Director.

For further information, contact Fr. Rafferty at 570-207-1452 or Rev-James-Rafferty@dioceseofscranton.org.

Interested in Church History?

A free monthly resource is available online for anyone interested in learning more about church history. *Anno Domini* examines the key dates, concepts, and figures of church history in an approachable and user-friendly format. The *Anno Domini* resource is available at www.dioceseofscranton.org under the Adult Faith Formation page.

Epiphany Proclamation 2012

Dear brothers and sisters,

The glory of the Lord has shone upon us,
and shall ever be manifest among us,
until the day of His return.

Through the rhythms of times and seasons
let us celebrate the mysteries of salvation.

Let us recall the year's culmination,
the Easter Triduum of the Lord:
His last supper, His crucifixion, His burial,
and His rising celebrated
between the evening of the Fifth day of April
and the evening of the Seventh day of April,
Easter Sunday being on the Eighth day of April.

Each Easter—as on each Sunday—
the Holy Church makes present the great
and saving deed
by which Christ has for ever conquered sin and death.

From Easter are reckoned all the days we keep holy:

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent,
will occur on the Twenty-second day of February.

The Ascension of the Lord will be commemorated
on the Seventeenth day of May.

Pentecost, joyful conclusion of the season of Easter,
will be celebrated on the Twenty-Seventh day of May.

And, this year the First Sunday of Advent will be
on the Second day of December.

Likewise, the pilgrim Church proclaims
the Passover of Christ
in the feasts of the holy Mother God,
in the feasts of the Apostles and Saints,
and in the commemoration of the faithful departed.

To Jesus Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come,
Lord of time and history,
be endless praise, for ever and ever.

Amen.

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AROUND THE DIOCESE

Wedding Anniversary Mass

His Excellency, The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton and the Office for Parish Life & Evangelization/Family Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2012 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 3. The event includes a 2:30 p.m. Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address that will be accurate in March, should be made by calling your parish office **before March 1st.**

Keep Bouncing Back for Zack

Zachary Cadwalder, a 5-year old boy who attends Robert Morris Elementary School, was recently diagnosed with a cancerous and inoperable brain tumor. Zachary will be going to the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, to be a part of an experimental clinical trial dealing with this type of horrific cancer. As you can only imagine, this heartbreaking and devastating news brings with it not only emotional suffering for his family, but a huge financial burden.

Friends and family are sponsoring a benefit *"Keep Bouncing Back for Zack"* on **Friday, January 20**, at St. Mary's Center from 6:00 -10:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and includes entertainment, food, beer, soda and coffee. There will be 50/50 raffles and basket raffles. Please send your check made payable to the *"Zachary Cadwalder Fund"* to St. Peter's Cathedral Rectory, 315 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton, PA 18503 and indicate how many tickets you would like to purchase.

If anyone can donate monetary gifts, gift cards, services, food, beverages and supplies for the event, it would be a tremendous help. Monetary donations may be made to the *"Zachary Cadwalder Fund"* at any Penn Security Bank branch location. Call Gabrielle Kasaczun (570-430-650), Thomas Ristics (570-877-3086) or Cecilia Megela (570-342-4364) for more information or to make your reservations for the event on January 20th. Thank you for your support.

Help for Unhappy Marriages

If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communications, if you are considering separation or divorce, Retrouvaille can help you. Retrouvaille is helping couples put the pieces back together and rebuild loving relationships. The next local weekend program is February 10-12, at Fatima Renewal Center, Dalton. Couples must register. All calls are confidential. For more information call 1-800-470-2230.



Weekly Mass Schedule

JANUARY 7 - 15, 2012

Sunday Masses for January 7, 8

- 4:00 p.m. Angeline Sidoni (*Courtney Driscoll*)
6:30 a.m. Yolanda Saita (*Chris & Ann DiMattio*)
10:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Peter's Cathedral
12:15 p.m. Stella Scartelli (*Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Parola*)
5:00 p.m. Paul & Rita Laskowski (*Nicole & Chris Wheeler*)

Monday, January 9

- 6:30 a.m. Special Intention (*Dr. Arthur Jordan, Sr.*)
7:30 to 7:50 a.m. confessions
8:00 a.m. Esther E. Lussi (*Tracy Roche & Randy Spencer*)
12:10 p.m. Stephen Kuzma (*Dr. Carl, Cathy & Megan Furner*)

Tuesday, January 10

- 6:30 a.m. Irene Kuchera (*Ken & Rennie Pantle*)
7:30 to 7:50 a.m. confessions
8:00 a.m. Gertrude Jurnak (*Bill & Nancy Dopko*)
12:10 p.m. Mary Voyack (*Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Lynott*)

Wednesday, January 11

- 6:30 a.m. Spec. Int. - Deacon Robert P. Sheils, Jr.
(*Joe Nish & Jill Snyder*)
7:30 to 7:50 a.m. confessions
8:00 a.m. Loretta Weis (*Tara Reilly Adams*)
12:10 p.m. Mary A. Rohme (*Family*)

Thursday, January 12

- 6:30 a.m. Carol Jordan (*Dr. Arthur Jordan, Sr.*)
7:30 to 7:50 a.m. confessions
8:00 a.m. Ryan Jones (*David & Carol Yarosheski*)
12:10 p.m. Joseph Boy (*John Lovering*)

Friday, January 13

- 6:30 a.m. Dolores Dietz (*Martha Dougher & Family*)
7:30 to 7:50 a.m. confessions
8:00 a.m. Helen Bartocci (*Art & Joyce Sposto*)
12:10 p.m. Michael J. McClernon (*Family of the late Donald P. Lowry*)

Saturday, January 14

- 6:30 a.m. Frederic C. Feiler, M.D. (*Terrence R. Nealon*)
10:30 a.m. to 12 Noon Confessions
12:10 p.m. Anthony Mira (*Mary Basham*)
4:00 p.m. Fred J. Reidenbach (*Wife & Family*)

Sunday, January 8

- 6:30 a.m. Edward Pepsin, Jr. (*Mother, Alice Pressley*)
10:00 a.m. Anna M. Evans (*Children*)
12:15 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Peter's Cathedral
5:00 p.m. Dolores Kashuba (*Sharon Liberty*)



Sanctuary Lamp

January 7 - 13

Special Intention of Elizabeth Kernen
Requested by Eileen & Steve Rich & Family