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CONFESSIONS: SS. Peter & Paul: Sunday One half hour prior to Divine Liturgy and Daily prior to Divine Liturgy

St. Mary's: Saturday 3:00 PM

SICK CALLS: As scheduled, or anytime in case of an emergency. If anyone is homebound or hospitalized, please call the rectory (544-2074)

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Celebrate and Be Glad

Let us strive to comprehend the mystery. The reason God is in the flesh is to kill the death that lurks there. As diseases are cured by medicines and assimilated by the body, and as darkness in a house is dispelled by the coming of light, so death, which held sway over human nature, is done away with by the coming of God. And as ice formed on water covers its surface as long as night and darkness last but melts under the warmth of the sun, so death reigned until the coming of Christ; but when the grace of God our Savior appeared and the Sun of Justice rose, death was swallowed up in victory, unable to bear the presence of true life. How great is God's goodness, how deep his love for us!

Let us join the shepherds in giving glory to God, let us dance with the angels and sing: Today a Savior has been born to us. He is Christ the Lord. The Lord is God and He has appeared to us, not as God, which would have been terrifying for our weakness, but as a slave so as to free those who live in slavery. Who could be so lacking in sensibility and so ungrateful as not to join all here present in our gladness, exultation, and radiant joy? This feast belongs to the whole of creation. Let everyone join in and be grateful. Let our voices too ring out in songs of jubilation!

St. Basil the Great

SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD SUNDAY OF KING DAVID, JOSEPH AND JAMES



Icon of the Nativity of Our Lord

Sundayafter The Nativity of Our Lord
SS. David, Joseph and James
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Welcome to the parish communities of SS. Peter and Paul and St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Churches of Minersville and Saint Clare, Pennsylvania. We greet and welcome you to our Church. Our Church is a holy place. Our Church is where we get together in Jesus' Name. It is holy because we come here to worship, to be nourished in faith through Sacred Scripture and preaching, to open our hearts and minds to celebrate the mystery of salvation in Jesus Christ and to dedicate ourselves to a life of holiness and service to the Lord and others. The church building itself reflects this faith and calls us to enter into communion with God. We invite you to share our faith in Jesus Christ, to experience our worship and to live a life dedicated to the service of God and one another in Jesus' Name.

December 29– January 4, AD2024/25

Vigil of Sunday

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Intention of the Giver *
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Health and Blessing of the Parishioners* (Livestream)
Monday	9:00 a.m.	No Divine Liturgy Today*
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	+James B. Mason, Sr. req. by MM Mike Mason & Family*
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Intention of the Dinich Family, Livine & Deceased*
Thursday	9:00 p.m.	H&B Marie Wanchick req. by Dolores & Ron Kramer*
Friday	9:00 a.m.	No Divine Liturgy Today *
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	H&B Paul Gretskey req. by Cheryl Mason*

*St. Mary
*SS Peter & Paul

Epistle Readers: 12/29 – Marie Wanchick; 1/1 – Dolores Kramer; 1/5 – Gail Burgess; 1/6 – Laura Mitchell; 1/12 – Anna Keer; 1/19 – Ellen Sinkovich. 2/2 - Paulette Murphy; 2/9 – Jennifer Keer.

Breakfast with Father: Sunday January 12. Cantor Training.

Candles Request: The candles in front of the Icons of the Mother of God and Christ the Teacher and on the Sacramental Table are burning for the **Health and Blessing of the Parishioners**

Pastoral Note:

If, you have not yet put your 2024 Offering envelopes in the collection, kindly do so this weekend. We will work on closing out 2024. If you would like a statement of your contributions, we will endeavor to have that all completed by January's end.

If you have special dates that you wish to reserve for Divine Liturgy, the book is now opened. You may put your request in the collection basket, or may call on the phone (570-544-2074), or send an email (tvrgjn@ourlook.com). The usual offering is \$20.00.

Next Monday, January 6 is a Holy Day of Obligation. Solemn Sanctification of the Jordan Water will be celebrated on Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. and the Holy Day Divine Liturgies on Monday at 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Due to circumstances, I was unable to make the December Home-bound Visits, but will endeavor to pick-up during the next week. I have not forgotten you, though it may seem as I did. You continue to be in my prayers.

The Sunday After the Nativity

St. John Chryostom – Even as He came in swaddling clothes we see a tyrant raging, a flight ensuing and a departure beyond the border. For it was because of no crime that his family was exiled into the land of Egypt. So do not be troubled if you are suffering countless dangers. Do not expect to be celebrated or crowned promptly for your troubles. Instead you may keep in mind the long-suffering example of the mother of the Child, bearing all things nobly, knowing that such a fugitive life is consistent with the ordering of spiritual things. You are sharing the kind of labor Mary herself shared. So did the Magi. They both were willing to retire secretly in the humiliating role of fugitive