

Ss PETER & PAUL

DECEMBER 22, 2024 | 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall be with child. ”



Sometimes the signs God gives are unmistakable. Sometimes the signs are not so obvious. What signs do we see when we look around us? Sometimes it is hard to see God's signs because the signs of our world are so ever present and large. How many times this month have you seen this sign: "ONLY 20 (or 18, or 10, or 6 or...) MORE SHOPPING DAYS 'TIL CHRISTMAS." Do we ever stop to think, "How many praying days left until Christmas?"

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See requirements & details on Parish Website
Staff Contact: Gina Andreano

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Confession

Confessions are
by appointment.

Contact the Parish Office.

Please consider helping us to defray the expense of these necessary items by donating: Hosts, Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle, Altar Wine.

The requested donation for each is \$25.00.

This Week...

The Blessed Mother Votive Lamp
Is donated
In Thanksgiving

The Saint Joseph Votive Lamp is donated
For the Health & Well-Being of
Msgr. Neil Mahoney

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Votive Lamp is donated
In Thanksgiving for
Fred & Pat Dell'Aquila

The Altar Flowers are donated
In Thanksgiving for
Mr. John Roggio

The Altar Hosts are donated
In Thanksgiving and Loving Memory of
Dr. Sophie Pierog-Callaghan

The Sacramental Wine is donated
In Thanksgiving for
Mr. Bob Carroll

The Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle is donated
In Thanksgiving for
Anne Pappas Eichler

God Bless Your Generosity.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY

8:30 am | 10:00 am | 12:00 pm

DAILY LITURGIES

Monday ▶ Friday
Mass 12:10 pm

CHURCH OPENING HOURS

(Weather Permitting)

Monday thru Friday 11 am → 1:30 pm
Saturday 3:30 pm → 6 pm
Sunday 8 am → 1 pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday: 10 am - 4 pm
Saturday | Sunday: closed
Call for other urgent arrangements.

This Week's Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 21

5:00 pm † In Loving Memory of Patrick Fitzgerald

Sunday, December 22

8:30 am People of the Parish
10:00 am † The Repose of the Souls of the Cappock Family
12:00 pm For the Spiritual / Physical Health and Well-being of Linda Bryan

Monday, December 23

12:10 pm † In Loving Memory of Mary Burke Fine

Tuesday, December 24 Christmas Eve

4:00 pm People of the Parish
Christmas Eve Carols at 9:30 pm
10:00 pm † Michael & Geraldine Andreano

Wednesday, December 25 Christmas Day

8:00 am People of the Parish
10:00 am † The Repose of the Souls of the Cappock Family
12:00 pm † Michael & Geraldine Andreano

Thursday, December 26

12:10 pm † John & Domenica Knezic

Friday, December 27

12:10 pm † Raymondo Beltran

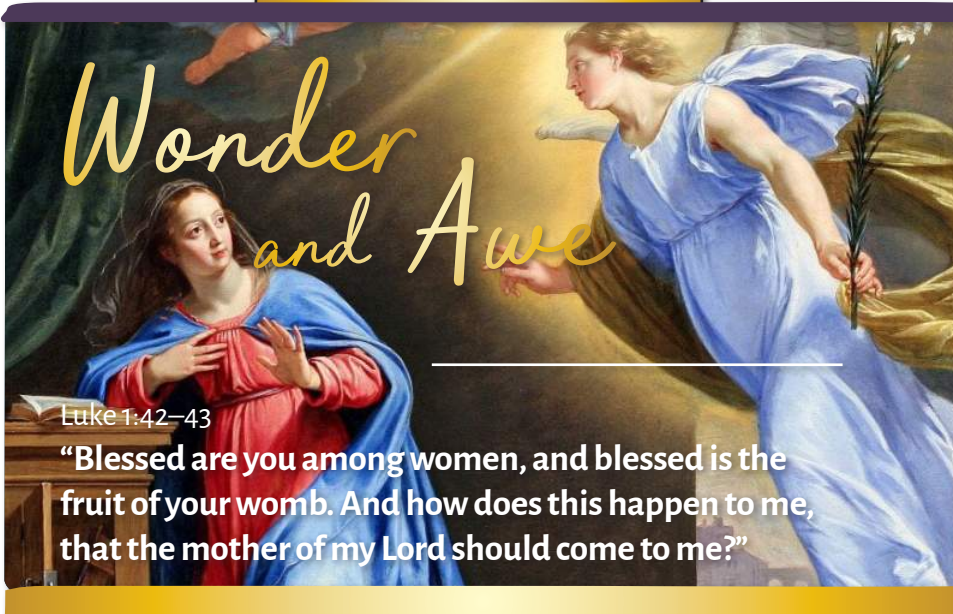
Saturday, December 28

5:00 pm † Barbara Thompson

Sunday, December 29

8:30 am † Lualhati Beltran
10:00 am People of the Parish
12:00 pm † Dinko Tarabocchia - 14th Anniversary in Heaven

The 4th Sunday of Advent



Luke 1:42-43

“Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?”

Elizabeth expressed a beautiful humility in this statement. The Blessed Virgin Mary had just made a long journey to be with Elizabeth in her final months of pregnancy. As soon as our Blessed Mother greeted Elizabeth, Elizabeth's child, Saint John the Baptist, leaped for joy in her womb. Elizabeth acknowledges this and then humbly expresses the fact that she is exceptionally blessed to have Mary, the mother of her Lord, come to visit her.

There are many things worth pondering in this visitation of our Blessed Mother. But try to focus upon the humble wonder and awe expressed by Elizabeth. “And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?” Elizabeth was clearly grateful for Mary's visit. But it appears that her reaction went even beyond gratitude. She was given the gift of wonder and awe. She clearly knew she was incredibly blessed by the fact that both the Mother of God and her Lord Himself were now in her presence in her home.

This gift of wonder and awe that Elizabeth experienced is one of the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. It's a gift that enters a humble heart, enabling it to first see its unworthiness of a special grace given. But then this humble soul receives the special grace and responds with an overwhelming amazement. Thus, not only is gratitude present, but there is also this holy amazement that results in praise of God.

In our own lives, there are so many incredible graces we have received from God. But too often we fail to see them for what they are. We fail to see the incredible graces God has given us and, thus, fail to experience the amazement that should result from God's gifts.

As you look at your own life, what graces has God given to you? Do you see them? Are you grateful for them? And, if so, are you able to go even beyond gratitude so as to experience a holy wonder and awe of God's goodness and blessings in your life? Though it might be difficult to arrive at this level of amazement, it is a true gift that we must all strive to obtain and experience every day of our lives.

Reflect, today, upon this holy gift of the Holy Spirit that Elizabeth experienced. Place yourself at the scene. Try to see the experience within her heart. Try to feel how she felt. Try to sense the praise that resulted. And try to open yourself more fully to receive this same gift of the Holy Spirit in your life. The Lord comes to you constantly by grace, especially every time you receive Him in Holy Communion. For that reason, we must all strive to live a holy wonder and awe every day of our lives.

My most glorious Lord, You grace me beyond imagination. Too often, I fail to experience the gratitude and the wonder and awe that should result. Please help me to first see the countless blessings of Your grace and presence in my life. And as I see them, please fill me with the Holy Spirit so that I, too, may continually sing Your worthy praises. Jesus, I trust in You.

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Questions? Please contact:
Danny.Rosado@spphoboken.com

2025 MASS BOOK

The requested Donation for intentions is as follows:

Hosts: **\$25**

Sacramental Wine: **\$25**

Flowers: **\$25**

Sanctuary Candle: **\$25**

Mass: **\$10**

The Blessed Mother Votive Lamp: **\$25**

The Saint Joseph Votive Lamp: **\$25**

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Votive Lamp: **\$25**

Check or Money Order made payable to Ss Peter and Paul.

In order to give everyone a chance at their requested Mass(es), please have your list prepared in advance - 10 per request. We will do our best to honor your request or provide you with the closest available date.

Additional Collection THIS MONTH



December 25 Christmas Gift To Parish

A gift to the parish that honors Christ's Birth and supports funding for various charitable activities and operational needs of the parish throughout the year.



10 WAYS TO PREPARE YOUR HEART for Christmas

It's hard to believe that we are only a few days away from Christmas. The holidays can come and go before you know it. This year, slow down and truly experience this special season centered around family, joy, giving, and most importantly - Jesus.

Here are a few ideas to help you prepare your heart for Christmas.

- 1. Reflect.** Take note of the many reasons you have to be thankful this Christmas. Spend time thanking God specifically for ways He has provided for you - spiritually, relationally, financially, etc. Praise Him for His goodness, grace, and faithfulness in all seasons of life.
- 2. Gather.** Spend uninterrupted time with the people you love. If necessary, limit the activities and parties you commit to so that you can focus on time with your family instead. We often rush through our busy Christmas schedules and miss time to really be present in the moments we are together with our loved ones. Make memories together as you celebrate Christmas.
- 3. Sing.** Spend time singing your favorite Christmas songs aloud. Pay close attention to the words, thanking God for His incredible gift of our Savior. Sing and listen to traditional carols as worship songs to the Lord.
- 4. Celebrate.** Jesus, the One who holds all things together, chose to enter the world in the humblest form—a small, helpless baby. Jesus' birth is the greatest gift we will ever receive and that is definitely a reason to celebrate! Embrace the joy found in the birth of Emmanuel—God with us.
- 5. Listen.** Practice the art of truly listening to others as you gather with family and friends. Whether you're having dinner, opening presents, or sitting around and catching up with those you haven't seen in a while, pay attention to what is said instead of thinking about how you will respond. Truly listening is one of the best ways to show your loved ones that you care.
- 6. Remember.** Reflect on the fact that our Savior was born specifically so that He would one day die for our sins. Thank Him for His willingness to enter this world. Reflecting on the reality that He sent His only Son to pay the price for sin - our sin. Remember what He went through on the cross.
- 7. Enjoy.** Christmas is a beautiful season - sparkling Christmas lights, decorations hung with care, memorable moments with family. Appreciate the little moments. Slow down long enough to delight in the beauty all around.
- 8. Read.** Study the story of Christ's birth. Instead of rushing through the readings, take time to meditate on the words. Read the passages slowly, taking note of the details you may have missed before. Ask the Lord to help you notice new things as you read the story with fresh eyes.
- 9. Pray.** Lift up those who do not know Jesus in prayer. Pray for the lost and hurting. Ask God to open your eyes to opportunities to share the gospel with those around you—with family, friends, and even strangers. Pray for those who are all alone this Christmas; pray they will encounter Jesus and find hope in the One who loves them and will never leave them.
- 10. Worship.** Christmas is the perfect opportunity for worship. Worshiping God encompasses so much more than simply singing. Worship is a way of life. This Christmas, seek to honor Him with the way you live. Love the people in your life selflessly. Humbly serve your family. Praise God with the little moments in your daily life.

"It's beginning to look
Sound
 ...a lot like Christmas!"



SPP Music Ministry is proud to be part of your family's Christmas Tradition. At all of our Christmas Masses, we hope to accentuate the spirit of the season through prayerful and joyful music.

In particular, join us for Christmas Eve's 10:00 PM Mass for an unforgettable experience with the SPP Choir and Orchestra. Preludes will begin at 9:30 PM, with selections that reflect on the peacefulness of this holy night, which lead us into the uplifting celebration of the Christmas Vigil Mass.

Thank you for your participation in all the ways we worship, in prayers both sung and spoken. We cherish the opportunity to raise our voices with you this Christmas as we glorify God together through music.

Merry Christmas to you and yours from all of us who serve in Music Ministry.

- Brian Walters -

Director of Music and Liturgy

Christmas Mass ★ Schedule ★

Christmas Eve

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

(NOTE: NO 12:10PM Daily Mass!)

4pm Mass

9:30pm

Christmas Carols in the Church

10pm Mass

Christmas Day

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

***8am Mass**

(*note time is different from usual Sunday morning Mass!)

10 am Mass

Noon Mass

New Year's Eve

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

12:10pm Mass

(No evening Mass)

New Year's Day

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation

12:10pm Mass

(No evening Mass)

[NOTE: The 12:10pm Daily Mass will be celebrated as usual on Monday 12/23, Thursday 12/26, Friday 12/27, Monday 12/30, Thursday 1/2/25, and Friday 1/3/25.

The regular Weekend Mass Schedule (Saturday, 5pm; Sunday, 8:30am, 10am, & Noon) continues the Weekends of 12/28 & 29 – the Feast of the Holy Family; and 1/4 & 5, 2025 – the Solemnity of the Epiphany.]

Christmas Decorating MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

Help us finalize decorating the Church for Christmas Mass on Monday, December 23! We are in need of a few extra hands to assist with poinsettia placement and other final touches. We will begin around 10 am, and we ask you to meet in the Church vestibule. *If you can volunteer an hour or two of time, please contact Stephanie at Stephanie.Panzariello@spphoboken.com*



Thanks for supporting the *Sgt Zanin Toy Drive!*



A huge thank you to ALL who supported our 4th Annual Sgt. Zanin Toy Drive. Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, **we collected 8 bags filled 121 toys!!** The toys will benefit hundreds of local children and teens and will be distributed at various Hoboken events throughout the holiday season. Organized by the Hoboken Police and Fire Departments, the Toy Drive is named in memory of **Sgt. Peter Zanin**, a 20-year HPD veteran, who was well known for being an integral part of many events and initiatives that give back to the community.

Members of the Hoboken Police Department stopped by SPP to collect the toys on December 11. Pictured above from left to right - **Lt. Keith Rotondi**, **Gina Andreano**, **Sgt. Francisco Rosa**, **P.O. Brandon Fitzgibbons**.



A special thank you to **Bridget O'Toole Donston** for sorting, counting and bagging all the toys. Thanks, too, to **Gina Andreano & Stephanie Panzariello** for arranging our participation and coordinating the Collection

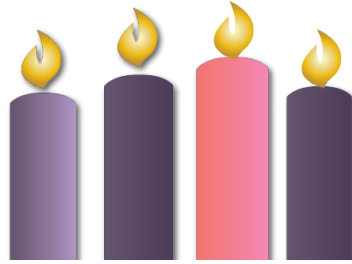
Giving Tree Donations!

Thank you to ALL who donated towards our **Parish Giving Tree** this year. As you can see, we collected a huge amount of items as well as gift cards for the charities we are supporting this year. We are incredibly grateful for the generosity of so many of you. Stay tuned for more details in next week's bulletin!



Fourth Week of Advent

In this Fourth Week of Advent, our final days of preparation before Christmas, we ask Christ to forgive us for our sins and, through His grace, to create us anew when He comes. This week is also a time to recollect, to reflect on our Advent journey. If we have let the hustle and bustle of the season get in the way of our spiritual preparations for Christmas, we have one last chance to refocus - and the light of the candles on the Advent wreath can be a symbol of our focus, as well as a symbol of the light of Christ.



Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day, we who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us. We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom. We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence. We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light. To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!" Amen.

Christmas Office Hours

Please note:

The Parish Office will be closed from Tuesday, December 24th through Thursday, December 26th for the Christmas holiday.

Regular office hours will resume on Friday, December 27th.

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Visit the Archdiocese of Newark Office of Priestly Vocations.

Call 973-313-6190.

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Are You a REGISTERED Parishioner?



Every Catholic should be registered in a parish. Beside the active support and involvement that the registration enables, the parish registration is also a mandatory condition for many sacraments including Baptism and Matrimony. It is therefore important to register at your parish as soon as you start worshipping there regularly.

At Ss Peter & Paul, you can register electronically. Visit our website:

spphoboken.com/register

5th Annual Super 50/50

Tickets: \$20

OR

6 Tickets for \$100

Total Pot as of 12/22/24:

\$3,500!

Purchase tickets after Weekend Masses
or at the Parish Office during the week!

Drawing will be held on

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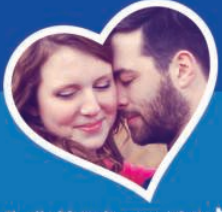
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