

**January 11, 2026**

**The Baptism of the Lord**

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday:

4:00pm - Saints Peter & Paul

Sunday:

7:30am - Saints Peter & Paul

10:30am - Saints Peter & Paul

Eucharistic Adoration:

First Friday of Every Month 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Confession:

Saturday 3:00pm - 3:30pm

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# STEWARDSHIP

## Mass Schedule

Saints Peter and Paul

Tuesday: 12:15pm

Wednesday: 12:15pm

Thursday: 12:15pm

Friday: 12:15pm

Saturday: 4:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am & 10:30 am

We Live Stream weekend Mass on the parish website:  
[www.sspeterandpaulplains.com](http://www.sspeterandpaulplains.com)  
as well as on the parish Facebook page.

## Sunday Stewards

Saturday, January 03 - 4:00pm:  
249 people attended  
128 envelopes received  
Offering: \$2,165.00

Sunday, January 04 - 7:30am:  
114 people attended  
50 envelopes received  
Offering \$1,047.00

Sunday, January 04 - 10:30am:  
211 people attended  
74 envelopes received  
Offering: \$1,168.00

*Thank You For Your Generosity.*

***The Second Collection last  
weekend for  
Care & Education of Priests  
\$1,437.00***



# WORSHIP

## WE REMEMBER

### MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday Jan 10 4:00pm **Gloria Antosh** by Bernard Antosh Family  
Sunday Jan 11 7:30am **Joseph S. Humanik** by Son, Joseph & Linda  
10:30am **Robert Lorusso** by Family

### DAILY MASSES

Tuesday Jan 13 12:15pm **Bernard Borowski** by Alan & Chris Bryski  
Wednesday Jan 14 12:15pm **Mr. & Mrs. Erald Biondi** by Janice & Tracey Canterini & Kelly Novak  
Thursday Jan 15 12:15pm **John Pekarski** by Evanofsky Family  
Friday Jan 16 12:15pm **John Herold, Sr.** by Son, David

### NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Jan 17 4:00pm **Edmund Pachucki** by Brothers, Ron & Jim  
Sunday Jan 18 7:30am **Lillian & Stanley Wilk, Jr.** by Daughters, Linda & Joann, &  
10:30am **Donald Emerick** by Betty Tkach  
Son, Michael



**BLESSED MOTHER**  
**Dorothy Nestorick**

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**Thomas & Nancy Kasisky**

# The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

January 11, 2026

*Heavenly Father,  
as we reflect on  
the baptism of  
Your Son,  
open our hearts  
to hear again  
Your voice  
calling us  
beloved.*

*May Your Spirit  
renew in us the  
grace of our own  
baptism, that we  
may live as  
servants of Your  
mercy and  
witnesses of Your  
love.*

*We ask this  
through Christ,  
our Lord.*

*Amen.*

## The Baptism of the Lord

### First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

This reading is a brief passage from the Songs of the Suffering Servant. The Servant will establish justice on the earth and open the eyes of those who live in darkness.

### Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

In this reading, Peter gives his first sermon to pagans. Asked by a Roman centurion to preach the Gospel to his household, Peter is initially astounded by the request, but after a dream, Peter preaches and baptizes the entire household.

### Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

After initially protesting his unworthiness, John baptizes Jesus. After the baptism, the Spirit of God descended upon Jesus and a voice said, "This is my beloved Son. My favor rests on him."

## A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

### The Baptism of the Lord January 11, 2026

**"I the Lord have called you for the victory of justice, I have grasped you by the hand, I formed you and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring prisoners out of confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness... 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.'"**

The description from Isaiah, the words of Peter, describing Jesus 'going about doing good', help us appreciate the scene of Jesus' meeting John the Baptist at the Jordan. They help us appreciate Jesus as He initiates His public ministry. He would quote Isaiah later in Nazareth describing more clearly His pending mission. We who live as children of the covenant, whose eyes were opened through our baptism, who have been freed from original sin and are pleasing to the Father, are now sent on our mission, the singular task the Lord has reserved and entrusted personally to me.

# WORD

## MINISTRY OF THE MONTH— JANUARY

*Each month, a Ministry of the parish is highlighted.  
For January we will focus on Resolutions and Ministry*

Happy New Year to all! Some of the first thoughts that come to mind for a new year are fresh starts, resolutions, and making some changes to our lives. But what are the statistics when it comes to sticking with them. According to a study done by Ohio State University, only 9 % of Americans will complete their resolutions. 76% have failed to complete them by the end of January. Why is that? Quoting from the same study, 62% feel a societal pressure to make them. Finally, people often fail due to lack of motivation.

What can be a greater motivator than God? He loves us. He is there for us. Yes, there are times we feel abandoned when things don't go our way. But maybe God is trying to lead us in a different direction. Our greatest motivator should be living a life that makes God proud. Our parish is always in need of more to serve in ministry. All liturgical ministries are in need of those who have a desire to become closer to God. Maybe this year you could look in your heart where God is calling you, and contact one or more of those who lead the various ministries. Guaranteed it will fill a void in your life and lead to you becoming closer to God. And there is no greater motivation than that!

May this be a blessed year for all of you!

This cannot be said too many times – a Parish needs a vibrant community to survive. So take the opportunity in reflective silence and seriously consider being an active Lay Ministry participant. This will lead you to a life of deeper and strengthening faith.

## WEEKLY READINGS

### The Baptism of the Lord

#### Sunday

Is 42:1-4, 6-7;  
Acts 10:34-38;  
Mt 3:13-17

#### Monday

1 Sm 1:1-8;  
Mk 1:14-20

#### Tuesday

1 Sm 1:9-20;  
Mk 1:21-28

#### Wednesday

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20;  
Mk 1:29-39

#### Thursday

1 Sm 4:1-11;  
Mk 1:40-45

#### Friday

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a;  
Mk 2:1-12

#### Saturday

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1;  
Mk 2:13-17

# SERVICE

## We are Called to Serve...

*“Do you understand what I just did for you?  
You address me as ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord’ and fittingly  
enough, for that is what I am. But if I washed your  
feet—I who am Teacher and Lord—then you must wash  
each other’s feet. What I just did was to give an  
example: as I have done, so you must do.”*

*(John 12:2-15)*

### Loaves and Fishes

For the month of January we will collect **canned soup**.

### Food Pantry

Anyone in the Plains, Miners Mills, and Parsons area in need of food can **contact Pauline at 570-690-6111 to register. Food is distributed to the community on the third Friday of every month. Non perishable** food donations are always accepted. Please place them in the basket in the vestibule of the Church.

### Treasures

We are now accepting clothing donations.

Hours are Mondays 2-4pm and  
Fridays 10am-12pm.

### Prayer Shawls

can be given to anyone for many reasons! Comfort, illness, occasions, friendship & joy. If there is anyone that would like to receive a shawl or request one for someone, please contact the Parish Office

### Saints Peter & Paul Parish Ministries

Pauline Makowski, *Food Pantry*

Mary Jo Marek, *Prayer Shawl*

Laura Rudloff, *Treasures*

Kathy Grinaway, *Hospitality*

Claire Koshinski, *Women’s Society of Saints Peter & Paul*

## Memorial Donations

**The following donations/memorials have recently been given to our parish to support: Food Pantry; Bernardine Hall; Parish Scholarships; and General donations.**

### Food Pantry

\$20 Victoria Hunzer

\$100 Carol & Paul Demko

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



*Treasures now has new hours*



Hours  
Mondays 2-4 pm  
Fridays 10am-12 pm

## COMMUNITY

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**Lady Royals**  
**BINGO**

Holy Redeemer Girls Basketball

Join us for an afternoon of Bingo and Raffles!  
Bingo prizes will include cash and gift cards.  
All proceeds will benefit the  
Holy Redeemer Girls Basketball Team.

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<b>JANUARY 11, 2026</b> DOORS OPEN AT 1 PM BINGO BEGINS AT 2 PM	St Maria Goretti Church 42 Redwood Dr, Wilkes Barre Pa 18702
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Tickets are \$25 Presale and \$30 at the door

**QUESTIONS TO 570-650-7915**

# January/February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11 <i>Faith Formation</i> 9-10am	12 Treasures 2-4pm Rosary 6pm	13	14	15 <i>Food Pantry Prep</i>	16 <i>Food Pantry</i> Treasures- 10am-12pm	17
18 <i>No Class</i>	19 Treasures 2-4pm Rosary 6pm	20	21	22	23 Treasures- 10am-12pm	24
25 <i>Faith Formation</i> 9-10am	26 Treasures 2-4pm Rosary 6pm	27	28	29	30 Treasures- 10am-12pm	31
1 February <i>Faith Formation</i> 9-10am	2 Treasures 2-4pm Rosary 6pm	3	4	5 <i>Women's Society--</i> <i>6:30pm--</i> <i>Parish Dining Hall</i>	6 Treasures- 10am-12pm	7



**Parish Financial Report**  
**Saints Peter and Paul - Plains**  
**TREND ANALYSIS**

	Fiscal Year July 1 - June 30				
	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
<b>Revenue</b>					
Collections	777,320	806,364	756,339	665,462	536,496
Faith Formation Fees	1,944	6,328	9,349	2,443	1,650
Fundraising/Development	30,183	16,062	172,333	72,686	59,899
Other Income	51,220	46,454	39,581	105,356	114,389
Designated Income/Grants/PPP Loan	59,460	-	-	-	-
Transfers Savings Account/Other	-	-	43,743	-	37,000
Diocesan Special Collections	23,097	67,269	6,183	4,153	1,476
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>943,223</b>	<b>942,477</b>	<b>1,027,527</b>	<b>850,100</b>	<b>750,910</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Administration	313,367	284,698	305,557	216,921	150,879
Rectory	4,168	40,693	30,079	5,790	2,286
Liturgy	70,704	33,420	22,184	51,197	65,107
Faith Formation	24,424	24,018	14,347	31,839	40,587
Social Justice	3,000	-	75	-	10,495
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	234,680	290,422	389,439	280,997	227,481
Fixed Expense	93,088	68,692	78,582	94,762	45,972
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlays	18,725	45,554	2,800	52,191	-
Designated Expenses /Transfers Out	2,044	-	80,824	22,711	-
Catholic School Assessment	132,590	115,404	106,986	109,821	117,962
Diocesan Special Collections Remittance	3,928	34,591	-	-	15,056
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>900,718</b>	<b>937,492</b>	<b>1,030,871</b>	<b>866,229</b>	<b>675,825</b>
<b>Parish Surplus/(Deficit) - CASH Basis</b>	<b>42,505</b>	<b>4,985</b>	<b>(3,344)</b>	<b>(16,129)</b>	<b>75,085</b>
<b>(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations</b>	<b>(97,377)</b>	<b>(24,895)</b>	<b>62,502</b>	<b>(35,959)</b>	<b>(13,210)</b>
<b>Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(54,872)</b>	<b>(19,910)</b>	<b>59,158</b>	<b>(52,088)</b>	<b>61,875</b>
<b>**NOTE**</b>					
Outstanding Diocesan Obligations could include: Diocesan assessments, School assessments, health insurance, self-insurance, pension and other expenses.					
<b>End of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations</b>	122,272	24,895	-	62,502	26,543
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<b>(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations</b>	<b>(97,377)</b>	<b>(24,895)</b>	<b>62,502</b>	<b>(35,959)</b>	<b>(13,210)</b>
<b>PARISH ASSETS/LIABILITIES</b>					
Operating Accounts	-	15,669	(24,192)	37,561	127,807
Diocesan Savings	238,918	287,248	278,736	346,821	357,594
Designated Accounts	13,107	12,719	194,253	73,934	22,677
Endowment Accounts	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>252,024</b>	<b>315,636</b>	<b>448,797</b>	<b>458,316</b>	<b>508,078</b>
<b>Diocesan Loan/Debt</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A



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