

# January 18, 2026

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 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.

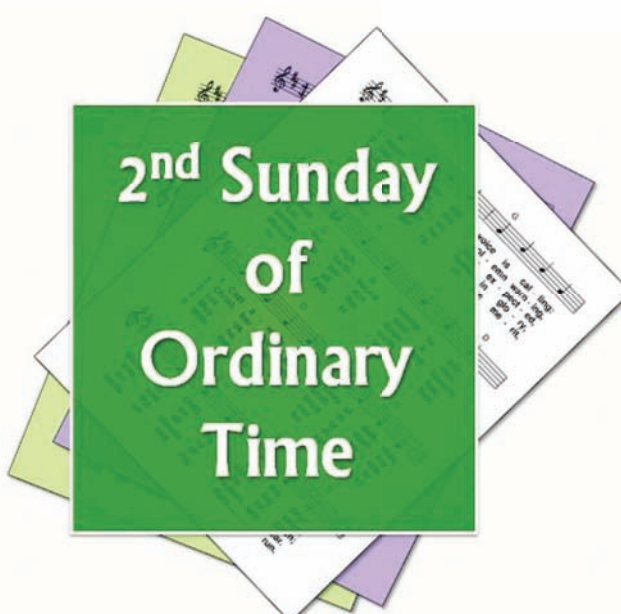
## Sunday Stewards

Saturday, January 10 - 4:00pm:  
257 people attended  
144 envelopes received  
Offering: \$2,267.00

Sunday, January 11 - 7:30am:  
127 people attended  
65 envelopes received  
Offering \$1,187.00

Sunday, January 11 - 10:30am:  
227 people attended  
95 envelopes received  
Offering: \$1,470.00

*Thank You For Your Generosity.*



**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
of  
Ordinary  
Time**

***The Second Collection next  
weekend will be for the  
Church in Latin America***

# WORSHIP

## WE REMEMBER

### MASSES THIS WEEKEND

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

### DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	Jan 20	12:15pm	<b>John Herold, Sr.</b> by Son, David
Wednesday	Jan 21	12:15pm	<b>Harold Golomb</b> by Family
Thursday	Jan 22	12:15pm	<b>Thomas W. Nowak</b> by Wife, MaryLou
Friday	Jan 23	12:15pm	<b>Frank J. Tencza</b> by Bob & Annette Connors & Family

### NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	Jan 24	4:00pm	<b>John Pekarski</b> by Sister
Sunday	Jan 25	7:30am 10:30am	<b>Beth Bonn</b> by Mom & Dad <b>Dorothy Nestorick</b> by Mary Ann, Paul, & Gabrielle



# The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

Jan. 18, 2026

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

This reading is a short passage from the second song of the Servant of the Lord. The Lord will show his glory through His servant whose mission is to restore Israel and bring salvation “to the ends of the earth.”

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Paul sends greetings to the people of Corinth, who have been called to be holy and consecrated in Christ.

### Gospel: John 1:29-34

When Jesus visits John, John recognizes Jesus as the “Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” John further indicates that Jesus is truly the Messiah and “God’s chosen One.”

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

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 18, 2026

**“John testified further saying, ‘I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘On whomever, you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God.”**

As happened last week, we are still at the Jordan, observing the sign of the presence of the Spirit. Isn’t it a powerful moment, when John the Evangelist in His first chapter quotes the Baptist saying, ‘He is the Son of God?’ The Baptist said he did not know Him. This is what we believe! How well do we know Jesus, not just about Jesus. Do I know Him as well as He knows me? Open the bible, read the word, join a discussion group. Jesus and His Spirit will join you.

*Holy and Merciful God, you have sanctified us in the Blood of the Lamb and called us to be holy. Open our ears that we might hear your Word and follow your ways in love and joy. We proclaim Jesus as God made flesh, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. May we go out as His disciples and share the Good News with others.*

*Amen*

# 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

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Sunday

Is 49:3, 5-6;  
1 Cor 1:1-3;  
Jn 1:29-34

#### Monday

1 Sm 15:16-23;  
Mk 2:18-22

#### Tuesday

1 Sm 16:1-13;  
Mk 2:23-28

#### Wednesday

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51;  
Mk 3:1-6

#### Thursday

1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7;  
Mk 3:7-12

#### Friday

1 Sm 24:3-21;  
Mk 3:13-19

#### Saturday

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27;  
Mk 3:20-21

# 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

#### In Memory of Anne Gerrity

\$100 Mr. & Mrs. Martin Gerrity

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.





**Saints Peter and Paul Church will hold a Night at the Races in Bernardine Hall on Saturday, March 14th.**

**Doors open at 5:30pm –Post Time is 7:00pm.**

Admission is \$10.00– and includes Food (Haluski, Pierogies, Chicken Fingers, Sausage & Peppers, and Pizza) and Refreshments.

Must be 21 years of age to enter.

\$10.00 per horse - \$100.00 per Sponsor per Race.

**Horses and Admission Tickets will be sold after all Masses and at the Parish Office.**

**We recommend you buy tickets in advance, as last year we sold out.**

**Tables for 8 people only can be reserved with the purchase of 8 tickets.**

If you would like to donate, we need the following items:

**Spirits (for Basket of Cheer), & Desserts.**

**Please call the Parish Office (570-825-6663) if you are going to donate any of these items OR if you would like to purchase a ticket or horse.**

We hope everyone contributes to this Church fundraiser by buying a horse and attending this fun night out!

**HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE THERE!**

**Forms to purchase horses will be in the bulletin next weekend.**

If you would like to volunteer for the Night at the Races, we are looking for kitchen help. Volunteer sheet will be in the vestibule next weekend.

## *Calling all men of the parish!*

We are beginning to form a men's group!

There will be a meeting on **Wednesday, January 28th, at 6:30pm in the Parish Dining Hall** for any men interested in joining.

For information, please contact Steve Chronowski by call, text, or e-mail at (570) 313-7711 or [Steve.Chronowski@gmail.com](mailto:Steve.Chronowski@gmail.com).

## COMMUNITY

### Ecumenical Prayer Service to be held Jan. 22 at Cathedral of Saint Peter

The Diocese of Scranton will once again mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with an Ecumenical Celebration of God's Word, which will be held on Thursday, Jan. 22, 2026, at 12:10 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton.

Christians of all denominations are warmly invited to attend this prayerful gathering, which reflects the Church's ongoing commitment to unity among all followers of Jesus Christ.

The Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, will serve as leader of prayer for the traditional ecumenical prayer service. Bishop Bambera is currently serving his final year as Chairman of the U.S. Bishops' Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs.

The guest preacher for this year's prayer service will be Rev. Dr. Nora Foust, Regional Conference Minister, Penn Central Conference, United Church of Christ.

The Ecumenical Prayer Service will be broadcast live at 12:10 p.m. on CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton. It will also be made available on the Diocese of Scranton website, YouTube channel, and across all Diocesan social media platforms.

Plains Pub is now serving breakfast!

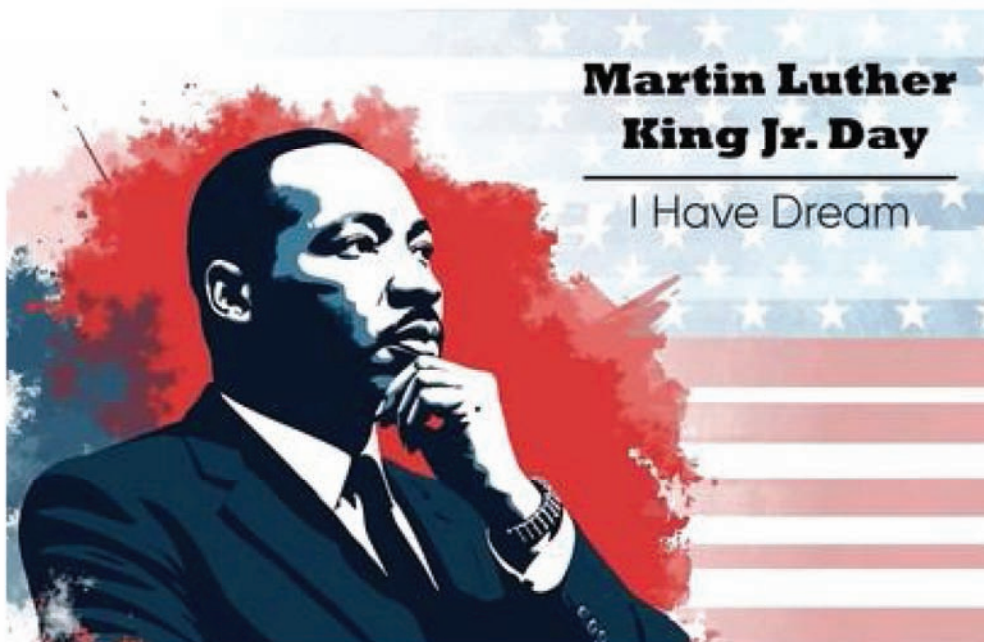
Early Bird Special- \$3: 2 eggs, home fries, and toast in house only Monday - Friday 9-11am

Tuesday- Senior Citizen Day- 10% discount

Wednesday- Veteran Day- 10% discount with valid Veteran ID

## January/February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18 No Class	19 Office Closed	20	21	22	23 Treasures- 10am-12pm	24
25 Faith Formation 9-10am	26 Treasures 2-4pm Rosary 6pm	27	28	29	30 Treasures- 10am-12pm	31
1 February Faith Formation 9-10am	2 Treasures 2-4pm Rosary 6pm	3	4	5 Women's Society- 6:30pm- Parish Dining Hall	6 Treasures- 10am-12pm	7
8 Faith Formation 9-10am	9 Treasures 2-4pm Rosary 6pm	10	11	12 Parish Council- 6:30pm- Parish Dining Hall	13 Treasures- 10am-12pm	14



**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.					
End of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	122,272	24,895	-	62,502	26,543
Beginning of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	24,895	-	62,502	26,543	13,333
<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>Diocesan Loan/Debt</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>

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