

**January 25, 2026**

Third 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 17 - 4:00pm:  
221 people attended  
108 envelopes received  
Offering: \$1,746.00

Sunday, January 18 - 7:30am:  
55 people attended  
36 envelopes received  
Offering \$532.00

Sunday, January 18 - 10:30am:  
162 people attended  
47 envelopes received  
Offering: \$796.00

*Thank You For Your Generosity.*

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



3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
of  
Ordinary  
Time

# WORSHIP

## WE REMEMBER

### MASSES THIS WEEKEND

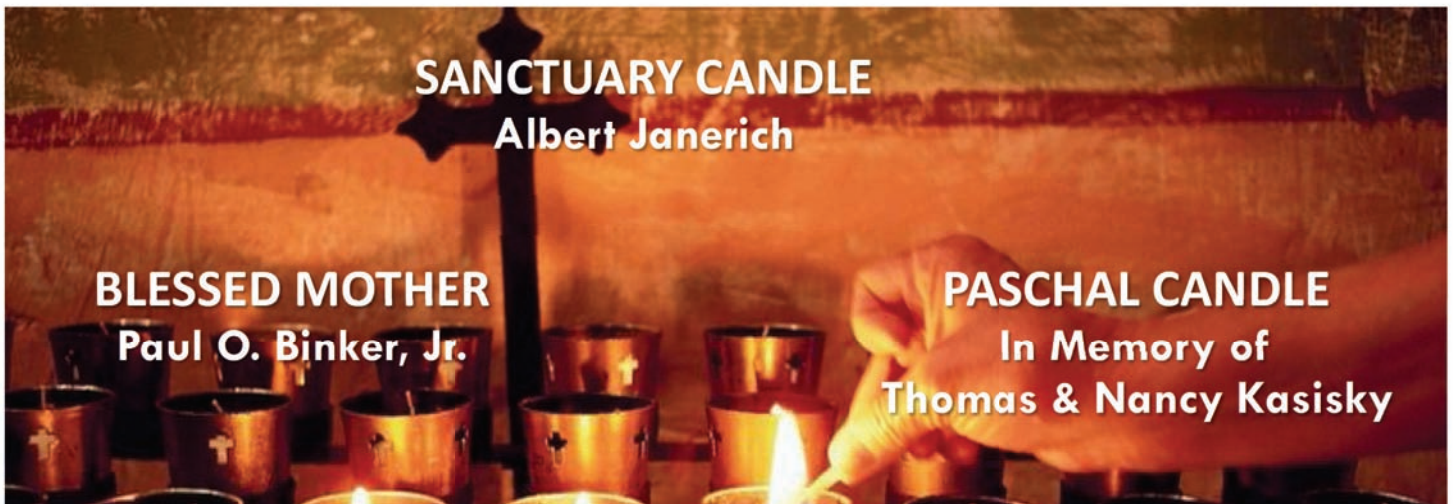
Saturday Jan 24 4:00pm **John Pekarski** by Sister  
Sunday Jan 25 7:30am **Beth Bonn** by Mom & Dad  
10:30am **Dorothy Nestorick** by Mary Ann, Paul, & Gabrielle

### DAILY MASSES

Tuesday Jan 27 12:15pm **Shirley Cook** by Sister, Mary Ann  
Wednesday Jan 28 12:15pm **Joseph Bronack** by Baldino & Kathy Vinciarelli  
Thursday Jan 29 12:15pm **Robert E. Isbitski** by Tony Kapinas  
Friday Jan 30 12:15pm **Paul O. Binker, Jr.** by Mom

### NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Jan 31 4:00pm **Helen Lavinia** by Josephine Kline & Donald Emerick  
Sunday Feb 01 7:30am **Katie Kane** by Kevin & Mickey Kane  
10:30am **Joseph & Alice Slabinski** by Daughter



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# The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

Jan. 25, 2026

*Lord our  
God,  
O God of  
righteousness,  
let your light shine  
out.  
Go with us on our  
way.  
May we have clear  
eyes and hearts  
through your  
Word and your  
Spirit.  
Through  
temptations and  
struggles be always  
with us, lighting  
our way to what is  
right and good.  
Protect and bless  
us.  
Move our hearts  
from their very  
depths to thank  
you for all you  
have done for us,  
to praise you,  
and to glorify you.  
Amen.*

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### First Reading: Isaiah 8:23—9:3

The prophet Isaiah describes the anguish of a conquered people, but he promises that they will triumph and will see a great light as on the “day of Midian.”

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Paul speaks to the Corinthians with both anger and indignation because they are quarreling among themselves as to whom they should show allegiance. Some wish to follow Paul; some, Peter; others Apollos; others, Christ.

### Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus begins his mission by going to Capernaum, fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah. He selects Peter, Andrew, James and John as his disciples, inviting them to be “fishers of men.”

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

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 25, 2026

**“From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!’ As he was walking by the sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea, they were fishermen. He said to them, ‘Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.’... ‘For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel.’”**

Jesus initiated His public ministry calling all to repentance and recognize the presence of the kingdom. He sought others, the brothers, to walk and work with Him, and then another pair of fishermen brothers. He desired to build His kingdom. We know how they responded.

He continues to walk among us, and the need to preach repentance and the presence of the kingdom is just as real. What if those four did not respond? How do I respond? How do I respond today?

# 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

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Sunday

Is 8:23-9:3;  
1 Cor 1:10—13, 17;  
Mt 4:12-23

#### Monday

2 Tim 1:1-8 or  
Ti 1:1-5;  
Mk 3:22-30

#### Tuesday

2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19;  
Mk 3:31-35

#### Wednesday

2 Sm 7:4-17;  
Mk 4:1-20

#### Thursday

2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29;  
Mk 4:21-25

#### Friday

2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17;  
Mk 4:26-34

#### Saturday

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17;  
Mk 4:35-41

# 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

\$410 Solomon Plains Elementary

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.

Huge thank you to Solomon Plains Elementary for their generous donations of food and \$410.00 cash.





**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 are in the bulletin this weekend.**

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

## *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

**Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, Wilkes-Barre** will hold a take-out **Piggie / Holubtsi Dinner on Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026**. Dinners may be picked up between **12:00 (noon) and 4:00 pm** in our school hall, corner of **North River and West Chestnut Streets, Wilkes-Barre**. Dinners include; Piggies (meat & rice stuffed cabbage), mashed potatoes, vegetable, bread and butter and dessert. Dinners will be \$15.00 for adults and \$9.00 for children (12 and under). Walk-in customers will be welcomed, but reservations are Strongly Encouraged, (570) 829-3051.

**A Potato Pancake and Lenten Food Sale will be held at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 215 Lackawanna Ave., Dupont, on Wednesday, February 18, from 11am to 5pm, on the church grounds**. Homemade potato pancakes, pierogi, halushki, and soups will be offered. \$20 a dozen for the potato pancakes.

### **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
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> 6:30pm- <i>Parish Dining Hall</i>	6 Treasures- 10am-12pm	7
8 <i>Faith Formation</i> 9-10am	9 Treasures 2-4pm Rosary 6pm	10	11	12 <i>Parish Council-</i> 6:30pm- <i>Parish Dining Hall</i>	13 Treasures- 10am-12pm	14
15 <i>No Class</i>	16 <i>Office Closed</i>	17	18	19 <i>Food Pantry Prep</i>	20 <i>Food Pantry</i> Treasures- 10am-12pm	21

## Save the Date

Night at the Races– March 14th

**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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