November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

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:
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as well as on the parish Facebook page.

Sunday Stewards

Due to Early Submission of Bulletin, Contributions Will be Listed Next Week

The Second Collection next weekend is for

Care & Education of Priests

Confessions will be heard on the following Mondays during Advent. **December 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd. from 5-7pm**.

There will be a Mass for
The Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary on
Monday, December 8th at 12:15.

WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

Masses This Weekend

Saturday	Nov 29	4:00pm	**Alice Sennett** by Bob & Linda Carey
Sunday	Nov 30	7:30am	**Michael G. Wanyo** by Wife, Marian Wanyo
		10:30am	**Barbara Wisnewski** by Donald & Dorothy Totino

Daily Masses

Tuesday	Dec 02	12:15pm	**Lance Jones** by Wife
Wednesday	Dec 03	12:15pm	**Daniel Sabol** by Mary Jones
Thursday	Dec 04	12:15pm	**Daniel Sabol** by Hirko Family
Friday	Dec 05	12:15pm	**John Shea** by Parents

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday	Dec 06	4:00pm	**Gene Bolis** by Barb Montante, Rose Altavilla, & Mary Ann Bolis
Sunday	Dec 07	7:30am	**Carol Kwitkoski & John & Florence Kelly** by John Kelly
		10:30am	**Ronald Phillips** by Wife & Family

The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

Nov 30, 2025

Father,

let your hope arise in our hearts!
Lift our eyes up to see that you alone are where our hope comes from.
Help us to shake off the anxiety, discouragements, and distractions that have filled this year.
*May we pause to remember that we have **hope** in you.*
You know the end of our stories, and we give thanks because you have promised that it will be a victorious ending.
Give us the grace we need to wrap up this year joyfully.
We invite your Spirit into this beautiful Advent season.
Renew our sense of holy anticipation!
Let us be those who are waiting eagerly for Jesus to come again.
More than anything, we ask that you be glorified in this season of expectation.

Amen.

First Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

The words of Isaiah urge all people to forsake war and to live in peace forever. The tone reaches a climax in the words, “One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again.”

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Paul invites us to put away all the things of darkness and sin and to prepare for the coming of Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

A comparison is made between the destruction caused by the flood in Noah’s time and the need to be prepared for the second coming of Christ. “You must be prepared in the same way. The Son of Man is coming at the time you least expect.”

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

First Sunday of Advent
November 30, 2025

“You know the hour in which we are living. It is now the hour for you to wake from sleep, for our salvation is closer than when we first accepted the faith. The night is far spent, the day draws near. Let us cast off the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light’… ‘The Son of Man is coming at the time you least expect.”’

Welcome to another, a new season of advent. We are looking again for the coming of the Lord, remembering Bethlehem, but His promised coming again. Since our last advent have you ever thought of your final destiny, salvation won for you by the first coming of Christ?

Let’s begin this advent thinking, not about our celebration of the birth of Christ, but His coming at the end of time and our salvation. Am I ready to meet Him? Am I concerned about the salvation of others, my friends and family? Consider the words of Paul in Romans as he stirs us to wake from sleep and both think and act, as we prepare for His coming to me. The words of the hymn echo in my heart ‘Jesus is the Lord of my salvation; I trust in Him and have no fear.’

WORD

Ministry of the Month– December

Each month, a Ministry of the parish is highlighted. For December we will focus on Gifts

Everyone seems so busy in December! There are decorations that are placed both inside and outside, Christmas trees decorated, traditional and non-traditional foods prepared, and of course gifts. The month of December is filled with the anticipation of both receiving and giving Christmas gifts. This is all wonderful and has created some happy memories for generations. But this December, let's also take time out to contemplate the Gifts given to us by the Holy Spirit.

As Christians, ministry is not a choice, but a call, a privilege, and a responsibility. Our gifts are very closely tied to this calling. These gifts are sitting inside each one of us, waiting to be used to help the Church grow. Many are not aware of the gifts that they possess, and all of us need to spend time to deeply look into ourselves. Through prayer and discernment, you will find them.

Always remember, too, that for many Christmas is not a happy time and may bring painful memories. Giving to food, clothing, and toy drives will bring some happiness for those facing financial struggles. Calling or visiting someone you know is experiencing sadness, whether from illness or loss, goes a long way in treating those the way Jesus wants you to treat others.

Finally, enjoy this Advent and Christmas season! Meet with friends and family, share meals, send Christmas cards, and buy and receive Christmas presents. God intends for us to enjoy life! In this spirit, also spend good, quality time in prayerful consideration of the gifts you received at Baptism and how you can best use them.

Merry Christmas to all!

Weekly Readings

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday

Is 2:1-5;
Rom 13:11-14;
Mt 24:37-44

Monday

Is 4:2-6;
Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday

Is 11:1-10;
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday

Is 25:6-10a;
Mt 15:29-37

Thursday

Is 26:1-6;
Mt 7:21, 24-27

First Friday

Is 29:17-24;
Mt 9:27-31

First Saturday

Is 30:19-21, 23-26;
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

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 **December** we will collect **canned fruit.**

Food Pantry

Anyone in the Plains, Miners Mills, and Parsons area in need of food can **contact Pauline at 570-472-1646 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.

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

$1,000.00 Anonymous

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.

The Giving Trees at Saints Peter and Paul are being placed in the Church this weekend decorated with gift tags. *Anyone wishing to participate in this Christmas project* is asked to take a tag, purchase a gift for the person, wrap the present, **attaching the tag on the outside of the wrapped gift** and ***return it to the Church by December 14th***. The gifts will be distributed through our Food Pantry on December 19th. Anyone wishing to donate gloves, socks, scarves, hats etc.. (for children infant to 12) may drop them off at the Parish Office by December 14th.

Treasures has found a new home at 25 Hudson Road in Plains, (St. Peter and Paul School)

We open our doors for shopping on December 5th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon.
We will be closed on Mondays until further notice.

To enter the store, please use the side entrance located between the school and the church.

Parking is available across the street or in the back lot behind the school.

Thank You!

A huge "Thank You "to all who gave so generously in donations for Ruth's Place. The amount of items collected was overwhelming.

Ruth's Place not only offers emergency shelter, but an environment where women are supported and encouraged. It provides a safe home, social relationships, healthy food, and access to personal hygiene equipment and supplies.

May God bless you all!

The Bible states that those who give bountifully receive bounty in Heaven.

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 *No Faith Formation*	*1 December* Prayer Shawl 5pm Rosary 6pm	2	*3*	*4* *Women's Society* *6:30pm–* *Parish Dining Hall*	5 Treasures- 10am-12pm	*6*
7 *Faith Formation* *9-10am*	*8* Prayer Shawl 5pm Rosary 6pm	9	*10*	*11*	12 Treasures- 10am-12pm	*13*
14 *Faith Formation* *9-10am*	*15* Prayer Shawl 5pm Rosary 6pm	16	*17*	*18* *Food Pantry Prep*	19 *Food Pantry* Treasures- 10am-12pm	*20*
21 *Faith Formation* *9-10am*	*22* Prayer Shawl 5pm Rosary 6pm	23	*24* *Christmas Eve* *Office Closed*	*25* *Christmas Day* *Office Closed*	*26* *Office Closed*	*27*

COMMUNITY

A **Christmas Cookie Walk** will be held at **Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 215 Lackawanna Ave., Dupont, on Saturday, Dec. 13, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Church hall.** Choose from dozens of delicious homemade cookies available for $10 a pound. Try your luck at winning a lottery ticket theme basket or the 50/50 raffle just in time for Christmas!

U.S. Bishops Issue "Special Message" on Immigration

November 12, 2025

As pastors, we the bishops of the United States are bound to our people by ties of communion and compassion in Our Lord Jesus Christ. We are disturbed when we see among our people a climate of fear and anxiety around questions of profiling and immigration enforcement. We are saddened by the state of contemporary debate and the vilification of immigrants. We are concerned about the conditions in detention centers and the lack of access to pastoral care. We lament that some immigrants in the United States have arbitrarily lost their legal status. We are troubled by threats against the sanctity of houses of worship and the special nature of hospitals and schools. We are grieved when we meet parents who fear being detained when taking their children to school and when we try to console family members who have already been separated from their loved ones.

Despite obstacles and prejudices, generations of immigrants have made enormous contributions to the well-being of our nation. We as Catholic bishops love our country and pray for its peace and prosperity. For this very reason, we feel compelled now in this environment to raise our voices in defense of God-given human dignity.

Catholic teaching exhorts nations to recognize the fundamental dignity of all persons, including immigrants. We bishops advocate for a meaningful reform of our nation's immigration laws and procedures. Human dignity and national security are not in conflict. Both are possible if people of good will work together.

We recognize that nations have a responsibility to regulate their borders and establish a just and orderly immigration system for the sake of the common good. Without such processes, immigrants face the risk of trafficking and other forms of exploitation. Safe and legal pathways serve as an antidote to such risks.

The Church's teaching rests on the foundational concern for the human person, as created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:27). As pastors, we look to Sacred Scripture and the example of the Lord Himself, where we find the wisdom of God's compassion. The priority of the Lord, as the Prophets remind us, is for those who are most vulnerable: the widow, the orphan, the poor, and the stranger (Zechariah 7:10). In the Lord Jesus, we see the One who became poor for our sake (2 Corinthians 8:9), we see the Good Samaritan who lifts us from the dust (Luke 10:30–37), and we see the One who is found in the least of these (Matthew 25). The Church's concern for neighbor and our concern here for immigrants is a response to the Lord's command to love as He has loved us (John 13:34).

To our immigrant brothers and sisters, we stand with you in your suffering, since, when one member suffers, all suffer (cf. 1 Corinthians 12:26). You are not alone!

We note with gratitude that so many of our clergy, consecrated religious, and lay faithful already accompany and assist immigrants in meeting their basic human needs. We urge all people of good will to continue and expand such efforts.

We oppose the indiscriminate mass deportation of people. We pray for an end to dehumanizing rhetoric and violence, whether directed at immigrants or at law enforcement. We pray that the Lord may guide the leaders of our nation, and we are grateful for past and present opportunities to dialogue with public and elected officials. In this dialogue, we will continue to advocate for meaningful immigration reform.

As disciples of the Lord, we remain men and women of hope, and hope does not disappoint! (cf. Romans 5:5)

May the mantle of Our Lady of Guadalupe enfold us all in her maternal and loving care and draw us ever closer to the heart of Christ.

Year A

KID'S KORNER

Gospel Today

First Sunday of Advent / Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus wants us to lead good lives and help others, so we are ready when He comes again.

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Directions

[1] Color the tree green, write your good deeds on the ornaments and color them in.

[2] Cut out and fold at right angle to stand up by itself.

[3] Each week of Advent complete the tree and repeat steps 1-2.

[4] After you have 4 weeks of trees colored, filled in and cut out, attach **week 1** to **week 2** by matching the corner letters and gluing or taping halves together up to the fold line. Do the same for **week 3** and **week 4**, which will then attach to **week 1** and **2** to complete.

Different angles of completed tree.

Color tree and fill in good deeds, then color ornaments and cut out.

Weeks 1 & 2 together.

All of God's children are blessed with a variety of time, talents and treasures. This Advent, make a "gift to others" of your abilities, then write what you do on the ornaments on your "Share Me" tree.

There will be a tree for each week of Advent, and the 4 stand alone pieces will be joined together into a 3-D tree; just in time for Christmas!

Your finished tree is a wonderful gift to baby Jesus on Christmas! *(Jesus loves when we help everyone around us.)*

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Week 1

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