

December 28, 2025

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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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Father Jack and the Staff

*would like to wish everyone a blessed, healthy,
and Happy New Year!*



*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.
The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*

2 Corinthians 5:17

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
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 will be for
Care & Education of Priests***



New Year's Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve— 4pm

New Year's Day-10:30am



May the New Year fill your home
with joy, your heart with love, and
your life with laughter. & may God
bless you today and every day.

Happy New Year.

WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	Dec 27	4:00pm	Michael J. Kowalski by Family Gerard Meehan by Family
Sunday	Dec 28	7:30am 10:30am	Joe Bronack by Family Joseph J. Canterini by Janice & Tracey Canterini Alice Sennett by Kathy & Dennis Hagy

DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	Dec 30	12:15pm	Ben & Mary Berrini by Berrini Family
Wednesday	Dec 31	4:00pm	New Year's Eve
Thursday	Jan 01	10:30am	New Year's Day
Friday	Jan 02		No Mass

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	Jan 03	4:00pm	Anne Gerrity by Mr. & Mrs. Jack Babuscak
Sunday	Jan 04	7:30am 10:30am	Rita Augustine by Parish Council Joseph Klepadlo by Family



The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

Dec. 28, 2025

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Lord,

*You make all
things new*

*You bring hope
alive in our
hearts*

*And cause our
Spirits to be born
again*

*Thank you for
this new year*

*For all the
potential it holds.
Come and kindle
in us*

*A mighty flame
So that in our
time, many will
see the wonders
of God*

*And live forever
to praise Your
glorious name.*

Amen.

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

This passage from Sirach details the duties children owe to father and mother. Their life-long devotion will not be forgotten and “will take lasting root.”

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

Paul urges Christians particularly in the setting of the family, to “clothe” themselves with kindness, patience, humility, and mercy; to forgive; and, above all, to love!

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

An angel of the Lord, appearing in a dream to Joseph, urges him to flee with Jesus and Mary to Egypt to escape the murderous schemes of Herod. Later, in another dream, an angel tells Joseph to go with Jesus and Mary to a town called Nazareth in the region of Galilee, thus fulfilling the Scriptures: “He shall be called a Nazarean.”

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

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“Because you are God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with heartfelt mercy, with kindness, humility, meekness and patience. Bear with one another, forgive whatever grievances you have against one another. Forgive as the Lord has forgiven you. Over all these virtues put on love, which binds the rest together and makes them perfect. Christ’s peace must reign in your hearts.”

As the year draws to a close, rather than make new year’s resolutions we will soon forget, may I use the teaching of Paul to examine my 2025 conduct and seek ways to be sure these gifts are part and parcel of my daily living. The family of Nazareth had great difficulties and trials but surely they model the virtues spoken of in the scripture passage.

Paul’s audience was chosen by the Lord. We are chosen too but often forget how special we are. Why not consider a family which needs your prayer and support them, or one who models these virtues and imitate them. Isn’t that a great way to begin 2026. Our family living is OJT ‘on the job training.’

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

**The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary & Joseph**

Sunday

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14;
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17;
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Monday

1 Jn 2:3-11;
Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday

1 Jn 2:12-17;
Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday

1 Jn 2:18-21;
Jn 1:1-18

Thursday

Nm 6:22-27;
Gal 4:4-7;
Lk 2:16-21

First Friday

1 Jn 2:22-28;
Jn 1:19-28

First Saturday

1 Jn 2:29-3:6;
Jn 1:29-34

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 Plains Lions Club

**Thank you to the Plains Lions Club
for their generous donation.**

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.



COMMUNITY

Trip to France, May 4 -13, 2026

Join us on a trip to beautiful France this spring visiting Paris, seeing the restored iconic Notre Dame Cathedral and so many famous sites in the City of Lights, travel through the Loire Valley visiting the renowned Chateau de Chambord, pray at the Shrine in Lourdes joining in the candlelight procession in the evening, stopping in Carcassone on the way to the Riviera! This trip is hosted by Msgr. Patrick Pratico and includes travel to and from the Newark Airport from Scranton. All arrangements for this all-inclusive trip are being handled by TravelWorld.

For further information and reservations, please contact TravelWorld at 570-342-5790.

BLOOD DRIVE

Community Blood Drive

Bernardine Hall

Monday, January 5, 2026

1:30pm to 6:00pm

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit REDCROSSBLOOD.org and enter: STPPPLAINS to schedule an appointment.



December/January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 No Class	29 Prayer Shawl 5pm Rosary 6pm	30	31 New Years Eve Office Closed	1 January New Years Day Office Closed	2 Office Closed	3
4 Faith Formation 9-10am	5 Prayer Shawl 5pm Rosary 6pm	6	7	8 Parish Council 6:30pm- Parish Dining Hall Night at the Races Meeting 6:30pm- Rosary Room	9 Treasures- 10am-12pm	10
11 Faith Formation 9-10am	12 Prayer Shawl 5pm Rosary 6pm	13	14	15 Food Pantry Prep	16 Food Pantry Treasures- 10am-12pm	17
18 No Class	19 Prayer Shawl 5pm Rosary 6pm	20	21	22	23 Treasures- 10am-12pm	24



Night at the Races Meeting

There will be a planning meeting for all volunteers for the Night at the Races on Thursday, January 8th, at 6:30pm in the Parish Center Rosary Room. If you are interested in helping please join us!

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