

February 1, 2026

Fourth 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

CONTACT US

13 Hudson Road

Plains, PA 18705-2015

Phone: 570-825-6663

Fax: 570-823-4556

Email: parishoffice@sspeterandpaulplains.com

www.sspeterandpaulplains.com

Office Hours:

Monday: 8am—4pm

Tuesday: 8am—4pm

Wednesday: 8am—2pm

Thursday: 8am—4pm

Friday: 8am—Noon

Closed daily Noon—12:30pm

Reverend John C. Lambert M.S.W.

Pastor

Email: pastor@sspeterandpaulplains.com

Deacon Don Crane

Permanent Deacon



SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH

A large, faint watermark of a key and an anchor is positioned behind the parish name. The key is oriented vertically, and the anchor is positioned horizontally, with the key's handle pointing upwards and the anchor's crossbar pointing to the right.

13 Hudson Road,
Plains, PA 18705-2015



Like us on Facebook!
[Facebook.com/sspeterandpaulplains](https://www.facebook.com/sspeterandpaulplains)

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

Saturday, January 24 - 4:00pm:
306 people attended
173 envelopes received
Offering: \$5,043.00

Sunday, January 25 - 7:30am:
22 people attended
12 envelopes received
Offering \$237.00

Sunday, January 25 - 10:30am:
14 people attended
5 envelopes received
Offering: \$86.00

Thank You For Your Generosity.

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

The Second Collection next weekend will be for Care & Education of Priests



WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

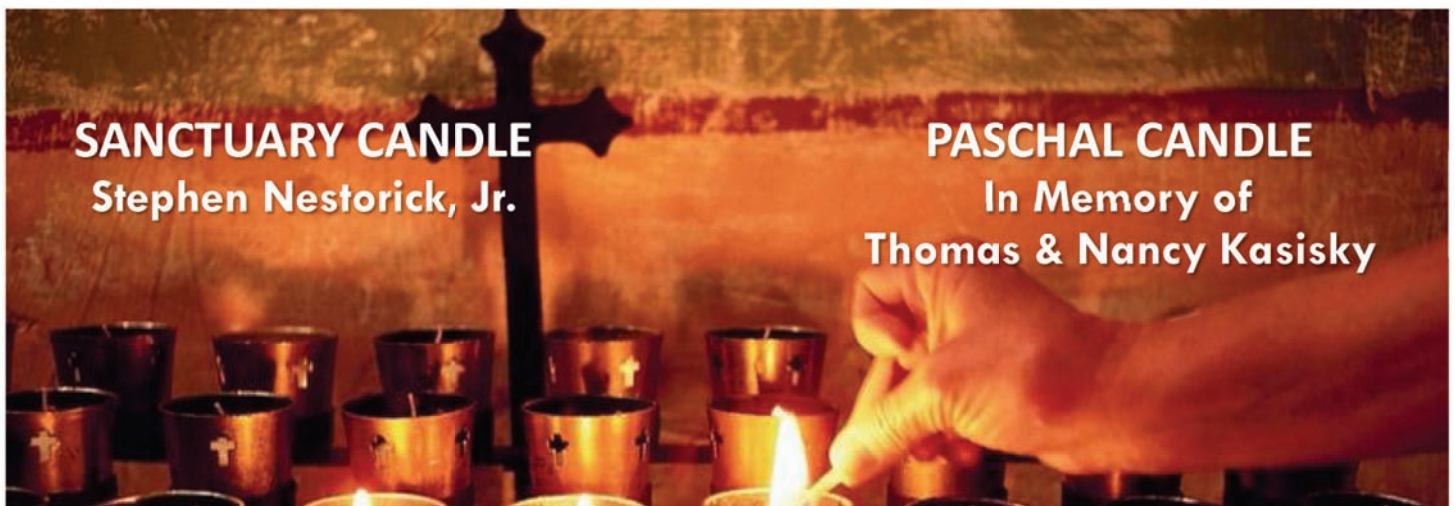
Saturday Jan 31 4:00pm **Helen Lavinia** by Josephine Kline & Donald Emerick
Sunday Feb 01 7:30am **Katie Kane** by Kevin & Mickey Kane
10:30am **Joseph & Alice Slabinski** by Daughter

DAILY MASSES

Tuesday Feb 03 12:15pm **Dolores Hadden** by Mary Ann Szczecinski
Wednesday Feb 04 12:15pm **John Pekarski** by Tina Sierko & Simpson Family
Thursday Feb 05 12:15pm **Jackson Hendershot** by Mary Merkel
Friday Feb 06 12:15pm **Ted Toloczko (A)** by Daughter, Sandy

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Feb 07 4:00pm **Zigmund Koshinski** by Wife
Ronald Klem & Klem Family by Wife & Family
Sunday Feb 08 7:30am **Edward Bonetski** by Don
10:30am **Delphine & Erald Biondi** by Grandchildren, Dean Jr., David, Hailey,
Blake, & Zoe



SANCTUARY CANDLE
Stephen Nestorick, Jr.

PASCHAL CANDLE
In Memory of
Thomas & Nancy Kasisky

The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

Feb 1, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lord our God,

*we thank you
that we may be
your children
and may be led
by your hand.*

*Give us patience
and faith,
especially when
our way on earth
seems difficult.*

*You are light,
and you show us
the right path.*

*Protect us on all
our ways, and
may your
kingdom grow
among us.*

Amen

First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13

Zephaniah prophesies that the Lord will punish wicked nations along with Jerusalem, but he will shelter from his anger those who practice justice and humility and do no wrong.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Paul tells the Corinthians that God prefers the humble, the weak, the lowly of station — people like themselves. In Christ Jesus they will find wisdom, honor and justice.

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

Jesus teaches the Beatitudes in his Sermon on the Mount. He extols those who are merciful, peaceful, lowly, poor in spirit and promises them that “the reign of God is theirs.”

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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 1, 2026

“Seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth, who have observed his law, seek justice and humility, perhaps you may be sheltered on the day of the Lord’s anger. For I will leave as a remnant in your midst a people humble and lowly who shall take refuge in the name of the Lord... Blessed are they...”

How frequently do we hear the word ‘seek’ in the scriptures. ‘Seek first the kingdom of God’.. ‘seek and you will find’... Our Christian lives are calls, summons to action, not moments to sit back and do nothing. For this reason the beatitudes of Matthew today describe what action is required of us - to be poor in spirit or dependent upon God, humble, pursuing justice and holiness, be merciful, prayerful and peacemakers. Now is the time to get up and get going.

WORD

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH-FEBRUARY

*Each month, a Ministry of the parish is highlighted.
For February we will focus on love and sacrifice*

February 14th is a date that is familiar to everyone- Valentine's Day. While the date is associated with love between spouses or those dating, it is also a day of celebrating all kinds of love. Children give valentines to schoolmates, adults may give to parents, friends, or anyone with whom they have a special relationship. A few days later, February 18th, is Ash Wednesday, the official beginning of the season of Lent.

Lent is an opportunity that gives us time to reflect on how love, sacrifice, and ministry within the church are intertwined. We love so many people in so many different ways- spouses, children, friends, and relatives, to name a few. But we are bound by God to love all creatures. "For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them"(Luke 6:32). Jesus fasted, even though He had been tempted by the devil, because of His love for us. In return, we not only fast on Ash Wednesday, but many of us make our own fasts for the foods or objects we enjoy. This also is to honor God and a sign of love.

Now, we can take this love and the act of fasting and also perform it through church ministry. Donate the food you are not eating to the Food Pantry/ Sacrifice to God by attending mass every Sunday, or, if able, at one or more of the daily Masses each week at 12:15. Attend the Stations of the Cross. Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Become an usher or a lector. If you enjoy giving praise to God through song, consider this Lent signing up for the choir. These are just a few suggestions, and I am sure you can think of even more!

So you can see how love, sacrifice, and ministry are bound together. Pray on this, and you may discover much in your heart this Lenten season. Let us also pray that the love represented in the secular holiday of Valentine's Day and the religious season of Lent continues to live in us.

WEEKLY READINGS

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Zep 2:3, 3:12-13;
1 Cor 1:26-31;
Mt 5:1-12a

Monday

Mal 3:1-4;
Heb 2:14-18;
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Tuesday

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3;
Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17;
Mk 6:1-6

Thursday

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12;
Mk 6:7-13

First Friday

Sir 47:2-11;
Mk 6:14-29

First Saturday

1 Kgs 3:4-13;
Mk 6:30-34

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 **February** we will collect **coffee, tea, and hot chocolate.**

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 Bob & Sandy Belles

\$350 Tom Belles

In memory of Carol Jackloski

\$100 Bernard Antosh Family

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 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.



Red Robin® will give

**20% OF FOOD SALES*
BACK TO**

SAINTS PETER & PAUL PLAINS

**Show this flyer or simply mention the fundraiser to
your server to have your sales counted.**

FUNDRAISER DETAILS

**2020 Wilkes-Barre Marketplace, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702
February 15, 2026 4PM - 8PM**

If ordering online, please follow these instructions:

- 1** Start your order at redrobin.com/order and select the restaurant above.
- 2** In the menu, go to the category labeled "Fundraisers (To-Go Only)" and click on that item.
- 3** Click the "add" button, and then "add to bag."
- 4** Add your meal items and check out.
- 5** Arrive at Red Robin, come in, say hi, grab your food and be on your way! If your location has curbside pick-up, we can bring it to your car too!

*Donation based on all eligible net dine-in and to-go food sales only. Excludes sales from catering (at select locations), 3rd party ordering and delivery sites, alcohol, gift cards, retail, tax and gratuity. Offer void if flyer is distributed in or near the restaurant during fundraiser day & hours.

Red Robin



Spring Tea

There will be a **planning meeting** for a Spring Tea. Anyone interested in being on the committee please attend the meeting which will be held on **Monday, February 9th, at 6:30pm in the Parish Dining Hall.**

COMMUNITY

PRINCE OF PEACE MARDI GRAS Saturday February 7th 2026 6:30 PM to 10PM at Arcaro & Genell Banquet Room Main St. Old Forge

Tickets are \$40 per person ADULTS ONLY

Includes Hors D'oeuvre's and BUFFET, Beer, Wine and Soda Included

Accepting reservations for tables of 8 or 10

Reserve your seats early

For reservations the rectory 570-457-5900

Tickets also sold before & after all week-end Masses at the main entrance to the church

Payment is due with reservation.

LIVE MUSIC BY MICHAEL MILLENINUM

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.

Return to the Heart of the Father: a Three-day Parish Lenten Retreat, will be presented by guest speaker Allan Wright, February 26-28 at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Dupont, and Saint Mary Church, Avoca. Allan is a national speaker, author of over 20 books, adjunct professor at Seton Hall University and Executive Director of the NJ Family Policy Center. All are invited and encouraged to attend the events planned for each day. If you can only attend some, but not all of the events listed, please feel free to do so. For the full list of details for each day, please visit sacredheartdupont.com

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

February

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|-------------------------------------|---------|-----------|--|---|----------|
| 1 <i>February 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 |
| 22 <i>Faith Formation</i> 9-10am | 23 Treasures 2-4pm Rosary 6pm | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 Treasures- 10am-12pm | 28 |

Save the Date

Night at the Races– March 14th

SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH STAFF

Pastor

Rev. John C. Lambert

pastor@sspeterandpaulplains.com

Permanent Deacon

Deacon Don Crane

Administrative Assistants

Mary Ann Gottlieb

Mary Pilarcik

parishoffice@sspeterandpaulplains.com

Parish Cemeteries

Mary Gregor

cemeteries@sspeterandpaulplains.com

Saints Peter & Paul

Saint Joseph

Sacred Heart (Plains)

Saint Francis

Sacred Heart (Dallas)

Saint Stanislaus

Bernardine Hall Coordinator

Kathy Grinaway

hallrental@sspeterandpaulplains.com

Music Ministry

Scott Coates - Music Director

Maintenance

Jim Cunningham

Ushers

Candice Berrini & Mary Ann Gottlieb

Sacristan

Ben Berrini

Ministers Scheduler

Kathy Grinaway

ministries@sspeterandpaulplains.com

Faith Formation Coordinator

Gabrielle Gottlieb

faithformation@sspeterandpaulplains.com

Scholarships (Awarded to High School Seniors)

scholarships@sspeterandpaulplains.com

Business Office

Nina Cinti

businessoffice@sspeterandpaulplains.com

Pastoral Council

Kathy Grinaway, *Chairperson*

Donna Mansfield, *Vice Chairperson*

JoAnn Chukinas, *Secretary*

Joanne Brague

Barbara Gubbiotti

Janice Canterini

Jack Keeley

Joan Cavanaugh

Debby Zuzelski

Harold Golomb

Saints Peter & Paul Finance Committee

Don Prescavage, *Chairman*

Ben Berrini, *Vice Chairman*

Charlotte Dominick, *Secretary*

Deacon Don Crane

Gerald Cross

Paul Dreabit

Jody Gurnari

Tracy Schooley

Yanaitis
Funeral Home Inc.
~ SERVING FAMILIES SINCE 1938 ~

CHRISTOPHER M. YANAITIS, SUPERVISOR
~ 24 HOUR SERVICE AVAILABLE ~
570-822-2416
55 STARK STREET • PLAINS, PA

yanaitisfd@gmail.com • www.yanaitisfuneralhome.com

TRADITIONAL FUNERAL • CREMATION • PRE-NEED PLANNING

DUPONT MONUMENT SHOP INC.
You Make the Memories of a Lifetime, We Make Them Last Forever
273 MAIN STREET, DUPONT, PA 18641
570-654-0561
email: dupontmonument@aol.com
Gregory A. Timonte, Proprietor

CORCORAN FUNERAL HOME, INC.
ESTABLISHED 1935
JOHN P. CORCORAN, JR.
Supervisor
20 South Main Street • Plains, PA
570-823-1358
johnjr@corcoranfuneralhome.com
corcoranfuneralhome.com

CALL US TODAY!

YOUR AD HERE!

Reserve Your Space Today! _____ **the Church Walls**

Contact our advertising team at **800-883-4343** to discuss affordable advertising solutions.
Don't miss this opportunity to become a valued partner in the community.

- Connect with a Dedicated and Engaged Audience
- Build Trust and Credibility
- Showcase Your Business to Those Who Actively Support Local Businesses
- Benefit From Our Online Presence and Extend Your Reach Beyond the Church Walls

R.N. Fitch and Sons
a division of McGrath Enterprises, Inc.

Sean C. McGrath
Owner/President
185 Huntsville Road
Dallas, PA 18612

JMJ CATHOLIC RADIO
750 AM 1490 AM 98.9 FM

NAT • GAWLAS • JORDAN FUNERAL HOME
Celebrations of Life • Cremations • On-Site Monument Sales

West: 717 Main Street, Edwardsville, PA 18704
Jared J. Jordan, Supervisor
570-825-3138
www.ngjfuneral.com

East: 89 Park Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702
Stephen J. Gawlas, Supervisor

ST. MARY'S MONUMENT CO. LLC
975 S. MAIN ST., HANOVER TWP
NEXT TO SOLOMON'S CREEK
(570) 829-8138
STMARY975@AOL.COM
MONUMENTS • MARKERS • LETTERING
stmarysmonumentcompany.com

GIVE A HOOT! DON'T POLLUTE!

Thanks for giving a hoot! *Woody*

Call today for a **FREE QUOTE**
(570) 675-0646 • www.rnfitch.com
Financing Available

COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL

- ✓ Plumbing
- ✓ Sewer & Water Lines
- ✓ Well Water Systems
- ✓ Air Conditioning
- ✓ Heating
- ✓ Water Testing & Purification

When you're in a Glitch - Call Fitch!!!

SUSEK Family DENTISTRY

DR. LAUREN E. SUSEK
DR. RYAN J. SUSEK

~ MOST INSURANCE PLANS ACCEPTED ~
570-829-1009
270 SOUTH RIVER STREET | PLAINS, PA 18705

J.H. Williams & Co., LLC
OUR PASSION IS SERVICE
Certified Public Accountants
A FULL SERVICE ACCOUNTING FIRM
JOSEPH J. GURNARI, CPA
Partner
570-288-3651
jgurnari@jhwilliams CPA.com
www.jhwilliams CPA.com
230 WYOMING AVENUE - 2ND FLOOR - KINGSTON, PA 18704

PITTSTON DINER

Wednesday Customer Appreciation Day = 10% Off

570-655-9773

Take-Outs
ASK ABOUT OUR DAILY SPECIALS

Free Delivery
MONDAY - FRIDAY
11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Sunday
7:00 am - 3:00 pm

Monday
6:00 am - 3:00 pm

Tuesday - Saturday
6:00 am - 9:00 pm

Every Tuesday
SENIOR CITIZENS
EAT IN SPECIAL
20% OFF

Catering
AVAILABLE

READY.GOV
Don't be afraid...Be Ready

BREAKFAST • LUNCH • DINNER

D's DINER
"Where Great Food and Good Friends Come Together"

587 East Main Street • Plains, Pennsylvania • 570-823-1990

< OPEN >
24 HOURS
7 DAYS A WEEK

Served All Day
Early Bird Specials
Take Out Orders

PEANUTS
x
American Red Cross

Be a friend. Give blood.

YEOSOCK FUNERAL HOME, INC.
Supervisor: David M Yeosock, FD
40 S. Main Street
PLAINS, PA
570-823-1001
yeosockfuneralhome.com