

January 1, 2023

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

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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Thursday: 8am—4pm

Friday: 8am—Noon

Closed daily Noon—12:30pm

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Deacon Don Crane

Permanent Deacon



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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
as well as on the parish Facebook page.



Sunday Stewards

Saturday, Dec 24 - 4:00pm:

422 people attended

99 envelopes received

Offering: \$6,176.00

Saturday, Dec 24- 9:00pm:

212 people attended

51 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,262.00

Sunday, Dec 25 - 7:30am:

118 people attended

52 envelopes received

Offering \$2,636.00

Sunday, Dec 25 - 10:30am:

201 people attended

53 envelopes received

Offering: \$3,544.00

Thank You for your Generosity.

*Father Jack and the Staff would like to wish everyone a very
Happy New Year!*

*May God's blessings shower upon you and bestow upon each of you a bright,
healthy and peaceful new year.*

WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	Dec 31	4:00pm	Nancy Bronack by Joseph Yandoli & Jeanette Starbuck
Sunday	Jan 01	7:30am 10:30am	Raymond Deiter by Karen & Rita Humko Dorothy Nestorick by Daughter, Mary Ann

MASSES AT SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Tuesday	Jan 03	12:15pm	Dolores Myers by Nick & Cathy Kozicki
Wednesday	Jan 04	12:15pm	Catherine Neishell by Roberta & Paul Sokol
Thursday	Jan 05	12:15pm	Joseph Biniek, Sr. by Pat Perugino
Friday	Jan 06	12:15pm	William Katsak by Mr. & Mrs. William Hawk

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES AT SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Saturday	Jan 07	4pm	Christine McKenna by Diane Zampetti
Sunday	Jan 08	7:30am 10:30am	Robert Gregor, Sr. by Wife Joseph Klepadlo by Family



SANCTUARY CANDLE
Helen Zius

LADY OF THE LOURDES
Matthew Koneski

The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

January 1, 2023



*O God,
who through the
fruitful virginity
of Blessed Mary
bestowed on the
human race the
grace of eternal
salvation,
grant, we pray,
that we may
experience the
intercession of
her,
through whom
we were found
worthy to receive
the author of life,
our Lord Jesus
Christ, your Son.
Who lives and
reigns with you
in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
God,
for ever and
ever.
Amen*

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

First Reading: Numbers 6:22-27

The Lord told Aaron to bestow his blessings on the Israelites. God wanted them to know that by invoking his name they would be blessed by him.

Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

Paul describes how through Jesus' birth, we have been delivered from the laws that exiled Gentiles from God's community. Through Jesus, the Gentiles became God's adopted sons and would receive the same blessings that the Jewish converts had been promised.

Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

The shepherds went to Bethlehem to see Jesus and immediately understood all that they had been told about him. They praised God for what they had seen, and Jesus was given the name that the angel had chosen for him.

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

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God January 1, 2023

"The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about the child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart."

Message from angels to Mary at Nazareth, to Joseph in a dream, and announcements in the sky. How special that the shepherds then looked for and found Jesus. I wonder who Luke was referring to when he said 'all who heard it were amazed.' As you read these words are you looking for Jesus, are you still touched by the nativity event? Are you, like Mary, reflecting and pondering upon this in your heart? A blessed new year.

WORD

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH - DECEMBER

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

December marks the beginning of Advent, ending with the birth of Christ on Christmas Day. The season is identified especially through the music. What better month to focus on our Music Ministry! From the beautiful singing of our cantors and choir, to the wonderful music played by our organists, the music is vital to praising God at every Mass. Our Music Ministry is always looking for more members to become involved, wherever your talents may lie. Please prayerfully consider being involved in any aspect of this ministry.

“As each one has received a gift use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace” (1Peter 4:10). So if music is a gift God has given to you, please follow the words of Peter and use it to serve our parish.

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.



Love. Grow. Serve.

Contact: Scott Coates
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Parish Office 570-825-6663

WEEKLY READINGS

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Sunday

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

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

1 Jn 3:7-10;
Jn 1:35-42

Thursday

1 Jn 3:11-21;
Jn 1:43-51

First Friday

1 Jn 5:5-13;
Mk 1:7-11

First Saturday

1 Jn 5:14-21;
Jn 2:1-11

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 tuna & peanut butter**.

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 clean, gently used **Winter clothing** for men, women, and children. Donations may be dropped off during business hours only. **Mondays 5pm-7pm & Fridays 10am-12 pm.**

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 at 570-825-6663 or call Mary Jo at 570-333-5041.

Saints Peter & Paul Parish Ministries

Pauline Makowski, *Food Pantry*
Mary Jo Marek, *Prayer Shawl*
Laura Rudloff, *Treasures*
Kathy Grinaway, *Hospitality*
Irene Martin, *Women's Society of Saints Peter & Paul*
Sister Madonna, *Outreach to Homebound*

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 John & Anna Krokos

\$200 Family

\$100 Mangan Family

\$150 Polish American Vets

\$100 Joseph & Deborah Bronack

\$75 Patrick & Donna Malys

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.



January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Office Closed	3	4 Choir Practice 6:30pm	5 Women's Society 6:30– Parish Center Dining Hall	6	7
8	9 Rosary 6pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm	10	11 Choir Practice 6:30pm	12 Parish Council 6:30– Parish Center Dining Hall	13	14
15	16 Rosary 6pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm	17	18 Choir Practice 6:30pm	19 Food Pantry Prep	20 Food Pantry	21
22	23 Rosary 6pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm	24	25 Choir Practice 6:30pm	26	27	28



The Bernardine Hall is open for reservations! Our newly renovated spacious event hall is perfect for weddings, parties, corporate events, fundraisers, and more. We have plenty of tables, chairs, space, and parking for every event. You can choose from our list of approved caterers.

The Parish Dining Room is also available for rentals. This room is perfect for any of the smaller events like Baptism luncheons, Wedding rehearsal dinners, business meetings, and more.

For more information about renting the hall for your events, please email Amy Vissotski hallrental@sspeterandpaulplains.com

or call the Parish Office at 570-825-6663.



Our parish will host an American Red Cross blood drive on **Tuesday, January 24th** from **11:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Bernardine Hall**. Appointments are required. Register at [redcross.org](https://www.redcross.org) - find a drive - see times or call 1-800-733-2767. Every pint donated benefits three patients.

The Plains Sr Citizens group that formally held their meetings at Saint Dominic's Church on Austin Ave in the Parsons section of Wilkes-Barre, will conduct a reorganization meeting on Wednesday, January 4th at 1:00 in Bernardine Hall at Saints Peter & Paul Church on Hudson Road in Plains.

The meeting is open to anyone interested in becoming a member wherever you live.

Please plan to attend. Thank you.

President Mike Boncheck 570-817-7503 E-mail seabeemjb@yahoo.com



The **Women's Society** is pleased to announce the formation of a **religious-themed lending library**, located in the hallway of the Parish Center. Books are available for both adults and children. There are no due dates, just a sign out sheet. We hope everyone will take advantage of it and will enjoy easy access to a wide variety of volumes.

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Gospel Today

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left,
right, up, down or diagonally.

B	A	B	Y	G	E	J	O	S	E	P	H	B
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O	E	M	D	O	O	T	S	R	E	D	N	U
T	R	A	U	R	L	H	A	E	S	R	P	R
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C	E	R	G	I	I	D	T	R	A	E	H	L
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Y	H	M	T	W	O	R	D	E	Z	A	M	A

Solemnity
Mary
Holy
Mother
God
Joseph
Baby
Lying
Manger
Hurried
Shepherds
Bethlehem
Understood
Glorifying
Praised
Heard
Seen
Spread
Word
Child
Amazed
Treasured
Pondered
Heart
Angel
Name
Jesus

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