

January 15, 2023

2nd 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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Monday: 8am—4pm

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Wednesday: 8am—2pm

Thursday: 8am—4pm

Friday: 8am –Noon

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Reverend John C. Lambert M.S.W.

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Deacon Don Crane

Permanent Deacon



SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH

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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, Jan 07 - 4:00pm:

241 people attended

143 envelopes received

Offering: \$3,112.00

Sunday, Jan 08 - 7:30am:

142 people attended

78 envelopes received

Offering \$1,693.00

Sunday, Jan 08 - 10:30am:

222 people attended

103 envelopes received

Offering: \$3,047.00

Thank You for your Generosity.



WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

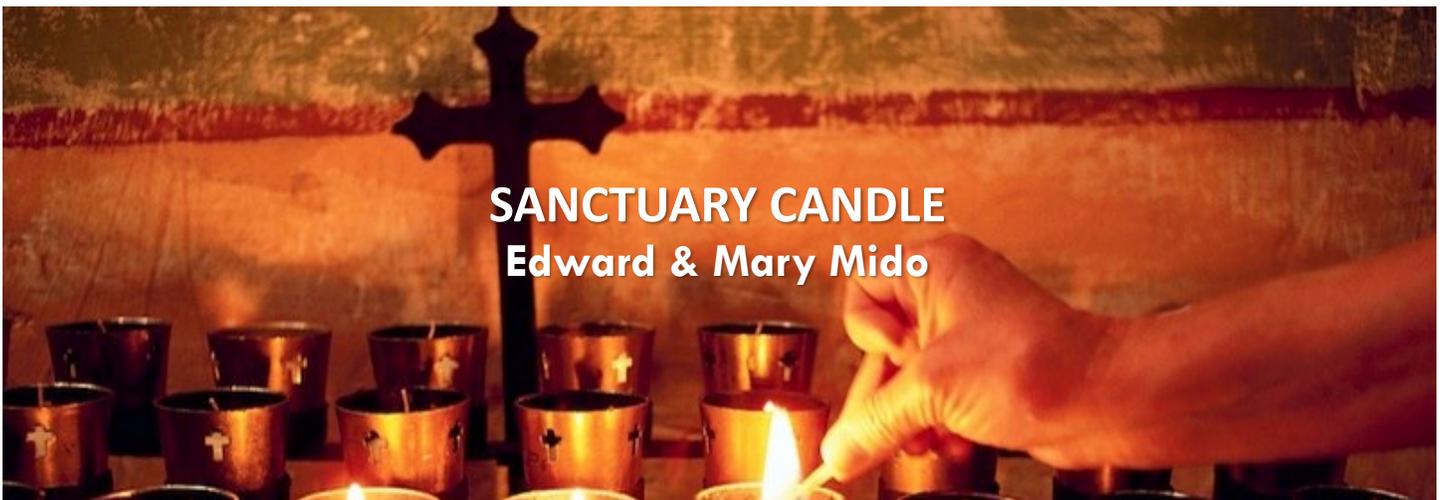
Saturday	Jan 14	4:00pm	Joann Helinski by Carol, Denny, & Brandon McNulty
Sunday	Jan 15	7:30am 10:30am	Gregory & Florence Baczmarga by Children John Herold, Sr. by David Herold

MASSES AT SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Tuesday	Jan 17	12:15pm	John Herold, Sr. by David Herold
Wednesday	Jan 18	12:15pm	Harold Golomb by Mark & Deborah Maguire
Thursday	Jan 19	12:15pm	Gerald Vissotski by Family
Friday	Jan 20	12:15pm	James Flannery, Jr. by Margo Denney

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES AT SAINTS PETER & PAUL

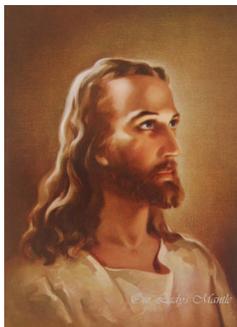
Saturday	Jan 21	4pm	Gloria Antosh by Bernard Antosh Family
Sunday	Jan 22	7:30am 10:30am	Viola Rubbico by Family Beth Bonn by Family



The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

January 15, 2023



*Help me not to
fear the future
but to boldly
trust that you
are in control
when my
emotions plunge
me down,
and when I am in
despair.
And times when
I can't talk and
don't know what
to say,
help me to
"Be still, and
know that you
are God".
Be my comforter,
my healer
and bring me
peace.
In Jesus' name,
Amen.*

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

This reading is a short passage from the second song of the Servant of the Lord. The Lord will show his glory through His servant whose mission is to restore Israel and bring salvation "to the ends of the earth."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Paul sends greetings to the people of Corinth, who have been called to be holy and consecrated in Christ.

Gospel: John 1:29-34

When Jesus visits John, John recognizes Jesus as the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." John further indicates that Jesus is truly the Messiah and "God's chosen One."

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

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"John testified further, saying, 'I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God.'"

We are well aware of Pentecost and the event which gave life to the church. The event at the Jordan speaks of the same Holy Spirit, present at Jesus' baptism. Think about the words in John's gospel. The Spirit was visible like the wind, noise and fire at Pentecost. It descended upon Jesus and remained, leading the gospel writer to write 'He is the Son of God.' Later the centurion would echo this same profound statement.

At our confirmation the same Spirit came, and remains, but we are slow to make that special presence *and* power visible. John said he didn't know Him. Do we? He made us to know, love and serve Him. We are sent to make Him known, loved and served.

WORD

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH - JANUARY

Each month, a Ministry of the parish is highlighted. For January and the beginning of a new year, let's resolve to prayerfully consider each Ministry available, and to participate in whatever capacity that suits your availability, interest, and needs.

Happy New Year! January is a time of self-reflection. We make our “New Year's Resolutions” with the intention of continuing them throughout the year. Sometimes they are diet related, such as less junk food or “Dry January”. Others may involve being a better person, being kinder, or having more patience. Those are all good intentions. But this year let's consider adding our spiritual life to this. Spend more time in prayerful reflection. Come to Mass more often or a little earlier to meditate on the love of God. Consider joining one of our many Ministries available, highlighted throughout the past year. Our parish has many wonderful Ministries, including a new Elder Care Outreach Ministry. If you're not sure or have any questions, talk to Ministry leaders or use the email below for more information. More Ministers are always welcome and needed!

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 a Ministry that would be right for you as one of your 2023 resolutions.



Love. Grow. Serve.

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WEEKLY READINGS

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Is 49: 3, 5-6;
1 Cor 1:1-3;
Jn 1:29-34

Monday

Heb 5:1-10;
Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday

Heb 6:10-20;
Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17;
Mk 3:1-6

Thursday

Heb 7:25-8:6;
Mk 3:7-12

Friday

Heb 8:6-13;
Mk 3:13-19

Saturday

Heb 9:2-3, 11-14;
Mk 3:20-21

January/February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15	16 Rosary 6pm Treasures 5-7pm	17	18 Choir Practice 6:30pm	19 Food Pantry Prep	20 Treasures 10am-12pm Food Pantry	21
22	23 Rosary 6pm Treasures 5-7pm	24	25 Choir Practice 6:30pm	26	27 Treasures 10am-12pm	28
29	30 Rosary 6pm Treasures 5-7pm	31	1 Choir Practice 6:30pm	2 Women's Society 6:30- Parish Dining Hall	3 Treasures 10am-12pm	4
5	6 Rosary 6pm Treasures 5-7pm	7	8 Choir Practice 6:30pm	9 Parish Council 6:30- Parish Dining Hall	10 Treasures 10am-12pm	11



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.

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

\$25 Elizabeth Kupstas

\$100 Anonymous

In Memory of Rosalie Jesikiewicz

\$20 Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Selner

\$20 Janice Jones & Family

\$20 Ben & Sorbora Gubbiotti

\$100 Tom, Dianne, Elise & Luke Jesikiewicz

\$25 Lynch Family

In Memory of Joseph Bronack

\$25 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Pellegrini

In Honor of Victoria & Leon Panowicz

\$110 Bernadine Yench

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.



**2023 and WE ARE ON A NEW YEAR'S MISSION
OUTREACH TO OUR HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS
AND WE NEED YOUR HELP NOW!**

If you know Elders and/or persons with disabilities who can no longer come to Saints Peter and Paul Church for Mass, please ask them if they would like to receive Communion in their own home at least once a month. There are approximately twelve Ministers of the Eucharist ready and willing to "bring Church to them: God's Word and Sacrament."

Call Sister Madonna at 570-825-6663 ext # 5 OR email her at sscmadonna@aol.com

The visits will begin immediately: January 2023

Please help our Elders who miss being at Church each weekend.

**Please help us bring Church to them.
Thank you for joining this effort.**

The **Plains Senior Citizens** will hold their **Bi Monthly meeting** on **Wednesday, January 18th at 1:00pm, in Bernardine Hall** at Saints Peter and Paul Church on Hudson Road in Plains Township.

Refreshments & Bingo will follow immediately after.

New members are welcome!

For information or directions contact Mike Boncheck, President @ 570-817-7532 or E-Mail seabeemjb@yahoo.com

COMMUNITY

FEAST OF THE HOLY SPOUSES will be held at the **Oblates of St. Joseph Chapel, Route 315, Laflin**, on **Sunday, January 22, 2023 with a special Mass at 3:00 pm**. This annual celebration honors the spousal role of the Blessed Virgin Mary & St. Joseph exalting the sanctity of marriage and family life within our modern world. This Feast was officially approved by the Vatican for the Congregation of the Oblates of St. Joseph in 1989. Celebrant and homilist for this year's celebration is Rev. Jeffrey D. Tudgay, Judicial Vicar of the Diocese of Scranton and Pastor of St. Peter's Cathedral. The public is invited to attend and a social will follow the Mass. For more information, contact the seminary office at 654-7542.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For second consecutive year, Diocese of Scranton receives top score in independent financial transparency report

SCRANTON (Dec. 7, 2022) – For the second consecutive year, a lay organization of faithful Catholics has named the Diocese of Scranton as being one of the most financially transparent dioceses in the United States.

For six years, Voice of the Faithful has reviewed all U.S. Catholic dioceses' online financial transparency. The group's 2022 report identifies the Diocese of Scranton as one of only five dioceses to receive an overall score of 100% in regards to transparency. This year's other top-scoring dioceses include Charleston, Lexington, Orlando and Rochester.

The Diocese of Scranton also received an overall score of 100% for financial transparency in 2021.

The Voice of the Faithful's sixth annual review of all dioceses was conducted between June 1 and Aug. 31 by three independent reviewers and their report, "Measuring and Ranking Diocesan Online Financial Transparency: 2022 Report," was released on Nov. 28, 2022.

In addition to receiving a perfect score in the report, the Diocese of Scranton and its website was highlighted as having one of the best finance pages. The report indicates the Diocese of Scranton's finance page stands out from others with "key financial information easily accessible."

"I am happy to report for the second year that the Diocese of Scranton is being recognized for its commitment to financial transparency," the Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Diocese of Scranton, said. "Each one of us is a steward of the resources given to us by God and we all share in the mission of making sure they are used responsibly. By having easy access to financial reports, policies and procedures, every parishioner can see that the money donated to the diocese goes exactly where it is intended."

Voice of the Faithful scores dioceses' financial transparency practices on a scale from zero to 100. The organization awards each diocese points for publishing a variety of financial documents, including audited financial reports, information about the diocese's cathedraticum (tax collected from individual parishes) and a current list of members on the diocesan finance council.

Information on the Diocese of Scranton's financial policies and guidelines, audited financial reports and finance council members can be found at dioceseofscranton.org/directory/offices/financial-services.

The Voice of the Faithful's 2022 report shows that overall, diocesan online financial transparency scores increased from 69% in 2021 to 70% in 2022.

Voice of the Faithful 2022 reviewers concluded that, "Although significant progress in financial transparency has been achieved in the last decade, and in particular during the last three years, members of the Church in the U.S. must be vigilant if they wish to prevent financial mismanagement and abuse."

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**Parish Financial Report
Saints Peter and Paul - Plains
TREND ANALYSIS**

Fiscal Year July 1 - June 30

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Revenue					
Collections	665,462	536,496	514,447	532,304	537,450
Faith Formation Fees	2,443	1,650	4,604	6,628	4,763
Fundraising/Development	72,686	59,899	172,868	109,205	32,662
Other Income	105,356	114,389	81,107	86,802	16,182
Designated Income/Grants/PPP Loan	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers Saving Account/Other	0	37,000	43,813	26,450	205,698
Diocesan Special Collections	<u>4,153</u>	<u>1,476</u>	<u>14,209</u>	<u>19,829</u>	<u>30,765</u>
Total Revenue	<u>850,100</u>	<u>750,910</u>	<u>831,048</u>	<u>781,218</u>	<u>827,520</u>

Expenses					
Administration	216,921	150,879	173,471	202,889	265,071
Rectory	5,790	2,286	36,010	16,161	34,439
Liturgy	51,197	65,107	89,310	54,039	23,916
Faith Formation	31,839	40,587	58,121	42,885	52,996
Social Justice	0	10,495	(2,500)	325	0
Operations & Maintenance of Plant	280,997	227,481	176,264	141,069	201,198
Fixed Expense	94,762	45,972	42,254	39,715	0
Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlays	52,191	0	154,870	144,966	0
Designated Expenses/Transfers Out	22,711	0	37,019	1,193	0
Catholic School Assessment	109,821	117,962	85,756	175,219	109,463
Diocesan Special Collections Remittance	<u>0</u>	<u>15,056</u>	<u>1,373</u>	<u>7,558</u>	<u>17,692</u>
Total Expense	<u>866,229</u>	<u>675,825</u>	<u>851,948</u>	<u>826,019</u>	<u>704,775</u>

Parish Surplus/(Deficit) - CASH Basis (Increase)/Decrease in	(16,129)	75,085	(20,900)	(44,801)	122,745
Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	*(SEE NOTE)*	<u>(38,925)</u>	<u>(10,244)</u>	<u>1,010</u>	<u>17,644</u>
Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>(55,054)</u>	<u>64,841</u>	<u>(19,890)</u>	<u>(27,157)</u>	<u>90,758</u>

*** NOTE***

Outstanding Diocesan Obligations could include: Diocesan assessments, School assessments, health insurance, self-insurance, pension and other expenses.

End of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	62,502	23,577	13,333	14,343	31,987
Beginning of the Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	<u>23,577</u>	<u>13,333</u>	<u>14,343</u>	<u>31,987</u>	<u>0</u>
(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	<u>(38,925)</u>	<u>(10,244)</u>	<u>1010</u>	<u>17,644</u>	<u>(31,987)</u>
Diocesan Loan/Debt	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Understanding Your Parish Financial Report

Revenue

- ◆ **Collection** includes all offertory envelopes, online giving and loose collections.
- ◆ **Faith Formation Fees** includes all registration and program fees, adults and children.
- ◆ **Fundraising/Development** includes any gifts or donations that are not regular offertory, bequests, memorials, parish activities and any parish rebate from the Diocesan Annual Appeal (75% over goal is refunded to the parish.)
- ◆ **Other Income** includes rental of facilities, insurance refunds, interest income, sale of assets, funerals/weddings perquisites and any other income.
- ◆ **Designated Income/Grants/PPP Loans** includes donations or grants specifically earmarked for a designated purpose and any Paycheck Protection Plan grant income.
- ◆ **Transfers Saving Account/Other** includes transfers from bank accounts that are excluded from operating income or have already been reported as operating income.
- ◆ **Diocesan Special Collections** are collections which are remitted back to the Diocese. (Care & Education of Priests, Emergency collections following a natural disaster, Retired Religious Collection, Catholic Communications, and all others).

Expenses

- ◆ **Administration** includes clergy salary and benefits, office staff salary and benefits, administrative expenses, office expenses and the Cathedraticum (9.5% parish assessment to the Diocese) and Clergy Care and Wellness Assessment.
- ◆ **Rectory** expenses include the cost to run and maintain the rectory, as well as household expenses for the pastor.
- ◆ **Liturgy** includes salaries & benefits for musicians & sacristans. Also all supplies (printed materials, candles, decorations, flowers, ect)
- ◆ **Faith Formation** includes salaries and benefits of the faith formation staff, cost of textbooks, supplies and retreats
- ◆ **Social Justice** includes all social justice salaries and benefits, as well as the cost of all social justice expenses.
- ◆ **Operation & Maintenance of Plant** includes salaries and benefits of all maintenance staff and electricity, heat, water, cleaning janitorial, repairs and maintenance, and any plant and maintenance supplies.
- ◆ **Fixed Expense** includes insurance premiums from the Diocesan self-insured program for property, liability and worker
- ◆ **Debt Service** includes the interest and principal payments paid on outstanding parish debt.
- ◆ **Capital Outlays** includes any major repairs on the parish building or site or any new construction costs.
- ◆ **Designated Expenses/Transfers Out** includes all expenses designated for a specific purpose or transfers out to saving/building fund.
- ◆ **Catholic School Assessments** represent the parish's portion allocated for the support of the Diocese of Scranton Catholic School System which are 14.5% for a parish with a Catholic School in its county and 8% if there is no school in its county.
- ◆ **Diocesan Special Collections Remittance** are the remittals of the Diocesan collections above.

Parish Surplus/"(Deficit) - CASH Basis

- ◆ This line represents the **increase** or **decrease** in parish cash balances from the beginning of the year to the end of the year on a **CASH BASIS** based on actual expenses paid.

(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations

- ◆ This amount represents the change in the parish's unpaid obligations over the year. If there is an **increase** in unpaid obligations, this number will be **negative**. If the parish **reduced** its unpaid obligations, this will be a **positive** number.

Actual Parish Net Surplus/ Deficit

- ◆ This value is the sum of the parish Surplus/(Deficit) and the (Increase/Decrease of Unpaid Diocesan Obligations). The cash balance represents the net affect of operating activity on a cash basis. If the parish is current on all of its obligation, there is no difference between the Cash and ACTUAL Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit). However, if a parish is unable to stay current on its obligations, the increase of unpaid obligations will reduce their CASH Basis Net Surplus/(Deficit) by the amount of the increase in unpaid Diocesan obligations.

This Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit) reflects a parish's true ability to pay its current obligations.

Outstanding Diocesan Obligations

- ◆ This section highlights the change in a parish's unpaid Diocesan obligations over each fiscal year. If a parish has an increase in unpaid obligations for the year, this will result in a lower Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit) as these are an annual obligation of the parish that was not paid in the current year.

Diocesan Loan/Debt

- ◆ This is the amount of outstanding loans of the parish.

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