January 22, 2023

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

<u>Saturday:</u> 4:00pm - Saints Peter & Paul <u>Sunday:</u> 7:30am - Saints Peter & Paul 10:30am - Saints Peter & Paul <u>Eucharistic Adoration:</u> First Friday of Every Month 1:00pm - 3:00pm <u>Confession:</u> Saturday 3:00pm - 3:30pm

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> 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



PETER & PAUL PARISH

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STEWARDSHIP

Mass Schedule

Saints Peter and Paul

<u>Tuesday</u>: 12:15pm <u>Wednesday</u>: 12:15pm <u>Thursday</u>: 12:15pm <u>Friday</u>: 12:15pm <u>Saturday</u>: 4:00pm <u>Sunday</u>: 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 14 - 4:00pm: 257 people attended 166 envelopes received Offering: \$3,399.00 Sunday, Jan 15 - 7:30am: 114 people attended 71 envelopes received Offering \$1,271.00 Sunday, Jan 15 - 10:30am: 218 people attended 91 envelopes received Offering: \$1,892.00

Thank You for your Generosity.





WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	Jan 21	4:00pm	Gloria Antosh by Bernard Antosh Family
Sunday	Jan 22	7:30am 10:30am	Viola Rubbico by Family Beth Bonn by Family

MASSES AT SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Tuesday	Jan 24	12:15pm	Stephen Colleran by Frank Colleran, Jr. & Family
Wednesday	Jan 25	12:15pm	Dorothy Nestorick by Daughter, Mary Ann & Family
Thursday	Jan 26	12:15pm	Constance Szustak by Joan Torbik
Friday	Jan 27	12:15pm	Nancy Fedor by Mr. & Mrs. John Gerich

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES AT SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Saturday	Jan 28	4pm	Alvida Eustice by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Flynn
Sunday	Jan 29	7:30am 10:30am	Katie Kane by Kevin & Mikey Kane Randy Ledsome by Wife, Debra



The Sunday Good Rews

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

January 22, 2023



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 8:23-9:3

The prophet Isaiah describes the anguish of a conquered people, but he promises that they will triumph and will see a great light as on the "day of Midian."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Paul speaks to the Corinthians with both anger and indignation because they are quarreling among themselves as to whom they should show allegiance. Some wish to follow Paul; some, Peter; others Apollos; others, Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus begins his mission by going to Capernaum, fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah. He selects Peter, Andrew, James and John as his disciples, inviting them to be "fishers of men."

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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 22, 2023

"From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, 'Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.'"

The message of Jesus, as we read at the beginning of His ministry, is simple and clear: repentance and acceptance of the kingdom He came to establish. The invitation to Simon and Andrew, is His invitation to me again today. He has a plan and a task for me. Why am I so slow to see the urgency of His call? As we look at the world around us, broken and in need of Him, we are summoned to respond. If we wait for the next person to respond valuable time will be lost. Please put a name and face in your prayer, for someone surely is awaiting your response and action.

Dear Lord. as we ríse to meet each new day, please let us be filled with Your spirit. Wherever we go, let us spread love, joy, peace, goodness, and faithfulness. Let us desire to become more like you and to worship you in all we do. Help us desire these things so much more than the sin that entíces us. Thank you for always going before US. In Jesus' Name,

Amen.

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.



Contact: Kathy Grinaway – ministries@sspeterandpaulplains.com

WEEKLY READINGS

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Is 8:23-9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

Monday

Heb 9:15, 24-28; Mk 3:22-30 or, for the Day of Prayer, any

readings from the Mass, "For Giving Thanks to God for

the Gift of Human Life" (Lectionary for Mass Supplement,

947A-947E), or the Mass for "Justice and Peace"

Tuesday

Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18

Thursday

2 Tim 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 4:21-25

Friday

Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Mk 4:35-41

January/February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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
12	13 Rosary 6pm Treasures 5-7pm	14	15 Choir Practice 6:30pm	16 Food Pantry Prep	17 Food Pantry Treasures 10am-12pm	18



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

In Memory of Rosalie Jesikiewicz

\$50 MaryClaire Mullen & Jane Dudley

\$20 John & Renee McGowan

In Memory of Joseph Bronack

- \$200 Sheehan's Pharmacy
- \$100 Joseph & Rachel Orosz
- \$100 Charles Obeid
- \$100 Edward & Margaret Klem
- \$25 Hazle & Cletus Demellier
- \$25 Patricia & Joseph Ledoretti
- \$20 Louis & Diane Mangino

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** <u>month</u>. 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.

COMMUNITY

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Dupont, will take orders for their Lenten Pierogi Sale on <u>Saturday</u>, Jan. 28, <u>3 - 5 p.m.</u>, and <u>Sunday</u>, Jan. 29, <u>8 - 11:30 a.m.</u> in the church hall. *Phone orders will not be taken*. Pierogi will be sold for \$12 a dozen. Potato and cabbage pierogi will be available. Pierogi distribution will begin at the start of Lent. Payment is made at the time of pick-up – cash only, no checks.

"Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, Wilkes- Barre will hold a take-out Piggie / Holubtsi Dinner on Saturday, January 28th, 2023. Dinners may be picked up between 12:00 (noon) and 4:00 pm in our school hall, corner of North River and West Chestnut Streets, Wilkes-Barre. Dinner includes; Piggies (meat & rice stuffed cabbage), mashed potatoes, vegetable, bread and butter and dessert. Dinners will be \$15.00 for adults and \$9.00 for children (12 and under). Walk-in customers will be welcomed, but reservations are Strongly Encouraged, (570) 829-3051."

Night at the Races – at Saint Monica Church in West Wyoming, on Friday, February 3rd in our Church Hall. Admission \$10.00. Doors open at 6:00PM. Evening includes exciting horse races, food, beverages, Chinese auction, raffle baskets, lots of fun and more. \$50.00 cash prize to winners. Come and enjoy a night of horse racing fun! For more information and to make reservations please call Tom Tomsak at 570-237-2188. Tickets are also available at the door.



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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."

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	4,153	1,476	14,209	19,829	30,765
Total Revenue	850,100	750.910	831,048	781,218	827,520
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>	15,056	<u>1,373</u>	7,558	17,692
Total Expense	866,229	<u>675,825</u>	<u>851,948</u>	826,019	704,775
Parish Surplus/(Deficit) - CASH Basis (Increase)/Decrease in	(16,129)	75,085	(20,900)	(44,801)	122,745
Unpaid Diocesan Obligations *(SEE NOTE)*	(38,925)	(10,244)	1,010	17,644	(31,987)
Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(55.054)	64,841	(19,890)	(27.157)	90,758

* NOTE*

Outstanding Diocesan Obligations could include: Diocesan assessments,

School ssessments, 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	23,577	13,333	14,343	31,987	<u>0</u>
(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	(38,925)	(10.244)	1010	17,644	(31,987)
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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