# January 29, 2023

4th 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\*

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> Deacon Don Crane Permanent Deacon



# PETER & PAUL PARISH

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# **STEWARDSHIP**



# **Sunday Stewards**

Saturday, Jan 21 - 4:00pm: 250 people attended 168 envelopes received Offering: \$2,885.00 Sunday, Jan 22 - 7:30am: 112 people attended 66 envelopes received Offering \$1,244.00 Sunday, Jan 22 - 10:30am: 178 people attended 123 envelopes received Offering: \$3,091.00

Thank You for your Generosity.

# Thanking Our God, Sharing Our Blessings

Over the next few weeks you will be hearing about our upcoming "Thanking Our God, Sharing Our Blessing Increased Offertory Program at Saints Peter and Paul. This effort is very important as we move forward with the mission and vision of our parish. Treasures and our Food Pantry are just two programs which fill vital needs in our larger community. We, as a parish family, have changed so many lives in our own neighborhoods!

In order to continue our mission and ministries, we encourage all parishioners to spend time in prayer and discussion with your family, reflecting on the work we do. Our special Commitment Weekend will be celebrated Feb 25<sup>th</sup> and Feb26th.



WORSHIP

# WE REMEMBER

# MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	Jan 28	4:00pm	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

### MASSES AT SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Tuesday	Jan 31	12:15pm	Paul O. Binker, Jr. by Mom
Wednesday	Feb 01	12:15pm	Ann Berecin by Volunteers of Saints Peter & Paul Food Pantry
Thursday	Feb 02	12:15pm	Stanley Miskiewicz by Ben & Francine Berrini
Friday	Feb 03	12:15pm	Mary Pisack by Gloria & Bob Fenner

### NEXT WEEKEND MASSES AT SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Saturday	Feb 04	4pm	Peter Lishnak by John & Margaret Brozzoski
Sunday	Feb 05	7:30am 10:30am	Edward Bonetski by Son, Don Stephen Nestorick, Jr. by Joseph & Mary Pilarcik



# The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul



Lord, I am so grateful for all the blessings you have given me: my family, my friends, my health, and all the opportunities you have provided.

Please help me to always remember to show gratitude for your goodness and to use the gifts you have given me to serve others.

Amen.

#### FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### 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.

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#### 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

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"Consider your own calling, brothers and sisters. Not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. Rather, God chose the foolish of this world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong, and God chose the lowly and despised of the world, those who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing those who are something, so that no human being might boast before God."

Imagine opening a letter, or as the Corinthians, listening to the reading of a letter, offering such ideas. Would we not rather hear something positive? But as we reread this message, we find Paul reflecting the teaching of the beatitudes of the Sermon on the Mount - probably before Matthew's gospel was written.

It is due to him that we are in Christ Jesus, offering us His wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption. That is what really matters. Take no offence in Paul's description and in your prayer, thank God that He chose you.

# 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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Sunday

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

#### Monday

Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20

#### Tuesday

Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43

#### Wednesday

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6

#### Thursday

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

#### **First Friday**

Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29

#### First Saturday

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34

# January/February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	<b>30</b> 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	<b>6</b> Rosary 6pm Treasures 5-7pm	7	<b>8</b> Choir Practice 6:30pm	9 Parish Council 6:30- Parish Dining Hall	10 Treasures 10am-12pm	11
12	<b>13</b> Rosary 6pm Treasures 5-7pm	14	<b>15</b> Choir Practice 6:30pm	16 Food Pantry Prep	17 Food Pantry Treasures 10am-12pm	18
19	<b>20</b> Rosary 6pm Treasures 5-7pm	21	22 Choir Practice 6:30pm	23	24 Treasures 10am-12pm	25



**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

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

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

**Plains Sr Citizens** will hold their **bi-monthly meeting** on **February 1st** in **Bernardine Hall** at Saints Peter & Paul Church. A lite luncheon will be served starting at 12pm. The meeting will start promptly at 1pm. After the meeting, refreshments will be served followed by bingo. New members are always welcome.

For information or directions contact

Mike Boncheck (president) at 570-817-7532 or E-mail seabeemjb@yahoo.com

#### Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement.

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24 hour Child Abuse hotline (Childline) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary B Pacuska at 570-862-7551

# COMMUNITY

PRINCE OF PEACE PARISH OLD FORGE MARDI GRAS Saturday February 18th 2023 6:30 PM to 10pm Arcaro and Genell Banquet Room Main St. Old Forge Tickets are \$40 per person ADULTS ONLY Includes Hors D'Oeurves and a full course dinner of either Beef and Chicken Combo or Fish Beer, Wine and Soda, Coffee and Tea Included Accepting reservations for tables of 8 or 10 Seating is limited to 125 – Reserve your seats early Payment is due with reservation All reservations Close Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> 2023 For reservations call the rectory 570-457-5900

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH, WILKES-BARRE - Please join us for our 56<sup>th</sup> Annual "German Nite" sponsored by the Holy Name Society, on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, at St. Nicholas/St. Mary's School Auditorium, 240 South Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre. Doors open at 6:00 PM. Enjoy a German style meal at 6:15 PM, food includes pork & sauerkraut, chicken francaise, bratwurst, mashed potatoes, haluski and green beans, beer and soda. Tickets are \$30.00 per adult. Dance the night away from 7:30 PM—10:30 PM featuring "GTO" The George Tarasek Orchestra, aka "Schnitzel". Tickets are available at the Parish Office or from any Holy Name member. Reserved seating is available for groups of 8 or more. For tickets or more information, please contact the Parish Office (570-823-7736).

#### **Dinner Event to Benefit Providence Pregnancy Center**

Providence Pregnancy Center (PPC) will be hosting a dinner benefit on Thursday, March 16 from 5pm-9pm at St. Mary's Center in Scranton.

The event will feature guest speaker pro life activist Mark Houck and speakers from the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. The evening will include live music, delicious food, inspirational stories and fellowship.

Tickets are \$15/person and include event entry and dinner. A cash bar will be available.

Reservations will be accepted until March 13 by visiting **www.ppcscranton.org/events** or by contacting SandyCampell at 570-862-3001

#### 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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#### Pastoral Council

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