

November 27, 2022

First Sunday of Advent

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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Wednesday: 8am—2pm

Thursday: 8am—4pm

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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

**Due to an early submission
of this week's bulletin
Contributions will be listed next
week.**

***The Second Collection
next weekend is for
Care and Education of Priests***

Thank You For Your Kindness

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Confessions will be heard on the four
Mondays of Advent, November 28,
December 5, 12, & 19th from
5:30-7pm.

WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	Nov 26	4:00pm	Jack & Teresa Keeley by Son, Jack Gene Bolis by Sisters, Barb Montante & Rose Altavilla
Sunday	Nov 27	7:30am 10:30am	Mr. & Mrs. John Kelly & Carol Kwitkoski by John Kelly Gabriel Spak by Diane Dziedzic & Daughters

MASSES AT SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Tuesday	Nov 29	12:15pm	Raymond Polak, Sr. by Bernardine Polak
Wednesday	Nov 30	12:15pm	James Flannery, Jr. by Bonnie Robbins & Family
Thursday	Dec 01	12:15pm	Mary Alice Kane by Donna & Tom Kane
Friday	Dec 02	12:15pm	Bill & Marie Fender by Clem & Mary Ann Szczecinski

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES AT SAINTS PETER & PAUL

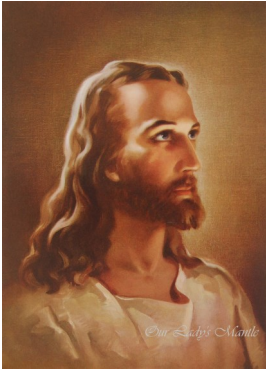
Saturday	Dec 03	4pm	Mary Wincek by Ken & Beverly Durk
Sunday	Dec 04	7:30am 10:30am	Anso & Marie Dominick by Daughters Nicholas & Sophie Barna by Daughter, Mary Lou



The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

November 27, 2022



*Lord God,
keep us aware of
your presence in
all we do.
Fill our hearts
with JOY so that
we might live
each day serving
others, and in so
doing, praising
you.
Enlighten us by
your grace, so
that peace reigns
in our hearts.
We ask this
through Christ
our Lord.*

Amen

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

The words of Isaiah urge all people to forsake war and to live in peace forever. The tone reaches a climax in the words, "One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again."

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Paul invites us to put away all the things of darkness and sin and to prepare for the coming of Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

A comparison is made between the destruction caused by the flood in Noah's time and the need to be prepared for the second coming of Christ. "You must be prepared in the same way. The Son of Man is coming at the time you least expect."

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

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"You know the time in which we are living, It is now the hour for you to wake from sleep, for our salvation is closer than when we first accepted the faith. The night is far spent; The day draws near. Let us cast off the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Rather, put on the Lord Jesus..."

We have heard this message constantly as we begin the season of advent. What does it take to make sure that we respond? Consider the many horrible events of the past year. Mass shootings, innocent lives lost, families shattered by violence, war, and invasions since February, hate and indifference. They are not just distant happenings, they affect us.

This advent is our wake up call, asking us to consider what we do to contribute to the mess, and more importantly, what we will do to confront this reality. It is through the presence of Christ, the Prince of Peace that change can come. It is through our personal response to make change in our own lives, that there can be positive change for others. May these few weeks be profitable for us all.

WORD

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH - NOVEMBER

Each month a Ministry of the parish is highlighted. For November we will reflect on the Ministry of Elder Care Outreach

We know there are many elder parishioners in our parish who are no longer able to attend our weekend Masses. For those with internet access, they are able to watch the live-streaming of Mass and so are able to join in the prayers and songs, hear the Scripture proclaimed and listen to the reflections and lessons of the homily.

Unfortunately, what they are not able to do is receive the Body and Blood of Jesus in Communion. And those without a computer are unable to view any of this.

All elder parishioners are invited to request the opportunity of receiving Communion regularly in their private homes and/or senior/nursing homes. Our primary focus of this ministry is The Elder, or those younger yet unable to leave their homes for Mass.

If you would like a Communion visit from one of our many Extraordinary Ministers of Communion every four to six weeks, please let us know this during the month of November so a schedule can be prepared.

COMMUNION VISIT AT HOME:

An Extraordinary Minister of Communion will call to make an appointment to visit you at your convenience.

The visit is usually 30 to 45 minutes and includes a brief sociable conversation about the current happenings in our parish followed by prayer together: hearing the Scripture of the Liturgical Season; offering some intentions and intercessions for our general and personal needs; praying the Our Father and the Lamb of God; the giving and receiving of the Eucharist with quiet moments for silent prayer afterwards

DEAR ELDERS AND/OR CAREGIVERS OF ELDERS:

Please call the Parish Office to make this request.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of COMMUNION

Please reflect and pray to expand your Ministry by visiting our Elder parishioners in their homes. This Ministry will bring joy not only to those that are visited but to you too!

Contact: Parish Office 570-825-6663 or

Sister Madonna - sscmadonna@aol.com

WEEKLY READINGS

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday

Is 2:1-5;
Rom 13:11-14;
Mt 24:37-44

Monday

Is 4:2-6;
Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday

Is 11:1-10;
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday

Rom 10:9-18;
Mt 4:18-22

Thursday

Is 26:1-6;
Mt 7:21, 24-27

First Friday

Is 29:17-24;
Mt 9:27-31

First Saturday

Is 30:19-21, 23-26;
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

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 **November** we will collect **canned soup and any non perishable** food items.

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 **Fall/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*

Barbara Zimhelt, *Council of Catholic Women*

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 Charles Obeid

\$50 Mary Ellen Higdon

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.



*Join us for an afternoon of Dinner then Songs.
Senior Citizens Dinner at 1pm and
The Wyoming Valley Barbershop Harmony Chorus at 3pm.*

The Confirmation Candidates

*Cordially invite
The Senior Citizens
of Saints Peter and Paul Parish
to a Fall Dinner Social
being held on
Sunday, December 11th
in Bernardine Hall
Doors will open at 12:30pm
dinner will take place at 1pm*

*Menu
Salad
Turkey
Mashed Potatoes/Gravy
Vegetable
Rolls and Butter
Dessert*

*Seating is limited so please call the Parish Office at 570-825-6663
Please RSVP by Dec. 5th
Admission is free,
You must respond to attend*



The Wyoming Valley Barbershop Harmony Chorus will perform on **December 11th at 3pm in the Church.** **Tickets are \$10** and may be purchased at the Parish Office or the day of the event.

November/December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28 Rosary 6pm Prayer Shawl 5pm	29	30 Choir Practice 6:30pm	1 December Women's Society 6:30– Parish Dining Hall	2 Treasures 10am-12pm	3
4	5 Rosary 6pm Treasures 5-7pm Prayer Shawl 5pm	6	7 Choir Practice 6:30pm	8 Immaculate Conception Masses 12:15 & 5:30 Parish Council 6:30- Parish Dining Hall	9 Treasures 10am-12pm	10
11 Senior Citizens Dinner 1:00– Bernardine Hall The Wyoming Valley Barbershop Harmony Chorus- 3pm– Church	12 Rosary 6pm Treasures 5-7pm Prayer Shawl 5pm	13	14 Choir Practice 6:30pm	15 Food Pantry Prep	16 Food Pantry Treasures 10am-12pm	17
18	19 Rosary 6pm Treasures 5-7pm Prayer Shawl 5pm	20	21 Choir Practice 6:30pm	22 Office Closed	23 Office Closed	24



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.



The Giving Trees at Saints Peter and Paul will be in place on the weekend of **November 26th & 27th** decorated with gift tags. *Anyone wishing to participate in this Christmas project* is asked to take a tag, purchase a gift for the person, wrap the present, **attaching the tag on the outside of the wrapped gift** and ***return it to the Church by December***

11th. The gifts will be distributed through our Food Pantry on Dec. 16th. Anyone wishing to donate gloves, socks, scarves, hats etc.. (for children infant to 12) may drop them off at the Parish Office by December 11th.

A message to all Ministers of the Eucharist at Saints Peter and Paul Parish

There will be "Come and See" sessions held during the month of December. These sessions will include a catechesis and discussion of why and how we make Communion Visits to our Elders and others who are homebound. The sessions will be held in the Parish Office and will be approximately an hour long. After the session there will be no obligation to sign-on for this Outreach Ministry.

The "Come and See" session is an opportunity for all of us to think about whether we are able or unable to participate in this extended Ministry as Ministers of Eucharist. **For information beforehand, please contact Sister Madonna via sscmadonna@aol.com or 570-825-6663 ext #5**

The dates for "Come and See" are Thursday, December 8th after the noon Mass, Thursday, December 8th after the 5:30 evening Mass and Sunday, December 11th after the 10:30 Mass



Our parish will host an **American Red Cross blood drive on Monday, November 28th from 1:00 to 6:00 PM at Bernardine Hall.**

Appointments are required. Register at redcross.org - find a drive - see times or call 1-800-733-2767.

Every pint donated benefits three patients.



Plains Lions Club

Help make this Christmas a special one for the Veterans at the Va.

You can donate any of these items at any of these three locations by

Dec. 10, 2022. Thank you for your generous donations.

American Legion 558: 101 E Carey St, Plains PA 18705

A & D Antiques: 29 E Carey St, Plains PA 18705

Lou's Auto Repair: 510 North Main St, Plains PA 18705

Personal Hygiene/Comfort Items

- Body wash (men & women)
- Body lotion
- Chapstick
- Denture adhesive cream
- Deodorant (men & women)
- Electric razors
- Eyeglass repair kits
- Feminine hygiene products
- Flip Flops/ Crocs (shower shoes)
- Razors (disposable twin blade-name brand only, no generic)
- Reading glasses
- Shampoo/3 in 1
- Shaving cream
- Toothbrush (single packaged)
- Toothpaste
- Weighted blankets

Men's Clothing (*NEW items only*)

- Dress shirts/Polo shirts (medium-5XL)
- Lounge pants (medium-5XL)
- Tee shirts (medium-5XL)
- Suspenders/Belts
- Sweatshirts/Sweatpants (medium-5XL)
- Underwear-Briefs/Boxer briefs (all sizes)

Women's Clothing (*NEW items only*)

- Tee shirts (small-4XL)
- Sweatshirts/Sweatpants (medium-4XL)
- Lounge pants (medium-4XL)
- Underwear/Sports Bras (all sizes)

The **Women's Society** invites all women of the parish, as well as their friends, neighbors, family and spouses, to a **post-Christmas party** (a time to relax after the holiday rush) at the **Woodlands on Sunday, January 15th, 2023 from 1 to 4 PM.** You do not need to be a member to attend. Entree choices are Chicken Scampi or Seafood Encrusted Tilapia at the cost of \$29 or London Broil for \$30. Make reservations by calling Claire Koshinski at 570-826-0313 or B.J. Hession at 570-822-9448. Reservations, with checks, payable to Women's Society of Saints Peter and Paul, are **due by December 31, 2022.**

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT KEEP WATCH

Find and write the missing letters
(from A to Z) not found in the heart.



Unscramble the letters and fill in the blanks
to complete the sentence below.

“THEREFORE KEEP WATCH, BECAUSE YOU DO NOT KNOW ON
WHAT DAY YOUR _____ WILL COME.”

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Lou Zuzelski	Steve McGough
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