

December 5 , 2021

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday:

4:00pm - Saints Peter & Paul

5:30pm - Saint Dominic

Sunday:

8:00am - Saints Peter & Paul

10:30am - Saints Peter & Paul

Eucharistic Adoration:

(at Saints Peter & Paul)

First Friday of every month Noon - 3:30pm

Confession:

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.

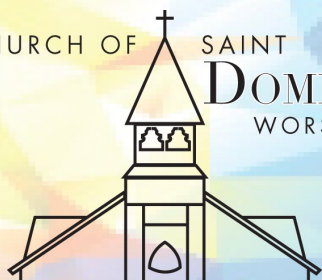
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Deacon Don Crane

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STEWARDSHIP

Mass Schedule

Saints Peter and Paul

Monday: Communion Service 7am

Tuesday: 7am

Wednesday: 7am

Thursday: 7am

Friday: 12:15pm

Saturday: 4:00pm

Sunday: 8am & 10:30 am

Saint Dominic

Saturday: 5:30pm

We Live Stream weekend Mass on the parish website:
www.sspeterandpaulplains.com
as well as on the parish Facebook page.

**There Will Be Additional
Confessions The First Three
Mondays In December
(6th, 13th, and 20th)
From 5-7pm.**



Sunday Stewards

Saturday, November 27 - 4:00pm:

172 people attended

105 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,175.00

Saturday, November 27 - 5:30pm:

58 attended

34 envelopes received

Offering \$526.00

Sunday, November 28 - 8:00am:

98 attended

56 envelopes received

Offering \$1,080.00

Sunday, November 28 - 10:30am:

135 attended

66 envelopes received

Offering: \$1,699.00

Thank You for your Generosity.

**This Weekends Collection is
for
Care and Education of Priests**

**The Second Collection
Next Weekend is for
Retirement Fund for
Religious**

WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

At Saints Peter and Paul:

Saturday	Dec 04	4pm	Genevieve Nat by Dave & Judy Nat & Family
Sunday	Dec 05	8am 10:30am	Deceased members of Tomasetti Family by Family John Shea by Childhood Friends

At Saint Dominic:

Saturday	Dec 04	5:30 pm	Jack Coach by Joseph Davis
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MASSES AT SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Monday	Dec 06	7am	Communion Service
Tuesday	Dec 07	7am	Deceased Members of Pagnotti Family by Family
Wednesday	Dec 08	7am	Living & Deceased Parishioners
Thursday	Dec 09	7am	Constance Clemons by Cathy Olowiany
Friday	Dec 10	12:15am	Susan Kapinas by Husband, Tony

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES AT SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Saturday	Dec 11	4pm	Martin O'Malia by Family
Sunday	Dec 12	8am 10:30am	Mr. & Mrs. John Kelly & Carol Kwitkoski by John Kelly Thomas Stanski by Parents

NEXT WEEKEND MASS AT SAINT DOMINIC

Saturday	Dec 11	5:30 pm	Camella Bianconi by Bob & Rita Everett
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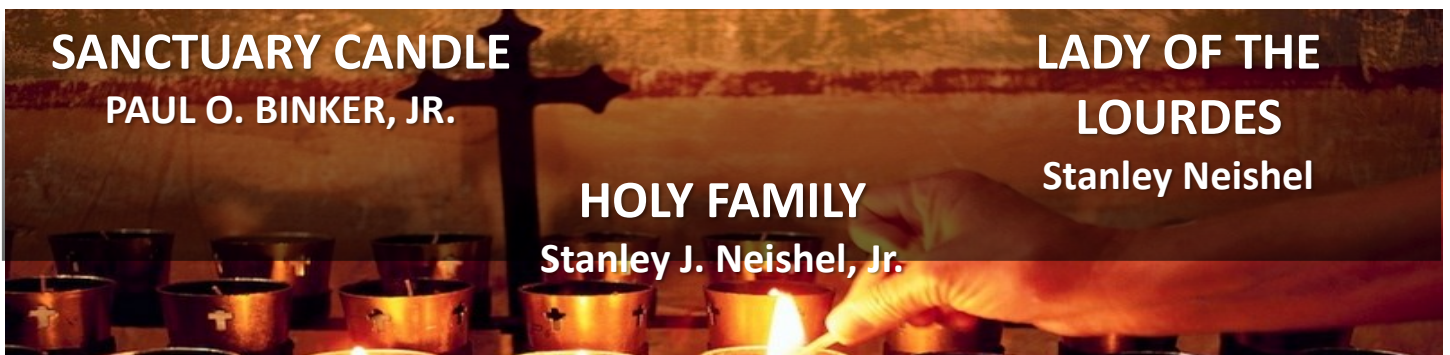
Holy Day Mass Schedule

Tuesday, December 7th-5:30pm at Saint Dominic
Wednesday, December 8th-7am & 12:15pm at Saints Peter and Paul

SANCTUARY CANDLE
PAUL O. BINKER, JR.

LADY OF THE
LOURDES
Stanley Neishel

HOLY FAMILY
Stanley J. Neishel, Jr.



WORD

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH - DECEMBER

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Each month, a Ministry of the parish is highlighted. For December, let's look back at all of the opportunities in Ministry available to us. You are asked to prayerfully consider each ministry, and to participate in whatever capacity that suits your availability, interest, and needs.

As we do our shopping, decorating, and baking for Christmas, please take some time in silent reflection and consider involvement in one of our many Ministries. Over the past year, we have highlighted Liturgical Ministries such as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, and Cantors. For those interested in social justice, there are opportunities to give some time to Treasures or our Food Pantry. There is also a vibrant Women's Society that will warmly welcome new members. The Prayer Shawl Ministry creates shawls for many, and any skill level is welcome. Faith Formation is a wonderful opportunity to help teach our youth their prayers and their faith. The Parish is also open to ideas for new Ministries.

Please remember that 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. Have a Merry Christmas and we hope to see our Ministry membership increase in 2022!

Contact: Kathy Grinaway -
admin@sspeterandpaulplains.com

WEEKLY READINGS

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday

Bar 5:1-9;
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11;
Lk 3:1-6

Monday

Is 35:1-10;
Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday

Is 40:1-11;
Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday

Gn 3:9-15, 20;
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;
Lk 1:26-38

Thursday

Is 41:13-20;
Mt 11:11-15

Friday

Is 48:17-19;
Mt 11:16-19

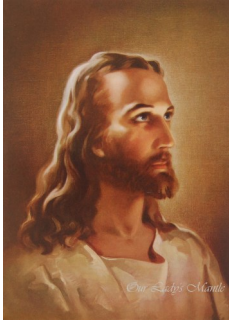
Saturday

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11;
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

December 5, 2021



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

Baruch tells Jerusalem to rejoice because of God's plan to bring his exiled people back to Jerusalem. He emphasizes God's power and describes his plan to lower mountains and fill gorges to make their journey easier.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Paul encourages the Philippians to love each other completely. He hopes that their love and understanding will continue to grow so that they are prepared for the return of Christ.

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Luke describes the work John the Baptist carried out to help people prepare for the birth of Jesus. Luke also discusses who was in power at the time, which helped historians to figure out the exact dates of certain events, including Jesus' birth.

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

Second Sunday of Advent December 5, 2021

"I am sure of this much, that he who has begun the good work in you, will carry it through to completion, right up to the day of Christ Jesus... My prayer is that your love may more and more abound, both in understanding and wealth of experience so that with a clear conscience and blameless conduct you may have to value the things that really matter, up to the very day of Christ."

Paul's words of encouragement can be considered the best wish for any Christmas card. It is easy to presume one's well wishes, but he tells us this is his prayer, yes, even his prayer for us at this moment.

May we take just a moment to consider 'what really matters' and address ourselves as we live this second week of advent.

What in my opinion really matters? Politicians make their pitch. Educators define certain goals. Business executives look at bottom lines and profit. How few reflect on the state of their souls, their relationship with God and what He expects of them.

I am sure that the last mentioned is what really matters. Don't you agree?

*Heavenly Father,
Lord of All,
come and fill this
world with your
peace.
May there be an end
to hatred and division
among your people.
Cease all the fighting
and war in this world.
Heal the bitterness
and hurt in my own
heart.
In this season of
Advent, prepare my
heart for the coming
of Jesus, our
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.
Fill my heart with
your peace which
passes all
understanding.
For of the greatness of
his government and
peace,
there shall be no end.*

Amen.

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 **December** we will continue to collect 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 **Winter clothing and coats** 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 570-825-6969.

Saints Peter & Paul Parish Ministries

Pauline Makowski, *Food Pantry*
Mary Jo Marek, *Prayer Shawl*
Laura Rudloff, *Treasures*
Irene Martin, *Women's Society of Saints Peter & Paul*
Barbara Zimhelt, *Council of Catholic Women*
Donna Mansfield, *Hospitality*



Christmas Wafers/Oplatki

Are now available after all Masses or at the

Parish Center during office hours.

Donations are appreciated.

Thank You!

The Harvest Tea Committee would like to thank all the hostesses, donors, and guests who made this event a huge success. Proceeds in the amount of \$1,313.00 were given to the food pantry.

Memorial Donations

The following donations/memorials have recently been given to our parish to support: Food Pantry; Bernardine Hall; Parish Scholarships; and General donations.

In Memory of Stanley Neishel

\$100 Plains Township Employees
\$100 Christopher & Barbara Norton
\$95 Mohegan Sun Arena Guest Services Dept.
\$20 Joe & Gloria Gibbons
\$25 Ralph & Beverly Jean Johnston

In Memory of Ronald Serafin

\$20 Helen Bolacker

In Memory of Stanley Miskiewicz

\$150 Family & Friends
\$50 Cheryl & John Woloski, Jr.
\$25 Louis & Debby Zuzelski
\$20 Paul S. Makuch

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.

DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5	6 Rosary 6pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm	7	8	9 Women's Society 6:00pm <i>(Parish Dining Hall)</i>	10 Treasures 10am-12pm	11
12 Giving Trees Gifts Due	13 Rosary 6pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm	14	15	16 Food Pantry Prep	17 Food Pantry Treasures 10am-12pm	18
19	20 Rosary 6pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm	21	22	23 Office hours 9am - 4pm this day	24 Office Closed Christmas Eve Treasures Closed	25 Christmas
26	27 Rosary 6pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm	28	29	30	31 Office Closed New Year's Eve Treasures Closed	1 New Year's Day



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 27th & 28th** 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 12th***. The

gifts will be distributed through our Food Pantry on Dec. 17th. Anyone wishing to donate gloves, socks, scarves, hats etc.. (for children infant to 12) may drop them off at the Parish Office by December 15th.

Be an Angel

Give the gift of warmth for our homeless.

Accepting socks, thermal underwear, hats, scarves and gloves, for men, women, and children.

No time to shop? Monetary donations accepted.

We will shop for you!

Donation boxes are located in the vestibule of Saints Peter & Paul and Saint Dominic's Churches.

Thank you for your support!



Thank You!

The Food Pantry would like to extend a special thank you to the **Plains Lions Club** for their donation of \$750.00. This generous donation will help make this a happy holiday for many people.

COMMUNITY

Following a 73 year choral history of music for the Advent season, the **Catholic Choral Society** will present an Advent – Christmas Concert on **Sunday, December 5th at 3 PM at St Mary's Church of the Immaculate Conception at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, 134 S. Washington St., Wilkes-Barre, PA.**

The chorus will be presenting sacred Advent and Christmas music as well other Christmas selections. The concert is open to the public free of charge, however, a free will offering will be available.

For further information please call 570-575-1040 , see www.catholicchoralsociety.org., and like us on Facebook.

A **Christmas Cookie Walk** will be held at **Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 215 Lackawanna Ave., Dupont**, on **Saturday, Dec. 11, from 3 to 6 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 12, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.** in the church hall. Homemade cookies will be sold for \$8 per pound and will be available until supplies last. Please be aware, this will not be a nut free environment. For more information, call Tammy at 457-3855.

The Women's Society invites all women of the parish, as well as their friends, neighbors, family members and spouses, to a **Christmas party at The Woodlands on Sunday, January 9, 2022 from 1 to 4 PM.** Entree choices are Chicken Francaise, Seafood Encrusted Filet of Sole at the cost of \$27 or London Broil for \$28. Make reservations by calling Claire Koshinski at 570-826-0313. Reservations with checks, payable to Women's Society of Saints Peter and Paul are due by December 20, 2021.

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Saint Francis

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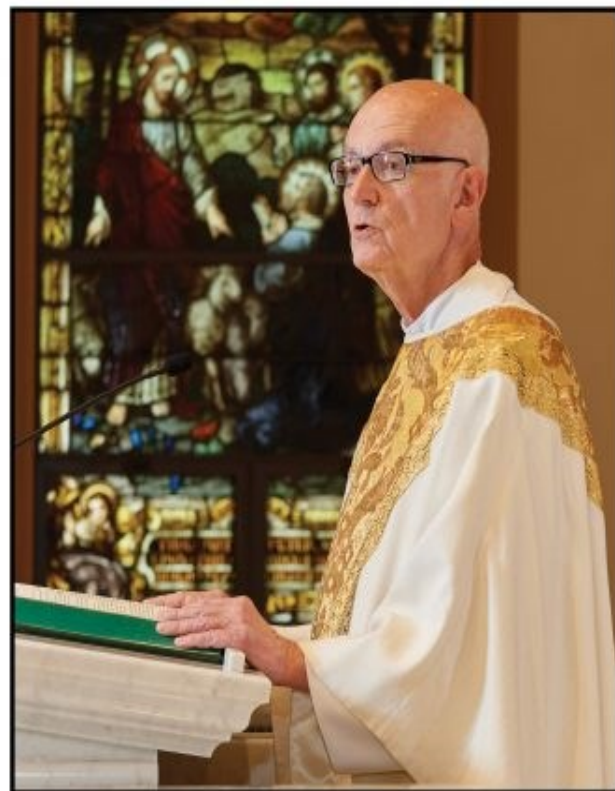
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“Televised Masses from the Cathedral allowed people to feel connected in a way that was new to many of them. They never considered it, never knew about it, never maybe even watched Mass from home but now it was necessary for them to participate in this way.”

– Monsignor Dale R. Rupert
Pastor, Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton



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IN CHRIST**