

December 11, 2022

Third 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

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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

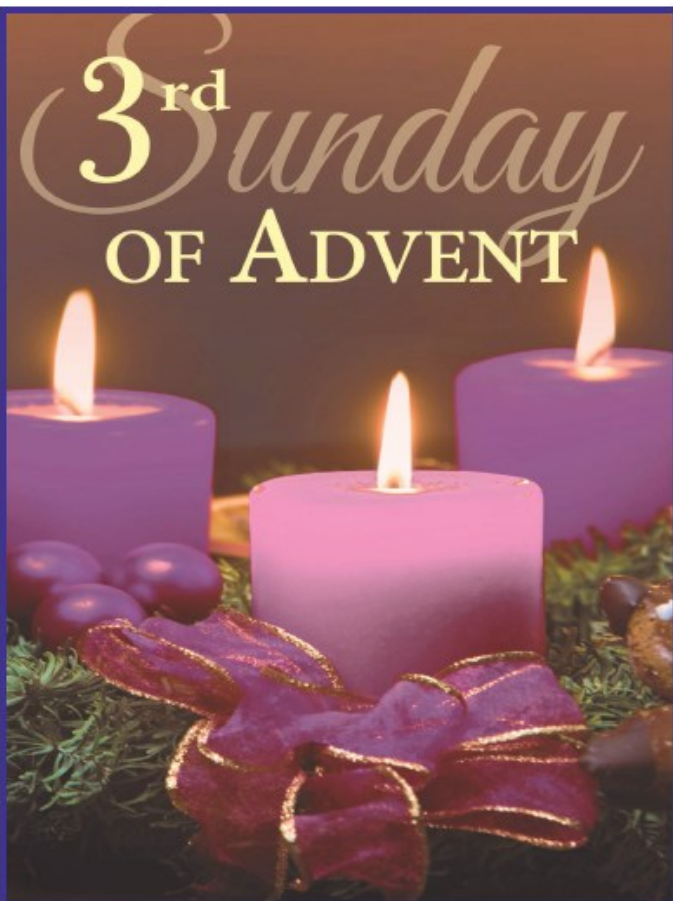
We Live Stream weekend Mass on the parish website:
www.sspeterandpaulplains.com
as well as on the parish Facebook page.

Sunday Stewards

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

***The Second Collection
this weekend is for
Retirement Fund for Religious***

Thank You For Your Kindness



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

WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	Dec 10	4:00pm	Thomas Stanski by Parents
Sunday	Dec 11	7:30am	Joseph & Rita Iskra & Sons by Rita Kelly
		10:30am	Thomas Jasonis by Nikki LaVenda

MASSES AT SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Tuesday	Dec 13	12:15pm	Thomas Nowak by Wife, Mary Lou
Wednesday	Dec 14	12:15pm	Mary Pisack by Patty & Kenny Waskawich
Thursday	Dec 15	12:15pm	Susan Kapinas by Husband, Tony
Friday	Dec 16	12:15pm	Mary Suchocki by Stella

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES AT SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Saturday	Dec 17	4pm	Helen & John Wolczyk by Jeanine Wolczyk
Sunday	Dec 18	7:30am	Mary Suchocki by Waslin Family
		10:30am	Alfred DeAngelis by Klem & Laiuvara Families



SANCTUARY CANDLE

Janet Johnson

LADY OF THE LOURDES

Edward Mangan

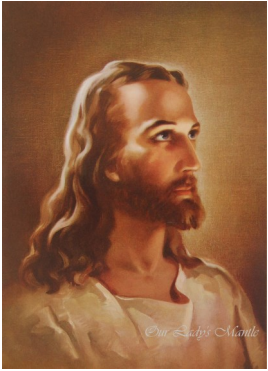
HOLY FAMILY

Edward Mangan

The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

December 11, 2022



*O Almighty God,
gracious provider
and giver of life,
we anxiously await
the celebration of
your birth.
Like the people of
long ago,
our ancestors in
faith,
we, too, are in need
of light, in need of
direction, in need of
your Word, to show
us the way.
Our busy lives and
the consumerism
that surrounds us
make it difficult to
recognize your
kingdom and to
hear your voice.
Help us Lord,
to focus on you.*

Amen.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

Isaiah tells us that when Christ comes, the weak will be made strong, the deaf will hear, the blind will see, and, above all, "sorrow and mourning will flee."

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

As the farmer waits patiently through winter and spring for the "yield of the soil" so, too, must we wait patiently for the coming of the Messiah.

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

While in prison, John sends a messenger to Jesus to ask, "Are you He who is to come or do we look for another?" Jesus replies by citing the miracles he has performed for the blind, the deaf, and the crippled. He concludes by identifying John as the messenger He has sent to prepare the way.

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

Third Sunday of Advent December 11, 2022

"Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf will be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the dumb will sing.... They will meet with joy and gladness; sorrow and mourning will flee."

Take a minute to reflect on what the prophet Isaiah has to say. Centuries before Christ he offered a solution to peoples' problems with words of encouragement and hope. In our advent season we need such words to help us resist what pulls us down and discover ways to long for and meet our Savior. Although he uses images of physical healing we need to apply them to our spiritual well being. Our eyes are to be fixed on Jesus, our ears open to His call to renewal, walking in His company, and speaking of His coming and abiding with us. With Him there can be joy and gladness. With Him sorrow and mourning will flee.

WORD

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH - DECEMBER

Each month, a Ministry of the parish is highlighted. For December we will reflect on Music Ministry

December marks the beginning of Advent, ending with the birth of Christ on Christmas Day. The season is identified especially through the music. What better month to focus on our Music Ministry! From the beautiful singing of our cantors and choir, to the wonderful music played by our organists, the music is vital to praising God at every Mass. Our Music Ministry is always looking for more members to become involved, wherever your talents may lie. Please prayerfully consider being involved in any aspect of this ministry.

“As each one has received a gift use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace” (1Peter 4:10). So if music is a gift God has given to you, please follow the words of Peter and use it to serve our parish.

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 being an active Lay Ministry participant. This will lead you to a life of deeper and strengthening faith.



Love. Grow. Serve.

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WEEKLY READINGS

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday

Is 35:1-6a, 10;
Jas 5:7-10;
Mt 11:2-11

Monday

Zec 2:14-17 or
Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab;

Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or
any readings

from the Common of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13;
Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday

Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25;
Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday

Is 54:1-10;
Lk 7:24-30

Friday

Is 56:1-3a, 6-8;
Jn 5:33-36

Saturday

Gn 49:2, 8-10;
Mt 1:1-17

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 collect **canned vegetables 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 **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

\$50 Stephen & Denise Parashac

In Memory of Charles Obeid

\$100 Bernard & Sandra Frantz

\$25 Janice Canterini

In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Paciga

\$100 Ann Paciga

In Memory of Michael Wanyo

\$25 Tony & Karen Albert

In Memory of Gina & Bruce Marchetti

\$25 Joan Marchetti

In Memory of Glenn Woodward

\$10 Jared Miller

\$20 David & Kathleen Miller

In Memory of Ann Marie Merlie

\$500 James Gilmartin

\$25 Dorene Goryeb

In Memory of Ann Macierowski

\$75 Patrick Malys

In Memory of Frank & Anna Mattei

\$200 Maria Mattei

In Memory of Dolores Myers

\$50 The Village at Greenbriar

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/January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 <i>Choir Practice</i> 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 <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:30pm	22 Office Closed	23 Office Closed	24 Christmas Eve Masses- 4 & 9pm
25 Christmas Masses - 7:30 & 10:30am	26 Rosary 6pm Prayer Shawl 5pm	27	28	29	30	31
1 January	2 Rosary 6pm Prayer Shawl 5pm	3	4 <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:30pm	5 Women's Society 6:30– Parish Center Dining Hall	6	7



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 **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**.



Christmas Wafers/Oplatki

Are now available after all Masses or at the Parish Center during office hours.

Donations are appreciated.



The **Women's Society** is pleased to announce the formation of a **religious-themed lending library**, located in the hallway of the Parish Center. Books are available for both adults and children. There are no due dates, just a sign out sheet. We hope everyone will take advantage of it and will enjoy easy access to a wide variety of volumes.

COMMUNITY



A Christmas Cookie Walk will be held at **Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 215 Lackawanna Ave., Dupont**, on **Saturday, Dec. 10, 3 to 6 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 11, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.** in the church hall. Choose from a great selection of homemade cookies, candies and fudge all prepared by parishioners. Cookies will be sold for \$10 per pound and will be available until supplies last.



"LAST STOP SANTA SHOP"

Do you feel under pressure to get your Christmas shopping finished? **Saint John the Evangelist Parish** in Pittston might be able to help you out! On **Saturday, December 17**, Saint John's will host "Last Stop Santa Shop" from **10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Msgr. Bendik Pastoral Center (former Seton Catholic auditorium, entrance on Church Street in Pittston)**, featuring 50+ local crafters and artisans, food, live entertainment, and door prizes and raffles. Admission is free, but anyone who brings a non-perishable food item or cash donation for our food pantry will receive an extra raffle ticket! This event will help benefit the parish's Care and Concern Ministries.

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Gospel Today Third Sunday of Advent / Matthew 11:2-11

Jesus told the people John the Baptist had been sent ahead of Him to prepare for His coming. Jesus continued preaching the Good News and helping the poor, sick and dying. By His lessons we are taught to help others by our good words and actions.

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