

December 12 , 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.

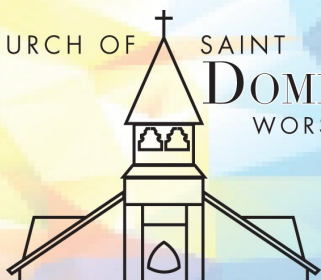
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STEWARDSHIP

Mass Schedule

Saints Peter and Paul

Monday: Communion Service 7am

Tuesday: 7am

Wednesday: 7am

Thursday: 7am

Friday: 12:15pm

Saturday: 4:00pm

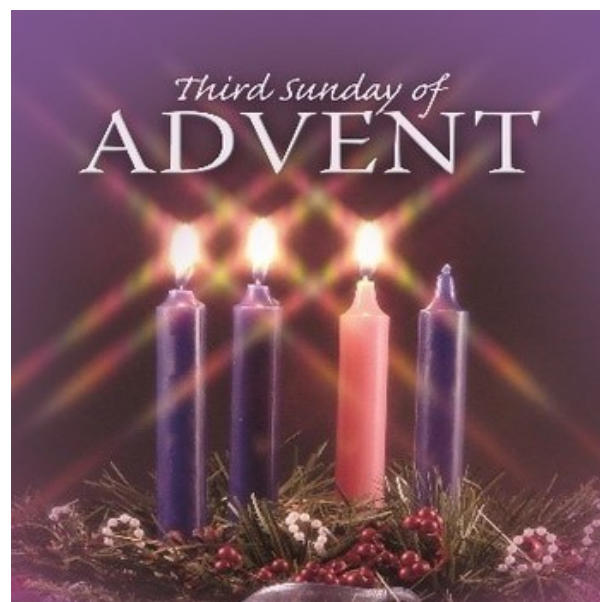
Sunday: 8am & 10:30 am

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, December 4 - 4:00pm:

167 people attended

101 envelopes received

Offering: \$1,659.00

Saturday, December 4 - 5:30pm:

53 attended

36 envelopes received

Offering \$678.00

Sunday, December 5 - 8:00am:

102 attended

78 envelopes received

Offering \$1,476.00

Sunday, December 5 - 10:30am:

173 attended

77 envelopes received

Offering: \$1,674.00

Thank You for your Generosity.

**Last Weekends Collection for
Care and Education of Priests
\$925.00**

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

WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

At Saints Peter and 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

At Saint Dominic:

Saturday	Dec 11	5:30 pm	Camella Bianconi by Bob & Rita Everett
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MASSES AT SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Monday	Dec 13	7am	Communion Service
Tuesday	Dec 14	7am	Stanley Neishel by Rosary Society
Wednesday	Dec 15	7am	Joseph Adamczyk by Daughters
Thursday	Dec 16	7am	Paul Binker, Sr. by Wife
Friday	Dec 17	12:15am	Josephine Phillips by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Dreabit

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES AT SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Saturday	Dec 18	4pm	Helen Wolczyk by Lizzie, Helene, & Brian
Sunday	Dec 19	8am 10:30am	Living & Deceased Parishioners Joseph DePalma by Barbara Cann

NEXT WEEKEND MASS AT SAINT DOMINIC

Saturday	Dec 18	5:30 pm	Viola Vitali by Joe & Cynthia Novrocki
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SANCTUARY CANDLE
JANET JOHNSON

LADY OF THE
LOURDES

Edward & Elizabeth
Glazenski

HOLY FAMILY
Martin O'Malia



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

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday

Zep 3:14-18a;
Phil 4:4-7;
Lk 3:10-18

Monday

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a;
Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

Friday

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

Saturday

Jer 23:5-8;
Mt 1:18-25

The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

December 12, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Zephaniah urges the people of Jerusalem to rejoice because the Lord is in their midst. He conveys the message that God will love and protect those who have remained faithful to him.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Paul encourages the Philippians to be ready for Christ. He tells them not to worry about their concerns, but to instead ask God's help and allow his peace to fill their hearts and minds.

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

John the Baptist answers people who ask him what they should do, leading some to believe he was the Messiah. John clearly states that he will be followed by one so powerful that "I am not fit to loosen his sandal strap."

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

Third Sunday of Advent December 12, 2021

"Rejoice in the Lord always! I say it again, rejoice. Everyone should see how unselfish you are. The Lord himself is near. Dismiss all anxiety from your minds, present your needs to God in every form of prayer and of petitions full of gratitude."

Surely we are making many, many plans. Halfway through advent and we are told, 'rejoice, be happy.' Even with all difficulties, take a moment, 'for the Lord is near.' Take a moment to thank Him for coming. Take a moment, look around, and see how blessed you are.

Don't you have a reason for gratitude and joy? Doesn't your faith allow you to express thanks for others, for life, for family? Bring those people and their needs to the Lord in your plans and prayer. 'See how unselfish' you can be.

May the closing words of the bible be your mantra this week: 'Come Lord Jesus.'

*Holy Father,
Lord of all creation,
you have power and
might over heaven and
earth.
You speak a word and
mountains move.
You whisper and the sea
obeys.
You turn darkness into
light, and transform
broken things into
beauty.
Lord, help me to see the
wonder in your
creation, to find the joy
amidst the trials.
For in you I can rejoice
and be glad.
No matter what the
world brings, I can find
joy in you.
Help me to celebrate
with joy and gladness
this Christmas, for in
you all things are made
new.
You are working to
restore and remake all
the broken pieces of my
life and of this world.
In you I will be glad and
rejoice forever,
delighting in you with
joy.
All this I pray through
Jesus Christ,
your only son,
your greatest gift to this
world.*

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 Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

4:00pm & 10:00pm at
Saints Peter & Paul

Christmas Day

9:00am at Saints Peter & Paul

Sunday, December 26th-8:00am & 10:30am

New Years Eve

4:00pm at Saints Peter & Paul

New Years Day

9:00am at Saints Peter & Paul

Sunday, January 2nd-8:00am & 10:30am

Beginning **January 4th**, all the 7am morning **Masses** will be **changed to 12:15pm Tuesday thru Friday.**
There will no longer be a Communion Service on Mondays.



Oplatki
Christmas
Wafers

Christmas Wafers/Oplatki

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

DECEMBER/JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12 <i>Giving Trees Gifts Due</i>	13 Rosary 6pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm	14	15	16 <i>Food Pantry Prep</i>	17 <i>Food Pantry</i> Treasures 10am-12pm	18
19	20 Rosary 6pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm	21	22	23 <i>Office hours</i> <i>9am - 4pm this day</i>	24 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Christmas Eve</i> <i>Treasures Closed</i>	25 <i>Christmas</i>
26	27 Rosary 6pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm	28	29	30	31 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>New Year's Eve</i> <i>Treasures Closed</i>	1 <i>New Year's Day</i>
2	3 Rosary 6pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm	4	5	6	7 Treasures 10am-12pm	8



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!



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 Anthony Gwiazdzinski

\$100 Suzann Kelly

In Memory of Nello S. Carozzoni Family

\$50 Marijo Carozzoni

In Memory of Stanley Zavada Family

\$50 Marijo Carrozzoni

In Memory of Anthony Wilk

\$20 Anonymous

In Memory of Bruce Sisko

\$100 Joseph & Lynn Marie Mocion

In Memory of Gary Totino

\$30 Gayton Family

\$100 Christopher Norton

\$50 Elaine Felli

\$50 Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Bieryla

\$50 Raymond Kownacki (In thanksgiving for life)

\$50 Patrick & Donna Malys

\$30 Tony & Karen Albert

\$25 Joseph & Deborah Bronack

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.

COMMUNITY

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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Harold Golomb

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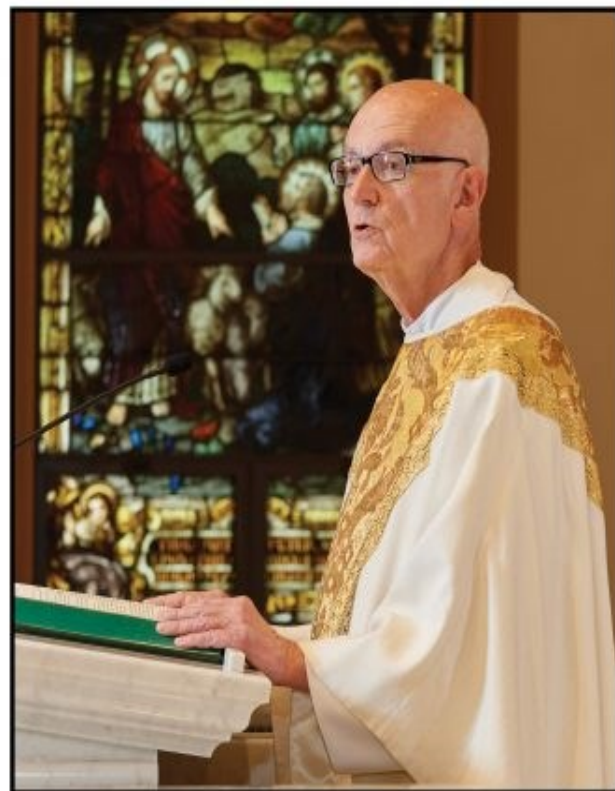
Tony Dente

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



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IN CHRIST**