

December 18, 2022

Fourth 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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Thursday: 8am—4pm

Friday: 8am—Noon

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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

Saturday, Dec 10 - 4:00pm:

221 people attended

156 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,736.00

Sunday, Dec 11 - 7:30am:

142 people attended

66 envelopes received

Offering \$1,658.00

Sunday, Dec 11 - 10:30am:

225 people attended

101 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,567.00

Thank You for your Generosity.



The Second Collection
last weekend for
Retirement Fund for Religious
\$1,546

Thank You For Your Kindness

Confessions will be heard on
Monday, December 19th from 5:30-
7pm.

WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

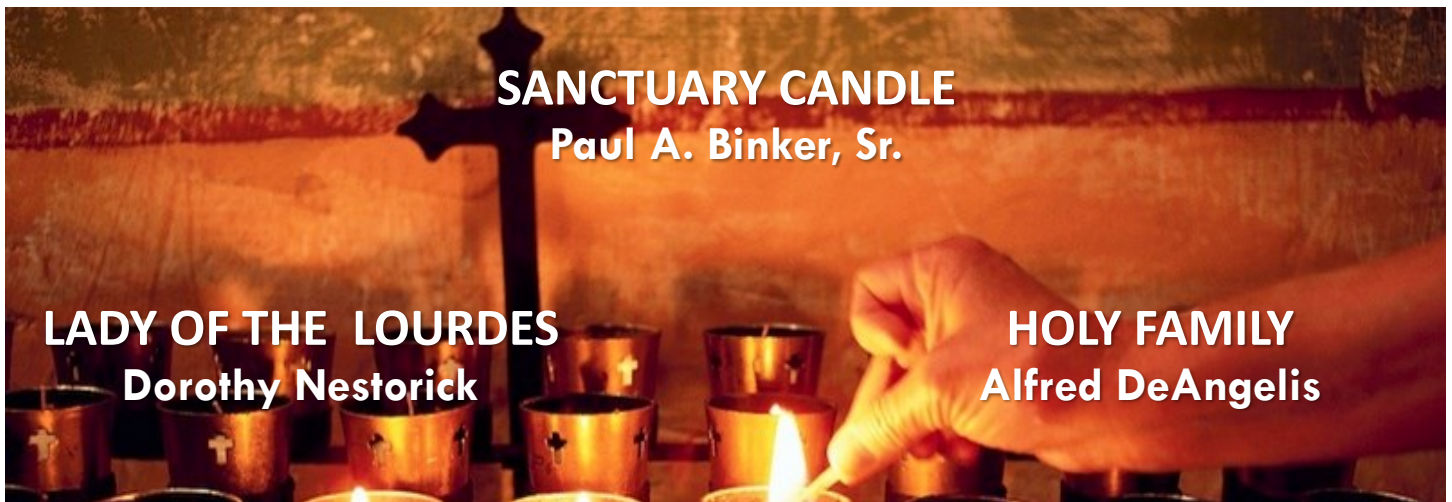
Saturday	Dec 17	4:00pm	Helen & John Wolczyk by Jeanine Wolczyk
Sunday	Dec 18	7:30am	Mary Suchocki by Waslin Family
		10:30am	Alfred DeAngelis by Klem & Laiuvara Families

MASSES AT SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Tuesday	Dec 20	12:15pm	Anthony Szymanski by Stella
Wednesday	Dec 21	12:15pm	Lori Kuhns by Billy & Maureen Roughsedge
Thursday	Dec 22	12:15pm	Joseph & Josephine Melman by Camille Glazenski
Friday	Dec 23	12:15pm	Frank Glazenski by Wife, Camille

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES AT SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Saturday	Dec 24	4pm	Living & Deceased Parishioners
		9pm	Living & Deceased Parishioners
Sunday	Dec 25	7:30am	Living & Deceased Parishioners
		10:30am	Living & Deceased Parishioners



SANCTUARY CANDLE

Paul A. Binker, Sr.

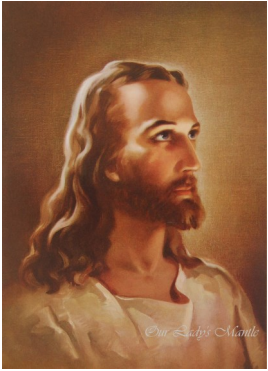
LADY OF THE LOURDES
Dorothy Nestorick

HOLY FAMILY
Alfred DeAngelis

The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

December 18, 2022



*Lord,
would you bring
your strength
and peace to
your people!
Would your
presence be felt
by all who seek
you in a powerful
way in this
Advent season.
Turn the hearts
of mankind
towards you.
We pray that the
lost turn to you
and find an
unshakable peace
that nothing else
in this world can
offer.
Amen.*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

Ahaz receives from Isaiah a prophecy that he will be successful in war and is urged to ask for a sign that the prophecy is true. The sign is "The virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel."

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Paul greets the Romans by pointing out that Jesus is the Christ who was promised to them in Scripture. He, Paul, is the apostle favored with the task of spreading the name of Christ to all.

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

In a brief, straightforward, simple narrative, Matthew recounts the events leading to Jesus' birth. He details the appearance of the angel in a dream to Joseph and stresses that "All this happened to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophets."

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

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"A servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart to proclaim the gospel of God, which he promised long ago through his prophets...through him we have been favored with apostleship that we may spread his name and bring to obedient faith all the gentiles, among whom are you who have been called to belong to Jesus Christ."

Paul was keenly aware of his call and mission, but it did not end with him. We have been gifted with the same call through our baptism to spread His name today.

As we joyfully celebrate the Lord's birth this week, what better time for us than now to resolve to reach out to someone who has grown weak in the faith, been consumed by the idols of consumerism, or who place trust in things and not in the person of Jesus Christ. May we not allow this special moment to go by when we can be a sign of the Lord's coming. Meet people where they are, but bring them to what really matters with us.

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.

Contact: Scott Coates
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WEEKLY READINGS

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday

Is 7:10-14;
Rom 1:1-7;
Mt 1:18-24

Monday

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;
Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday

Is 7:10-14;
Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday

Sg 2:8-14 or
Zep 3:14-18a;
Lk 1:39-45

Thursday

1 Sm 1:24-28;
Lk 1:46-56

Friday

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24;
Lk 1:57-66

Saturday

Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12,
14a, 16;
Lk 1:67-79

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*

Thank You

The Food Pantry would like to thank the **Plains Lions Club** for their very generous donation of \$1,500.00

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 Mariann & Joseph McGroarty
\$100 Marita & Frank Dessoie
\$20 Ann Marie & Thomas Allardyce
\$75 Joseph & Deborah Bronack

In Memory of Charles Obeid

\$50 Joseph & Deborah Bronack
\$50 Lucille & Francis Houston
\$150 Joseph & Jeanne Elinsky
\$250 Berkshire Asset Management LLC
\$20 Elizabeth Hession
\$100 Michalene Torbik & Thomas Tranguch
\$25 Mary Ann & John Stopay
\$25 Mark & Carol Smith
\$25 Jane Biniek
\$100 Jill & Michael Florio
\$100 Peter & Lesa Butera
\$100 Judy Cameron & Barbara Democko
\$100 Crescenzo Calise

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
18	19 Rosary 6pm Treasures 5-7pm Prayer Shawl 5pm	20	21 Choir Practice 6:30pm	22 Office Closed	23 Office Closed	24 Christmas Eve Masses- 4 & 9pm
25 Christmas Masses - 7:30 & 10:30am	26 Office Closed	27	28	29	30	31
1 January	2 Office Closed	3	4 Choir Practice 6:30pm	5	6 Treasures 10am-12pm	7
8	9 Rosary 6pm Treasures 5-7pm Prayer Shawl 5pm	10	11 Choir Practice 6:30pm	12 Parish Council 6:30- Parish Center Dining Hall	13 Treasures 10am-12pm	14



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.

The angel spoke to Joseph in a dream saying, "Through the Holy Spirit Mary will bear a son and you will name Him Jesus." Joseph was a good and righteous man and obeyed God's message taking his wife Mary into his home.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YOU WILL NAME HIM JESUS



"She will give
birth to a son,
and you are to
give him the
name Jesus,
because he will
save his people
from their sins."

MATTHEW 1:21



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