

December 19 , 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.

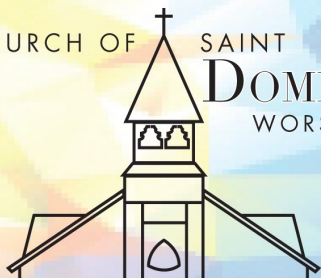
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CHURCH OF SAINT  
**DOMINIC**  
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# SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH



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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](http://www.sspeterandpaulplains.com)  
as well as on the parish Facebook page.

**There Will Be Additional  
Confessions  
This Monday  
December 20th  
From 5-7pm.**

## Sunday Stewards

Saturday, December 11 - 4:00pm:

163 people attended

88 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,120.00

Saturday, December 11 - 5:30pm:

73 attended

39 envelopes received

Offering \$1,191.00

Sunday, December 12 - 8:00am:

120 attended

116 envelopes received

Offering \$2,338.00

Sunday, December 12 - 10:30am:

171 attended

84 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,048.00

***Thank You for your Generosity.***



**Last Weekends Collection for  
Retirement Fund for  
Religious  
\$781.00**

# WORSHIP

## WE REMEMBER

### MASSES THIS WEEKEND

#### **At Saints Peter and Paul:**

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

#### **At Saint Dominic:**

Saturday Dec 18 5:30 pm **Viola Vitali** by Joe & Cynthia Novrocki

### MASSES AT SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Monday Dec 20 7am **Communion Service**  
Tuesday Dec 21 7am **Theresa Cardoni Luchetti** by Luchetti Family  
Wednesday Dec 22 7am **Joseph Haczewski, Jr.** by Dad & Mom  
Thursday Dec 23 7am **Edmund Suchocki** by Marie Suchocki  
Friday Dec 24 **Christmas Eve Masses 4pm & 10pm**

### NEXT WEEKEND MASSES AT SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Saturday Dec 25 **Christmas Mass 9am**  
Sunday Dec 26 8am **Genevieve Figel** by Stanley & Michalene Zurek  
10:30am **Lew Sebia** by Mary & Bill McGuigan

### NEXT WEEKEND MASS AT SAINT DOMINIC

Saturday Dec 25 **No Mass**

**SANCTUARY CANDLE**  
**CEIL & TED TOLOCZKO**

**LADY OF THE**  
**LOURDES**  
**Mary & Edward Mido**

**HOLY FAMILY**  
**Glazenski Family**



# 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 -  
[ministries@sspeterandpaulplains.com](mailto:ministries@sspeterandpaulplains.com)

### WEEKLY READINGS

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent

##### Sunday

Mi 5:1-4a;  
Heb 10:5-10;  
Lk 1:39-45

##### Monday

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

##### Tuesday

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

##### Wednesday

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

##### Thursday

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

##### Friday

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

##### Saturday

Vigil: Is 62:1-5;  
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25;

Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6;  
Ti 2:11-14;  
Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12;  
Ti 3:4-7;  
Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10;  
Heb 1:1-6;  
Jn 1:1-18 or

1:1-5, 9-14

# The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

December 19, 2021



*God of hope  
be with us in our  
Advent journey  
to the stable and  
beyond,  
be with us in our  
meeting  
and in our  
travelling  
together,  
be with us in our  
worship  
and our praying  
together,  
be with us in our  
Advent journey  
to the stable and  
beyond,  
our God of hope.*

*Amen*

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### First Reading: Micah 5:1-4a

Micah speaks of the ruler who will come from Bethlehem. He discusses how the people of Israel will be saved from corruption and live in peace.

### Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Paul describes to the Hebrews how Jesus came into the world and offered to do God's will. We were saved through his sacrifice, the only offering sufficient for the sins of the world.

### Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Mary paid a visit to Elizabeth, whose baby stirred in her womb upon hearing Mary's greeting. Elizabeth filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Elizabeth was deeply overjoyed that the words God had spoken to Mary had now been fulfilled.

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

### Fourth Sunday of Advent December 19, 2021

**"Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, 'Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does it happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me... Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.'"**

A few short days for us to allow the Lord of history into our lives again. Finding the two pregnant mothers to be meeting and greeting is not unlike what will transpire in our lives with Christmas visits.

The words exchanged, words we pray daily in the Hail Mary, are sacred biblical words. The question Elizabeth asks is ours: 'how does it happen that the mother of my Lord should come to me?' Mary is present to us in so many ways as model, protector, mother.

The next question is ours: How is it that my Savior should come to me? Because of His love He took on our humanity, to give us grace and allow us to be part of His divinity. Let the encounter of the relatives lead us to our encounter with Jesus this week.

# 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
19	20 Rosary 6pm Prayer Shawl 5pm <b>Treasures Closed</b>	21	22	23 <b>Office hours</b> 9am - 4pm this day	24 <b>Office Closed</b> <b>Christmas Eve</b> <b>Treasures Closed</b>	25 <b>Christmas</b>
26	27 Rosary 6pm Prayer Shawl 5pm <b>Treasures Closed</b>	28	29	30	31 <b>Office Closed</b> <b>New Year's Eve</b> <b>Treasures Closed</b>	1 <b>New Year's Day</b>
2	3 Rosary 6pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm	4	5	6	7 Treasures 10am-12pm	8
9	10 Rosary 6pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm	11	12	13 <b>Parish Council 6:30</b> <b>(Bernardine Hall)</b>	14 Treasures 10am-12pm	15



**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](mailto:hallrental@sspeterandpaulplains.com)

or call the Parish Office at 570-825-6663.



### ***In Appreciation ....***

Christmas helps us to realize how blessed we are in many ways and to see people in our lives for whose presence we are filled with gratitude. Saints Peter & Paul Parish is blessed to have many volunteers: people who share their time and talents for the good of the parish and for the building up of the Kingdom of God. They minister at liturgy, serve on committees, count the collection, teach Faith Formation and do various other things for the church. Our parish could not function without all of these people sharing their gifts. We are all most grateful to them for all that they do. Please pray for our volunteers and consider becoming one of them in 2022!!!

To all **adults** who are **actively volunteering in a ministry** and your spouse, are invited to the Parish Ministry Appreciation Dinner to be held on **Saturday, January 8<sup>th</sup> in Bernardine Hall from 6-10pm. Dinner will be 6-7pm, followed by dancing. There will be complimentary soda and beer. It is a BYOB if you so choose. Please call the Parish Office no later than January 3<sup>rd</sup> to make reservations. Reservations are necessary.**

Music will be provided by DJ Mikie Mike.

### **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!



# COMMUNITY

**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.

Our parish will be hosting an **American Red Cross blood drive** on **Tuesday, January 11th from 1:00 to 6:00 PM** at **Bernardine Hall**. Masks must be worn; all CDC pandemic guidelines will be followed. Appointments are required. Register at [redcross.org](https://www.redcross.org) - find a drive - see times or call 1-800-733-2767. Every pint donated benefits three patients.



**Pick up your 2022 Church Calendars in the Vestibule after Masses or at the Parish Office during office hours.**

# SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH STAFF

## **Pastor**

Rev. John C. Lambert

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## **Permanent Deacon**

Deacon Don Crane

## **Parish Secretaries**

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Mary Pilarcik

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Gina Macaravage –Organist

Jill Fiedorczyk– Organist

## **Maintenance**

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Jim Cunningham

## **Sacristan**

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Saints Peter & Paul

Saint Joseph

Sacred Heart

Saint Francis

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## **Combined Pastoral Council**

Kathy Grinaway, *Chairperson*

Donna Mansfield, *Vice Chairperson*

JoAnn Chukinas, *Secretary*

Barbara Gubbiotti

Debby Zuzelski

Harold Golomb

Jack Keeley

Joanne Bague

Lou Zuzelski

Steven McGough

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## **Saints Peter & Paul Finance Committee**

Don Prescavage, *Chairman*

Ben Berrini, *Vice Chairman*

Charlotte Dominick, *Secretary*

Gerald Cross

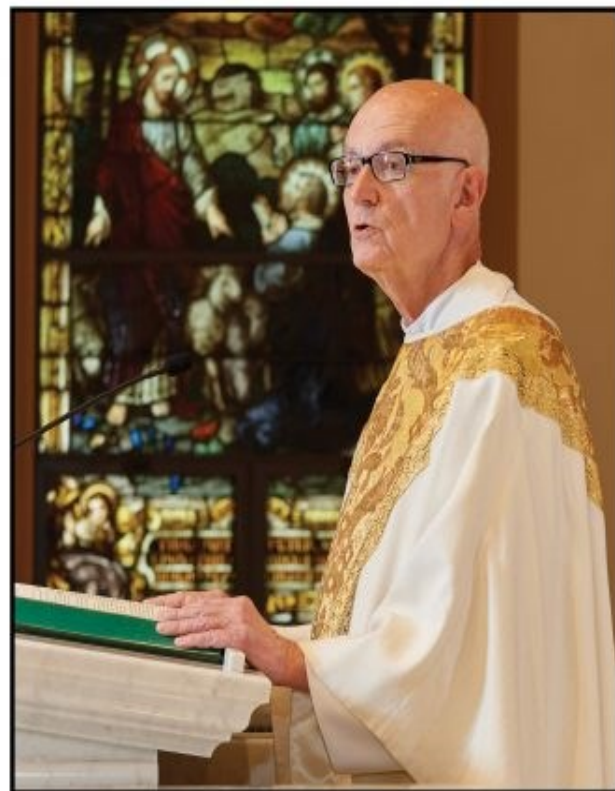
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*“Televised Masses from the Cathedral allowed people to feel connected in a way that was new to many of them. They never considered it, never knew about it, never maybe even watched Mass from home but now it was necessary for them to participate in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

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



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2021  
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**RISING TOGETHER  
IN CHRIST**