

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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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.

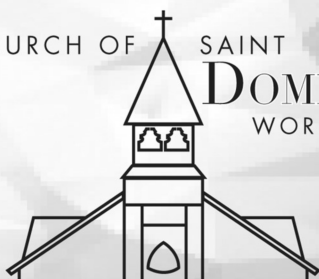
Pastor

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Deacon Don Crane

Permanent Deacon

CHURCH OF SAINT
DOMINIC
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Overflow will be in
Bernardine Hall.

Christmas Mass

Schedule

We have four days to
celebrate Christmas.

Please do not feel as
though you need to come
to 4PM or 10PM.

There are many options,
every liturgy will
be exactly the same.

Christmas Eve

Saints Peter & Paul—4PM and 10PM

(will be livestreamed via YouTube and Facebook)

St Dominic—4PM with Father Ryan

Christmas Day

Saints Peter & Paul—8AM and 10:30AM

Saturday, December 26th

Saints Peter & Paul— 4PM

St Dominic—5:30PM

Sunday, December 27th

Saints Peter & Paul— 8AM and 10:30AM

STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY STEWARDS

Contributions for week ending

December 20, 2020

Saints Peter and Paul

Will be reported next week

Mass Schedule

Effective Until Further Notice

Saints Peter and Paul

Monday - Communion Service 7am

Tuesday thru Friday 7am

Wednesday & Friday 12:15pm

Saturday-4:00pm

Sunday-8:00am & 10:30 am

Saint Dominic

Saturday-5:30pm

We will continue to Live Stream Mass on the parish website www.sspeterandpaulplains.com as well as on the parish facebook page.

God has entrusted us with many gifts:

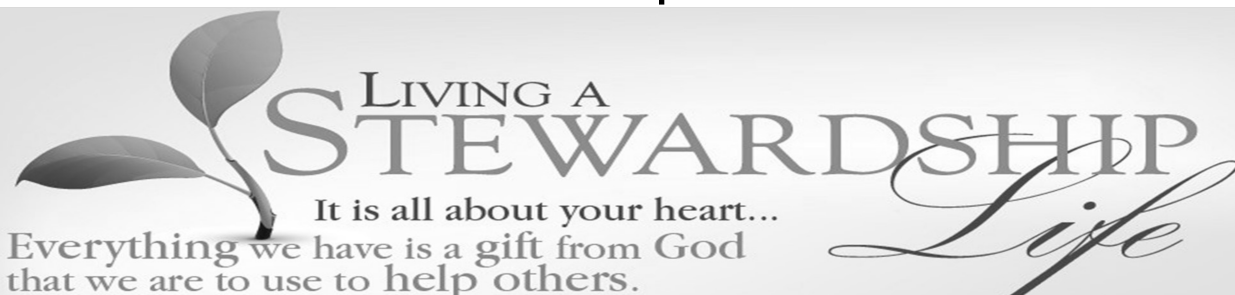
Time, Talent & Treasure. We hope and pray that all members will share their gifts, and continue to share the Good News of Jesus with all people.

SAINTS PETER & PAUL LOTTERY

Will be reported next week

For the safety of all our parishioners...

1. If you are not feeling well please stay home.
2. Please practice proper social distancing.
3. Everyone must wear a mask.
If you do not have one, we can provide you with one.
4. Sanitize appropriately.



WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

MASSES AT SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Monday	12-21	7am	Communion Service
Tuesday	12-22	7am	John F. Harrity Jr by David & Amy Mullery
Wednesday	12-23	7am	Rick Krokos & Frank Krokos Jr. by their Mother
Thursday	12-24	7am	Special Intention
Friday	12-25	7am	Special Intention

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Saturday	12-26	4pm	Mary Ann Gross by Bill & Nancy O'Donnell
Sunday	12-27	8am	Living & Deceased Parishioners
		10:30am	Lew Sebia by Ann Powers & Family

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE SAINT DOMINIC

Saturday	12-27	5:30pm	Jeanette Dominic by Richard Loomis
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SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH & ST. DOMINIC

Sanctuary Candle

Joseph Mack

Lady of Lourdes

Edward & Mary Mido



Sanctuary Candle at St. Dominic

Thomas Novak

Floral Arrangement

Patricia Mlodzienski

Holy Family Votive

Ceil & Ted Toloczko

WORD

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH-DECEMBER

Each month, a Ministry of the parishes will be highlighted. You are asked to prayerfully consider each ministry, and to participate in whatever capacity that suits your availability, interest, and needs.

Lectors

Readers proclaim the Word of God at Eucharistic celebrations. Their goal is to provide inspiration to those listening to the Gospel readings. They serve at weekend liturgies, Holy Days, and, if available, at daily Masses.

Any parishioner who is in high school or older is available to participate in this Ministry.

Lectors are scheduled in advance for dates and Masses of preference. The scheduling program allows for individuals to submit substitute and volunteer requests.

Contact: *Dave Loiacono* dav040@comcast.net

WEEKLY READINGS

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

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

Friday

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

Saturday

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

Faith Formation

Merry Christmas to all of our
Faith Formation Families!



The Sunday Good News

CHURCH OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL

DECEMBER 20, 2020



*God of my heart,
Some days I just feel
like I am stumbling
around in the darkness.
It is then - and only
then - that I turn to
you.*

*Soften my hardened
heart, open my closed-
in spirit and take away
the darkness in my life.
If I just let myself feel
your glory dawning,
full of brightness,
I could look around to
see myself revealed in
you.*

*Let me be a child of
your light and feel the
fire of your love and
the glory of your
words.*

*Most of all, let me be
grateful to you.*

Amen.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

King David plans to build a temple to honor God. But God tells Nathan the Prophet that instead he will give David rest from his enemies, and ensure that both his house and community will be protected forever.

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27

In this letter of Paul to the Romans, he explains that the gospel reveals the mystery that had been hidden for many ages. Now it has been made known to all, so that they may believe, obey, and give glory through Jesus Christ forever.

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

The Virgin Mary is approached by the angel Gabriel, who tells her that she has been chosen to bear the Son of God. Mary is first afraid, yet shows her unquestioning faith when she simply says, "Let it be done to me as you say."

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2020

"Mary said to the angel: 'How can this be, since I do not know man?'

The angel answered her: 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the most high will overshadow you, hence the holy offspring to be born will be called the Son of God... Mary said, 'I am the maidservant of the Lord. Let it be done unto me as you say.' With that the angel left her... The word became flesh and he made his dwelling among us.'

Because we are caught up in so many activities, it is easy for us to miss the importance of the visit of the messenger to Mary. She was being asked to redirect the history of the world. She raised a logical question, and through the Spirit, was answered, for our well being she said 'yes.'

Did you ever wonder what the young Jewish girl was doing when Gabriel came? Was she praying, doing household chores? Was she startled, afraid or curious? Before she went to assist Elizabeth did she tell her parents or Joseph? How would I react or respond? The great Saint Bernard said, 'Hurry up Mary, the world is waiting for your answer.'

The same Lord wishes to make His dwelling with us. Are we ready?

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** will be collecting **canned vegetables**

Food Pantry

Anyone in the Plains, Miners Mills, and Parsons area in need of food can contact Pauline at 570-592-6798 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 **Fall/Winter clothing** for men, women, and children. Donations may be dropped off during business hours only.
Mondays from 6-8pm and 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 and Saint Dominic Ministries

Pauline Makowski, Food Pantry

Janet Soller, Quilting

Mary Jo Marek, Prayer Shawl

Laura Rudloff, Treasures

Irene Martin, Women's Society of Saints Peter & Paul

Barbara Zirmhelt, Council of Catholic Women

Kathy Grinaway, Hospitality

Donna Mansfield, Hospitality



Christmas Flowers

Anyone who would like to help sponsor our Christmas Flowers can fill out a form and return it to the Parish Office or drop in collection basket. Forms are in the back of the Church so you can take one as you are leaving. The offering is \$10 PER NAME. Thank you!

Parish Cemeteries

Available plots in each of our Parish Cemeteries (Saints Peter & Paul, Sacred Heart, St. Joseph and St. Francis) for purchase.
For information contact the Parish Office.

"Our parish will be hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, January 4th, from 1:00 to 6:00 PM at Bernardine Hall. Masks must be worn and temperatures will be taken. 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. All presenting donors will receive a thank you gift of a long sleeve Red Cross t-shirt, while supplies last."

Winter Lottery Tickets

Awards will begin Jan.1 - March 31

Prizes are \$25 Mon. through Sat., \$100 on Sun.

\$300 on Special Days

Solemnity of Mary-Jan. 1

Ash Wednesday-Feb. 17

Feast of St. Joseph-March 19

Cost is \$10

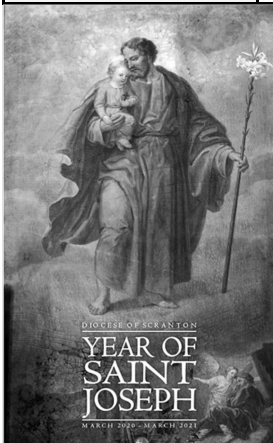
Winners match the PA Lottery Pick 3 Evening Drawing

Tickets will be sold in the Parish Office during business hours.

SERVICE

DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Giving Tree Gifts Due	14	15	16	17 Food Pantry Prep	18 Food Pantry Giving Tree gifts distributed	19
20	21	22	23	24 Office Closed	25 Office Closed	26
27	28	29	30	31 Office Closed	1 Office Closed	



Year of Saint Joseph This year marks the 150th Anniversary of Pope Pius IX's decree naming Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and foster-father of Jesus, as the Patron of the Universal Church. In commemoration of this anniversary and recognizing the fitting time for the Church to invoke the intercession of this guardian, His Excellency, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera has declared this year as a "Year of Saint Joseph" to be observed in the Diocese of Scranton from March 19, 2020 to March 19, 2021. Bishop Bambera states, "Just as Saint Joseph watched over and protected the Lord Jesus while he was on earth, we need Saint Joseph to watch over and provide for the Church today. His intercession on behalf of the Universal Church is vital as the world faces so much upheaval and pain, and particularly as it confronts the uncertainty and pain of the coronavirus epidemic."



Envelopes for Saint Dominic's Church

Starting in January 2021, envelopes for Saint Dominic's Church **will be sent via mail** instead of being picked up in Church.

Checks should be made out to Saints Peter & Paul Church.

Suppression of Saint Benedict's Parish

In June 2017 Saint Benedict Parish, Wilkes-Barre, was linked to Saints Peter and Paul Parish, Plains, with the Reverend John C. Lambert serving as Pastor of both parishes. The buildings of Saint Benedict Parish in Wilkes-Barre consist of Saint Dominic's Church and Rectory. Following extensive consultation among its members and in consideration of its desire to maintain its primary mission of service, a request has been made of the Bishop of Scranton to close Saint Benedict Parish. The parishioners previously belonging to Saint Benedict Parish will now belong to Saints Peter and Paul Parish, and the new territorial boundaries of Saints Peter and Paul Parish will take in the previous territorial boundaries of Saint Benedict Parish. The Church of Saint Dominic will remain open as a secondary worship site of Saints Peter and Paul Parish.

Virtual Grief Support Group

Winter and the post-holiday season can be difficult times to navigate grief, particularly during an ongoing period of social distancing. Please consider joining the virtual grief support group offered by Cathedral of Saint Peter Parish in Scranton. Anyone is welcome; you do not have to be a member of the parish to participate. The group will convene online, Wednesday evenings 6:30 to 7:30. The dates of the virtual meetings will be January 6, 13, 20 and 27.

For more information please contact Deacon Ed Shoener at 570-814-5133

or the parish office at 570-344-7231.



Christmas Wafers/Oplatki

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

Donations are appreciated.

SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH STAFF

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Sacred Heart

Saint Joseph

Saint Francis

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Debby Zuzelski

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Ben Berrini, *Vice Chairman*

Charlotte Dominick, *Secretary*

Gerald Cross

Tony Dente

Tracy Schooley

Saints Peter & Paul Mission Statement

As members of Saints Peter and Paul,
we have as our mission the sharing of
our faith and our talents.

We proclaim the Word of God through
compassion for our community and sharing
of our treasures as Disciples of Christ.

Every donation counts !!!

If you have not yet pledged, please....

Help us reach our Annual Appeal Parish Goal!

Saints Peter & Paul is at

15.18%

We are grateful to the parishioners who supported the 2020 Annual Appeal to date. If you have not yet given your support, please:

- Call the Development Office at 570-207-2250 to make a pledge or give a gift by credit card
- Mail a check to the Diocesan Appeal Office at 300 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, Pa 18503 or
- Give online at www.DioceseofScranton.org

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If you have not yet pledged, please....

Help us reach our Annual Appeal Parish Goal!

Saint Dominic is at

14.10%

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Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement.

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24 hour Child Abuse hotline (Childline) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary B Pacuska at 570-862-7551

VISION 2020

Seeing a Future Full of Hope

SHAPING A BLUEPRINT FOR THE FUTURE OF THE DIOCESE

In Today's homily for the Second Sunday of Advent, Bishop Bambera explained to us that it is time for the whole Church of Scranton to take a good look at the life of our parishes and to project a future vision in response to God's call today.

Your Pastors have taken first steps in this conversation in recent deanery meetings, and now it is essential to broaden this conversation to include all of the faithful. Bishop Bambera Pointed out to us the reality of change in our world and in our local communities, and so we know that we will continue to face and respond to change within the church. "I'm inviting all of the faithful," he said, "to simply focus on how we best engage the mission of the gospel in these changing times." Some of these changes include shifting demographics, differing attitudes about formal church participation, and diminishment in numbers of ordained priests available to serve as full-time pastors.

In the coming year, then, Bishop Bambera is asking us to continue working together to fashion a "blueprint" if you will— a pathway for our local Church, tailored to each deanery and to each parish—for how we will meet both the challenges and opportunities we will face in the next ten year period.

In his Homily he stressed that, "while every parish is similar in what is being asked to do and to be, each parish will respond to this process in ways that are unique to its situation and circumstances.

PLANNING GUIDANCE FOR EACH DEANERY

Guiding the overall process are these planning assumptions as common elements across the Diocese:

- The benchmarks for vibrant parishes are in accord with the vision expressed in Bishop Bambera's Pastoral letter, especially pages 7-13
- In every local circumstances, efforts are made to best utilize the particular ministry gifts of the clergy and, at the same time, to mobilize the gifts of all the baptized.
- Each deanery blueprint implementation is unique, and may consider such questions as: number of worship sites, Mass schedules and wise investment of resources.
- No deanery is planning in isolation—the circumstances in one may occasion change in another.
- Parish pastoral plans are respected and help to inform deanery level plans.
- Recommendations from deaneries or parishes are brought to Diocesan review.
- Parishes in linked relationship, sharing a Pastor, will be given additional planning support to evaluate and craft the best path forward.
- Every parish calls forth those individuals whose capacity for pastoral leadership could be developed through vocational discernment for priesthood, religious life, lay ministry or permanent diaconate.

The Wilkes-Barre Deanery, which consists of the following parishes:

Sts. Peter & Paul (Plains), St. Dominic (Wilkes-Barre), Our Lady of Fatima at St. Mary's (Wilkes-Barre), St. Nicholas (Wilkes-Barre), Our Lady of Hope at St. Mary's Maternity (Wilkes-Barre), St. Andrew at St. Patrick's (Wilkes-Barre), St. Andre Bessette (Wilkes-Barre), St. Robert Bellarmine at St. Aloysius (Wilkes-Barre), Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Hanover), St. Leo/Holy Rosary (Ashley), Holy Family (Sugar Notch), Our Lady Help of Christians - St. Mary's (Dorrance), St. Jude (Mountaintop)