

**December 25, 2022**

**The Nativity of the Lord**

## 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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Monday: 8am—4pm

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Wednesday: 8am—2pm

Thursday: 8am—4pm

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*\*Closed daily Noon—12:30pm\**

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

## Sunday Stewards

Saturday, Dec 17 - 4:00pm:

262 people attended

167 envelopes received

Offering: \$3,187.00

Sunday, Dec 18 - 7:30am:

140 people attended

88 envelopes received

Offering \$1,864.00

Sunday, Dec 18 - 10:30am:

246 people attended

108 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,997.00

*Thank You for your Generosity.*



*Father Jack and the Staff would like to wish everyone a very  
Merry Christmas !*

# WORSHIP

## WE REMEMBER

### MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	<b>Dec 24</b>	4:00pm 9:00pm	<b>Living &amp; Deceased Parishioners</b>
Sunday	<b>Dec 25</b>	7:30am 10:30am	

### MASSES AT SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Tuesday	Dec 27	12:15pm	<b>Louis &amp; Irene Pellegrini</b> by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Pellegrini
Wednesday	Dec 28	12:15pm	<b>Randy Ledsome</b> by Wife, Debra
Thursday	Dec 29	12:15pm	<b>Deborah Smith</b> by Donna Davis
Friday	Dec 30	12:15pm	<b>Julie Burko</b> by Ann Sadol

### NEXT WEEKEND MASSES AT SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Saturday	Dec 31	4pm	<b>Nancy Bronack</b> by Joseph Yandoli & Jeanette Starbuck
Sunday	Jan 01	7:30am 10:30am	<b>Raymond Deiter</b> by Karen & Rita Humko <b>Dorothy Nestorick</b> by Daughter, Mary Ann





# The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

December 25, 2022



*Thank you, God  
for sending Your  
Son on one  
glorious night to  
be born a virgin,  
to live a perfect  
life,  
and to die on the  
cross for my sins.  
Thank you that  
he rose from the  
dead three days  
later and that  
this Christmas  
and every  
Christmas we can  
celebrate the gift  
of eternal life  
through Jesus  
Christ.  
Amen.*

## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

### First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

Isaiah rejoices that God is bringing his exiled people home to Jerusalem. He calls out to the people to be glad because God will restore Jerusalem.

### Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6

Paul explains to the Hebrews that although God had spoken through the prophets, people could not always completely understand the message. Now God has spoken to us by sending Jesus, the son, a reflection of God's glory and forgiver of our sins.

### Gospel: John 1:1-18

John describes how the Word came into the world in the form of Jesus. All those who accept Jesus become children of God by sharing in Jesus' love. No one has seen God, but through Jesus, God was revealed to us.

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

### The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) December 25, 2022

**"Beloved: When the kindness and generous love of God our savior appeared, not because of any righteous deeds we had done but because of his mercy, He saved us..."**

### This was the message of St. Paul to Titus.

In the joy of this season, as we recall the most significant event in human history, we might tend to forget, that the Father sent Jesus to save us and give us new life in Him. May we pause for a moment, not to visit the scene of Bethlehem, but consider what was our need and the Father's loving response, and our need today for His saving grace.

We were separated from God, but at this moment He bent down from heaven, sending us Jesus as our Savior. Today we are invited to respond to the Father's gift in gratitude and accept the greatest Christmas gift ever. Bring the meaning of this day to someone else.



# 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

### The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

#### Sunday

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

#### Monday

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

#### Tuesday

1 Jn 1:1-4;  
Jn 20:1a, 2-8

#### Wednesday

1 Jn 1:5—2:2;  
Mt 2:13-18

#### Thursday

1 Jn 2:3-11;  
Lk 2:22-35

#### Friday

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or  
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17;  
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

#### Saturday

1 Jn 2:18-21;  
Jn 1:1-18

# 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 Raymond Kownacki  
\$100 Phillip & Marguerite Latinski  
\$100 Frank & Irene Martin  
\$200 Mary Jo Carrozzoni  
\$25 Elizabeth Kupstas  
\$25 Karen Werner  
\$40 Barbara Cirelli

### In Memory of Charles Obeid

\$50 Rosalie Serafin  
\$100 Todd Serafin  
\$100 Tish & Mike Last

### In Memory of Betty Nice Timalonis

\$50 Joan & Ruth Balasavage

### In Memory of Mary Iorio

\$40 Barbara Chabala Cirelli  
\$75 Anita Kirkland  
\$25 Jane Biniek  
\$25 Akemi Tsubota-Bingham

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
25 <i>Christmas Masses</i> - 7:30 & 10:30am	26 Office Closed	27	28	29	30	31
1 January	2 Office Closed	3	4 <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:30pm	5 <i>Women's Society</i> 6:30– <i>Parish Center Dining Hall</i>	6	7
8	9 Rosary 6pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm	10	11 <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:30pm	12 <i>Parish Council 6:30–</i> <i>Parish Center Dining Hall</i>	13	14
15	16 Rosary 6pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm	17	18 <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:30pm	19 <i>Food Pantry Prep</i>	20 <i>Food Pantry</i>	21



**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.





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**.

The Plains Sr Citizens group that formally held their meetings at Saint Dominic's Church on Austin Ave in the Parsons section of Wilkes-Barre, will conduct a reorganization meeting on Wednesday, January 4th at 1:00 in Bernardine Hall at Saints Peter & Paul Church on Hudson Road in Plains.

The meeting is open to anyone interested in becoming a member wherever you live.

Please plan to attend. Thank you.

President Mike Boncheck 570-817-7503 E-mail seabeemjb@yahoo.com



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.

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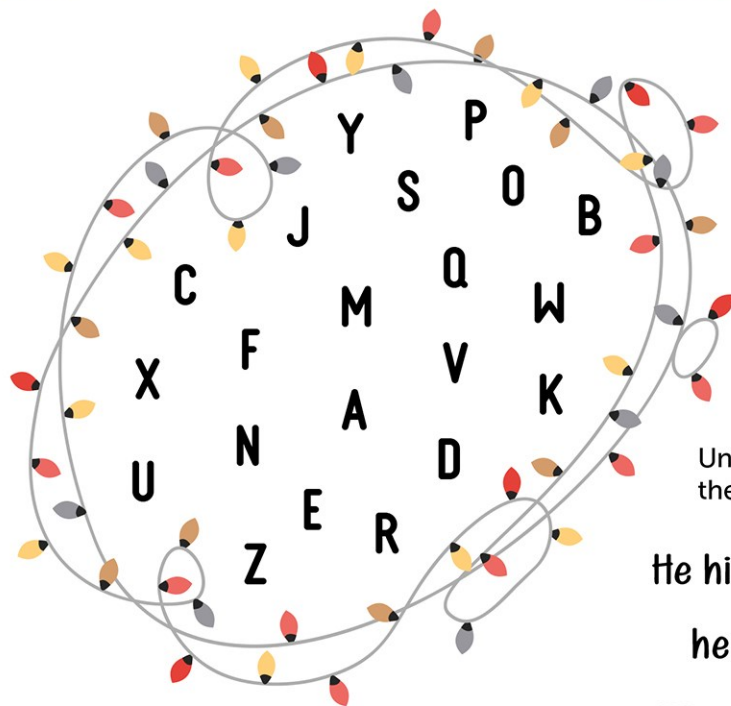
## Gospel Today

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) / John 1:1-18

John describes how the Word came into the world in the form of Jesus. All those who accept Jesus become children of God by sharing in Jesus' love. No one has seen God, but through Jesus, God was revealed to us.

*Merry Christmas*

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## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD THE TRUE LIGHT

Find and write the missing letters  
(from A to Z) not found within the lights.

Unscramble the letters and fill in the blanks to complete  
the sentence below (the same word is used twice).

He himself was not the \_\_\_\_\_ ;  
he came only as a witness  
to the \_\_\_\_\_ .

—JOHN 1:8

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answer = light (2x)

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Kathy Grinaway, *Chairperson*

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

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