

December 26 , 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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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.

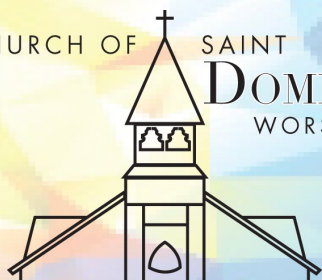
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STEWARDSHIP

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.



Sunday Stewards

**Due to an early submission
of this week's bulletin**

Contributions will be listed next week.



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.

*Father Jack along with the Staff of
Saints Peter and Paul wish you a
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

At Saints Peter and Paul:

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

At Saint Dominic:

Saturday	Dec 25		No Mass
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MASSES AT SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Monday	Dec 27	7am	Communion Service
Tuesday	Dec 28	7am	Louis & Irene Pellegrini by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Pellegrini
Wednesday	Dec 29	7am	Stanley Miskiewicz by Wife, Elizabeth
Thursday	Dec 30	7am	Paul O. Binker, Jr. by Luchetti Family
Friday	Dec 31	4pm	New Year's Eve Mass

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES AT SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Saturday	Jan 01	9am	New Year's Day Mass
Sunday	Jan 02	8am 10:30am	Living & Deceased Parishioners Joseph Klepadlo by Family

NEXT WEEKEND MASS AT SAINT DOMINIC

Saturday	Jan 01		No Mass
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SANCTUARY CANDLE
PAUL HESSION

**LADY OF THE
LOURDES**
Paul A. Binker, Sr.

HOLY FAMILY
Deceased Members of
Luchetti & Lulis Families



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 -
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WEEKLY READINGS

**The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary & Joseph**

Sunday

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28;
1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24;
Lk 2:41-52

Monday

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

Tuesday

1 Jn 1:5—2:2;
Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday

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

Thursday

1 Jn 2:12-17;
Lk 2:36-40

Friday

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

First Saturday

Nm 6:22-27;
Gal 4:4-7;
Lk 2:16-21

The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

December 26, 2021



**Jesus, Mary, Joseph,
model for all Christian
families,**

**I entrust my family to
your care and protection.
Bless each member of my
family. Help me and the
members of my family to
love, listen to, support
and accept one another.**

**Encourage us to
challenge one another to
be
compassionate, merciful
and forgiving as we
struggle with the
difficulties of our lives.**

**Guide us to seek goodness
and holiness in our
everyday choices, actions
and attitudes.**

**Encourage us when our
faith is weak and
when we fail to lead one
another to Christ.**

**Make our home a real
dwelling place of peace,
joy and love, where you
are ever present among
us.**

**May we work to uphold
each one's dignity,
integrity and unique
contributions to the
well-being and growth of
our family.**

**And when our time on
earth is complete, bring
us all safely home to you
in the company of
heaven.
Amen.**

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Sirach emphasizes the importance of honoring one's parents. He explains that spiritual riches will come to those who are kind to their mother and father.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

Paul advises us to treat each other with kindness and mercy and to forgive as God forgives us. His words remind families to always love and respect one another and let Christ's peace reign in their hearts and in their homes.

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

When Jesus was twelve years old, the Holy Family traveled to Jerusalem to celebrate the feast. Jesus did not return with the company. Instead, he stayed in Jerusalem, sitting among the teachers while amazing them with his understanding and questions. When found by his concerned parents, Jesus reminded them that he must be in the house of his Father. Returning together, Mary kept these things in her heart.

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

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph December 26, 2021

"Thinking he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day, and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him... When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, 'Son why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety.'"

The care and concern of Joseph and Mary is no different than that of our parents today. We worry, provide for, and breathe filled with anxiety for the well being of our family.

Imagine time spent in the shop of the carpenter, the hours spent in the kitchen, time for prayer and pilgrimage. What happened in Nazareth, happens in our lives today.

Reading the Word of God, may we be like His parents, and spend time 'looking for Jesus' and when we discover Him, enjoy His presence in our homes.

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

Memorial Donations

The following donations/memorials have recently been given to our parish to support: **Food Pantry; Bernardine Hall; Parish Scholarships; and General donations.**

\$750 Plains Lions Club

In Memory of Theresa Everhart

\$150 Visa Gift Cards

In Memory of Stanley J. Dudzik

\$50 Doug & Paulinette Tippins

In Memory of Gino & Bruce Marchetti

\$25 Joan Marchetti

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.

Christmas Wafers/Oplatki

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

DECEMBER/JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27 Rosary 6pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures Closed	28	29	30	31 Office Closed New Year's Eve Treasures Closed	1 New Year's Day
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 Parish Council 6:30 (Bernardine Hall)	14 Treasures 10am-12pm	15
16	17 Rosary 6pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm	18	19	20	21 Treasures 10am-12pm	22



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.



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 8th 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 3rd to make reservations. Reservations are necessary.**

Music will be provided by DJ Mikie Mike.



BLOOD DRIVE

Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, January 11th, from 1:00pm to 6:00 pm at Bernardine Hall.


To Help maintain social distancing, scheduled appointments are strongly recommended. Please remember to wear your mask. Bring a photo ID to your blood drive appointment.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org) and enter STPPPLAINS to schedule an appointment.

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.

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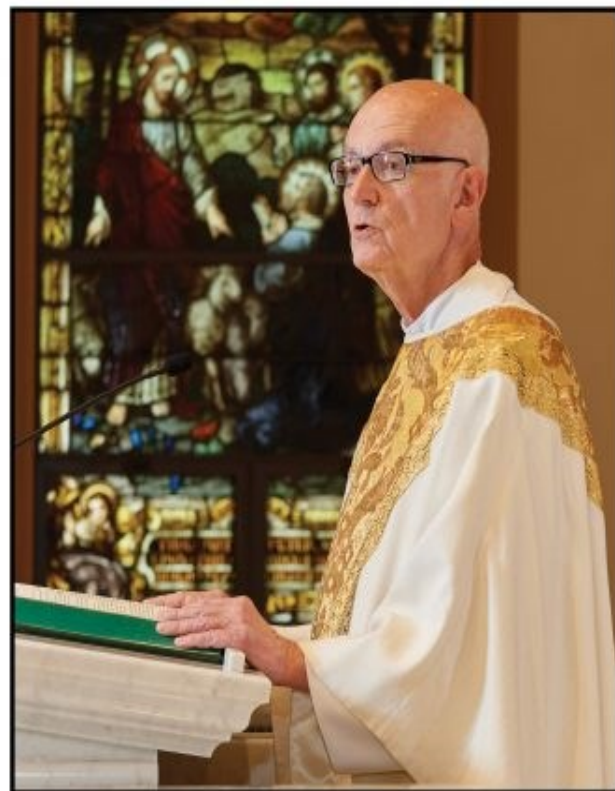
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– Monsignor Dale R. Rupert
Pastor, Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton



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