

January 5, 2025

The Epiphany 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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SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH

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Father Jack and the Staff

*would like to wish everyone a blessed, healthy,
and Happy New Year!*



*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.
The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*

2 Corinthians 5:17

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. 21 - 4:00pm:

220 people attended

120 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,190.00

Sunday, Dec. 22 - 7:30am:

121 people attended

66 envelopes received

Offering \$1,062.00

Sunday, Dec. 22 - 10:30am:

217 people attended

114 envelopes received

Offering: \$1,921.00

Thank You for your Generosity.



***The Second Collection
this weekend will be for
Care and Education of
Priests***

WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	Jan 04	4:00pm	Catherine Neishell by Mattei Family
Sunday	Jan 05	7:30am 10:30am	Kim McGinley by Mike, Lauren & Michael Joseph Klepadlo by Family

DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	Jan 07	12:15pm	Bernadine Herold (Living) by Son, David
Wednesday	Jan 08	12:15pm	Marie Pisack by Gordon
Thursday	Jan 09	12:15pm	Geraldine Hirko by Ben & Francine Berrini
Friday	Jan 10	12:15pm	Thomas W. Nowak by Wife, Mary Lou

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	Jan 11	4:00pm	Robert Lorusso by Lora Mirigliani
Sunday	Jan 12	7:30am 10:30am	Gregory & Florence Baczmarga by Marion Serafin John Shea by Parents



SANCTUARY CANDLE

Helen Zius

LADY OF THE LOURDES

Hilda Kalinowski

BLESSED MOTHER

Paul A. Binker, Sr.

The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

January 5, 2025



O God,

*Keep us in that
wisdom which
you revealed to
the Wise Men.*

*Grant us your
Holy Spirit, that
we may always
seek you and
your kingdom.*

*Enable us to
follow your holy
Word, as those
from the East
followed the
leading of a star.*

*Give us grace at
all times and in
all places to
confess your holy
name.*

Amen

The Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Isaiah rejoices over the light and glory that will shine upon Jerusalem. He describes how the wealth of nations will be brought to Jerusalem, and travelers will arrive bearing gifts and praising God.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Paul explains to the Ephesians that the Gentiles are now co-heirs with the Jews. Through Jesus, they became members of the same body. Therefore, they would receive everything God had promised the Jewish converts if they followed Christ's teachings.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Astrologers from the east came looking for the newborn king of the Jews, which greatly disturbed King Herod. Herod wanted to kill Jesus, and asked the astrologers to return and tell him where Jesus was. The astrologers found Jesus and brought him gifts, but received a message in a dream telling them not to return to Herod.

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

The Epiphany of the Lord January 5, 2025

“Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you. Your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses. Then you shall be radiant in what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow. For the riches of the sea will be emptied out before you, the wealth of the nations shall be brought to you.”

We know this feast by different names, Epiphany, The Three Kings, with different gifts representing kingship, priestly sacrifice and anointing, the three roles of our Savior, priest, prophet and king. Listening to Isaiah in the passage, may we find particular and personal significance for the day we celebrate. We learn that the pagan pilgrims from the east represent all of us, called, gathered and redeemed by Jesus Christ.

We raise our eyes and look about. Our communities reflect diversity in race, ethnic origin, cultures, language, represented by those who followed the star which led them to Jesus. We are led by God's grace discovering the greatest gift ever, the incarnation, the birth and abiding presence of Jesus. Traditions continue and today may we add one more gift to the Lord, the gift of ourselves. Like the magi may we pray, reflect and adore the Christ, Emmanuel, God with us.

WORD

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH - JANUARY

*Each month, a Ministry of the parish is highlighted.
For January we will focus on Resolutions*

January is the month of resolutions. So many of us resolve to give up items such as junk food or alcohol for "Dry January". But resolutions can also include doing something we do not normally do. One of the most popular ones in our culture is more exercise. But let's look deeper, more into our souls. Now is a good time to look at the past few months and reflect on how it can affect what resolutions we make for 2025.

November was all about giving thanks. Being thankful for what we have, all of us needed time to think about being grateful for Jesus and how much He means to us. December focused on gifts. Not the physical gifts under the tree, but the gifts we are given at Baptism from the Holy Spirit. For January, we could take the thanks we have to God and the gifts we are given to make a resolution to use our gifts to show thanks to God. For example, if we realize that one of the gifts we have received is a love of speaking, we could use this gift to give thanks to God by becoming a lector or an usher. Or if one of our gifts is the need to help others, give thanks to God by volunteering at the Food Pantry or Treasures. Like to sing? Think about joining the choir. Encourage your children to be altar servers.

This does not mean you cannot make one of the usual resolutions, such as exercising more or becoming more healthy. God wants us to be happy. But this year, take your resolutions and go a little deeper. Use the gifts you have been given and resolve to use them for the good of others. If you can do that, you will have a truly happy 2025

Happy New Year to everyone and may this be a blessed year for all of you!

WEEKLY READINGS

The Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday

Is 60:1-6;

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6,
Mt 2:1-12

Monday

1 Jn 3:22-4:6;

Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday

1 Jn 4:7-10;

Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday

1 Jn 4:11-18;

Mk 6:45-52

Thursday

1 Jn 4:19-5:4;

Lk 4:14-22

Friday

1 Jn 5:5-13;

Lk 5:12-16

Saturday

1 Jn 5:14-21;

Jn 3:22-30



Women's Retreat

Bold and Beloved

Inspired by the teachings of St. Catherine of Siena



Featuring:

6 Local Female Speakers



Confession



January

24-26, 2025



Mass & Worship



Fellowship

For more information, contact the Office for Parish Life (570) 207-2213 x1100



**Holy Transfiguration
Retreat Center**

1000 Seminary Rd, Dalton, PA 18414

Ages 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 **January** we will collect peanut butter and canned meats.

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 at 155 Austin Ave in Parsons during business hours only.

Mondays 4pm-6pm & 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

Saints Peter & Paul Parish Ministries

Pauline Makowski, *Food Pantry*

Mary Jo Marek, *Prayer Shawl*

Laura Rudloff, *Treasures*

Kathy Grinaway, *Hospitality*

Claire Koshinski, *Women’s Society of Saints Peter & Paul*

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

In memory of Joe Bronack

\$100 Deb Bronack

\$100 Claire Jones

\$100 Marijo Carozzoni

\$100 Patrick & Donna Malys

\$30 Tony & Karen Albert

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.



January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 <i>Faith Formation- 9-10am</i>	6 Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	7	8	9 <i>Parish Council 6:30pm- Parish Dining Hall</i>	10 Treasures- 10am-12pm	11
12 <i>Faith Formation- 9-10am</i>	13 Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	14	15	16 <i>Food Pantry Prep</i>	17 <i>Food pantry Treasures- 10am-12pm</i>	18
19	20 Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	21	22	23	24 Treasures- 10am-12pm	25
26 <i>Faith Formation- 9-10am</i>	27 Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	28	29	30	31 Treasures- 10am-12pm	1



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Gospel Today

The Epiphany of the Lord | Matthew 2: 1-12

The Magi followed the star to where Jesus was and offered Him fine, expensive gifts. "And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way." *Matthew 2: 12*

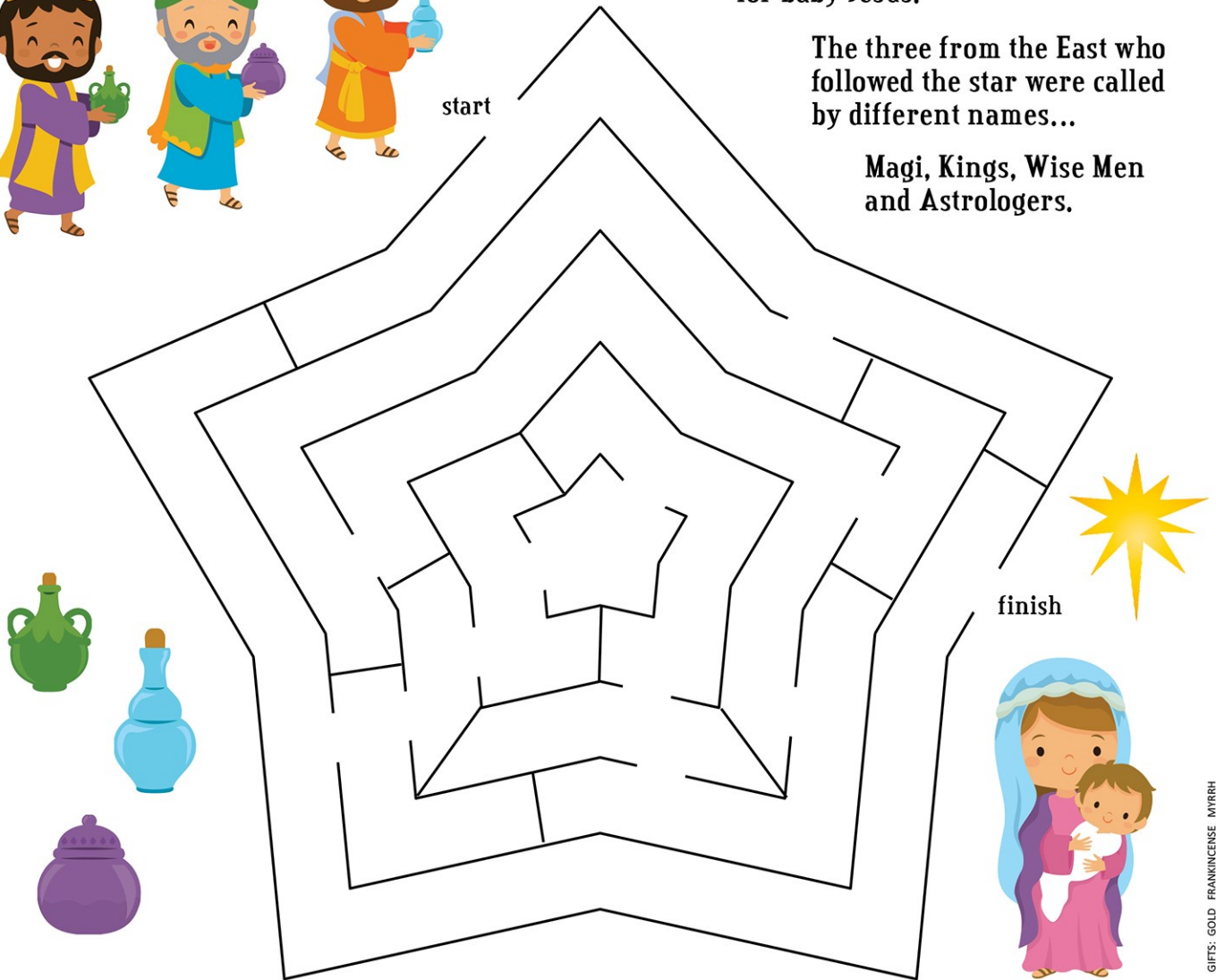
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Follow the Wise Men as they search for baby Jesus.

The three from the East who followed the star were called by different names...

Magi, Kings, Wise Men and Astrologers.



GIFTS: GOLD FRANKINCENSE MYRRH

VISIT OF THE MAGI

Do you know what the gifts were? Unscramble the words to find out...

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