

January 7, 2024

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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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. 30 - 4:00pm:

250 people attended

141 envelopes received

Offering: \$1,930.00

Sunday, Dec. 31 - 7:30am:

131 people attended

73 envelopes received

Offering \$1,189.00

Sunday, Dec. 31 - 10:30am:

234 people attended

93 envelopes received

Offering: \$1,927.00

Thank You for your Generosity.

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



WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	Jan. 06	4:00pm	Anthony & Irene Koschak by Pat & Tony Koschak
Sunday	Jan. 07	7:30am 10:30am	Gloria Antosh by Bernard Antosh Family Joseph Klepadlo by Family

DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	Jan. 09	12:15pm	Geraldine Hirko by Grobe & McDonald Families
Wednesday	Jan. 10	12:15pm	Robert Gregor, Sr. by Wife, Diane
Thursday	Jan. 11	12:15pm	John Shea by Parents
Friday	Jan. 12	12:15pm	James D. Hoffman by Wife & Children

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	Jan. 13	4:00pm	Marie Pisack by Pat Stella
Sunday	Jan. 14	7:30am 10:30am	Joseph S. Humanik by Holly, Joe, Joey, & Rhenin Gerald Giza by Wife, Jeanie & Family



SANCTUARY CANDLE

Helen Zius

LADY OF THE LOURDES
Mr. & Mrs. Primo Sorbelli

HOLY FAMILY
Anna Pientka

The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

January 7, 2024



*O God,
who by the
guidance of a
star did on this
day manifest
Your only-
begotten Son to
the Gentiles,
mercifully
grant that we
who know You
by faith
may also
attain the
vision of Your
glorious
majesty.
Through Christ
our Lord.

Amen.*

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Isaiah speaks poetically of the coming of the Lord. He describes how “darkness covers the earth” but light and glory appear over God’s chosen people.

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

Paul tells the Ephesians that the Jews and Gentiles are now co-heirs of the promises God has made. He explains that both groups are now members of one body through Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus’ birth, three astrologers from the east came to Jerusalem and inquired about the newborn king of the Jews. King Herod became greatly angered, and asked the astrologers to bring him more information about the child once they had found him, so that he too could pay homage to the infant. However, Herod’s true plan was to kill Jesus. The wise men were warned in a dream not to return to him and they took a different route to return home.

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

The Epiphany of the Lord January 7, 2024

“You have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for your benefit. It was not made known to people of other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.”

On this day when we commemorate the coming of the Magi, the Wise Men, with three gifts, and their discovery of Mary with the child, we ask what that means for me today. Saint Paul speaks of three things. We are coheirs of the gift of grace and redemption. We are, as he states in his letters, ‘members of the body of Christ’, and copartners.

We have been gifted, but also become responsible to bring what has been given to others. This responsibility is an awesome task for which we are held accountable. We learned the three kings returned home, and have heard nothing more about their experience. That cannot be what is expected of us, who discover the presence of the Lord and the protection of His Mother

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- food, alcohol, and cigarettes are some of the more popular ones. But resolutions can also include doing something we do not normally do. Now is a good time to look at the past few months.

November was all about giving thanks. Being thankful for what we have, all of us needed time to think about being grateful for Jesus. Advent began in November, so it was a perfect time to reflect upon our gratefulness to God for giving us a Savior. 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.

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 2024

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

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.

WEEKLY READINGS

The Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday

Is 60:1-6;
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6;
Mt 2:1-12

Monday

Is 55:1-11 or
1 Jn 5:1-9;
Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday

1 Sm 1:9-20;
Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20;
Mk 1:29-39

Thursday

1 Sm 4:1-11;
Mk 1:40-45

Friday

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a;
Mk 2:1-12

Saturday

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1a;
Mk 2:13-17

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 Faith Formation 9-10am	8 Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	9	10	11	12 Treasures 10am-12pm	13
14 Faith Formation 9-10am	15 Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	16	17	18 Food Pantry Prep	19 Food Pantry Treasures 10am-12pm	20
21 Faith Formation 9-10am	22 Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	23	24	25	26 Treasures 10am-12pm	27
28 Faith Formation 9-10am	29 Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	30	31	1 February Women's Society 6:30pm- Parish Center Dining Hall	2 Treasures 10am-12pm	3

Save the Dates

Night at the Races - March 16th

Purse Bingo - April 21st

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 **cereal, tuna, peanut butter.**

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 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

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*

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

In Memory of Anthony Wilk

\$100 Wife, Margaret

In Memory of Helen Lavinia

\$25 Shari Dudley Miller & Gregg Miller

\$30 Deborah Bronack

\$1000 Anonymous

\$30 Frederick & Ann Marie Hall

\$50 Chulvick Family

\$250 Apex Fence Company

\$40 Yanaitis Funeral Home

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.



Thank You!

*I would like to thank everyone for your kindness and generosity throughout
this Christmas Season.*

You are all in my prayers. God bless!

Father Jack

Purse Bingo

Date: April 21st

Tickets are now available

\$30 in Advance- \$40 at Door

Tickets can also be purchased on website.

If anyone would like to volunteer and be on the Purse Bingo Committee, please call the office and we will add your name to the list. We will call you if needed. We would also greatly appreciate any monetary or basket donations.

COMMUNITY



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Women's Retreat



Bold and Beloved

Inspired by the teaching of St. Thérèse of Lisieux

January 26-28, 2024

Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center
1000 Seminary Rd, Dalton, PA 18414

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

Register at:

<https://tinyurl.com/BoldandBeloved>

Talks and Music Ministry by



\$75 student
\$125 shared room
\$175 single room



Kara Kardell

Sinner striving for sainthood.
Wife and mother of 3.



Fred Shellabarger

Husband. Father. Spiritual Arsonist.
Big Kid Who Loves Jesus.

< KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today

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

The 3 are called **wise men, kings, or magi** - they saw and understood that the baby Jesus was truly God. They took a different route home and did not go back to Herod.

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The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates God's revealing Himself to us in the baby Jesus.

CELEBRATE WITH A KING CAKE!



King Cake season goes from the Feast of the Epiphany through Shrove Tuesday (*Mardi Gras*). This round "crown" cake, represents the journey of the 3 kings, and is decorated in purple (*justice*), green (*faith*) and gold (*power*) icing or sugar. Some cakes have a hidden bean or tiny plastic baby hidden inside and the one who finds it is "crowned", or responsible for the next cake.

Ingredients

1 cup milk (<i>scalded</i>) 1/3 cup butter (<i>melted in milk</i>)	1/4 cup warm water 1 package yeast 1 tsp. sugar	2 eggs beaten 1/2 cup sugar pinch salt	Let all ingredients sit about 15 minutes, add to flour - mix well 4 cups flour
small bowl	small bowl	small bowl	large bowl

Directions

Knead on floured surface, 10 minutes (*add more flour if needed*). Rub dough ball with vegetable oil and place in covered oiled bowl in warm place to rise, 1 hour or double in size. Roll flat into rectangle and brush on oil or melted butter, sprinkle with sugar cinnamon. Roll into log starting on long edge. Form into ring (crown), pinch edges together and let rise on baking tray. Bake 350° for 15 - 20 minutes or until golden brown.

SWEET as HONEY



Colored sugar: In a jar add 1/2 cup sugar, 1-2 drops food color... green or yellow or red/blue (*purple*) and shake well. Decorate with green, purple & yellow (*gold*) cake icing and colored sugar. *This cake does not include a bean or baby, as in some traditions, due to choking hazard.*

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