

**December 1, 2024**

**First Sunday of Advent**

## 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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Thursday: 8am—4pm

Friday: 8am—Noon

*\*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

**Due to Early Submission of  
Bulletin, Contributions Will  
be Listed Next Week**

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

***The Second Collection  
next weekend will be for  
Retirement Fund for  
Religious***

**Confessions** will be heard on the  
following Mondays during Advent.  
December 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd  
from 5-7pm

The Solemnity of the Immaculate  
Conception of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary is not a Holy Day of  
Obligation this year.



First Sunday of Advent

# WORSHIP

## WE REMEMBER

### MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	Nov 30	4:00pm	<b>Karen Werner</b> by Mr. & Mrs. James Sharatta
Sunday	Dec 01	7:30am 10:30am	<b>Joseph J. Hirko</b> by Mary Bernoski <b>Irene &amp; Anthony Koschak</b> by Daughter & Son <b>Leo Monteforte</b> by Family

### DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	Dec 03	12:15pm	<b>Marie Shrader</b> by Daughter, Marcey
Wednesday	Dec 04	12:15pm	<b>Frank Tencza</b> by Scott & Brenda Gomb
Thursday	Dec 05	12:15pm	<b>Stephen &amp; Leona Adams</b> by Ann Chronowski
Friday	Dec 06	12:15pm	<b>Ron Phillips</b> by Wife

### NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	Dec 07	4:00pm	<b>John Shea</b> by Friends <b>Gene Bolis</b> by Barb Montante, Rose Altavilla, & Mary Ann Bolis
Sunday	Dec 08	7:30am 10:30am	<b>John Shea</b> by Parents <b>William Fender</b> by Family



**SANCTUARY CANDLE**  
**John & Stanis Kunicki**

**LADY OF THE LOURDES**  
**John & Stanis Kunicki**

**BLESSED MOTHER**  
**Ceil & Ted Toloczko**



# The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

December 1, 2024

*Lord Jesus,*

*Master of both the  
light and the  
darkness,  
send your Holy  
Spirit upon our  
preparations for  
Christmas.*

*We who have so  
much to do and seek  
quiet spaces to hear  
your voice each day,*

*We who are anxious  
over many things  
look forward to your  
coming among us.*

*We who are blessed  
in so many ways  
long for the complete  
joy of your kingdom.*

*We whose hearts are  
heavy seek the joy of  
your presence.*

*We are your people,  
walking in darkness,  
yet seeking the light.*

*To you we say,  
"Come Lord Jesus!"*

*Amen.*

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

The Lord tells of fulfilling the promise he had made to Israel. He will send a replacement for David, someone who "shall do what is right and just in the land," believed by most to mean Jesus.

### Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2

Paul encourages the Thessalonians to be ready for the coming of the Lord. He explains that although they are conducting themselves in a way that would please God, they should always strive to do even better.

### Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus warns his followers to be prepared for the end of the world. He reminds them not to be preoccupied with unimportant events, or they will be caught unaware rather than being on watch as they should.

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

### First Sunday of Advent December 1, 2024

**"May the Lord increase you and make you overflow with love for one another and for all, even as our love does for you. May he strengthen your hearts, making them blameless and holy before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones.... you must learn to make still greater progress..."**

A new month, and a new time of prayer in the church. The message of Paul above was not directed only to the Thessalonians, but to me as I pray over these biblical verses. Advent is our time of anticipation and hope. As we live these days, I prayerfully ask what are my hopes and desires so that I can respond to God's call and make progress through His coming and grace.

Reflect upon the words – overflow with love...strengthen my heart...rid whatever evil so I am blameless...make me holy as I live advent and await His coming. Our daily prayer 'Come Lord Jesus.'



# WORD

## MINISTRY OF THE MONTH - DECEMBER

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

Everyone seems so busy in December! There are decorations that are placed both inside and outside, Christmas trees decorated, traditional and non-traditional foods prepared, and of course gifts. The month of December is filled with the anticipation of both receiving and giving Christmas gifts. This is all wonderful and has created some happy memories for generations. But this December, let's also take time out to contemplate the Gifts given to us by the Holy Spirit.

As Christians, ministry is not a choice, but a call, a privilege, and a responsibility. Our gifts are very closely tied to this calling. The following is a quote from *Christifideles Laici*, from Pope Saint John Paul II, that "The Holy Spirit pours out gifts which make it possible for every Christian man and woman to assume different ministries and forms of service that complement one another and for the good of all". These gifts are sitting inside each one of us, waiting to be used to help the Church grow. Many are not aware of the gifts that they possess, and all of us need to spend time to deeply look into ourselves. Through prayer and discernment you will find them. When you see the Church, attend Mass, or choose a gift from the Giving Tree, please remember it is only possible through the many ministries that volunteer to decorate, sing, serve at the Masses, or give food and gifts to those less fortunate. Maybe next year you could participate too?

Enjoy this Advent and Christmas season! Meet with friends, share meals, send Christmas cards, and buy and receive Christmas presents. God intends for us to enjoy life! In this spirit, also spend good, quality time in prayerful consideration of the gifts you received at Baptism and how you can best use them.

Merry Christmas to all!

## WEEKLY READINGS

### First Sunday of Advent

#### Sunday

Jer 33:14-16;  
1 Thes 3:12—4:2;  
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

#### Monday

Is 2:1-5;  
Mt 8:5-11

#### Tuesday

Is 11:1-10;  
Lk 10:21-24

#### Wednesday

Is 25:6-10a;  
Mt 15:29-37

#### Thursday

Is 26:1-6;  
Mt 7:21, 24-27

#### First Friday

Is 29:17-24;  
Mt 9:27-31

#### First Saturday

Is 30:19-21, 23-26;  
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

# 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 tuna and canned fruit.

### 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

\$20     Anonymous

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	3	4 <b>Choir Practice 7pm</b>	5 <b>Women's Society</b> <b>6:30pm-</b> <b>Parish Center Dining</b> <b>Hall</b>	6 Treasures- 10am-12pm	7
8 <b>Faith Formation-</b> <b>9-10am</b>	9 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	10	11 <b>Choir Practice 7pm</b>	12 <b>Parish Council</b> <b>6:30pm-</b> <b>Parish Center Dining</b> <b>Hall</b>	13 Treasures- 10am-12pm	14
15 <b>Faith Formation-</b> <b>9-10am</b>	16 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	17	18 <b>Choir Practice 7pm</b>	19 <b>Food Pantry Prep</b>	20 <b>Food Pantry</b> Treasures- 10am-12pm	21
22 <b>Faith Formation-</b> <b>9-10am</b>	23 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	24 <b>Office Closed</b>	25 <b>Office Closed</b>	26 <b>Office Closed</b>	27	28





**The Giving Trees at Saints Peter and Paul** were placed in the Church last weekend decorated with gift tags. *Anyone wishing to participate in this Christmas project* is asked to take a tag, purchase a gift for the person, wrap the present, **attaching the tag on the outside of the wrapped gift and *return it to the Church by December 15<sup>th</sup>***. The gifts will be distributed through our Food Pantry on December 20th. Anyone wishing to donate gloves, socks, scarves, hats etc.. (for children infant to 12) may drop them off at the Parish Office by December 15th.



### **Christmas Wafers/Oplatki**

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

Donations are appreciated.

*Thank You!*

*A huge "Thank You" to all who gave so generously in donations for Ruth's Place. The amount of items collected was overwhelming.*

*Ruth's Place not only offers emergency shelter, but an environment where women are supported and encouraged. It provides a safe home, social relationships, healthy food, and access to personal hygiene equipment and supplies.*

*May God bless you all!*

*The Bible states that those who give bountifully receive bounty in Heaven.*

# COMMUNITY

**Advent Concert Series:** A series of classical piano music reflections will take place at **Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 215 Lackawanna Ave., Dupont**, that will focus on the Baroque Era, the Classical Era, and the Romantic Era. The first recital will take place on **Sunday, December 1, at 10 a.m.** and will feature the Baroque Era of classical music and will feature preludes, fugues, and other works by Johann Sebastian Bach. The second recital will be on **Sunday, December 8, at 10 a.m.** It will feature excerpts of piano sonatas of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Ludwig Van Beethoven, among others. Finally, the third recital, to be held on Gaudete Sunday, **December 15, at 10 a.m.**, will illustrate the romantic era of classical music and feature the works of Russian composer Sergei Rachmaninov and German composer Johannes Brahms. These recitals will be performed by Mr. Anthony J. George, Jr. who serves as the Parish Music Director/Organist in Dupont, and studied piano performance under renowned concert pianist, Thomas Hrynkiw. All are welcomed to attend this free Advent concert series prior to Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass.

A **Christmas Cookie Walk** will be held **Saturday, Dec. 14, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Sacred Heart of Jesus Church Hall, 215 Lackawanna Ave., Dupont.** Choose from dozens of delicious homemade cookies available for only \$10 a pound. Try your luck at winning a lottery ticket theme basket or the 50/50 raffle just in time for Christmas! Be aware that this will not be a nut free environment.

## CHRISTMAS ORGAN CONCERT AND SING-ALONG

All are invited to a Christmas Organ Concert and Sing-Along on **Sunday, December 15 at 2:00 PM** at **St. John the Evangelist Church, 35 William Street in Pittston.** This family-friendly event with organ music and carol singing for the Advent and Christmas seasons will be led by organist Michael Sowa, director of music at St. John the Evangelist Church. A free-will offering will be accepted and refreshments will follow in the church basement.

# < KID'S > KORNER

## Gospel Today

First Sunday of Advent | Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus tells us to be on guard, and be watchful for His coming.

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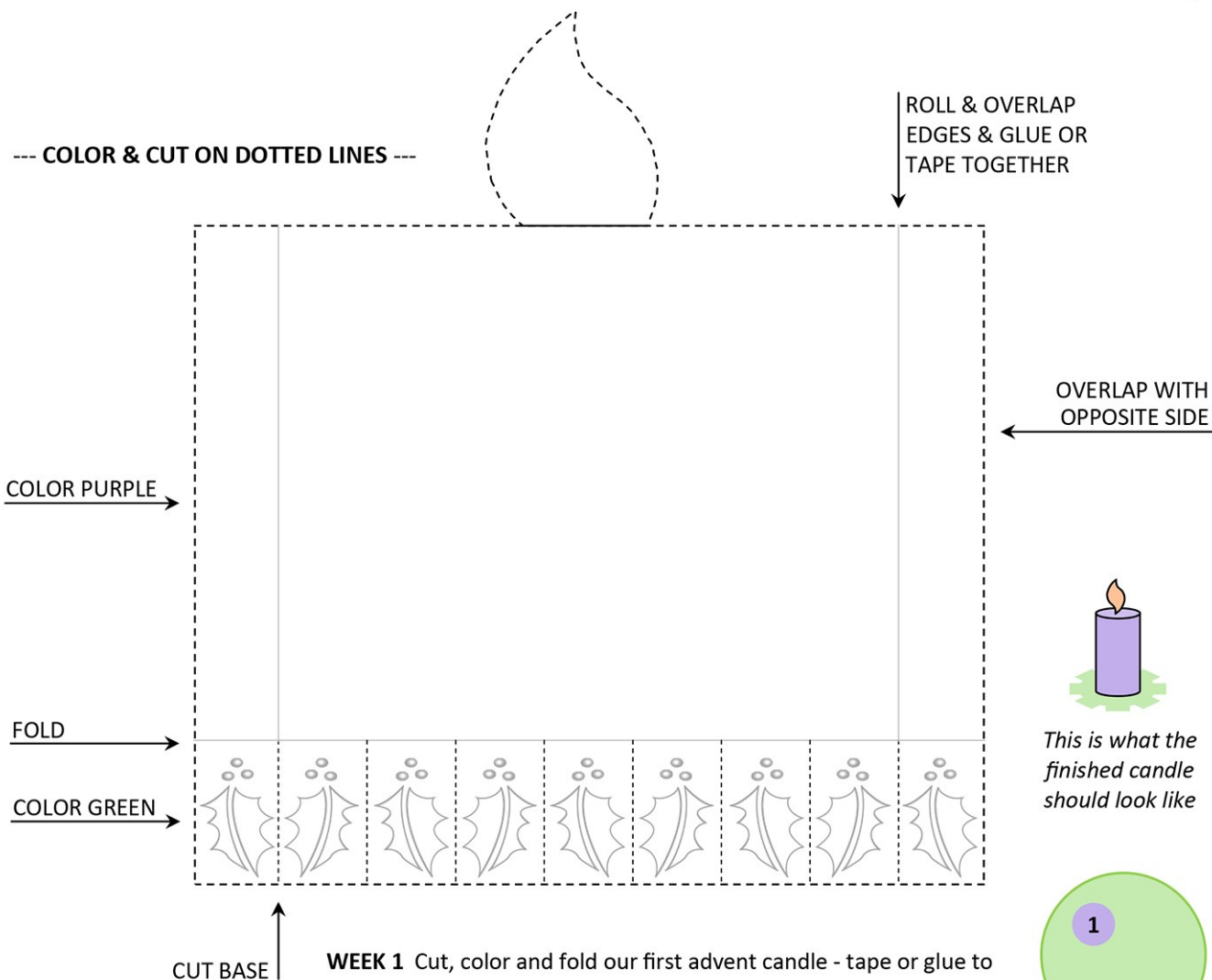
### WEEK 1, evening lighting prayer

Prayer said by Father or head of household

"O Lord, stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, and come, that by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by Thy deliverance. Through Christ our Lord, Amen".

Youngest child lights 1 purple candle.

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**WEEK 1** Cut, color and fold our first advent candle - tape or glue to a 9" paper plate or cardboard circle that has been colored green. Place as shown on the diagram at right.

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