

December 8, 2024
Second 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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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.

Confessions will be heard on the
following Mondays during Advent.

December 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.

**There will be a 12:15 Mass on
Monday, December 9th**

Sunday Stewards

Saturday, Nov. 30 - 4:00pm:

200 people attended
126 envelopes received
Offering: \$2,523.00

Sunday, Dec. 01 - 7:30am:

106 people attended
68 envelopes received
Offering \$1,059.00

Sunday, Dec. 01 - 10:30am:

228 people attended
103 envelopes received
Offering: \$1,946.00

Thank You for your Generosity.

***The Second Collection last
weekend for
Care and Education of
Priests
\$1,533.00***

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



WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

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

DAILY MASSES

Monday	Dec. 09	12:15pm	The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday	Dec 10	12:15pm	Thomas Stanski by Family
Wednesday	Dec 11	12:15pm	Ben & Mary Berrini by Candice
Thursday	Dec 12	12:15pm	Thomas Caffrey, Sr. by Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Krapcha
Friday	Dec 13	12:15pm	Clem Szczecinski by Sister Mary Beth Makuch SS.C.M. & Paul S. Makuch

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	Dec 14	4:00pm	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Figel by Stanley & Michalene Zurek
Sunday	Dec 15	7:30am 10:30am	Joseph & Violet Mond by Daughter, Margaret Dorothy Luchetti by George & Ann Webster



The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

December 8, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

Baruch tells Jerusalem to rejoice because of God's plan to bring his exiled people back to Jerusalem. He emphasizes God's power and describes his plan to lower mountains and fill gorges to make their journey easier.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Paul encourages the Philippians to love each other completely. He hopes that their love and understanding will continue to grow so that they are prepared for the return of Christ.

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Luke describes the work John the Baptist carried out to help people prepare for the birth of Jesus. Luke also discusses who was in power at the time, which helped historians to figure out the exact dates of certain events, including Jesus' birth.

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

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"My prayer is that your love may more and more abound, both in understanding and wealth of experience, so that with a clear conscience and blameless conduct you may learn to value the things that really matter, up to the very day of Christ. It is my wish that you may be found rich in the harvest of justice which Jesus Christ has ripened in you, to the glory and praise of God."

As I take the prayer of Paul, and apply it to my life today, may I learn to live what really matters. Try to ignore the commercials telling me what I need to buy for someone else, pray this prayer for them. Try to look deep into your heart and discover what really matters for you. What is my wish for my family, how grateful am I for the gift of health, faith, family and friends? How concerned am I for someone who is ill, who has real material or physical needs, who needs my welcoming hand? This is the real Christmas list.

Paul sent this greeting card to help and encourage. May you too be found richly endowed with real gifts that matter for others in your greetings for others.

O holy, patient, and loving God, in this season of grace-filled longing, we await the coming of your Son and our Savior. It is difficult for us to remember that this is a holy time. There are many distractions: commitments seem to pile up, and expectations are high. In the midst of our busy world, our busy lives, we need your help to remind us of what is important and necessary. While many of those things that we do not need will come to us in packages gleaming and bright, the one gift that will last comes from you alone, gracious God, as we grow in our awareness of your love. Bless us, our family and friends, and the food and the company that we share. Increase in us a growing urgency to celebrate the birth of your Son, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

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

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday

Bar 5:1-9;
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11;
Lk 3:1-6

Monday

Gn 3:9-15, 20;
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;
Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday

Is 40:1-11;
Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday

Is 40:25-31;
Mt 11:28-30

Thursday

Zec 2:14-17 or
Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Lk 1:26-38 or
Lk 1:39-47, or any readings
from the Common of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday

Is 48:17-19;
Mt 11:16-19

Saturday

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11;
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

The Giving Trees at Saints Peter and Paul were placed in the Church 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 15th***. 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.

BLOOD DRIVE

Community Blood Drive

Bernardine Hall

Friday, January 3, 2025

12:00pm to 5:00pm

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit REDCROSSBLOOD.org
and enter: STPPPLAINS to schedule an appointment.



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

In memory of Elmer Kresge

\$30 Mike & Nancy Pieck

\$50 Ed, Maryann, & Amy Pintha & Family

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
8 <i>Faith Formation- 9-10am</i>	9 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	10	11 <i>Choir Practice 7pm</i>	12 <i>Parish Council 6:30pm– Parish Center Dining Hall</i>	13 <i>Treasures- 10am-12pm</i>	14
15 <i>Faith Formation- 9-10am</i>	16 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	17	18 <i>Choir Practice 7pm</i>	19 <i>Food Pantry Prep</i>	20 <i>Food Pantry Treasures- 10am-12pm</i>	21
22 <i>Faith Formation- 9-10am</i>	23 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	24 <i>Office Closed</i>	25 <i>Office Closed</i>	26 <i>Office Closed</i>	27	28
29	30 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	31 <i>Office Closed</i>	1 January <i>Office Closed</i>	2 <i>Women's Society 6:30pm– Parish Dining Hall</i>	3 <i>Treasures- 10am-12pm</i>	4

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve– 4pm & 9pm

Christmas Day– 10:30am

New Year's Eve– 4pm

New Year's Day-10:30am



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 Second Sunday of Advent | Luke 3:1-6

As written in Isaiah, John the Baptist proclaimed, "Prepare the way of the Lord."
Luke 3:4

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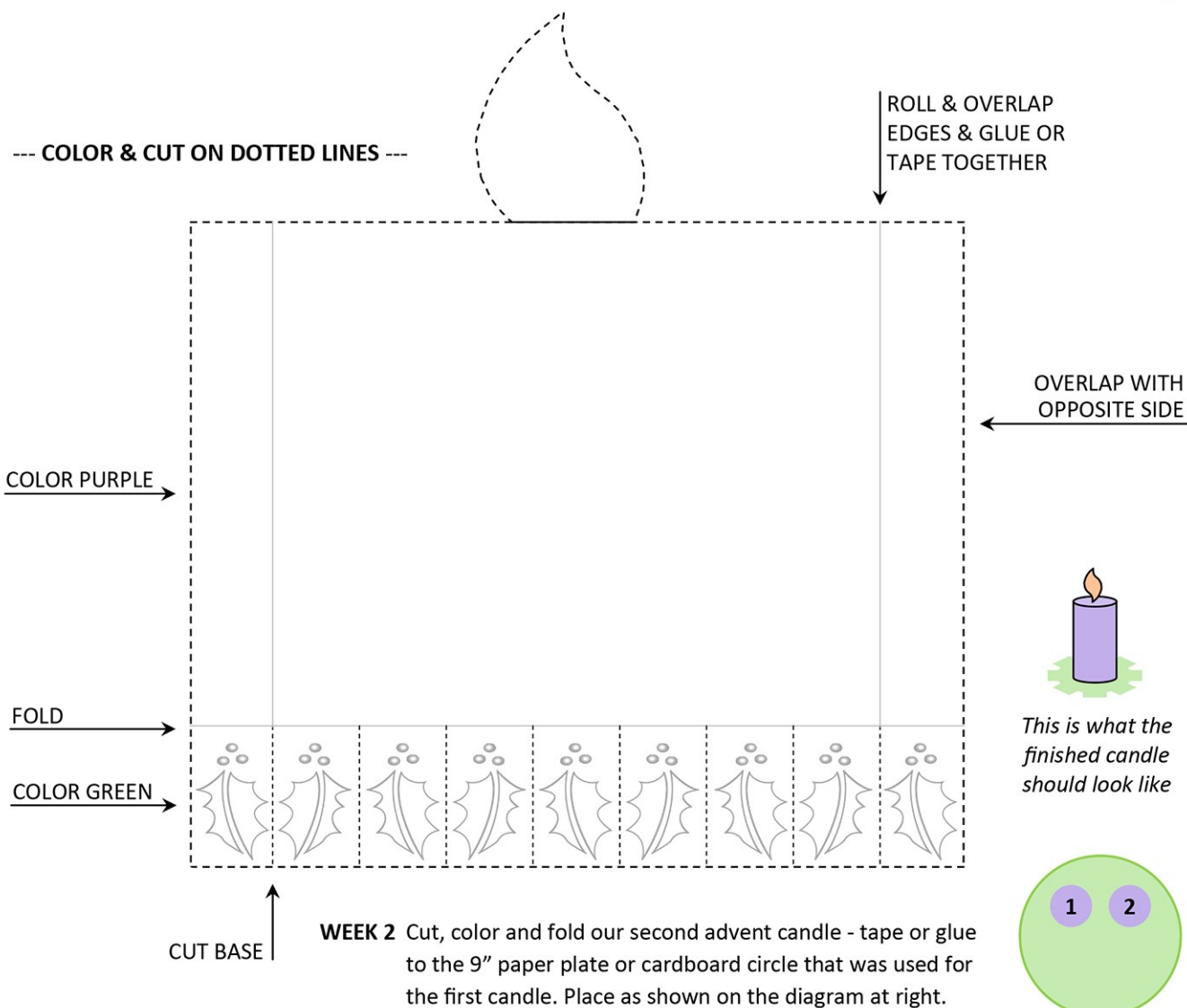
WEEK 2, evening lighting prayer

Prayer said by Father or head of household

"O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for
Thy only begotten Son that through His coming we
may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds.
Through Christ our Lord, Amen".

Oldest child lights 2 purple candles.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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