

December 22, 2024

Fourth 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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Father Jack and the Staff
would like to wish everyone a very blessed and
Merry Christmas !



For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

And this will be the sign to you:

You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.

Luke 2: 11-12

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. 14 - 4:00pm:

245 people attended

139 envelopes received

Offering: \$3,121.00

Sunday, Dec. 15 - 7:30am:

116 people attended

80 envelopes received

Offering \$1,984.00

Sunday, Dec. 15 - 10:30am:

228 people attended

116 envelopes received

Offering: \$3,732.00

Confessions will be heard on Monday,

December 23rd

from 5-7pm

Thank You for your Generosity.

On Christmas Eve, the choir will be singing Christmas carols starting at 8:30PM, before the 9:00PM mass. Come early and enjoy the music!

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve— 4pm & 9pm

Christmas Day— 9am

New Year's Eve— 4pm

New Year's Day-10:30am



WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	Dec 21	4:00pm	Theresa Luchetti by Luchetti Family
Sunday	Dec 22	7:30am 10:30am	Stanley J. Neishel, Jr. by Wife Angelo & Genevieve Stella by Daughters, Pat & Sandra Stella Jackson Hendershot by Emily Zimmerman & Family

DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	Dec 24	4:00pm 9:00pm	Christmas Eve Mass
Wednesday	Dec 25	9:00am	Christmas Day Mass
Thursday	Dec 26		No Mass
Friday	Dec 27	12:15pm	Rosalie & Albert Jesikiewicz by Children

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	Dec 28	4:00pm	Michael & Barbara Switlavitch by Tom & Elaine Salus
Sunday	Dec 29	7:30am 10:30am	Joseph, Marie & Theresa Mond by Sister, Margaret Mond Canterini Family by Janice, Tracey & Kelly



SANCTUARY CANDLE Edward & Elizabeth Glzenski

LADY OF THE LOURDES
Angelo & Genevieve Stella

BLESSED MOTHER
Stan Miskiewicz, Jr.

The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

December 22, 2024

*Dear God,
you have given
us the greatest
gift ever -
the ultimate
sacrifice of love -
your son Jesus
Christ.
Father we thank
you for your
unconditional
love that offers us
grace in the
midst of our sin.
Help us to show
the same love to
those around us.
Let us be conduits
of kindness and
forgiveness.
Fill us with your
Holy Spirit who
guides us as we
wait for the
return of your
Son.
Thank you for
loving us so,
Amen.*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Micah 5:1-4a

Micah speaks of the ruler who will come from Bethlehem. He discusses how the people of Israel will be saved from corruption and live in peace.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Paul describes to the Hebrews how Jesus came into the world and offered to do God's will. We were saved through his sacrifice, the only offering sufficient for the sins of the world.

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Mary paid a visit to Elizabeth, whose baby stirred in her womb upon hearing Mary's greeting. Elizabeth filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Elizabeth was deeply overjoyed that the words God had spoken to Mary had now been fulfilled.

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

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"When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leapt in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?'"

As we complete our advent preparation, take a minute to see and hear the family reunion of the two cousins. The question of Elizabeth can fall from our lips. Not only 'how is it that the mother of my Lord should come to me', but for us, how is it that our loving God should become one with us today? The marvelous question for us 'can it indeed be that God dwells on earth?' These final days before Christmas urges us to consider and be serious about His coming and our need to find Him among us.

The biblical words of the greeting above, which we recite so frequently, invite us to discover the real meaning of our Christmas celebration this week.

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday

Mi 5:1-4a;
Heb 10:5-10;
Lk 1:39-45

Monday

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24;
Lk 1:57-66

Tuesday

Morning:
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16;
Lk 1:67-79

Wednesday

Vigil: Is 62:1-5;
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25;
Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night:

Is 9:1-6;
Ti 2:11-14;
Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12;
Ti 3:4-7;
Lk 2:15-20

Day:

Is 52:7-10;
Heb 1:1-6;
Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Thursday

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59;
Mt 10:17-22

Friday

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

Saturday

1 Jn 1:5—2:2;
Mt 2:13-18



DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

Women's Retreat

Bold and Beloved

Inspired by the teachings of St. Catherine of Siena

Featuring: 6 Local Female Speakers

Mass & Worship

Confession

Fellowship

Ages 18+

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

January 24-26, 2025




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



Christmas Wafers/Oplatki

Are now available **before all Masses**

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 Mr. & Mrs. Frank Mattei

\$100 Maria Mattei

\$50 Elizabeth Hession

\$50 Mr. & Mrs. D. Bieryla

\$100 Mr. & Mrs. F. Dessoye

\$750 Plains Senior Citizens

\$50 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/January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
22 <i>Faith Formation- 9-10am</i>	23 Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	24 Office Closed	25 <i>Office Closed</i>	26 <i>Office Closed</i>	27	28
29	30 Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	31 Office Closed	1 January <i>Office Closed</i>	2 <i>Women's Society 6:30pm- Parish Dining Hall</i>	3 <i>Treasures- 10am-12pm</i>	4
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 <i>Treasures- 10am-12pm</i>	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</i>	18

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve– 4pm & 9pm

Christmas Day– 9am

New Year's Eve– 4pm

New Year's Day-10:30am



Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth, who was filled with The Holy Spirit, and she felt her baby move upon Mary's greeting. Elizabeth said to Mary, who was pregnant with Jesus, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." *Luke 1:42*

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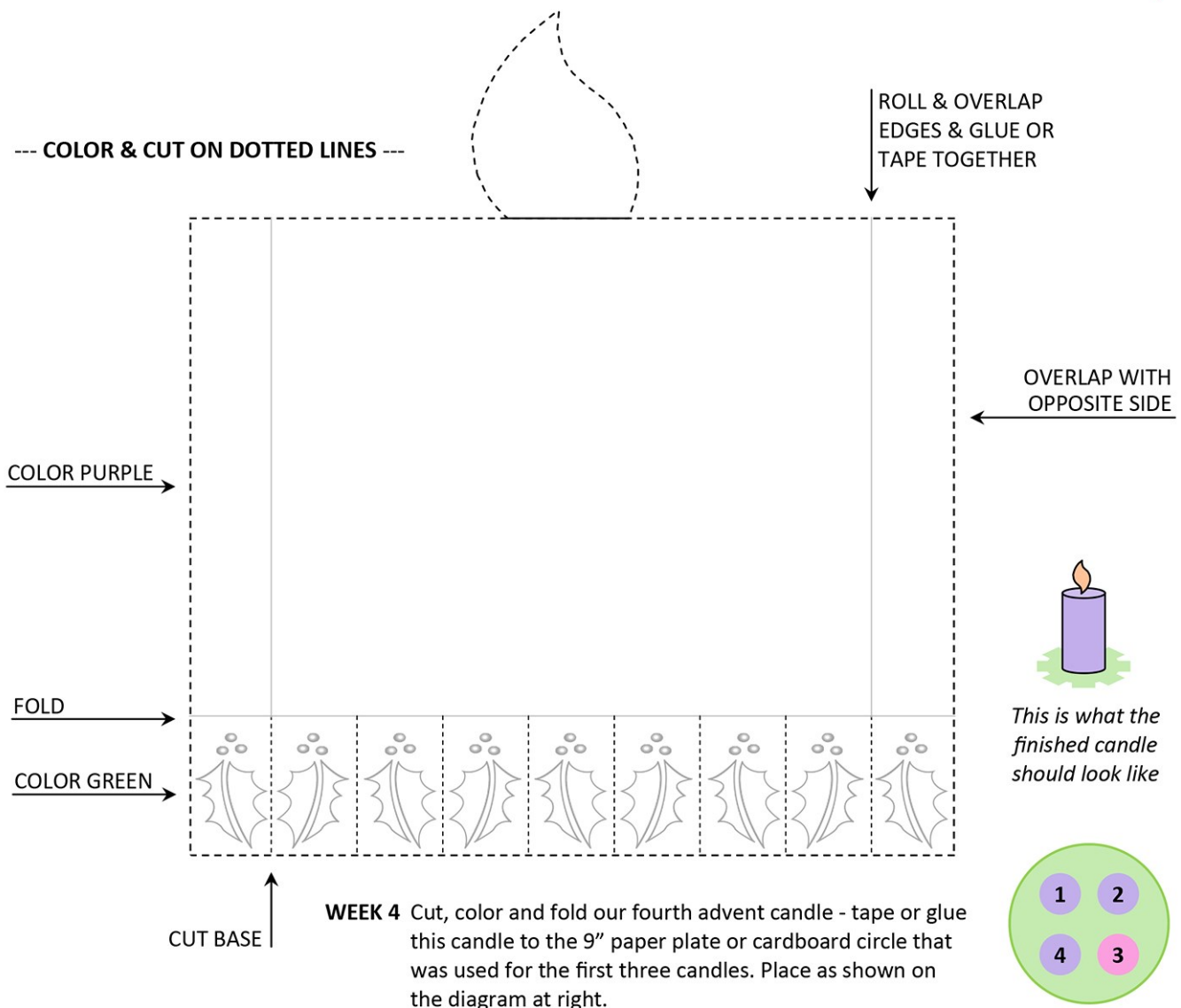
WEEK 4, evening lighting prayer

Prayer said by Father or head of household

"O Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come; and with great might help us, that with the help of Thy Grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Through Christ our Lord, Amen".

Father or head of household
lights all the candles.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



WEEK 4 Cut, color and fold our fourth advent candle - tape or glue this candle to the 9" paper plate or cardboard circle that was used for the first three candles. Place as shown on the diagram at right.

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