

December 29, 2024

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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 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 Corínthians 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

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

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



New Year's Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve— 4pm

New Year's Day-10:30am



WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

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

DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	Dec 31	4:00pm	New Year's Eve Mass
Wednesday	Jan 01	10:30am	New Year's Day Mass
Thursday	Jan 02	12:15pm	Anna C. Stranch by Melanie Kayne
Friday	Jan 03	12:15pm	Jeanne E. Stranch by Melanie Kayne

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

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



SANCTUARY CANDLE Paul Hession

LADY OF THE LOURDES
Stanley J. Neishel, Jr.

BLESSED MOTHER
Joseph J. Canterini

The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

December 29, 2024

*Lord,
You make all
things new
You bring hope
alive in our
hearts
And cause our
Spirits to be born
again
Thank you for
this new year
For all the
potential it holds.
Come and kindle
in us
A mighty flame
So that in our
time, many will
see the wonders
of God
And live forever
to praise Your
glorious name.
Amen.*

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Sirach emphasizes the importance of honoring one's parents. He explains that spiritual riches will come to those who are kind to their mother and father.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

Paul advises us to treat each other with kindness and mercy and to forgive as God forgives us. His words remind families to always love and respect one another and let Christ's peace reign in their hearts and in their homes.

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

When Jesus was twelve years old, the Holy Family traveled to Jerusalem to celebrate the feast. Jesus did not return with the company. Instead, he stayed in Jerusalem, sitting among the teachers while amazing them with his understanding and questions. When found by his concerned parents, Jesus reminded them that he must be in the house of his Father. Returning together, Mary kept these things in her heart.

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

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"Because you are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with heartfelt mercy, with kindness, humility, meekness and patience. Bear with one another, forgive whatever grievance you have against one another. Forgive as the Lord has forgiven you. Over all these virtues put on love, which binds the rest together and makes them perfect. Christ's peace must reign in your hearts... Dedicate yourself to thankfulness. Let the word of Christ rich as it is, dwell in you."

As we will hear much talk about New Year's resolutions, which often fall on deaf ears or are easily forgotten, reread the recommendation of Saint Paul. Did you know that these virtues are gifts you have been given, but are to be shared? Did you know that you need not spend one penny to possess and give them to others? Did you know that you cannot get them online, or go out to purchase them?

These gifts and virtues we all possess, but sometimes we overlook them. Examine your conscience and conduct to see where they are, and begin the new year aware that you are the chosen to which Paul refers. They are the fruits of the Spirit he mentions in Galatians. Unwrap these gifts and make sure to share them with others. What a New Year's treat!

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

**The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph**

Sunday

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14;
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17;
Lk 2:41-52 or, in Year C,
1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28;
1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24;
Lk 2:41-52

Monday

1 Jn 2:12-17;
Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday

1 Jn 2:18-21;
Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday

Nm 6:22-27;
Gal 4:4-7;
Lk 2:16-21

Thursday

1 Jn 2:22-28;
Jn 1:19-28

First Friday

1 Jn 2:29-3:6;
Jn 1:29-34

First Saturday

1 Jn 3:7-10;
Jn 1:35-42

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.



 **DIOCESE OF
SCRANTON**

Women's Retreat

 **Bold and Beloved**

Inspired by the teachings of St. Catherine of Siena



Featuring:
6 Local Female Speakers



Confession



Mass & Worship



Fellowship



*January
24-26, 2025*

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 **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

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
29	30 Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	31 Office Closed	1 January Office Closed	2 Women's Society 6:30pm– Parish Dining Hall	3 Treasures- 10am-12pm	4
5 Faith Formation- 9-10am	6 Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	7	8	9 Parish Council 6:30pm- Parish Dining Hall	10 Treasures- 10am-12pm	11
12 Faith Formation- 9-10am	13 Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	14	15	16 Food Pantry Prep	17 Food pantry Treasures- 10am-12pm	18
19	20 Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	21	22	23	24 Treasures- 10am-12pm	25

New Year's Mass Schedule

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Gospel Today

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph | Luke 2:41-52

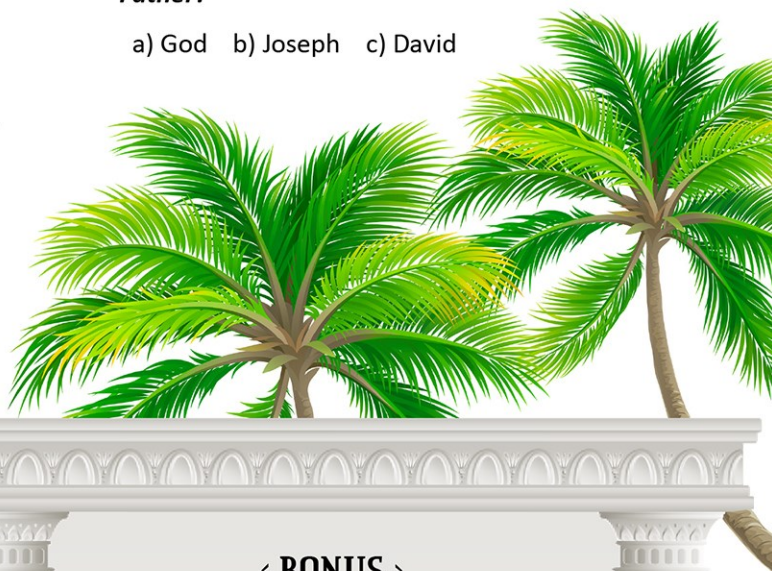
THE BOY JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

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- 1] *Jesus went to the temple with his parents in this town.*
a) Jericho b) Jerusalem c) Bethlehem
- 2] *They were there for _____ .*
a) Christmas b) Easter c) Passover
- 3] *How old was Jesus?*
a) Two b) Twelve c) Twenty
- 4] *When the caravan left, where was Jesus?*
a) With the caravan b) He rode ahead
c) Left behind
- 5] *Mary and Joseph found Jesus after _____ .*
a) 3 hours b) 3 days c) 3 weeks
- 6] *What did the temple teachers think about Jesus?*
a) Angry b) Annoyed c) Amazed/astounded
- 7] *When Mary and Joseph saw Jesus they were _____ .*
a) Anxious b) Angry c) Astonished
- 8] *When Jesus said to his parents "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" Who is Jesus calling his Father?*
a) God b) Joseph c) David

Each year his parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced [in] wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

- Luke 2: 41-52



< BONUS >

The finding of Jesus in the Temple is the Fifth Mystery of which Rosary?

- a) Joyful
- b) Sorrowful
- c) Glorious
- d) Mystery of Light/Luminous



1) b 2) c 3) b 4) c 5) b 6) c 7) c 8) a Bonus) a

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