

December 31, 2023

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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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**

New Year's Day Mass

Monday, January 1, 2024— 10:30am

*Father Jack and the Staff would like to wish everyone a very
Happy New Year!*

*May God's blessings shower upon you and bestow upon each of you a bright,
healthy and peaceful new year.*



WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

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| Saturday | Dec. 30 | 4:00pm | Frank Glazenski by Wife, Camille |
| Sunday | Dec. 31 | 7:30am 10:30am | Living & Deceased Parishioners |

DAILY MASSES

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|-----------|----------------|----------------|--|
| Monday | Jan. 01 | 10:30am | New Years Day Mass |
| Tuesday | Jan. 02 | 12:15pm | Josephine & William Dombroski by Koschak Family |
| Wednesday | Jan. 03 | 12:15pm | Bernadine Herold by Son |
| Thursday | Jan. 04 | 12:15pm | Catherine Neishell by Mr. & Mrs. Tony Recupero |
| Friday | Jan. 05 | 12:15pm | Robert Hapeman, Sr. by Family |

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

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| 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 |



SANCTUARY CANDLE
Louis & Irene Pellegrini

The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

Dec. 31, 2023

*Lord,
Whether we're
leaving behind
a year of joy
and blessing
or trials and
difficulties,
we pause to
give thanks.
We thank you
that you are
always with us,
every single
day of every
single year.
Please remind
us of your
presence in the
year ahead,
even when life
is busy.*

Amen

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

First Reading: Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3

Abram shows us the Lord keeps His promises, for his offspring were indeed many, like the stars in heaven. We, too, must trust in the Lord, so like Abram, our families might prosper.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

By faith Abraham and Sarah were blessed with Isaac, and through him, many descendants because they trusted in God's promise and believed in what they could not see. We see that faith, trust and prayer bring forth God's miracles in our lives.

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Jesus was brought to Jerusalem to be consecrated according to the law of Moses. A man named Simeon had learned he would not die until he had seen God's anointed. Upon seeing Jesus, he immediately declared he had witnessed "the glory of your people of Israel." The prophetess Anna also gave thanks and spoke of Jesus to all who would listen. Both recognized the power of Jesus, although he was still an infant.

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

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 31, 2023

"The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph and the baby lying in a manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child... And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart."

As the year draws to a close, it is customary to review the events of the prior twelve months. Disasters like war, wild fires and political indictments jump from the headlines. The crowning of a king, the gathering of millions for World Youth Day, mark special positive celebrations.

May we return to this past week when we celebrated the Incarnation, the birth of Jesus as our Savior and Redeemer as we begin a new year.

Like Mary, we reflect prayerfully on the many sacred events of 2023, and take the gift of Jesus Christ into 2024. For many Christmas is over, but for believers the presence of God with us, Emmanuel, is so important.

As we greet others for the new year, may we be like the shepherds, and make known the message we have heard and experienced, the love of the Holy Family in our own hearts and homes.

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.

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!

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 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Sunday

Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3;
Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19;
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

1 Jn 2:29-3:61;
Jn 1:29-34

Thursday

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

First Friday

1 Jn 4:11-21;
Jn 1:43-51

First Saturday

1 Jn 5:5-13;
Mk 1:7-11 or
Lk 3:33-38

January

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 31 | 1 January Happy New Year! Office Closed | 2 | 3 | 4 <i>Women's Society</i> 6:30pm- Parish Center Dining hall | 5 Treasures 10am-12pm | 6 |
| 7 <i>Faith Formation</i> 9-10am | 8 Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 Treasures 10am-12pm | 13 |
| 14 <i>Faith Formation</i> 9-10am | 15 Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm | 16 | 17 | 18 <i>Food Pantry Prep</i> | 19 <i>Food Pantry</i> Treasures 10am-12pm | 20 |
| 21 <i>Faith Formation</i> 9-10am | 22 Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 Treasures 10am-12pm | 27 |

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 **December** we will collect **canned tuna, cereal and 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 Thomas Caffrey, Sr.

\$20 Mrs. Sharon Walter

In Memory of Joseph Bronack

\$100 Deborah Bronack

In Memory of David Albert

\$30 Tony & Karen Albert

\$30 Anonymous

\$100 Clare A. Jones

\$1000 Plains Lions Club

\$100 Patrick & Donna Malys

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.

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.

Donate Blood In Honor Of **Jessica Mbaye**



Celebrate life and make a difference by giving blood. Blood is needed for many different kinds of patients. It could be a young child with a rare blood disorder, a family member fighting cancer, or a friend involved in a car accident. Please schedule an appointment to donate at this special blood drive. You'll feel good knowing you've helped change the lives of patients in need.

Community Blood Drive **St Peter and Paul Parish**

Bernardine Hall
13 Hudson Road
Plains, PA 18705

Friday, January 5, 2024
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass
to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

**Come give Jan. 1-5 for a Red Cross T-shirt, ltd. qty & automatic
entry for a chance to win a trip for two to Super Bowl LVIII in
Vegas! Includes travel, hotel, \$1,000 gift card, pre-game
activities & more! Terms apply; visit
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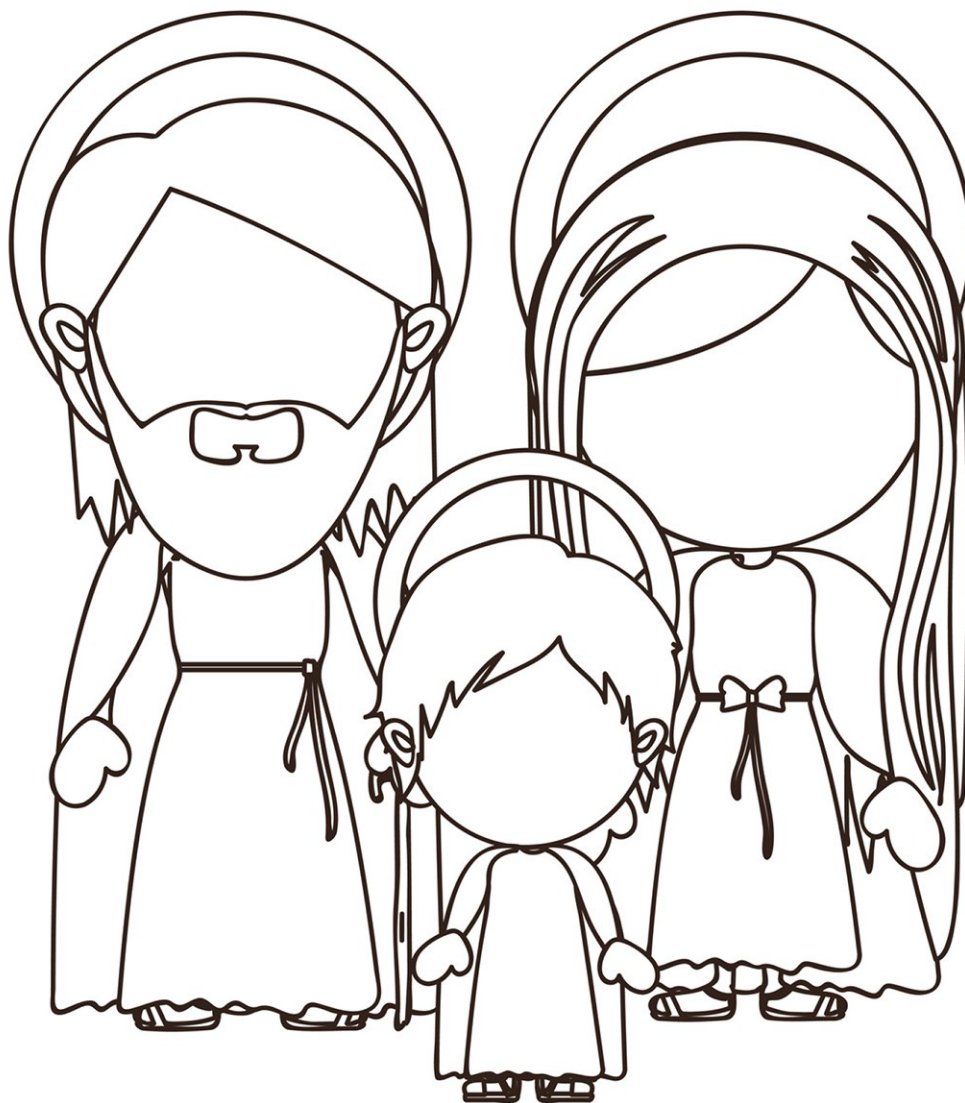
Gospel Today

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph | Luke 2:22-40

Mary and Joseph took the newborn baby Jesus to the Temple to be presented to God. When Simeon and Anna laid eyes upon Jesus, they proclaimed Him to be the Anointed One.

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Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



The Holy Family of

_____, _____ and _____.

Fill in their names, found in bold above. Draw in faces and color the picture.

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