July 5, 2026

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Saturday:

4:00pm - Saints Peter & Paul

Sunday:

7:30am - Saints Peter & Paul

10:30am - Saints Peter & Paul

Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesday 6:00pm

Confession:

Saturday 3:00pm - 3:30pm

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A Legacy of Faith and Foundation:

Thank you, Father Jack

As we prepare to bid a bittersweet farewell to Father Jack, our hearts are overflowing with gratitude for the decades of tireless service he has given to the Catholic Church, and most especially for the years he has spent guiding our family here at Saints Peter and Paul. Father Jack didn't just lead our parish; he fortified it. He saw not just the spiritual needs of our community, but the physical spaces where that community gathers to grow, celebrate, and support one another. Through his vision and successful fundraising efforts, he leaves behind a transformed campus:

- Bernardine Hall: Now a modern, welcoming hub for community gatherings and celebrations.
- The Parish Offices: Renovated into a professional and efficient space to better serve our parishioners.
- Our Sacred Sanctuary: The complete interior painting of the church has restored a sense of awe and beauty to our spiritual home. John C. Maxwell said, "A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way." — Father Jack, you have done all three for us.

Beyond the brick and mortar, Father Jack's true legacy is the strength of the community he leaves behind.

His leadership was a steady hand in uncertain times and a joyful presence in our moments of triumph. While the walls of our church look better because of him, our spirits are brighter because of his ministry.

Father Jack, we are a better parish because of you. We will deeply miss your guidance, your wisdom, and your heart.

As you enter this well-deserved retirement, please know that you go with our prayers and eternal thanks.

May God bless you in this next chapter as richly as you have blessed us.

As we look toward next weekend, our parish family prepares to say a bittersweet goodbye to Father Jack. Father will celebrate his final Mass with us on Sunday, July 12th, at 10:30am.

Please join us in expressing our heartfelt thanks for his ministry. A farewell reception will be held immediately following his final Mass in Bernardine Hall. All are welcome to attend, share fond memories, and wish him well in his next chapter.

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, June 27 - 4:00pm:
217 people attended
141 envelopes received
Offering: $2,193.00

Sunday, June 28 - 7:30am:
139 people attended
65 envelopes received
Offering $1,016.00

Sunday, June 28 - 10:30am:
214 people attended
94 envelopes received
Offering: $2,122.00

Thank You For Your Generosity.

The Second Collection this weekend will be for Care & Education of Priests

The Second Collection last weekend for Peter's Pence $1,973.00

WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

Masses This Weekend

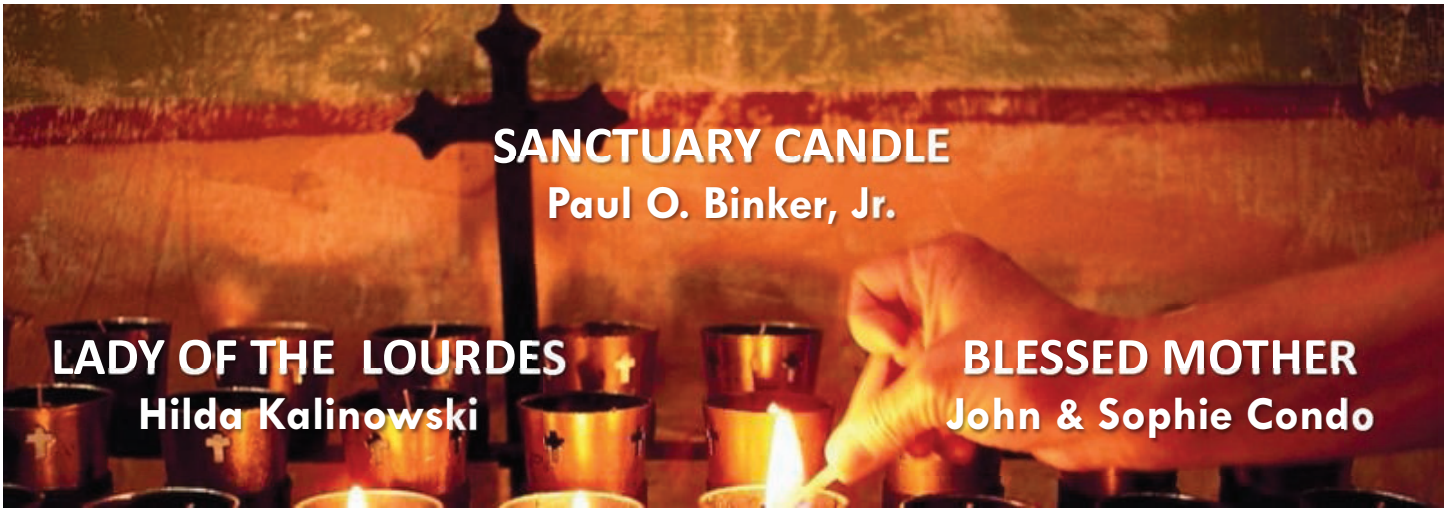
Saturday	July 04	4:00pm	**Michael Figel** by Stanley & Michalene Zurek
Sunday	July 05	7:30am	**Edmund Pienta** by Wife & Children
		10:30am	**Stephen Nestorick, Jr.** by Mary Ann, Paul & Gabrielle
			John C. Stachokus by Mom, brother Jason & Wife & Family

Daily Masses

Tuesday	July 07	12:15pm	**John & Sophie Condo** by Family
Wednesday	July 08	12:15pm	**Delphine Biondi** by Baldino & Kathy Vinciarelli
Thursday	July 09	12:15pm	**Albert Bartoletti** by Wife, JoAnn & Family
Friday	July 10	12:15pm	**Thomas W. Youngblood** by Al & Eileen Mills

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday	July 11	4:00pm	**Thomas Sr. & Louise Loftus** by Family
Sunday	July 12	7:30am	**Florence & Stanley Sierko** by Family
		10:30am	**Christine Hine** by Irene Zak



The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

July 5, 2026

Father, I dedicate this new day to you; as I go about my work.

I ask you to bless those with whom I come in contact.

Lord, I pray for all men and women- who work to earn their living; give them satisfaction in what they do.

Spirit of God,

comfort the unemployed and their families; they are your children and my brothers and sisters.

I ask you to help them find work soon.

Amen.

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First Reading: Zechariah 9:9 10

This is a prophecy of the coming of the Messiah to Jerusalem. He will come, not as a King, but as a humble savior, riding on an ass.

Second Reading: Romans 8:9, 11 13

Contrasting "flesh and spirit," Paul urges that all who live for material things abandon the temptations of the flesh and rise to life in the "Spirit."

Gospel: Matthew 11:25 30

Jesus speaks lovingly and gently when he invites all those who are weary and burdened with life to seek relief and respite in him. He says, "Your souls will find rest, for my yoke is easy and my burden light."

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

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"If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit that dwells in you… 'Come to me, all you who are weary and are burdened, and I will give you rest.'"

Among the basic questions we are asked is, 'Where do you live?', 'Where is your residence?', 'Who else dwells there?' We do not hesitate to respond. Our response to St. Paul's teaching is that the Holy Spirit dwells in me to guide, strengthen and support me as I live my Christian life. I find meaning through Him.

In case I have forgotten this important truth, may I respond to the gracious invitation of the Lord to come to Him, ask Him to ease my many burdens and allow me to find comfort and rest in Him. He never ceases to offer me this invitation and the gift of His abiding in me.

WORD

Ministry of the Month– July

Each month, a Ministry of the parish is highlighted. For July we will reflect on Ministry using our time and talents

The definition of Ministry is simply the act of serving. There are a number of formal, structured Ministries available in our Parish and are highlighted year round. But there are also a number of activities occurring in our parish that could use the time and talent of so many of our members. If Ministry means serving, then donating your time and talent at any event in our Parish is also a form of Ministry. For those of you who are great bakers, please consider donating to any upcoming bake sales. If you have a talent for being able to put things together, please think about volunteering for setting up at a future event listed in the bulletin. Are you a great conversationalist? You may greet people at one of these events or as an usher. These are just three examples of talents you may have that can be used in our Parish. The Parish understands just how valuable time is for us. But imagine what our Parish could look like if everyone just gave a little bit of their time and talent in Ministry to the Church, even if it is only a few hours. We could grow into the family God wants us to be!

Committing to a structured Ministry is a true blessing for our Parish. But for those unable, please don't think you are not needed. Peter says "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace (1 Peter 4:10)". Don't let your gift be wasted. Look at the present and future opportunities in our bulletin and make that call! You will feel fulfilled and make new friends too!

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

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Sunday

Zec 9:9-10;
Rom 8:9, 11-13;
Mt 11:25-30

Monday

Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22;
Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday

Hos 8:4-7, 11-13;
Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday

Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12;
Mt 10:1-7

Thursday

Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9;
Mt 10:7-15

Friday

Hos 14:2-10;
Mt 10:16-23

Saturday

Is 6:1-8;
Mt 10:24-33

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 **July** we will collect **Canned tuna and peanut butter.**

Food Pantry

Anyone in the Plains, Miners Mills, and Parsons area in need of food can **contact Pauline at 570-690-6111 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 **Summer** clothing donations.

Hours are **Mondays 4-6pm** and **Fridays 10am-12pm**.

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.

General Donation

In Memory of Joseph Mamola

$25 Margaret Seltzer

Food Pantry

$1,500 Women's Society

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.

We are celebrating Christmas in July!

Come join us!

No need to worry about icy roads, or how many inches of snow will fall.

Wear your favorite Christmas sweater or (maybe just some red or green) and enjoy a few hours with friends at the **Hilton DoubleTree for a Brunch Buffet on July 26th, from 11:30am-2:30pm. Cost is $35.**

Everyone is welcome!

Hope to see you there!

For reservations call Claire Koshinski - 570-479-3671 or Sandy Toloczko– 570-823-5918.

Deadline for reservations is July 18th.

Hoagie Sale

Saints Peter & Paul will be selling 12" Italian hoagies at $10 each. All orders must be prepaid. **Hoagie pick-up will be at Bernardine Hall on Saturday, August 15, 2026 starting at 11:00 AM (during our flea market).**

Order forms are in this week's bulletin or you can pick one up in the vestibule of the church. **Please return order form with payment no later than August 2nd.**

Form may be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the parish office. **Please do not mail!**

FLEA MARKET DROP OFF DATES AND TIMES

The drop off dates and times for the upcoming flea market are as follows:

July 18: 10 AM- 1 PM (only Saturday drop-off)

July 21, 23, 28, 30, and August 4: 10 AM-1PM and 5 PM-7PM

Some examples of acceptable items include jewelry, dishes, glasses, silverware, children's toys, lamps, pictures, pet items, floral arrangements, tablecloths, and seasonal items.

We **will not accept** books, records, stuffed animals, textbooks, encyclopedias, DVDs, clothing or large items such as appliances, fitness equipment, computer equipment, electronics, large furniture, or televisions. **Also, please use only these dates and times to drop off items.**

Please consider donating both your items and your time to this very worthy cause. Our last one was a great success, and we want to make it even better!!!

COMMUNITY

Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church will hold a **Chicken Dinner** as their Why Cook Wednesday Dinner for July. The dinner will be on **Wednesday, July 8th, 2026 in their school hall on the corner of North River and West Chestnut Streets, near the General Hospital Parkade in Wilkes-Barre**. This dinner will be Take-Out Only and Pre-Orders are strongly encouraged. Dinners will be $15 and will include; a brined and roasted half-chicken, baked potato, corn, macaroni salad, roll and dessert. Place your order by calling the School Hall Kitchen (570) 829-3051. Pick-Ups will be from 4:00 to 7:00pm. Tickets will also be sold for a Basket Raffle.

The Plains Lions Club will hold their **20th Annual Golf Tournament on Sunday, July 12th, at Sand Springs Country Club, 10 Clubhouse Drive, Drums, PA. 8am Shotgun Start**. Captain & Crew, $100 per golfer. Includes 18 hole golf with cart. Lunch on site after play ends. THE ICE CREAM TRUCK, beverages and awards.

July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5	*6* Prayer Shawl 5pm Rosary 6pm	*7*	*8* *Adoration & Holy Hour - 6pm*	*9*	*10* Treasures- 10am-12pm	*11*
12	*13* Treasures 4-6pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Rosary 6pm	14	*15* *Adoration & Holy Hour - 6pm*	*16* *Food Pantry Prep*	*17* *Food Pantry* Treasures- 10am-12pm	*18*
19	*20* Treasures 4-6pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Rosary 6pm	21	*22* *Adoration & Holy Hour - 6pm*	*23*	*24* Treasures- 10am-12pm	*25*
26	*27* Treasures 4-6pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Rosary 6pm	28	*29* *Adoration & Holy Hour - 6pm*	*30*	*31* Treasures- 10am-12pm	*1* *August*

Save the Date

Flea Market– August 15th & 16th

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