August 9, 2026

Nineteenth 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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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, August 1 - 4:00pm:
248 people attended
161 envelopes received
Offering: $2,512.00

Sunday, August 2 - 7:30am:
142 people attended
72 envelopes received
Offering $1,346.00

Sunday, August 2 - 10:30am:
216 people attended
102 envelopes received
Offering: $2,097.00

Thank You For Your Generosity.

Beginning next week, our second collection will be taken up together with the first.

To contribute to the second collection just use the special envelope you have received. If you do not have one, use a blank envelope and simply write the cause on it.

A few times a year, a special collection like today's will be taken up with a special pass of the basket.

Thank you for your great generosity to our parish and those in need. Your offerings show your gratitude to God for the blessings you have received.

The Second Collection last weekend for Care & Education of Priests

$1,564.00

The Second Collection this weekend will be for Venezuela Earthquake Relief

WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

Masses This Weekend

Saturday	Aug 08	4:00pm	**Ernest Tressa** by Bob & Joann Vincenti
Sunday	Aug 09	7:30am	**Teri Serniak** by Claire Koshinski
		10:30am	**Mr. & Mrs. Francis Wallace** by Daughter, Diane & Family

Daily Masses

Tuesday	Aug 11	12:15pm	**Erik Mark Vannucchi** by Mom, Dad, Justin, Keri & Troy
Wednesday	Aug 12	12:15pm	**Joseph & Florence Gill** by Children
Thursday	Aug 13	12:15pm	**Tony & Nellie Szymanski & Family** by Stella
Friday	Aug 14	12:15pm	**Lillian & William Tomalinas** by Terpak Family

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday	Aug 15	4:00pm	**Robert Stella** by John & Marilynn Allabuagh
Sunday	Aug 16	7:30am	**Carol Kwitkoski** by Linda Machien
		10:30am	**Marion Serafin** by Sister, Rosalie

The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

August 9, 2026

Loving and faithful God,

You call us to trust you even when the path ahead is uncertain.
Open our hearts to hear Your voice, strengthen our faith, and keep us watchful for the coming of your kingdom.
Fill us with the courage to serve others with joy, to live each day with hope, and to walk always in your light.
Help us to be people of steadfast faith, ready to respond to Your call with generous hearts.
May our actions reflect your compassion and our lives bear witness to the hope we have in Christ.
Guide us to be faithful disciples, attentive to Your presence in our daily lives and eager to share Your peace with all whom we meet.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

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First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

After fleeing from the revenge of the King of Israel, Elijah hid in a cave, but at the command of God, he went outside and stood on a mountain. There the Lord came to him, not in the wind nor in the earthquake, but in a "tiny whispering sound."

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

Paul is deeply pained because the Jews - in spite of everything that has been given to them - have rejected Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Matthew vividly recounts the event of Jesus walking on the water. When the disciples see this, they are terrified, and Jesus chastises them for their fear. Peter begs Christ to let him walk on the water; he is at first brave but begins to sink and loses faith, crying out, "Lord save me!" Christ rescues him for his faltering faith.

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

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"Then the Lord said to him, 'Go outside and stand on the mountain before the Lord; the Lord will be passing by...but the Lord was not in the wind...but the Lord was not in the earthquake...but the Lord was not in fire...after that there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the cave.'... "Lord if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, 'Come.'"

How often do we see the Lord's hand being present in our lives, especially when we are in need. It seems to be the only way to describe the successful outcome to a threat or crisis. That is when extraordinary events occur. But what about the normal, daily occurrences which occur. The same Lord is present to support, guide and direct us, but we need to open both our eyes and hearts.

Maybe that is the tiny whispering sound we often overlook. Assume the role of Peter saying, 'Lord if it is you. And he tells us to come. Our loving God is present in the ordinary as well as the extraordinary.'

WORD

Ministry of the Month– August

Each month, a Ministry of the parish is highlighted.
For August we will highlight the Liturgical Ministries

Celebrating the Mass every week is a collaborative work of all Liturgical Ministers. Lectors, musicians, cantors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, ushers, altar servers, adult acolytes, and the sacristan all work together with Father Bob and Deacon Don to help create this beautiful experience of the Mass. When we attend Mass, we connect with Jesus through prayer, Scripture, and the Holy Eucharist. Becoming a Liturgical Minister truly helps to appreciate the Mass, and therefore God, in a deeper and more meaningful way. So please spend time this month and consider enriching your experience by becoming a Liturgical Minister.

"Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up" (Gal 6:9).

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.

Contact: Parish Office 570-825-6663 or

email ministries@sspeterandpaulplains.com

Weekly Readings

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a;

Rom 9:1-5;

Mt 14:22-33

Monday

2 Cor 9:6-10;

Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday

Ez 2:8—3:4;

Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday

Ez 9:1-7, 10:18-22;

Mt 18:15-20

Thursday

Ez 12:1-12;

Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday

Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63;
Mt 19:3-12

Saturday

Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16, 16:1-2;

1 Cor 15:54b-57;
Lk 11:27-28

Day: Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab;

1 Cor 15:20-27;
Lk 1:39-56

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 **August** we will collect **Canned Fruits.**

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 **Fall** 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.

Food Pantry

$130	Anonymous
$100	Patrick & Donna Malys

In Memory of Mattie Haczewski

$100	Joseph Haczewski

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.

Attention Bakers

We need bakers for the Bake Sale being held on

August 15th and 16th at the Flea Market

Cookies, brownies, cupcakes, or whatever is your specialty, please consider donating baked goods for our Parish Bake Sale.

We ask that items be individually wrapped in small or large bags depending on the item. For example, cookies would be 2 or 3 in a small bag, loaves of bread in larger bags. This minimizes the need for excess handling.

Also, please note if your item contains nuts or nut products, since there are many with nut allergies.

Items may be dropped off from 5pm to 7pm on August 14th or from 8am to 6pm August 15th and 8-10am on August 16th in Bernardine Hall.

Thank you!

Food Trucks at the Flea Market!!

Bring your appetite and purchase a variety of delicious foods from our vendors:

Saturday August 15 - Yogi's Potato Pancakes, D's Diner, El Rey Azteca Mexican, Salt & Honey, Handel's Ice Cream

Sunday August 16 - Yogi's Potato Pancakes, D's Diner, Sweet Sips

Reminder:

Please don't forget to pick up your hoagie orders on Saturday, August 15th starting at 11:00AM (during our flea market) in Bernardine Hall!

The Women's Society will sponsor an

Ice Cream Social after the 4pm Mass on

Saturday, August 29th, and after the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, August 30th.

Assorted flavors of ice cream and toppings will tempt your sweet tooth.

Please join your fellow parishioners, and meet some who may be new!

There is no charge. Just come, mingle, and enjoy!

Hope to see you there!

Faith Formation

<u>Registrations</u>

Faith Formation registration will begin on

Monday, August 3rd during office hours.

Registrations will also be during our Ice Cream Social on

August 29th and 30th after the 4:00 and 10:30 Masses.

If you can not make it during these registration times, please e-mail

faithformation@sspeterandpaulplains.com

Members of the **Women's Society** will be selling

Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends" Shopping Passes in the vestibule of the church starting

August 15th and 16th before and after all Masses through October 18th.

This **fundraising event** is an opportunity for our non-profit organization to raise funds to benefit our parish.

The passes are available for a **$5.00** donation, which entitles you to a 25% discount shopping pass, valid during a one-day event -

Wednesday, October 21st, 8am-11pm.

Registered shoppers will also have the opportunity to win a $100 Boscov gift card - one winner in each store.

What better time to begin Christmas gift shopping?

Additional passes will be available at the Parish Office during business hours, or contact any member of the Women's Society.

COMMUNITY

Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church will hold the 3rd and last of their Why Cook Wednesday Dinners for the Summer with a **Ukrainian Festival** Food, Take-Out Dinner on **Wednesday, August 12th.** Order from a menu of festival foods including; a Holubtsi Dinner with 2 piggies, 3 pyrohy and green beans for $12.00, a Kovbasa Dinner with Kielbasa & Sauerkraut, Hard Roll and 3 Pyrohy for $10.00, Pagash - 3 Cuts for $6.00 or a whole tray of 12 for $22.00, Pyrohy - 6 for $6.00 or a dozen frozen for $10, Cabbage and Noodles for $4.00 a pint, and Piggie 6-Packs for $18.00. Desserts available at our bake sale. **Pick-Ups from 4:00 to 7:00pm** in their **school hall on the corner of North River and West Chestnut Streets, near the General Hospital Parkade in Wilkes-Barre.** Take-Out Only and Pre-Orders are strongly encouraged. Place your order by calling the School Hall Kitchen (570) 829-3051. Remember...When Baba Cooks, Everybody's Happy!

"Dinner Out Back"

The Plains Lions Club is hosting an **Outback Steakhouse chicken and steak dinner** with all the fixins on—**Tuesday, August 11th, 2026 from 5PM to 7PM** at the **Plains Lions Club Pavilion, Plains Twp Municipal Park, 200 Clark Lane Plains, PA.** Tickets are $18.00 each, dine in and take out.

August/September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9	***10*** Treasures 4-6pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Rosary 6pm	**11**	***12*** ***Adoration & Holy Hour - 6pm***	***13***	***14*** Treasures- 10am-12pm	***15*** ***Flea Market-*** ***8am-6pm***
16 ***Flea Market –*** ***8am-2pm***	***17*** Treasures 4-6pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Rosary 6pm	**18**	***19*** ***Adoration & Holy Hour - 6pm***	***20*** ***Food Pantry Prep***	***21*** ***Food Pantry*** Treasures- 10am-12pm	***22***
23	***24*** Treasures 4-6pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Rosary 6pm	**25**	***26*** ***Adoration & Holy Hour - 6pm***	***27***	***28*** Treasures- 10am-12pm	***29*** ***Ice Cream Social -*** ***After 4:00 mass***
30 ***Ice Cream Social -*** ***After 10:30 mass***	***31*** Treasures 4-6pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Rosary 6pm	**1** **September**	***2*** ***Adoration & Holy Hour - 6pm***	***3*** ***Women's Society*** ***6:30pm-*** ***Parish Dining Hall***	***4*** Treasures- 10am-12pm	***5***

Save the Date

Flea Market - August 15th & 16th

Ice Cream Social - August 29th & 30th

Faith Formation Begins - September 13th

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