September 27, 2026

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday:
4:00pm
Sunday:
7:30am
10:30am
Eucharistic Adoration:
Wednesday 6:00pm
Confession:
Saturday 3:00pm-3:30pm

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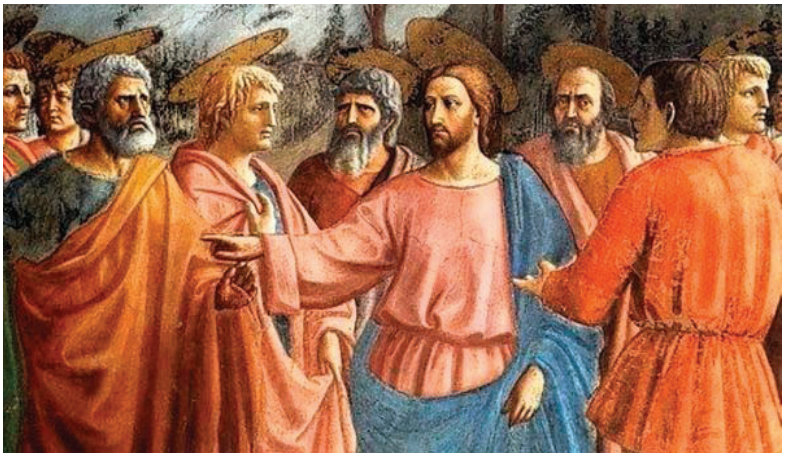
STEWARDSHIP

Mass Schedule

Tuesday: 12:15pm
Wednesday: 12:15pm
Thursday: 12:15pm
Friday: 12:15pm
Saturday: 4:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am & 10:30am

We Live Stream weekend Mass on the parish website:
www.sspeterandpaulplains.com
as well as on the parish Facebook page.



Sunday Stewards

Saturday, September 19 - 4:00pm:
246 people attended
189 envelopes received
Offering: $2,961.00

Sunday, September 20 - 7:30am:
124 people attended
87 envelopes
Offering: $1,437.00

Sunday, September 20 - 10:30am:
202 people attended
117 envelopes
Offering: $2,326.00

Thank you for your generosity.

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

WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

Masses This Weekend

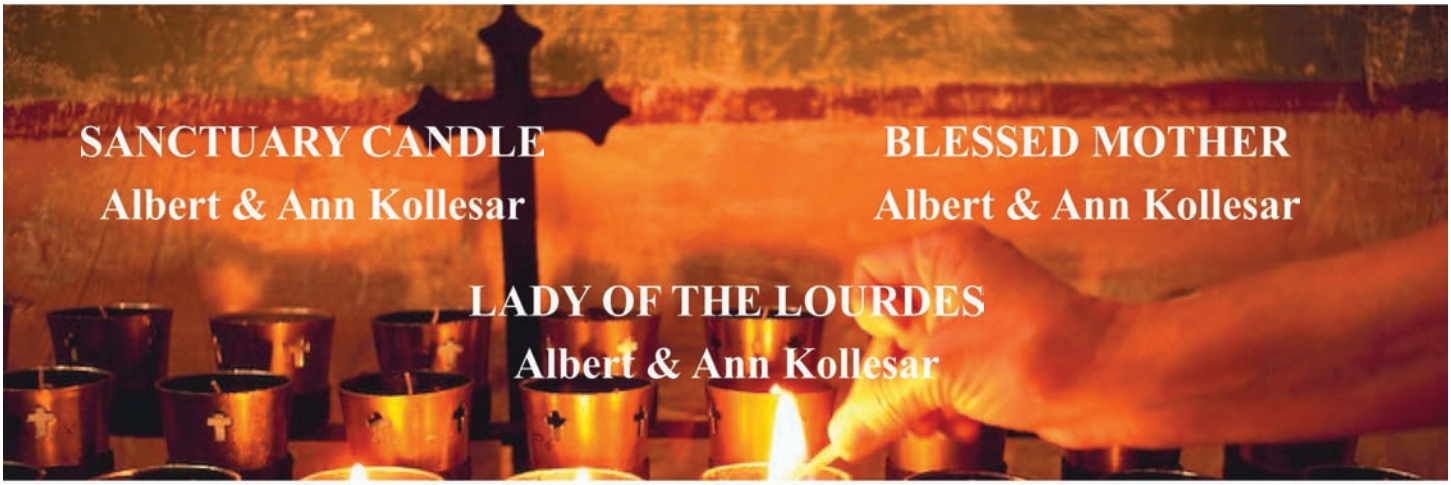
Saturday	Sep 26	4:00pm	**Mary Suchocki** by Susan & Marie
Sunday	Sep 27	7:30am	**Carmella Coolbaugh** by Mary Ann Rome
		10:30am	**Jessie Sarti** by Daughter

Daily Masses

Tuesday	Sep 29	12:15pm	**Barbara Olsakowski** by Husband, Mike Olsakowski
Wednesday	Sep 30	12:15pm	**Robert Corcoran** by Janice, Tracey, & Kelly
Thursday	Oct 01	12:15pm	**Joseph Baloga** by Paul S. Makuch
Friday	Oct 02	12:15pm	**Robert Stella** by Yozwiak Family

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday	Oct 03	4:00pm	**Mark Grzezdzinski** by Angie & Whitey
Sunday	Oct 04	7:30am	**John C. Stachokus** by Mom, brother Jason, Kim, & Children
		10:30am	**Gerald Wisnewski** by Mr. & Mrs. John Allabaugh



THE SUNDAY GOOD NEWS

September 27, 2026

O God,

whose mercy is without end, guide our hearts this day.

Teach us Your truth, shape our actions to match our words, and open our eyes to the needs of the poor and vulnerable.

Help us to walk in Your ways with humble and loving spirits.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28
Ezekiel reminds the people that if a sinner turns away from his iniquity, he will live, not die.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11
Paul urges the converts at Philippi to be united in spirit and ideals, avoiding rivalry and dissension. He ends with the beautiful hymn extolling the humility and sacrifice of Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32
Jesus speaks words of rebuke to the chief priests and the elders because they are not believing the teachings of John the Baptist. He warns them that tax collectors and prostitutes, who do believe John, will enter the Kingdom of God before them.

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

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"Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus, who though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness, and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."

How beautiful the teaching of Saint Paul calling us to be like Jesus. Reread these powerful words. Remember, this is God wishing to join us, the human race, while still remaining God, because of His love, wanting to save and rescue us. He came because of our need.

We often hear the expression, 'you have an attitude', usually reflecting a negative judgment. Not so today, as Paul is encouraging us to assume our oneness with Jesus, giving of ourselves, as He who emptied, poured out everything for us and our salvation. That attitude can be one of service and care so that others know how great Jesus' love is for them today.

WORD

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH - SEPTEMBER

Each month, a Ministry of the parish is highlighted.
For September we will focus on Faith Formation of our youth

Our Faith Formation is a comprehensive program for students who do not attend a Catholic school. First grade through eighth grade (Confirmation) classes are held from September through April, every Sunday morning from 9-10am, (except major Holidays). The teaching staff is composed of volunteer parents and parish members who are willing to donate their time, love of their faith, and energy to guide these children through their formation journey.

It is so important for children to begin learning their faith from an early age. *"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1).* As our children journey through their lives, they will encounter many obstacles on the way. It is their faith that will keep them strong. So please consider giving your children a good basis in their faith. You will not be sorry.

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: Gabrielle Gottlieb -
faithformation@sspeterandpaulplains.com

WEEKLY READINGS

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday
Ez 18:25-28;
Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5;
Mt 21:28-32

Monday
Jb 1:6-22;
Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or
Rv 12:7-12ab;
Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday
Jb 9:1-12, 14-16;
Lk 9:57-62

Thursday
Jb 19:21-27;
Lk 10:1-12

First Friday
Jb 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5;
Mt 18:1-5, 10

First Saturday
Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17;
Lk 10:17-24

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 **September** we will collect **Pasta & Canned Tuna.**

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 & Winter** 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 at 570-825-6663 or call Mary Jo at 570-333-5041.

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

$15 Lynn Curcio

In Memory of Anne Gerrity
$100 Martin Gerrity

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.

Blessing of the Animals

Please join us for a blessing of animals on Saturday, October 10th at 1:30pm.
It will be held in the Parish center yard - in front of the Blessed Mother garden.

Rosary Rally

Please join us at a public Rosary Rally at **12pm, Saturday, October 10th**. We will meet on the lawn of the Parish Center and will pray for the repentance and conversion of our great nation, asking God to save America through the rosary of His most Holy Mother.

Members of the **Women's Society** are selling
Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends" Shopping Passes in the vestibule of the church **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.

Saints Peter and Paul Parish Men's Group is holding a **TRUNK OR TREAT** free event for Community Children and Families on **Sunday, October 25, 2026, from 1:00 to 2:30 pm in the rear parking lot of the Parish**. Anyone interested in participating in the event by parking their vehicle in the lot and opening their trunks with candy, snacks, cookies, refreshments or other treats for the children should either sign up by providing their contact information (name, phone number and email address) on the Trunk or Treat volunteer sheet in the front entrance of the Church or contact the Parish Office at 570-825-6663. In addition, we will have a donations drop off box available in the front entrance of the Church marked as "TRUNK OR TREAT" for those interested in providing candy or other treats for distribution at the event.

Communion Breakfast

The **Women's Society annual Communion Breakfast** will be held on **October 11th after the 10:30am Mass** at the **Double Tree Hilton**.

Breakfast Buffet will be served at **12:15**.

Buffet will include:

Fresh fruit bowl

French toast

Scrambled eggs

Bacon

Breakfast potatoes

Also, Danish, Muffins, Bagels, Orange juice, coffee, tea, and milk.

Cost is $22.

If interested please call Claire Koshinski at 570-479-3671 or Sandy Toloczko at 570-823-5918.

Please make your reservation by October 3rd.

Rosary will be said prior to Mass at 10:00.

COMMUNITY

ANNUAL ROSARY NOVENA will be held at the Oblates of St. Joseph Chapel, Route 315, Laflin, from October 3 - 11, with services every evening beginning at 6:30 p.m. The Novena includes the praying of the Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet, Exposition & Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. A spiritual reflection will be offered each evening by an invited priest or deacon of the diocese. For more information, call the Oblates main office at (570) 654-7542.

Franciscan Afternoon Retreat: All are invited to an afternoon spiritual retreat hosted by the Secular Franciscans of **Order of Holy Dormition Fraternity**.

- **Date:** Sunday, October 4, 2026, **Time:** 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
- **Location:** St. John Bosco Parish, 573 PA Route 93, Sugarloaf, PA 18249
- **Retreat Leader:** Father Brian W.J. Clarke, Pastor of St. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church, Hazleton
- **Cost:** Free and open to all. Reservations aren't necessary, but recommended.

Special 800th Anniversary: This year marks the **800th anniversary of the *Transitus*—**the passing of St. Francis of Assisi from his earthly life to his eternal home in heaven on October 3, 1226. This historic milestone for the Church and the Franciscan family offers a meaningful opportunity to reflect on the timeless wisdom and beauty of St. Francis' teachings in a warm and welcoming environment. Snacks and refreshments will be served following the program.

RSVP & Information: Phone: Joan Pesta at 570-926-0326 or **Email us at**:ofs.franciscan@gmail.com

Sponsored by Pennsylvanians For Human Life, **Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Hughes Street, Swoyersville, will observe Respect Life Sunday, October 4, 2026**.

Father John Chmil, Pastor, will offer 8:30 am Mass followed with a Holy Hour, and concluding with Benediction at 10:30 am.

The public are most welcome to join in praying for the Sanctity of Human Life. Thank You.

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE TO BE HELD OCTOBER 10th

Members of 'Be a Catholic Man' recently gathered to plan for its 11th annual Catholic Men's Conference under the theme, 'Just Be Catholic'.

The event will be held from 8am to 3 pm, Saturday, October 10th, 2026 at Holy Redeemer High School, 159 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

The Conference features nationally known Catholic speakers, and concludes with Mass offered by the Most Reverend Joseph Bambera, Bishop of Scranton.

Tickets are $30 if registered by Sept. 21st and $40 after that date. Students are $15. Priests, Deacons, and Seminarians are free.

To register, mail a check to "Be A Catholic Man," P.O. Box 669, Wyalusing, Pa., 18853. Write "Men's Conference" on the check memo and include one's contact information, e-mail, and parish.

Register & Online Registration: www.BeACatholicMan.com.

For more information call 570-721-0872.

September/October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Faith Formation: 9-10am	**28** Treasures: 4-6pm Prayer Shawl: 5pm Rosary: 6pm	**29**	**30** Adoration & Holy Hour: 6pm	**1 October** **Women's Society: 6:30pm - Parish Dining Hall**	**2** Treasures: 10am-12pm	**3**
4 Faith Formation: 9-10am	**5** Treasures: 4-6pm Prayer Shawl: 5pm Rosary: 6pm	**6**	**7** Adoration & Holy Hour: 6pm	**8** **Parish Council 6:30pm- Parish Dining Hall**	**9** Treasures: 10am-12pm	**10**
11 **Faith Formation – no class**	**12** **Office Closed**	**13**	**14** Adoration & Holy Hour: 6pm	**15** **Food Pantry Prep**	**16** **Food Pantry** Treasures: 10am-12pm	**17**
18 Faith Formation: 9-10am	**19** Treasures: 4-6pm Prayer Shawl: 5pm Rosary: 6pm	**20**	**21** Adoration & Holy Hour: 6pm	**22**	**23** Treasures: 10am-12pm	**24**

Save the Date

Communion Breakfast - October 11th
Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends" - October 21st
Trunk or Treat - October 25th

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