

August 13, 2023

19th 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:

First Friday of Every Month 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Confession:

Saturday 3:00pm - 3:30pm

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Thursday: 8am—4pm

Friday: 8am—Noon

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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, Aug 05 - 4:00pm:

248 people attended

129 envelopes received

Offering: \$2038.00

Sunday, Aug 06 - 7:30am:

125 people attended

86 envelopes received

Offering \$1,439.00

Sunday, Aug 06 - 10:30am:

228 people attended

112 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,461.00

Thank You for your Generosity.

Mass Schedule for The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Masses will be at 12:15 & 5:30pm



***The Second Collection
last weekend for
Care and Education of Priests
\$1,566.00***

WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	Aug 12	4:00pm	Walter Krokos by Pisack Family
Sunday	Aug 13	7:30am 10:30am	Carol Kwitkoski by Linda Maichin Victoria Jastremski by Daughters, Phyllis & Karen

DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	Aug 15	12:15pm 5:30pm	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday	Aug 16	12:15pm	Swantko Family by Family
Thursday	Aug 17	12:15pm	Frank Lewicki by Joseph Lewicki
Friday	Aug 18	12:15pm	Bridget Serafin by Tom Monko

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	Aug 19	4:00pm	Bernard & Mary Orzechowski by Daughter, Ann
Sunday	Aug 20	7:30am 10:30am	Walter Chronowski by Wife & Children Victoria Garwacki by Mark & Betsy Zurek



SANCTUARY CANDLE
Helen Jesikiewicz

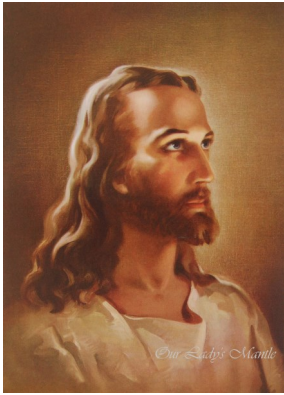
LADY OF THE LOURDES
Paul O. Binker, Jr.

HOLY FAMILY
Cliff Jones

The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

August 13, 2023



*God,
please
enlighten my
mind with
truth,
Inflame my
heart with
love,
inspire my will
with courage,
enrich my life
with service.
Pardon what I
have been,
sanctify what I
am,
and order
what I shall be.

Amen*

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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*

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 13, 2023

"At the mountain of God, Horeb, Elijah came to a cave, where he took shelter. Then the Lord said to him, 'Go outside and stand on the mountain before the Lord; the Lord will be passing by.' A strong and heavy wind was rending the mountain...but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake - but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake there was a fire - but the Lord was not in the fire. After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and stood at the entrance of the cave."

Wind, fire and earthquake are similar signs at Pentecost. In our time when so many walk with ear buds or headphones, they are either listening to something, or perhaps blocking unnecessary noise. Am I able to hear the tiny whispering sound of the Lord telling me He loves me, or directs me to assist someone else?

What can I listen to today, to learn that the Lord wants not only to pass by, but to stay with us?

In recent times we have been touched by two hurricanes, resulting in mud slides and death. We have witnessed devastating fires in the west, burning entire communities.

We have watched as rescuers seek to recover victims of earthquakes, especially in Syria and Turkey.

As we witness such disasters, we pray for the victims and support rescue efforts. We ask that all the calming hand of God may offer hope and assistance. I want to both hear and listen. From the sea of Galilee Jesus speaks and says, 'O you of little faith why did (do) you doubt?'

WORD

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH –AUGUST

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

Over the past few months, we have had special services blessed with music, which added to the beauty of the Mass. For example, the Mass celebrating 100 years of Saints Peter and Paul Church was so inspiring that Bishop Bambera specifically commented on the wonderful job done by the Music Ministry. Every weekend we are blessed with music that is uplifting and moving. But this comes with the need for volunteers. You are urged to consider being part of our Music Ministry, whether it is for special occasions or if you are interested in being a cantor (you must contact Scott Coates, music director, if you are interested in becoming a cantor). The Book of Psalms says simply “Sing praise to him, play music; proclaim all his wondrous deeds” (Psalms 105:2). So please spend time in prayer and consider participating in this Ministry. Contact information is listed below.

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 Scott Coates
music@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

Dt 10:12-22;
Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Dt 34:1-12;
Mt 18:15-20

Thursday

Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17;
Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday

Jos 24:1-13;
Mt 19:3-12

Saturday

Jos 24:14-29;
Mt 19:13-15

August/September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
13	14 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	15	16 <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:30pm	17 Food Pantry Prep	18 Food Pantry Treasures 10am-12pm	19 <i>Ice Cream Social</i> <i>after 4:00 Mass</i> <i>Faith Formation</i> <i>Sign Ups</i>
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3	4 Office Closed	5	6 <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:30pm	7 <i>Women's Society</i> <i>6:30pm– Parish</i> <i>Dining Hall</i>	8 Treasures 10am-12pm	9

Save the Dates

Faith Formation Registration Weekend — August 19-20

Ice Cream Social—August 19-20th

Harvest Tea— September 10th

Purse Bingo- October 8th *tickets on sale—online & in office

Toy Bingo- November 12th

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 **Cereal**

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 **Fall clothing** for men, women, and children. Donations may be dropped off 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 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*

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

\$100 Phillip & Marguerite Latinski

In Memory of William Fender

\$25 Clement & MaryAnn Szczecinski

\$20 Elizabeth Hession

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.



Note From Father Jack

With a deep sense of sadness, but with God's grace, we were able to sell the St. Andre Bessette properties, including the rectory, church and rear hall. We are presently in negotiations to sell what used to be the Sacred Heart Convent.

Our own, Sister Madonna, and Sisters Kate and MaryBeth were all welcomed into the convent of the religious community of St. Mary's Byzantine Church in Wilkes-Barre.

We are grateful for all that helped with this process.

Faith Formation

Registration weekend

August 19-20th during Ice Cream Social

Any weekday – please visit office

Please remember if your child is entering a sacramental year, they must have two years of Faith Formation Education.

Harvest Tea

September 10, 2023

Anyone interested in being a **hostess** for our beautiful themed tea may call Debbie Sincavage at 570-817-2965 or 570-824-5907, or Kim Pokrifka at 570-760-6376.

Tickets for tea can be obtained by calling Debbie, Kim, or the Parish Office.

A Chinese auction will be held so **basket donations** would also be greatly appreciated.

Purse Bingo

October 8, 2023

We are hosting a Designer Purse Bingo and would appreciate any basket donations as well as food donations. If interested, please contact the parish office—

570-825-6663. All proceeds benefit parish activities.



Ice Cream Social

The Women's Society will sponsor an **Ice Cream Sundae Sunday (and Saturday)** after the 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday, August 19th and after the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, August 20th.

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!

COMMUNITY

The Catholic Choral Society will begin its 75th year on **Tuesday, September 5th**, with rehearsals on Tuesday evenings from 6:15 PM to 8:30 PM at the IHM Center at Marywood University .

New members are welcome and no auditions are required.

The Choral Society is nondenominational and composed of members from Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wayne, Susquehanna, Pike and Wyoming counties. The chorus performs sacred, classical, and secular music at performances in Northeastern PA counties.

“Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church will hold the 3rd and last of their **Why Cook Wednesday Dinners** for the Summer with an a La Carte, Ukrainian Festival Food, Take-Out Dinner on **Wednesday, August 16th**. Order from a menu of festival foods including; holubtsi (piggies)...\$3/each, pyrohy (pierogies)...3 for \$3.00, kovbasa & kapusta (kielbasa & sauerkraut)...\$5.00/each, halushki (cabbage & noodles)...\$3.00/pint and Pagash (potato pizza)...\$2.00/cut. **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. Bake Sale items available and tickets will also be sold for a Basket Raffle. Remember...When Baba Cooks, Everybody's Happy!”

< KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 14:22-33

The boat carrying the disciples was a few miles out to sea when Jesus, walking on the water, came toward them. Seeing they were frightened Jesus said, "Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid." *Matthew 14:27* When Peter showed faith and walked toward Jesus on the water, his faith faltered and he began to sink, crying out to Jesus to save him.

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Jesus saw how hard it was for His disciples to keep their faith even though they witnessed first hand His miracles. Jesus knows it is also hard for us to not lose faith. If you begin to doubt, repeat the words of Jesus... "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" *Matthew 14:31*
Have you ever heard anyone say this before?

Find and write the missing letters not listed (from A to Z)

Hint: This sentence has a double of one letter

Unscramble the letters and fill in the blanks to complete the sentence below.

As Peter was beginning to sink, he cried out,

" _____ , _____ !"

Matthew 14:30

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