

September 17, 2023

24th 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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Tuesday: 8am—4pm

Wednesday: 8am—2pm

Thursday: 8am—4pm

Friday: 8am—Noon

Closed daily Noon—12:30pm

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Pastor

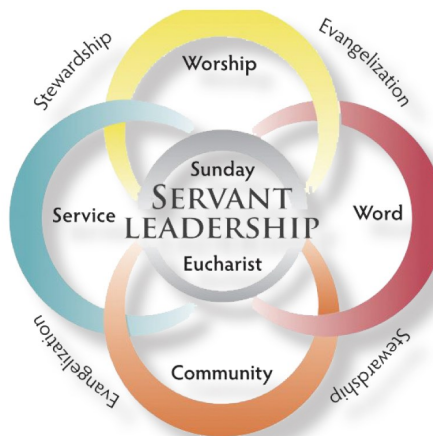
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STEWARDSHIP

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.

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of
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Sunday Stewards

Saturday, Sept 09 - 4:00pm:

201 people attended

114 envelopes received

Offering: \$2117.00

Sunday, Sept 10 - 7:30am:

122 people attended

113 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,254.00

Sunday, Sept 10 - 10:30am:

216 people attended

111 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,516.00

Thank You for your Generosity.

***The Second Collection
last weekend for
Those Impacted by the
Wildfires in Maui***

\$2,771.00



WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	Sept 16	4:00pm	Marie T. Kownacki by Raymond & Kathy William J. Everett by Wife & Children
Sunday	Sept 17	7:30am 10:30am	Charlotte Burko by Susan & Marie Suchocki Jessie Sarti by Elissa Galli

DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	Sept 19	12:15pm	Bernadine Bohn by Judy & Dave Nat & Family
Wednesday	Sept 20	12:15pm	Paul A. Binker, Sr. by Wife
Thursday	Sept 21	12:15pm	George Poplowski by Monica & Joe Chulvick
Friday	Sept 22	12:15pm	John R. Goczek by Family

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	Sept 23	4:00pm	Rita Gayoski by Michael & Jennifer Krzywicki
Sunday	Sept 24	7:30am 10:30am	Gregory Baczmarga by Children Louis Walkowiak by Betty Chaney



SANCTUARY CANDLE
Eugene Lepore

LADY OF THE LOURDES
Paul A. Binker, Sr.

HOLY FAMILY
Marie T. Kownacki

The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

September 17, 2023

*Father,
please forgive us
for not being
forgiving.
Forgive us for
thinking evil
thoughts,
and seeking
revenge against
people who have
offended
us.*

*Forgive us for
hatred and for
not walking in
love.*

*Forgive us for
gossiping, lying
and for
rehearsing in our
minds what was
said or done to
us.*

*Lord,
remind us of
those persons we
need to forgive,
and help us to
forgive.*

Amen

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Sirach 27:30—28:7

Sirach advises all to forgive the faults of their neighbor. Only by forgiving the sins of others, can a person expect to be forgiven his sins.

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9

Paul stresses that no one is his own master; we are responsible to the Lord, and we belong to him in both life and death.

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

This narrative points out the difference between mercy and justice. When Peter asks how often he should forgive someone who wrongs him, Jesus answers, "...not seven times: I say seventy times seven times." Jesus then narrates the story of the king who was merciful to his official by forgiving him all his debts, but this same official showed no mercy to his own servant.

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

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 17, 2023

"Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the Lord? Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins... and overlook faults... 'Lord if my brother sins against me how often must I forgive?'"

We recite the Lord's prayer and state that we will receive forgiveness, perhaps only when we forgive others. The reading from Sirach sets the tone. Not only are we to forgive, but we are called to discover ways to initiate the action.

One of the greatest powers we possess is the power to forgive. We can do so or withhold this gift when someone asks. We can offer it before it is sought, when we realize how generous and merciful is our God to us. The adage 'forgive and forget' is nice, but difficult. A wonderful monk taught me, 'forgive and remember without bitterness.'

WORD

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH –SEPTEMBER

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH –September

*Each month, a Ministry of the parish is highlighted.
For September we will highlight Service to the Parish*

Our Parish held two successful events in August, a Flea market Fundraiser and an Ice Cream Social. Each was a success due to the work of the volunteers (some who put in many hours), those who attended, and, in the case of the Flea Market, those who donated, whether it was goods or their baking specialties. In addition, there was a hoagie sale and beautiful crosses that were created by some very talented people. In all of these cases, these achievements were realized because the Parish came together. Someone may have been a volunteer or donor or attendee or a combination of any of them. It was the service given in support of our Parish that created these successes. It is written that “As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ (1 Cor 12:12)”. Our Parish is the one body and we are the many parts. We use our talents and our time to be the body that is Christ.

As noted in the bulletin, there are events at Saints Peter and Paul Parish over the next few months. Please consider giving your service to one or more of them, whether it be by attending, volunteering, or donating. Everyone’s time is precious. But for our Parish to live up to the words of St. Paul in Corinthians, each of us need to come together as a part of that body. We witnessed it in August. Let’s continue our achievement and grow as a Parish united.

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.



Love. Grow. Serve.

To volunteer, buy tickets or if you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office at 570-825-6663

WEEKLY READINGS

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Sir 27:30—28:7;
Rom 14:7-9;
Mt 18:21-35

Monday

1 Tm 2:1-8;
Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday

1 Tm 3:1-13;
Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday

1 Tm 3:14-16;
Lk 7:31-35

Thursday

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13;
Mt 9:9-13

Friday

1 Tm 6:2c-12;
Lk 8:1-3

Saturday

1 Tm 6:13-16;
Lk 8:4-15

September/October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
17 Faith Formation 9-10am	18 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	19	20 <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:30pm	21	22 Treasures 10am-12pm	23
24 Faith Formation 9-10am	25 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	26	27 <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:30pm	28	29 Treasures 10am-12pm	30
1 October Faith Formation 9-10am	2 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	3	4 <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:30pm	5 Women's Society 6:30pm-Parish Dining Hall	6 Treasures 10am-12pm	7
8 No Class	9 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	10	11 <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:30pm	12	13 Treasures 10am-12pm	14

Save the Dates

Toy Bingo- November 12th

**The Purse Bingo that was scheduled for October 8th
will now be rescheduled to a later date in April.
The exact date will be announced soon.**

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 **canned carrots, peas & mixed vegetables**.

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/Winter clothing** for men, women, and children. Donations may be dropped off during business hours only.

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

In Memory of Joseph Osmanski

\$250 Michele & Armand Lepore

\$20 Linda Scherer

In Memory of Mary Jo Paciga

\$50 Ann Paciga

In Memory of Patricia Hoskins

\$100 Joseph & Martin Flaherty

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.

Don't know what to do with your **Halloween Costume** from last year? Give it a good wash, pack it up and bring it to

Treasures



"Change for Change" Baby Bottle Campaign

Providence Pregnancy Center is currently in the process of purchasing a ten-bedroom, six-bathroom property on almost an acre of property in Scranton. It has two houses for our maternity home and a separate office building that we plan to turn into a thrift store to help support this endeavor. We have been serving women and children in our diocese since December 2022. Our Center is currently located at 1738 Brick Avenue in Scranton. We are a nonprofit 501c3 Catholic organization that affirms the dignity of pregnant women and their children through compassionate support, practical help, and hope for the future. PPC supplies pregnant women with resources to help them throughout pregnancy and beyond: material assistance; community referrals; peer counseling; judgement-free confidential counseling for post-abortion healing; and soon we will be offering safe housing for pregnant moms and their children at our new location. All services are free of charge and open to all women.

Parish families will be given baby bottles to take home the weekend of September 9th & 10th. Everyone will have these bottles for three weeks. They are asked to place their loose change, bills, and/or checks into the bottles during that time period. Parish families are then asked to return their bottles to the parish on the designated dates (September 30th & October 1st).

Faith Formation

Registration

Any weekday—please visit office

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

Communion Breakfast

The Women's Society annual Communion Breakfast will be held on **October 15th after the 7:30am Mass in the Parish Center Dining Hall.**

Cost is \$17.

If interested please call Betty Jean Hession at 570-262-7912 or
Claire Koshinski at 570-826-0313.

Please make your reservation by October 12th.

Rosary will be said prior to Mass

Members of the **Women's Society** will be selling "**Friends Helping Friends**" Shopping Passes in the vestibule of the church through October 15th. 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 18th**. 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?

COMMUNITY

DESIGNER BAG BINGO AT ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

On **Sunday, September 24 from 2:00-5:00 p.m.**, St. John the Evangelist Parish, **35 William Street in Pittston**, will hold a Designer Bag Bingo in the Msgr. Bendik Pastoral Center auditorium. Doors open at 12 Noon. Tickets are \$30 each and include 20 regular games (extras may be purchased). Special games are \$5 each. There will be door prizes, a raffle, 50/50, and food for sale. Bingo prizes include designer bags by Coach, Dooney & Bourke, Kate Spade, Vera Bradley, Versace, Zac Posen, and more. Please call the parish office at 570-654-0053 for tickets.

You are invited to a **series of talks** given by Mr. William D. Jones at **Sacred Heart of Jesus School of Religion, 219 Lackawanna Ave., Dupont, on three consecutive Wednesdays, September 27, October 4 and October 11, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** His topic will be: "Confession of an Ordained Lutheran Pastor or Why I Believe in One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church." This series is free and open to the public. Mr. Jones is a former Lutheran pastor who was received into the Catholic Church in 2021. He will speak about his conversion experience and aspects of the Faith that "cradle Catholics" sometimes take for granted.

ST. THOMAS GOSPEL CHOIR CONCERT

On **Saturday, October 7 at 6:30 p.m.**, St. John the Evangelist Parish, **35 William Street in Pittston**, will host a concert by the St. Thomas Gospel Choir of Philadelphia, PA under the direction of Walt Blocker. The choir's home church is the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas in Philadelphia. The St. Thomas Gospel Choir's members currently consist of thirty musicians and singers. The St. Thomas Gospel Choir shares its music at over fifty services, programs, concerts, and celebrations every year. The suggested offering for the October 7 concert is \$10.00 per person. Tickets may be pre-ordered by calling the parish office at 570-654-0053 and will also be available at the door the evening of the concert.

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Gospel Today
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 18:21-35

Jesus says there should be no limit to the times we forgive, from our hearts, those who treat us unfairly.

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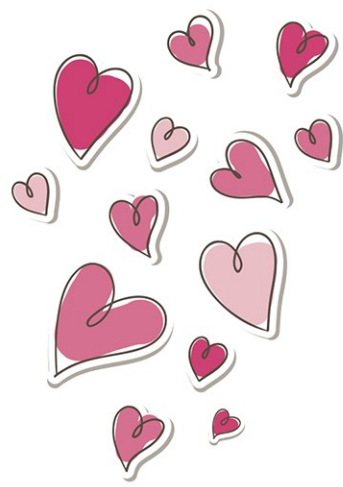
JESUS REMINDS US TO BE FORGIVING

Think of
someone you
need to forgive.

What symbol
would best show
what you are feeling?

Love, peace, hugs &
kisses or prayer; or are
you just proud to be in
America.

Design and color your own
FORGIVENESS FLAG.
With the symbols below, or
your own ideas, design a
larger flag on a separate
piece of paper and
hang it in a
window.



*Forgive from
the heart flag*



SAMPLE FLAGS

American flag



Peace flag



Praying hands flag

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