October 18, 2026

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH

13 Hudson Road
Plains, PA 18705-2015

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.

This weekend we join Catholics around the world in celebrating
World Mission Sunday.
Through the Pope's Pontifical Mission Societies, our prayers and gifts help bring the Gospel, food, education, and healthcare to communities in need in more than 1,100 mission dioceses across the globe.
Please pray for our missionaries, and give generously in this special second collection.
Together, we are the Church's helping hands around the world.

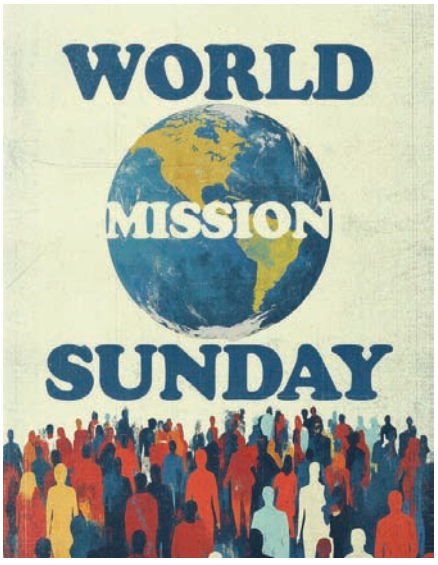
Sunday Stewards

Saturday, October 10 - 4:00pm:
209 people attended
163 envelopes received
Offering: $2,392.00

Sunday, October 11 - 7:30am:
133 people attended
94 envelopes
Offering: $1,774.00

Sunday, October 11 - 10:30am:
200 people attended
108 envelopes
Offering: $1,841.00

Thank you for your generosity.



WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

Masses This Weekend

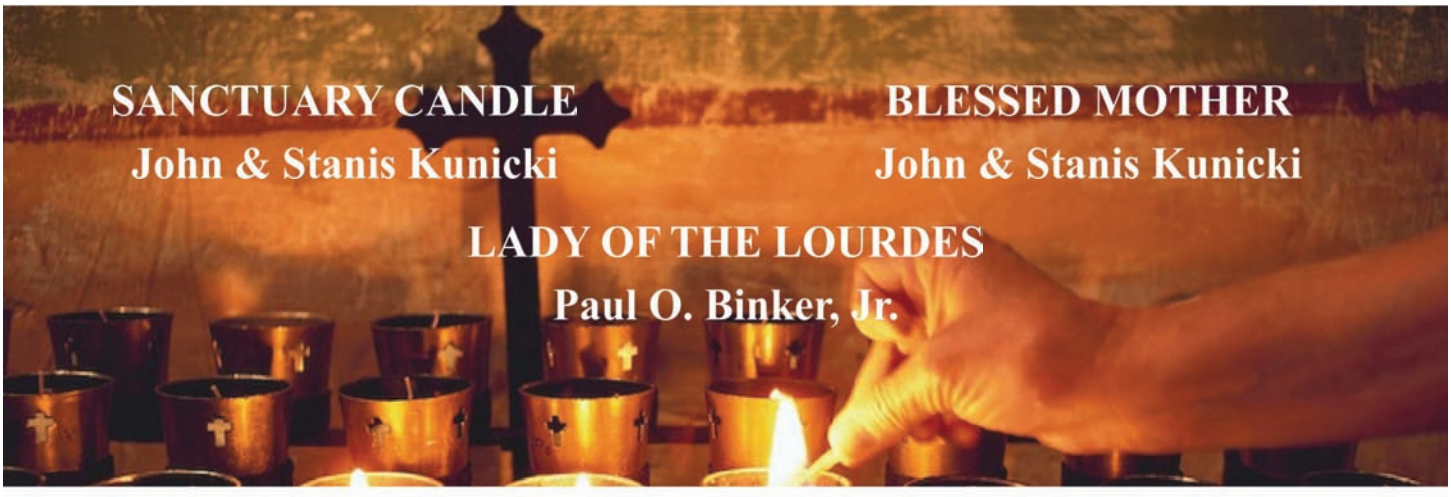
Saturday	Oct 17	4:00pm	**Alfred DeAngelis & DeAngelis Family** by Sister & Family
Sunday	Oct 18	7:30am	**Barbara Sakavage** by Joan Cavanaugh
		10:30am	**Barbara Wisnewski** by Mr. & Mrs. John Allabaugh

Daily Masses

Tuesday	Oct 20	12:15pm	**Stewart Emery** by Wife
Wednesday	Oct 21	12:15pm	**Geraldine Hirko** by Hirko Family
Thursday	Oct 22	12:15pm	**John Kunicki** by Daughters
Friday	Oct 23	12:15pm	**Barbara Oliveri** by Jane Biniek

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday	Oct 24	4:00pm	**Eric Yakabovicz** by Whitey & Angie
Sunday	Oct 25	7:30am	**Bernard Mushinsky** by Bernard & Sandra Prevuznak
		10:30am	**Susan Zbierski** by Murphy & Zbierski Families



THE SUNDAY GOOD NEWS

October 18, 2026

Lord,

thank you for the gift of this new day. As I step into this week, help me to quiet my mind, trust in your timing, and surrender my plans to your greater purpose. Grant me a heart of sincere service, the grace to love my neighbors deeply, and a spirit filled with your peace.

Amen.

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First Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
Cyrus, King of Persia and friend to the Jewish people, becomes the Lord's anointed one, and through God's intervention, returns the Jews to their own country.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b
Paul rejoices that the Thessalonians, newly converted to Christianity, are displaying remarkable constancy in their new-found faith.

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21
Seeking to entrap Jesus in his speech, the hostile and hypocritical Pharisees ask him this dangerous question, "Is it lawful to pay tax to the emperor or not?" Realizing their treacherous motives, Jesus asks for a Roman coin, and pointing to the inscription of Caesar's, he answers, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, but give to God what is God's."

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

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"I have called you by your name, giving you a title, though you knew me not. I am the Lord and there is no other, there is no God besides me. It is I who arm you, though you know me not, so that from the rising and the setting of the sun people may know that there is none besides me."… "Then repay to Caeser what belongs to Caeser and to God what belongs to God."

On the day of my baptism, I was called by name and began my relationship with God. Since then, I ask myself, 'how well do I know my loving God?' For many we know about God but our goal and task is to know Him personally, to foster that relationship when He first called me. May I find Him in the scripture, in the sacraments, in His quiet voice in my prayer today.

WORD

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH - OCTOBER

Each month, a Ministry of the parish is highlighted.
For October we will focus on ushers and hospitality

When you are made to feel welcome anywhere, you want to return. It is human nature to gravitate towards a place where you feel wanted. This is exactly the role of an usher. Ushers are not only there to collect the donations. They are there to say hello and open the doors for you, no matter what the weather is like. As you are leaving Mass, they hand out bulletins with a smile and many times a few friendly words. These simple acts make people want to return. It is many times the difference between a welcoming Church and one that doesn't seem to care if you are there or not. If you enjoy speaking to people and making them feel wanted, please consider the ministry of being an usher. There are many friendly parishioners and the parish is always in need of more ushers. "Be hospitable to one another without complaining" (1 Pet 4:9) are great words to live by. If you don't feel ready to be an usher just yet, practice hospitality weekly. Smile at those you do not know. Say a few kind words. These few simple acts may make a difference in someone's day.

So, begin practicing hospitality. You may find that you enjoy it so much, you will gladly join the ministry of being an usher. Make our parish a place where people want to come! 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.

Love. Grow. Serve.

Contact: Parish Office – parishoffice@sspeterandpaulplains.com

WEEKLY READINGS

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday
Is 45: 1, 4-6;
1 Thes 1:1-5b;
Mt 22:15-21

Monday
Eph 2:1-10;
Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday
Eph 2:12-22;
Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday
Eph 3:2-12;
Lk 12:39-48

Thursday
Eph 3:14-21;
Lk 12:49-53

Friday
Eph 4:1-6;
Lk 12:54-59

Saturday
Eph 4:7-16;
Lk 13:1-9

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 **October** we will collect **canned soup & 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 & 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

$30	Anonymous
$100	Donna Malys

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.

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.

Trunk or Treat

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.

Volunteers participating by offering their Trunks of Treats for the children should arrive and park at the far-left end of the rear parking lot no later than 12:30pm.

Community Blood Drive

Carve out a new tradition!
Give blood!
American Red Cross Community Blood Drive at Saints Peter & Paul Parish.
Held in Bernardine Hall on Wednesday, October 21st, from 1:00pm to 5:30pm.
Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Plains to schedule an appointment.
All presenting donors 10/19/26 - 10/31/26 will receive an American Red Cross Halloween themed T-shirt while supplies last.

Trick or Treat at the Rectory!

Father Bob is welcoming trick or treaters at the rectory on Halloween, after the 4:00 Mass.
Please stop on over with your children for some treats!
Father would like to see all the wonderful costumes!

COMMUNITY

Scranton Prep Open House!

Scranton Preparatory School's Open House will be held on **Sunday, October 18th from 12:00pm-4:00pm**. Registration is required at www.scrantonprep.org/openhouse. 7th and 8th grade students and their families are encouraged to attend to learn more! Please call 570-941-PREP or email admissions@scrantonprep.org with any questions.

COMMUNION OF SAINTS PARISH TO HOST 69TH ANNUAL NOVENA TO ST. JUDE

Communion of Saints Parish in Pittston will continue the tradition of the Annual Novena to St. Jude, patron saint of hopeless cases and things despaired of, beginning **Monday, October 19 and ending on the Feast of Sts. Simon and Jude, Wednesday, October 28**. All Masses and services will be celebrated in **St. Mary, Help of Christians Church, 535 North Main Street in Pittston.** Daily Masses will be celebrated at 12 Noon (Monday-Saturday) and Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 AM. Sung Evening Prayer will be celebrated at 7:00 PM (Monday-Friday). There will be no Evening Prayer on Saturday or Sunday. Confessions will be heard Monday through Saturday beginning at 11:30 AM, and the Rosary will be prayed before each 12 Noon Mass. The blessing with the relic of St. Jude will take place after all Masses and services. For more information, please contact the Communion of Saints parish office at 570-654-0053.

Communion of Saints Parish Night at the Races

Communion of Saints Parish in Pittston is hosting a Night at the Races event on **Saturday, October 24, beginning at 6pm in the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish Center, 241 William Street!** Cost is $10 at the door and entry includes food and drinks as well as the opportunity to "place your bets" on our races for a chance to win fantastic CASH PRIZES! If you are interested in becoming a horse owner (with more chances to win) please contact the Parish Office or pick up a form at our office or one of our churches. For more information, visit our parish website at cospittston.org.

The ROYAL family is opening its doors!

Visit **OPEN HOUSE Sunday, October 25, 1:00-3:00 p.m**. Discover an enriching, supportive, faith-filled environment where academic excellence and servant leadership are pursued daily. Talk to students, faculty, and coaches to learn why you belong in the Holy Redeemer family.

HOLY REDEEMER HIGH SCHOOL: 159 South Pennsylvania Blvd., Wilkes-Barre. 570-829-2424

COMMUNION OF SAINTS PARISH CRAFT FAIR

The Communion of Saints Parish annual Craft Fair will be held on **Saturday, November 7 from 10:00 AM-3:00 PM in the Parish Center of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, 237 William Street in Pittston**. Lunch will be available for purchase, and there will be up to 30 vendors. The Craft Fair will be sponsored by the Altar & Rosary Society of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church. Please contact craftypattiecf@gmail.com for applications.

Mass for Suicide Healing and Remembrance

The Northeast Pennsylvania Mental Health Ministry team will hold a Mass for Suicide Healing and Remembrance on **Sunday, Nov. 8, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. at the Church of Saint John**, located at 5171 Milford Road, East Stroudsburg.

The Mass will serve to remember loved ones lost to suicide, and to promote healing for those who grieve their passing.

Rev. Dave Cramer, Pastor of the Church of Saint John, will be the celebrant for the Mass. Deacon Ed Shoener, President of the International Association of Catholic Mental Health Ministers and Deacon at the Cathedral of Saint Peter and Immaculate Conception Parishes in Scranton, will serve as homilist.

All are welcome to attend.

CASH BINGO TO BENEFIT PRINCE OF PEACE PARISH, OLD FORGE, PA

Sunday, November 8th 2026 at **The Old Forge Fire Dept., 375 Milwaukee Ave., Old forge**, Pa. 18518

Doors open at 11:00 AM, Bingo starts at 1:00 PM

Tickets cost: $25 for 20 regular games with a cash prize of $100 each

Additional game booklets are $10.00

There will be 3 Special Games with Jackpots of $250 and 1 Special Game with a Jackpot of $1000

There will also be A BASKET RAFFLE and 50/50 Raffle

The snack bar opens at 11 A.M.

Call 570-457-5900 to purchase Advance Tickets

Tickets will also be sold before and after all Masses at the main entrance of the Church

October/November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18 Masses: 7:30am & 10:30am Faith Formation - 9-10am	**19** Treasures: 4-6pm Prayer Shawl: 5pm Rosary: 6pm	**20** Mass: 12:15pm	**21** Mass: 12:15pm **Blood Drive 1:00-5:30pm: Bernardine Hall** Adoration & Holy Hour: 6pm	**22** Mass: 12:15pm **Parish Council 6:30pm- Conference Room in Parish Center**	**23** Treasures: 10am-12pm Mass: 12:15pm	**24** Mass: 4:00pm
25 Masses: 7:30am & 10:30am Faith Formation - 9-10am **Trunk or Treat 1:00-2:30pm**	**26** Treasures: 4-6pm Prayer Shawl: 5pm Rosary: 6pm	**27** Mass: 12:15pm	**28** Mass: 12:15pm Adoration & Holy Hour: 6pm	**29** Mass: 12:15pm	**30** Treasures: 10am-12pm Mass: 12:15pm	**31** Mass: 4:00pm
1 November Masses: 7:30am & 10:30am Faith Formation – 9-10am	**2** Treasures: 4-6pm Prayer Shawl: 5pm Rosary: 6pm	**3** Mass: 12:15pm	**4** Mass: 12:15pm Adoration & Holy Hour: 6pm	**5** Mass: 12:15pm **Women's Society Meeting 6:30 - Parish Dining Hall**	**6** Treasures: 10am-12pm Mass: 12:15pm	**7** Mass: 4:00pm
8 Masses: 7:30am & 10:30am Faith Formation - 9-10am	**9** Treasures: 4-6pm Prayer Shawl: 5pm Rosary: 6pm	**10** Mass: 12:15pm	**11** Mass: 12:15pm Adoration & Holy Hour: 6pm **Veteran's Day**	**12** Mass: 12:15pm **Parish Council 6:30pm- Conference Room in Parish Center**	**13** Treasures: 10am-12pm Mass: 12:15pm	**14** Mass: 4:00pm

Save the Date

Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends" - October 21st

Trunk or Treat - October 25th

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