October 25, 2026

Thirtieth 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.

Mass Schedule:
All Souls' Day
Monday, November 2nd
12:15pm & 5:30pm

Sunday Stewards

Saturday, October 17 - 4:00pm:
236 people attended
212 envelopes received
Offering: $3,378.00

Sunday, October 18 - 7:30am:
131 people attended
87 envelopes
Offering: $1,443.50

Sunday, October 18 - 10:30am:
209 people attended
124 envelopes
Offering: $2,418.00

Thank you for your generosity.

The second collection last weekend for World Mission Sunday $1,695.00

WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

Masses This Weekend

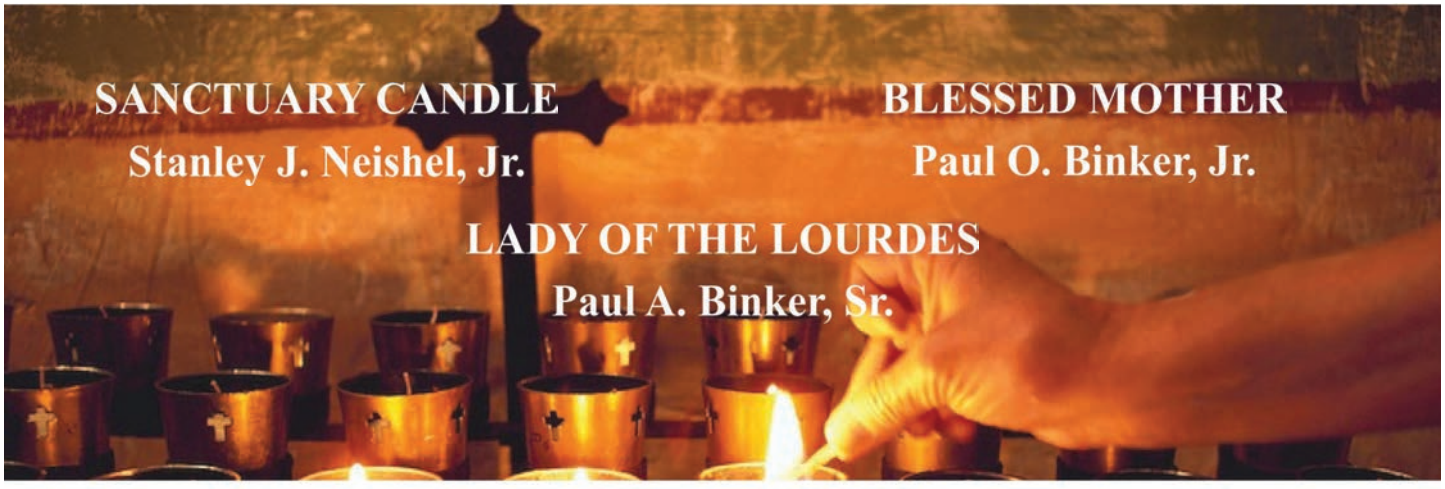
Saturday	Oct 24	4:00pm	**Eric Yakabovicz** by Whitey & Angie
Sunday	Oct 25	7:30am	**Bernard Mushinsky** by Bernard & Sandra Prevuznak
		10:30am	**Susan Zbierski** by Murphy & Zbierski Families

Daily Masses

Tuesday	Oct 27	12:15pm	**Joann & Leo Helinski** by Joe & John Helinski
Wednesday	Oct 28	12:15pm	**John Tomchik** by David Williams
Thursday	Oct 29	12:15pm	**Florence Rampola** by Czyczerski Family
Friday	Oct 30	12:15pm	**Anne Bonetski** by Don

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday	Oct 31	4:00pm	**Gene Bolis** by Barb Montante, Rose Altavilla, & Mary Ann Bolis
Sunday	Nov 01	7:30am	**Andrew Rubino** by Friend
		10:30am	**Thomas Kosciolek** by Mary Ann Palute



THE SUNDAY GOOD NEWS

October 25, 2026

Heavenly Father,
I thank You for the gift of rest and the blessings of a new day.

Lord, fill my heart with Your Holy Spirit so that I may ***love You with all my heart*** *and* ***love my neighbor as myself.***

Open my eyes to the needs of the vulnerable around me, and grant me the grace to act with your compassion and justice.

May Your Word guide my steps, heal my worries, and bring peace to my home and the world today.

In Jesus' name,
I pray
Amen

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First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26
This passage from the book of Exodus enjoins all to adhere to specific religious and social laws. It urges all to act with justice and compassion towards others.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10
Paul praises the Thessalonians for receiving the word of God so eagerly and totally. Word of their faithfulness has spread throughout Macedonia and Greece; they have become a model for all Christians.

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40
Matthew recounts the incident in which a lawyer, seeking to entrap Jesus, asks, "Teacher, which commandment of the law is the greatest?" With simplicity and authority, Jesus responds that the first commandment is to love God with one's entire being; the second is to love one's neighbor as oneself.

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

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"Thus says the Lord: You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt. You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry…I will hear him, for I am compassionate.

Note, from the earliest recorded scriptures, through the Acts of the Apostles, and the works of mercy in the church through the centuries, we were instructed to care for the most vulnerable among us. Today may I pause and ask if our policies and actions respond to the command of love of God and neighbor? The question is directed to my attitude and action. The twofold sides of the same coin.

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

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday
Ex 22:20-26;
1 Thes 1:5c-10;
Mt 22:34-40

Monday
Eph 4:32—5:8;
Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday
Eph 5:21-33;
Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday
Eph 2:19-22;
Lk 6:12-16

Thursday
Eph 6:10-20;
Lk 13:31-35

Friday
Phil 1:1-11;
Lk 14:1-6

Saturday
Phil 1:18b-26;
Lk 14:1, 7-11

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

$1,000 Anonymous

In Memory of Paula Wojcik
$200 Anonymous

In Memory of Beth Bonn
$100 Thomas Bonn & Deborah

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.

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.

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

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

ANNUAL TURKEY-FEST DINNER

Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, will host their annual Turkey Fest Dinner as a take-out only event on **Saturday, November 7th** in their school hall on the corner of West Chestnut and North River Streets in Wilkes-Barre. Pick-ups will be from 12:00(noon) to 4:00pm. The event will feature our traditional turkey dinner and basket raffle. Dinners will be $16.00 for adults and $10.00 for children. Call (570) 829-3051 to make your reservation. Walk-in customers will be welcomed, but reservations are strongly encouraged. Tell your friends and family. Non-perishable food items will be collected for donation to a local food pantry.

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.

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Sunday, November 8th - 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Admission: $5.00 Children under 12 are free

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
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
15 Masses: 7:30am & 10:30am Faith Formation - 9-10am	**16** Treasures: 4-6pm Prayer Shawl: 5pm Rosary: 6pm	**17** Mass: 12:15pm	**18** Mass: 12:15pm Adoration & Holy Hour: 6pm	**19** Mass: 12:15pm **Food Pantry Prep**	**20** Treasures: 10am-12pm Mass: 12:15pm **Food Pantry**	**21** Mass: 4:00pm

Save the Date

Trunk or Treat - October 25th

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