October 4, 2026

Twenty-Seventh 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.

Sunday Stewards

Saturday, September 26 - 4:00pm:
217 people attended
122 envelopes received
Offering: $2,246.00

Sunday, September 27 - 7:30am:
128 people attended
67 envelopes
Offering: $1,110.00

Sunday, September 27 - 10:30am:
197 people attended
103 envelopes
Offering: $1,683.00

Thank you for your generosity.

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

WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

Masses This Weekend

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

Daily Masses

Tuesday	Oct 06	12:15pm	**William Fender** by Family
Wednesday	Oct 07	12:15pm	**Johanna Napkori** by Michael Napkori
Thursday	Oct 08	12:15pm	**Marianne Lynch** by Family
Friday	Oct 09	12:15pm	**Margaret Giovagnoli** by Terry Elias

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday	Oct 10	4:00pm	**Ruth Banaszek** by Babuscak Family
Sunday	Oct 11	7:30am	**Patrick Bonomo, Sr. & Patrick Bonomo, Jr.** by Family
		10:30am	**Matthew Vinciarelli** by Mom & Dad

THE SUNDAY GOOD NEWS

October 4, 2026

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for the gift of this new day.
Thank You for the breath in my lungs, the roof over my head, and your steady love that surrounds me.

Help me to see Your goodness in both big blessings and small moments today.

Keep my heart humble, and teach me to share your kindness with others.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.

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First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7
This passage about the failure of the Lord's vineyard is a metaphor for the ingratitude of the people of Israel and Judah. In tones of sadness and rebuke, the Lord asks, "What more was there to do for my vineyard?"

Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9
In a moving appeal to the Philippians, Paul exhorts them to embrace all that is pure, decent, and admirable; then God's peace will be theirs.

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43
In another rebuke to the chief priests and the elders, Jesus recounts a parable in which the owner of a vineyard leases his vineyard to tenant farmers. When the owner sends his servants and even his son to claim his rightful share of the crops, the tenants kill all of them. With some bitterness, Jesus warns the chief priests that "the Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to people that will yield a rich harvest.

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

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"Brothers and Sisters; Have no anxiety at all, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God which surpasses all understandings will guard your minds and hearts in Christ Jesus."

Prayer, petition and thanksgiving, the gifts we all have to offer a loving and listening God. What underlies it all is a desire to be with the Lord and acknowledge my radical dependence upon Him. In fact, my desire to please and praise God begins with His grace inviting me to be with Him.

Take a moment to look at your prayer life. Is it healthy? Does it include these elements, rather than limiting it to my requests only. What do you think the Lord is asking of you?

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-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday
Is 5:1-7;
Phil 4:6-9;
Mt 21:33-43

Monday
Gal 1:6-12;
Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday
Gal 1:13-24;
Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday
Gal 2:1-2, 7-14;
Lk 11:1-4

Thursday
Gal 3:1-5;
Lk 11:5-13

Friday
Gal 3:7-14;
Lk 11:15-26

Saturday
Gal 3:22-29;
Lk 11:27-28

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

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.

Men's Group Meeting

Father invites all men of the Parish to attend the **men's group meeting on Tuesday, October 13th at 6:00pm**.
It will be held in the conference room located in the Parish office building.

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.

Finance Meeting

There will be a **finance meeting on Thursday, October 15th at 6:30pm** in the rectory.

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.

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.

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.

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.

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 Masses: 7:30am & 10:30am Faith Formation - 9-10am	**5** Treasures: 4-6pm Prayer Shawl: 5pm Rosary: 6pm	**6** Mass: 12:15pm	**7** Mass: 12:15pm Adoration & Holy Hour: 6pm	**8** Mass: 12:15pm	**9** Treasures: 10am-12pm Mass: 12:15pm	**10** Mass: 4:00pm
11 Masses: 7:30am & 10:30am **Faith Formation - no class**	**12** **Office Closed**	**13** Mass: 12:15pm **Men's Group Meeting 6:00pm - Parish Office Conference Room**	**14** Mass: 12:15pm Adoration & Holy Hour: 6pm	**15** Mass: 12:15pm Food Pantry Prep **Finance Meeting 6:30pm-Rectory**	**16** **Food Pantry** Treasures: 10am-12pm Mass: 12:15pm	**17** Mass: 4:00pm
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-Parish Dining Hall**	**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

Save the Date

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

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