

# February 11, 2024

## Sixth 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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#### Office Hours:

Monday: 8am—4pm

Tuesday: 8am—4pm

Wednesday: 8am—2pm

Thursday: 8am—4pm

Friday: 8am—Noon

\*Closed daily Noon—12:30pm\*

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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](http://www.sspeterandpaulplains.com)  
as well as on the parish Facebook page.

## Sunday Stewards

Saturday, Feb. 03 - 4:00pm:

277 people attended

166 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,636.00

Sunday, Feb. 04 - 7:30am:

121 people attended

73 envelopes received

Offering \$1,549.00

Sunday, Feb. 04 - 10:30am:

222 people attended

107 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,209.00

*Thank You for your Generosity.*

## Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

February 14, 2024

12:15 Mass

5:30 Mass

## *The Second Collection last weekend for*

*Care and Education of Priests*

**\$1,465.00**

## Stations of the Cross

Fridays beginning February 16th  
After 12:15 Mass and at 5:30pm.



# WORSHIP

## WE REMEMBER

### MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	Feb. 10	4:00pm	<b>Rita Augustine</b> by Parish Council
Sunday	Feb. 11	7:30am 10:30am	<b>Barbara Sukavage</b> by Ron Machinas <b>Jessie Santi</b> by Daughter, Elissa

### DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	Feb. 13	12:15pm	<b>Tammy Garrubba</b> by Betty Jean Hession
Wednesday	Feb. 14	<b>12:15pm</b> <b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
Thursday	Feb. 15	12:15pm	<b>Marianne Kress</b> by Joseph Giovagnoli
Friday	Feb. 16	12:15pm	<b>Richard Kakareka</b> by Patricia Bilardi & Ann Marie Gallagher

### NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	Feb. 17	4:00pm	<b>Bridget Serafin</b> by Edward Serafin
Sunday	Feb. 18	7:30am 10:30am	<b>Mr. &amp; Mrs. John Kelly</b> by Kelly Phillips <b>Robert Lorusso</b> by Mary



**SANCTUARY CANDLE**  
**Louis & Irene Bechetti**

**LADY OF THE LOURDES**  
**Susan Zbierski**

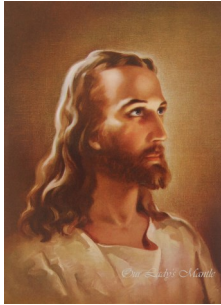
**HOLY FAMILY**  
**Joseph E. Bronack**



# The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

Feb. 11, 2024



*Dear Father in  
heaven,  
we come before  
your presence  
with  
thanksgiving and  
rejoice that you  
are with us on  
earth.  
Even though we  
have many  
struggles and  
temptations and  
even though  
problems crowd  
in upon us, we  
know that we are  
in your hands  
and that  
everything must  
go according to  
your will.*

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

The Lord tells Moses and Aaron that anyone bearing the sore of leprosy must first be seen by Aaron or one of the other priests, and that as long as the sore is upon him, "He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp."

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1

Paul instructs the Corinthians to do everything for the glory of God, to avoid offending others, and to be imitators of Christ.

### Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

Jesus takes pity on a leper and cures him of his disease with a warning not to say but to show himself to the priest and make an offering. Instead of remaining silent, the leper greatly publicized the healing, making it impossible for Jesus to enter the town openly.

## A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

**HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly

### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 11, 2024

**"A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said: 'If you wish, you can make me clean.' Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, 'I do will it. Be made clean.' The leprosy left him immediately and he was made clean."**

The meeting of the sick man with Jesus reveals several interesting things, both persons violated the law, lepers had to keep safe distances. He drew near to Jesus. Jesus reached out and touched him. The request for healing was met with pity and compassion, as He said, 'I do will it.'

Recently there has been a rise in the cases of leprosy, but we can use it as a symbol for all diseases, evil and sin. We turn too and ask what the will of Jesus for us is, and we know it is to heal, support and sanctify us. May we have the courage to approach Jesus as did the beggar honestly asking for healing and forgiveness.



# WORD

## MINISTRY OF THE MONTH –FEBRUARY

*Each month, a Ministry of the parish is highlighted.*

*For February we will focus on love of neighbor and sacrifices*

This year Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day both fall on the same day- Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. While to some this may be seen to be an inconvenience, it is actually a blessing and an opportunity. A blessing because we will honor the Lord in love through the sacrifices of fasting and abstinence. It is an opportunity, in that it gives us time to reflect on how love, sacrifice, and ministry within the church are intertwined. We love so many people in so many different ways- spouses, children, friends, and relatives, to name a few. But we are bound by God to love all creatures. "For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them" (Luke 6:32). Jesus fasted, even though He had been tempted by the devil, because of His love for us. In return, we not only fast on Ash Wednesday, but many of us fast from foods or objects we enjoy. This also is to honor God.

Now, we can take this love and the act of fasting and also perform it through church ministry. Donate the food you are not eating to the Food Pantry, or some of the extra clothing you have to Treasures. Sacrifice to God by attending mass every Sunday, or, if able, at one or more of the daily Masses each week at 12:15. Attend the Stations of the Cross. Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Become an usher or a lector. If you enjoy giving praise to God through song, consider this Lent signing up for the choir. These are just a few suggestions, and I am sure you can think of even more!

So you can see how love, sacrifice, and ministry are bound together. Pray on this, and you may discover much in your heart this Lenten season.

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.

## WEEKLY READINGS

### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Sunday

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46;  
1 Cor 10:31—11:1;  
Mk 1:40-45

#### Monday

Jas 1:1-11;  
Mk 8:11-13

#### Tuesday

Jas 1:12-18;  
Mk 8:14-21

#### Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18;  
2 Cor 5:20—6:2;  
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

#### Thursday

Dt 30:15-20;  
Lk 9:22-25

#### Friday

Is 58:1-9a;  
Mt 9:14-15

#### Saturday

Is 58:9b-14;  
Lk 5:27-32

## February/March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11 <i>Faith Formation</i> 9-10am	12 Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	13	14 <i>Choir Practice-</i> 6:30pm	15 <i>Food Pantry Prep</i>	16 <i>Food Pantry</i> Treasures 10am-12pm	17
18	19T Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	20	21 <i>Choir Practice-</i> 6:30pm	22	23 Treasures 10am-12pm	24
25 <i>Faith Formation</i> 9-10am	26 Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	27	28 <i>Choir Practice-</i> 6:30pm	29 <i>Night at the Races</i> meeting 6:30- <i>Parish Dining Hall</i>	1 Treasures 10am-12pm	2
3 <i>Faith Formation</i> 9-10am	4 Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	5	6 <i>Choir Practice-</i> 6:30pm	7 <i>Women's Society-</i> 6:30pm- <i>Parish Center Dining</i> <i>Hall</i>	8 Treasures 10am-12pm	9

## Save the Dates

**Night at the Races - March 16th**

**Purse Bingo - April 21st**

# 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 **February** we will collect **cereal, pasta, spaghetti sauce.**

### 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 **Winter clothing** for men, women, and children. Donations may be dropped off at 155 Austin Ave in Parsons 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

### 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 Patricia Hoskins

\$35 Yvonne Bohlander

#### In Memory of Thomas Vearling

\$20 Joseph & Roseanne Gates

\$25 Leonard J. & Joan Selner

\$50 Scott & Barbara Stephenson

\$30 Deborah Bronack

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.







**Saints Peter and Paul Church will hold a Night at the Races in  
Bernardine Hall on Saturday, March 16th.**

**Doors open at 6:00pm –Post Time is 7:00pm.**

Admission is \$10.00– and includes Food (Haluski, Whimpies, Ziti, Pierogies, Hot  
Dogs, and Pizza) and Refreshments.

Must be 21 years of age to enter.

\$10.00 per horse - \$100.00 per Sponsor per Race.

**Horses and Admission Tickets will be sold after all Masses.**

If you would like to donate, we need the following items:

Hot dog buns, Hamburger buns, Chips, Pretzels, Soda, Water, Ketchup, Mustard,  
& Desserts.

**Please call the Parish Office (570-825-6663) if you are going to donate any of  
these items OR if you would like to purchase a ticket or horse.**

We hope everyone contributes to this Church fundraiser by buying a horse and  
attending this fun night out!

**HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE THERE!**

The next meeting for the Night at the Races will be held on  
Thursday, February 29th, at 6:30pm in  
The Parish Dining Hall.

## Pot of Gold Basket

Buy a horse for our Night at the Races to get an entry to win the Pot of Gold Basket.

(Basket includes liquor, cash, lottery tickets, and goodies).

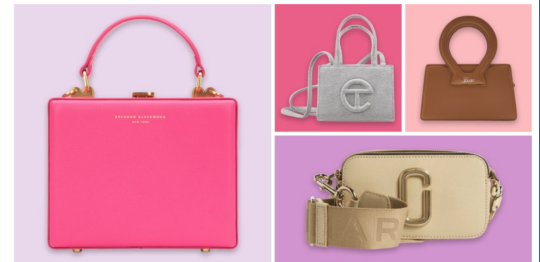
Receive one ticket for each horse you purchase.



## Purse Bingo

Date: April 21st

Tickets are now available



\$30 in Advance- \$40 at Door

Tickets can also be purchased on website.

If anyone would like to volunteer and be on the Purse Bingo Committee, please call the office and we will add your name to the list. We will call you if needed.

We would also greatly appreciate any monetary or basket donations.

## ATTENTION

If you were previously contributing through direct giving, we have changed the service and your contributions are no longer being deducted.

If you're interested in direct debit (no envelopes) please call the office or email [businessoffice@sspeterandpaulplains.com](mailto:businessoffice@sspeterandpaulplains.com)

## Women's Society Religious Retreat

Women's Society of Saints Peter and Paul is planning a religious retreat on Saturday, February 24, 2024 in the Church Parish Center Dining Hall at 9:00am.

Presenter: Father Brogan Ryan, C.S.C. Director of Campus Ministry King's College

Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Cost: \$30

Make reservations by calling Claire Koshinski at (570) 479-3671 or Sandy Toloczko at (570) 823-5918

Reservations, with check payable to Women's Society of Saints Peter and Paul, are due by February 17, 2024.

All are welcome!

## COMMUNITY

A **Polish Lenten Food Sale** will be held at **Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 215 Lackawanna Ave., Dupont, on Ash Wednesday**, February 14, from **11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.** in the garage behind the rectory. Homemade foods include potato pancakes, haluski, and homemade meatless soups. Our homemade fresh food will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

### LENTEN TAIZÉ PRAYER

On **Sunday, February 25 at 3:00 PM**, members of Cantores Christi Regis of King's College, Wilkes-Barre, will present Lenten Taizé Prayer at **Saint John the Evangelist Church, 35 William Street in Pittston**. These students, under the direction of Mr. Robert Yenkowski, will lead us in sung prayer in a candlelit church. All are invited to attend.

### FRIDAY LENTEN FOOD SALES AT ST. JOHN'S, PITTSTON

**St. John the Evangelist Parish, 35 William Street in Pittston**, is holding **Lenten Food Sales on all Fridays in March**, including Good Friday, with pickup from **4 to 5:30 PM in the Msgr. Bendik Pastoral Center on Church Street**. This year we are selling potato pancakes (3 for \$5) and take-and-heat haluski (\$7 a quart). On March 22 and 29 only, we will be selling nut and lekvar (prune) rolls from Kieran's Bakehouse in Plains (\$7/half and \$14/whole). Please call the parish office at 570-654-0053 by Thursday of each week if you would like to place an order!



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