

February 16, 2025

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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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.

Sunday Stewards

Saturday, Feb. 08 - 4:00pm:

268 people attended

166 envelopes received

Offering: \$3,789.00

Sunday, Feb. 09 - 7:30am:

45 people attended

30 envelopes received

Offering \$611.00

Sunday, Feb. 09 - 10:30am:

118 people attended

53 envelopes received

Offering: \$1,188.00

Thank You for your Generosity.



WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	Feb 15	4:00pm	Frances Mattiucci by Robert & Nancy Nahill
Sunday	Feb 16	7:30am 10:30am	Florence & John Kelly by Kelly Phillips Ellen Wallace by Tracy & Daniel Schooley

DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	Feb 18	12:15pm	Bridget Serafin by Ed Serafin
Wednesday	Feb 19	12:15pm	Pauline Evans by Family
Thursday	Feb 20	12:15pm	Edmund & Mary Suchocki by Susan & Marie
Friday	Feb 21	12:15pm	Robert E. Isbitski by Mary Lou Sobocinski

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	Feb 22	4:00pm	Michael & Mark McGivney by Father, Patrick & Connor
Sunday	Feb 23	7:30am 10:30am	Attilio Giovanelli by Pat Stella Special Intention



BLESSED MOTHER
Bronack Family

The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

February 16, 2025

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Jeremiah compares a man who seeks strength in flesh but abandons God to a bush in the desert, bereft of nourishment and unable to grow. Yet a man who trusts in God is like a tree beside a river, fed & strengthened by it even during times of drought.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Paul addresses those who believe in Christ's teachings, but are not convinced that he rose from the dead. He calls their faith worthless, because they have not been freed from their sins. Paul then emphatically declares that Jesus did rise up again, as will all those who truly believe in him.

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

Jesus tells his followers that those who are insulted in this life because of him will be rewarded richly in heaven. Yet those well received by all will despair in heaven, since people had often respected false prophets and mistreated true prophets. Those who hunger, perhaps for spiritual knowledge, shall be filled. Yet those who are full in this life will be hungry.

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

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"Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is the Lord. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream. It fears not the heat when it comes, its leaves stay green. In the year of drought, it shows no distress, but still bears fruit...When Jesus came down the mountain, he stopped at a level stretch...then raising his eyes to his disciples, he said: 'Blest are you poor...who hunger...are weeping for life, strength and the power...when they shall hate you.'"

Saint Luke offers us the 'sermon on the plain' while we are also familiar with Matthew's 'sermon on the mount.' The beatitudes of both, varying slightly, offer us a plan for our lives as disciples, relating what confronts us, our opportunities for growth, and the promised rewards.

The image of the strong tree of Jeremiah portrays all of us, trusting in the Lord, resisting the many evils which confront us. We cannot do it alone, but draw our strength from a life of prayer, celebration of the sacraments and being 'people of the beatitudes.'

Heavenly Father,

*Help us to trust in
your wisdom and
guidance, even when
we don't understand
what you're calling
us to do.*

*Help us to have faith
in your promises,
even when our
circumstances seem
bleak. We know that
you are the God who
provides, and you
always have our
best interests at
heart.*

*We ask for your
guidance and
protection
throughout this day,
knowing that we can
face any challenges
with you by our side.
May we always seek
your will above our
own, and trust in
your perfect plan for
our lives.*

*In Jesus' name we
pray,*

Amen.

WORD

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH - FEBRUARY

*Each month, a Ministry of the parish is highlighted.
For February we will focus on love of neighbor*

One of the most cherished days we celebrate in February is Valentine's Day. Through adds, emails, and texts, we are bombarded with gift ideas. While receiving a gift is certainly wonderful, it is the love coming from that gift that is most important. We love so many people in so many different ways- spouses, children, friends, pets, 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 loves us always, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. It is this love we need to imitate.

Now, we can take this love and perform it through church ministry. Donate food 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. Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Become an usher or a lector. If you enjoy giving praise to God through song, consider 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 and ministry are bound together. Pray on this, and you may discover much in your heart this month.

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.

WEEKLY READINGS

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Jer 17:5-8;
1 Cor 15:12, 16-20;
Lk 6:17, 20-26

Monday

Gn 4:1-15, 25;
Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday

Gn 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10;
Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday

Gn 8:6-13, 20-22;
Mk 8:22-26

Thursday

Gn 9:1-13;
Mk 8:27-33

Friday

Gn 11:1-9;
Mk 8:34—9:1

Saturday

1 Pt 5:1-4;
Mt 16:13-19

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
Canned Soups.

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 4pm-6pm & 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*

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.





**Saints Peter and Paul Church will hold a Night at the Races in
Bernardine Hall on Saturday, March 15th.**

Doors open at 5:30pm –Post Time is 7:00pm.

Admission is \$10.00– and includes Food (Haluski, Ziti, Pierogies, Hot Dogs,
Mac n Cheese, Chicken Fingers 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 and at the
Parish Office.**

We recommend you buy tickets in advance, as last year we sold out.

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

Spirits (for Basket of Cheer) & 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!

If you would like to volunteer for the Night at the Races, we are looking for
kitchen help.

If interested, please call MaryAnn at the office at 570-825-6663.

February/March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16 No Faith Formation	17 Rosary 6pm	18	19	20 Food Pantry Prep	21 Food Pantry Treasures- 10am-12pm	22
23 Faith Formation- 9-10am	24 Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	25	26	27	28 Treasures- 10am-12pm	1 March
2 Faith Formation- 9-10am	3 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	4	5	6 Night at the Races meeting 6:30pm- Conference Room Women's Society 6:30pm- Parish Dining Hall	7 Treasures- 10am-12pm	8
9 Faith Formation- 9-10am	10 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	11	12	13 Parish Council 6:30pm- Parish Dining Hall	14 Treasures- 10am-12pm	15 Night at the Races- Doors open at 5:30pm— Races begin at 7pm

Save the Date

Night at the Races— March 15, 2025



Women's Society Religious Retreat

Women's Society of Saints Peter and Paul is planning a religious retreat on Saturday, March 15, 2025 in the Church Parish Center Dining Hall from 9:00am-3pm.

Confession-3pm Mass-4pm

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 March 8, 2025.

All are welcome!

COMMUNITY

A Polish Lenten Food Sale will be held on **Ash Wednesday, March 5, from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.** in the garage behind the **Sacred Heart of Jesus Rectory, 215 Lackawanna Ave., Dupont**. Homemade foods include potato pancakes (*placki*- \$20 a dozen), fried cabbage and noodles (*haluski* - \$10 a quart, \$5 a pint) and homemade meatless soups (\$12 a quart). Our homemade fresh food will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Pierogi will also be available!

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST SELLING POTATO PANCAKES AND PIZZA

St. John the Evangelist Parish, 35 William Street in Pittston, will hold food sales **each Friday in Lent as well as Good Friday (March 7 through April 18)**. This year, we will be selling Potato Pancakes at 3 for \$5.00 and your choice of take-and-heat Red Pizza or White Pizza with Broccoli for \$15.00 a tray. **Pickup will be from 3:30 to 6:00 PM each Friday** in the Msgr. Bendik Pastoral Center (entrance on Church Street). Please call the parish office at 570-654-0053 by Thursday of each week to place your orders.

St. Joseph Mareello Parish to host Big Prize Bingo

St. Joseph Mareello Parish, **237 William Street in Pittston**, will hold their annual **BIG PRIZE BINGO** on **Sunday, March 30, with doors opening at 12:30pm and games beginning at 2pm**, in their Parish Hall. Prizes include home goods, outdoor items, purses and several CASH PRIZES. Tickets for this bingo will cost \$25 when purchased in advance or \$30 if purchased at the door (if tickets are still available). Bingo tickets include entrance and 20 regular games. Special games will be available for purchase, along with additional regular games, Bingo dabbers and other fun extras. Food and beverages will be available for purchase through our kitchen. Tickets are now available: please call the Parish Office at 570-654-6902 to reserve your tickets. We will reserve tables on a first-come, first-served basis for any PARTIES OF 8-10. Seating for parties less than 8 will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Saints Peter and Paul Parish

Pastor:
Rev. John C. Lambert

Wilkes-Barre Deanery

- Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Hanover Township
- Our Lady, Help of Christians, Dorrance
- Our Lady of Hope, Wilkes-Barre
- Saint Andrew, Wilkes-Barre
- Saint Elizabeth, Bear Creek
- Saint Jude, Mountain Top
- Saint Leo the Great, Ashley
- Saint Nicholas-Saint Mary, Wilkes-Barre
- Saint Rita, Gouldsboro
- Saint Robert Bellarmine, Wilkes-Barre
- Saints Peter and Paul, Plains

PARISH DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Number of Households	1250	1246	1483	1306	935
Number of Parishioners	1930	1993	-	2115	-
Total Number of Week-end Masses	3	3	3	3	3
Total Average Weekend Mass Attendance	548	560	552	465	304

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Baptisms	16	28	17	24	31
First Holy Communions	25	14	36	12	26
Confirmations	15	26	15	28	28
RCIA/Baptism	2	0	3	0	0
RCIA/Full Communion	0	0	0	0	2
Marriages	3	2	3	1	2
Funerals	55	86	69	57	-

FAITH FORMATION PARTICIPATION

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Religious Education K-8	53	91	109	117	168
Religious Education 9-12	0	0	0	0	0
Catholic School Students	4	6	39	12	-
Adult Faith Formation	0	0	1	0	0

**All data in this report has been supplied to the Diocese by your Parish. 2024 data is from July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.*

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