

May 21, 2023

7th Sunday of Easter

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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Permanent Deacon



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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, May 13 - 4:00pm:

220 people attended

169 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,334.00

Sunday, May 14 - 7:30am:

120 people attended

94 envelopes received

Offering \$1,589.00

Sunday, May 14 - 10:30am:

219 people attended

122 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,230.00

Thank You for your Generosity.

Memorial Mass
Monday, May 29th-
9:00am
in the Church for all
the deceased in our
seven cemetaries

The Second Collection
this weekend will be for
Catholic Communication
Campaign

THE SEVENTH
SUNDAY OF EASTER

WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	May 20	4:00pm	Mother's Day
Sunday	May 21	7:30am	Mother's Day
		10:30am	Mother's Day

DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	May 23	12:15pm	Mother's Day
Wednesday	May 24	12:15pm	Mother's Day
Thursday	May 25	12:15pm	Mother's Day
Friday	May 26	12:15pm	Zigmund Koshinski by Joseph Schwingen

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	May 27	4:00pm	Ronald Klem by Wife, Emily & Children
Sunday	May 28	7:30am	Viola Rubbico by Kim Coffee
		10:30am	Danny Branas by Pat Stella



SANCTUARY CANDLE
Frank Glazenski

LADY OF THE LOURDES
Matthew Koneski

HOLY FAMILY
Paul A. Binker, Sr.

The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

May 21, 2023



*O God,
the King of glory,
you have exalted
your only Son
Jesus Christ with
great triumph to
your kingdom in
heaven:
Do not leave us
comfortless,
but send us your
Holy Spirit to
strengthen us,
and exalt us to
that place where
our Savior Christ
has gone before;
who lives and
reigns with you
and the Holy
Spirit,
one God,
in glory
everlasting.
Amen.*

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 1:12-14

After Jesus ascended into heaven, the eleven apostles returned to Jerusalem and prayed in the upstairs room. With them were some women and Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:13-16

Christians are exhorted to rejoice in suffering because through suffering, they share in the life of Christ.

Gospel: John 17:1-11a

This is a continuation of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper. He tells the Father that he has made his name known, that he has finished the work his Father has given him, and that he wishes now to share in the glory at his side.

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

Seventh Sunday of Easter or Ascension of the Lord May 21, 2023

"Then he approached and said to them, 'All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.'"

The familiar 'Great Commission' of Jesus is so familiar and is directed to us personally. As we claim discipleship someone, an instrument of the Lord, carried out His mandate. The summary blessing calling on the creative Father, saving Son and sanctifying Spirit brought us into new life in the Lord.

The directive to the disciples in Galilee is repeated, as we accept our responsibility to be that 'someone' making other disciples, celebrating the sacraments with them and spreading the message of salvation, our personal relationship with Jesus Christ. But something has gone wrong. Many of us have failed to enthusiastically do our part to go and make disciples and teach by word and example.

Why are we afraid? Do we forget the promise that He is with us always? Think about the way you can carry out the mandate. How often we are told 'do not be afraid?' May we be reminded once again.

WORD

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH –MAY

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Each month, a Ministry of the parish is highlighted. For May we will reflect on Ministry using our time and talents.

The definition of Ministry is simply the act of serving. There are a number of formal, structured Ministries available in our Parish and are highlighted year round. But there are also a number of activities occurring in our parish that could use the time and talent of so many of our members. If Ministry means serving, then donating your time and talent at any event in our Parish is also a form of Ministry. For those of you who are great bakers, please consider donating to any upcoming bake sales. If you have a talent for being able to put things together, please think about volunteering for setting up at a future event listed in the bulletin. Are you a great conversationalist? You may greet people at one of these events. These are just three examples of talents you may have that can be used in our Parish. The Parish understands just how valuable time is for us. But imagine what our Parish could look like if everyone just gave a little bit of their time and talent in Ministry to the Church, even if it is only a few hours. We could grow into the family God wants us to be!

Committing to a structured Ministry is a true blessing for our Parish. But for those unable, please don't think you are not needed. Peter says "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace (1 Peter 4:10)". Don't let your gift be wasted. Look at the present and future opportunities in our bulletin and make that call! You will feel fulfilled and make new friends too!

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.



Contact: Parish Office 570-825-6663 or
email ministries@sspeterandpaulplains.com

WEEKLY READINGS

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sunday

The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11;
Eph 1:17-23;
Mt 28:16-20

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:12-14;
1 Pt 4:13-16;
Jn 17:1-11a

Monday

Acts 19:1-8;
Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday

Acts 20:17-27;
Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday

Acts 20:28-38;
Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday

Acts 22:30, 23:6-11;
Jn 17:20-26

Friday

Acts 25:13b-21;
Jn 21:15-19

Saturday

Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31
Jn 21:20-25

May/June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
21 Confirmation-12pm	22 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	23	24 <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:30pm	25 Nite at the Races Meeting 6:30– Parish Dining Hall	26 Treasures 10am-12pm	27
28	29 Office Closed Memorial Mass 9am in Church	30	31 <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:30pm	1 June Women's Society 6:30pm– Parish Dining Hall	2 Treasures 10am-12pm	3 Night at the Races- Doors Open 6pm and Racing begins at 7pm– Bernardine Hall
4	5 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	6	7 <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:30pm	8 Parish Council 6:30pm-Parish Dining Hall	9 Treasures 10am-12pm	10
11	12 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	13	14 <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:30pm	15 Food Pantry Prep	16 Food Pantry Treasures 10am-12pm	17



The Bernardine Hall is open for reservations! Our newly renovated spacious event hall is perfect for weddings, parties, corporate events, fundraisers, and more. We have plenty of tables, chairs, space, and parking for every event. You can choose from our list of approved caterers.

The Parish Dining Room is also available for rentals. This room is perfect for any of the smaller events like Baptism luncheons, Wedding rehearsal dinners, business meetings, and more.

For more information about renting the hall for your events, please email Amy Vissotski hallrental@sspeterandpaulplains.com

or call the Parish Office at 570-825-6663.

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 **May** we will collect **peanut butter & canned carrots**.

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 **Spring/Summer clothing** for men, women, and children. Donations may be dropped off during business hours only.

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*

Irene Martin, *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.**

General Donation

In Memory of Frank Glazenski

\$100 Wife, Camille

Food Pantry

\$50 Patrick & Donna Malys

In Memory of Helen Lavinia

\$25 Ann Yevich

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.



Faith Formation

Confirmation— May 21st— 12pm



Night at the Races Meeting

Thursday, May 25th at 6:30pm in
the Parish Dining Hall for
everyone interested in volunteering
for this event.



Night at the Races will be held **Saturday, June 3rd, in Bernardine Hall. Doors open at 6pm and racing begins at 7pm.** Admission is \$10. Must be 21 years of age to enter. Food and beverages will be available.

We are asking for donations of chips, pretzels, salads (potato, macaroni, and coleslaw) and baked goods. Donations can be dropped off at Bernardine Hall after 4:30pm on race night. Please contact the Parish Office at 570-825-6663 if you are willing to contribute so we can keep a list of what is being donated.

Please don't forget to sell horses to your family, friends and co-workers (\$10 per horse).

Anyone interested in buying a horse or being a sponsor (\$100), can pick up a form in the vestibule of the Church, or at the Parish Office during business hours.

Hope to see everyone there!!!

Flea Market

ATTENTION SPRING CLEANERS

Do you have household items, holiday decorations, toys (no stuffed animals please), tools, in good working condition, jewelry, vinyl records, antiques & vintage items, handmade crafts, or collectables that you no longer can use and need a new home?

We ask that you consider saving them for the Saints Peter and Paul Flea Market coming this summer. Dates and times for drop off will be announced in the near future.

Please **NO** broken items, large furniture, (small items like lamps are accepted), gym equipment, clothing, computers, TV's, encyclopedias, or trophies.

Thank you in advance for helping to make our flea market a huge success!

Save the Dates

Night at the Races- June 3rd

Church's 100th Anniversary Celebration- June 25th

Flea Market- August 5th & 6th

Harvest Tea- September 10th

Purse Bingo- October 8th

Toy Bingo- November 12th

COMMUNITY

Be a good Scout, donate blood. A community **blood drive**, supporting Tyler Kelly's Eagle Scout Project, will be held on **Tuesday, May 23rd from 1:30 to 6:30 PM in Bernardine Hall**. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter TKelly to schedule an appointment. Donate blood at this drive and receive a Red Cross beach towel, while they last.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST FLEA MARKET

St. John the Evangelist Parish, **35 William Street in Pittston**, is holding a FLEA MARKET in the Msgr. Bendik Pastoral Center (former Seton Catholic auditorium) on **Thursday, May 25 and Friday, May 26 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 27 from 9:00 a.m.-12 Noon (Bag Sale)**. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Entrance is on Church Street in Pittston with parking available nearby!

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH MARELLO, Founder of the Congregation of the Oblates of St. Joseph, will be celebrated on **Wednesday evening, May 31, at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel of St. Joseph, 1880 Route 315, Laflin**. The Mass will be offered in conjunction with its regular weekly Mass & Novena of St. Joseph. Guest celebrant and homilist will be Very Rev. Joseph G. Elston, V.F., Pastor of St. Joseph Marello Parish, Pittston. A social will follow the Mass, all are welcome to attend. St. Joseph Marello (1844-1895) was from the Asti region of Italy where he served as a diocesan priest and bishop. He founded the Oblate Order in 1878, which now serves in 18 countries throughout the world. The Oblate priests have served in our diocese since 1929. St. Joseph Marello was canonized a saint of the Church in 2001 by Pope St. John Paul II.

Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement.

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24 hour Child Abuse hotline (Childline) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary B Pacuska at 570-862-7551

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