

# July 16, 2023

15th 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, July 08 - 4:00pm:

235 people attended

131 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,807.00

Sunday, July 09 - 7:30am:

130 people attended

89 envelopes received

Offering \$2,051.00

Sunday, July 09 - 10:30am:

234 people attended

99 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,215.00

*Thank You for your Generosity.*



## The Mass Book for 2024 Is Now Open

**Note: Candles Are Now \$15ea.**

Office hours are:

Monday 8am-4pm

Tuesday 8am-4pm

Wednesday 8am-2pm

Thursday 8am-4pm

Friday 8am-12pm

# WORSHIP

## WE REMEMBER

### MASSES THIS WEEKEND

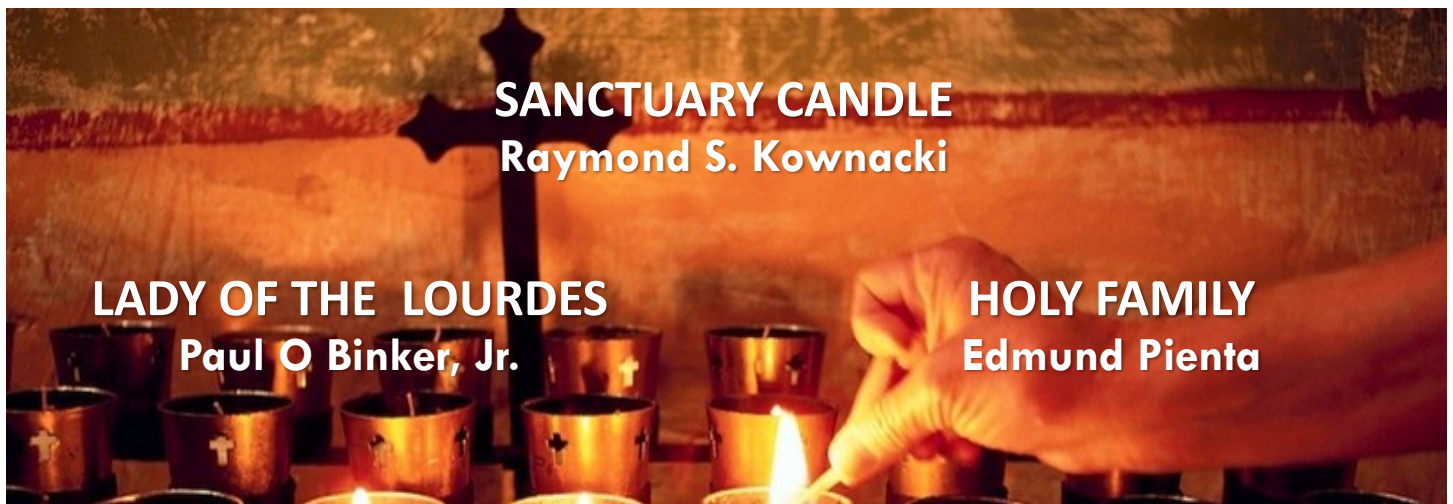
Saturday	July 15	4:00pm	<b>William Gall</b> by Daughters
Sunday	July 16	7:30am	<b>George &amp; Helen Wojcik</b> by Sharon
			<b>Ann Marie Merlie</b> by Husband
		10:30am	<b>Randy Ledsome</b> by Children

### DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	July 18	12:15pm	<b>Raymond S. Kownacki</b> by Raymond & Kathy
Wednesday	July 19	12:15pm	<b>Condo Family</b> by Family
Thursday	July 20	12:15pm	<b>Dorothy Sheraski</b> by Nieces & Nephews
Friday	July 21	12:15pm	<b>Daniel Pientka</b> by Wife, Eleanore

### NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	July 22	4:00pm	<b>Edmund Pienta</b> by Bill & Dorothy Judge
Sunday	July 23	7:30am	<b>Michael Wanyo</b> by Wife, Marian
		10:30am	<b>Anna &amp; Francis Wallace</b> by Evelyn Spagnuolo



**SANCTUARY CANDLE**  
**Raymond S. Kownacki**

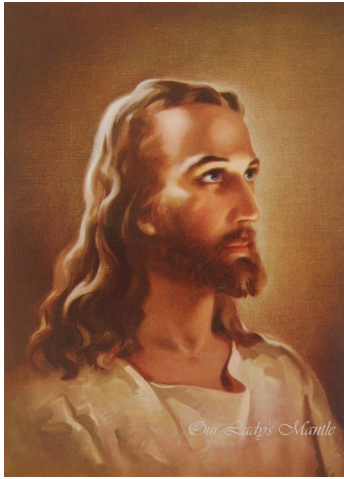
**LADY OF THE LOURDES**  
**Paul O Binker, Jr.**

**HOLY FAMILY**  
**Edmund Pienta**

# The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

July 16, 2023



*Dear Lord,  
This daylight,  
upon waking and  
getting ready for  
my day,  
I pray that you  
give me strength  
today to be  
strong for You in  
this world full of  
temptations.*

*Lord,  
You know that  
there are  
struggles I will go  
through today.  
I pray that you  
are with me as I  
go through them.*

*Amen*

## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

Just as the rain and snow water the earth and make it fruitful, so does the word of God bring forth good seed.

### Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23

Reminding all that the trials and sufferings of this life are “as nothing,” Paul says that the glory we shall receive will overshadow all things.

### Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus tells the parable of the sower and the seed. The seed that landed on the footpath, on rocky ground, or among thorns withered and died; the seed that fell on good ground “the man who hears the message and takes it in” ... “bears a yield of a hundredfold.”

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

### Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 16, 2023

**“Thus says the Lord: Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down...so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth, my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.”**

Parents joyfully remember the first words spoken by their baby. How many words we hear each day on radio and television. How many words do we speak to others. Jesus used parables to teach and compares His word to a seed that is sown, but with a purpose, to produce fruit, not to return empty.

We recall famous speeches – ‘Ask not what your country can do for you’, ‘Four score and seven years ago’, ‘We have a pope’. They echo throughout the ages.

What about the word of God? We hear it proclaimed at mass, do we listen loosely? We hear the pleas of the poor, the homeless, the victims of abuse. Do we respond with kindness and compassion?

We are told ‘think before you speak’, yet the Lord has spoken, we now must think.

# WORD

## MINISTRY OF THE MONTH –JULY

*Each month, a Ministry of the parish is highlighted.  
For July, we will highlight the Liturgical Ministries*

Celebrating the Mass every week is a collaborative work of all Liturgical Ministers. Lectors, musicians, cantors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, ushers, altar servers, adult acolytes, and the sacristan all work together with Father Jack and Deacon Don to help create this beautiful experience of the Mass. When we attend Mass, we connect with Jesus through prayer, Scripture, and the Holy Eucharist. Becoming a Liturgical Minister truly helps to appreciate the Mass, and therefore God, in a deeper and more meaningful way. So please spend time this month and consider enriching your experience by becoming a Liturgical Minister. “Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up” (Gal 6:9).

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 570-825-6663 or email  
ministries@sspeterandpaulplains.com

## WEEKLY READINGS

### Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Sunday

Is 55:10-11;  
Rom 8:18-23;  
Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

#### Monday

Ex 1:8-14, 22;  
Mt 10:34—11:1

#### Tuesday

Ex 2:1-15a;  
Mt 11:20-24

#### Wednesday

Ex 3:1-6, 9-12;  
Mt 11:25-27

#### Thursday

Ex 3:13-20;  
Mt 11:28-30

#### Friday

Ex 11:10—12:14;  
Mt 12:1-8

#### Saturday

Sg 3:1-4b or  
2 Cor 5:14-17;  
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

## July/August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16	17 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	18 <b>Flea Market donation drop off at School</b>  10am-12pm and 5-7pm	19 <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:30pm	20 <b>Food Pantry Prep Donation drop off at School</b> 10am-12pm & 5-7pm	21 <b>Food Pantry</b> Treasures 10am-12pm	22
23	24 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	25 <b>Flea Market donation drop off at School</b>  10am-12pm and 5-7pm	26 <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:30pm <b>Donation drop off in Bernardine Hall</b> 10am-12pm & 5-7pm	27 <b>Donation drop off in Bernardine Hall</b> 10am-12pm & 5-7pm	28 <b>Donation drop off in Bernardine Hall</b> 10am-12pm & 5-7pm  Treasures 10am-12pm	29
30	31 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	1 August <b>Donation drop off in Bernardine Hall</b> 10am-12pm & 5-7pm	2 <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:30pm <b>Donation drop off in Bernardine Hall</b> 10am-12pm & 5-7pm	3 <b>Women's Society</b> 6:30-Parish Dining Hall <b>Donation drop off in Bernardine Hall</b> 10am-12pm & 5-7pm	4 <b>Donation drop off in Bernardine Hall</b> 10am-12pm & 5-7pm  Treasures 10am-12pm	5 <b>Flea Market 8am-6pm in Bernardine Hall</b>
6 <b>Flea Market 8am-2pm in Bernardine Hall</b>	7 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	8	9 <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:30pm	10 <b>Parish Council</b> 6:30pm –Parish Dining Hall	11 Treasures 10am-12pm	12

## Save the Dates

Flea Market- August 5th & 6th

Harvest Tea– September 10th

Purse Bingo- October 8th

Toy Bingo- November 12th

# 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 **July** we will collect **Canned meats (stew, chili, etc.)**

### 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 **Summer clothing** for men, women, and children. Donations may be dropped off 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 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*

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 Robert P. Corcoran

\$25 Karen Tigue

#### In Memory of Leona Lepore

\$100 Mocion Family

\$100 Joseph Elinsky

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.



# 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!

## Flea Market Donation Drop-Off Times

July 18, 20 & 25th– 10am-12pm & 5-7pm In **School next to Church**

July 26-August 4th– 10am-12pm & 5-7pm Daily in **Bernardine Hall**

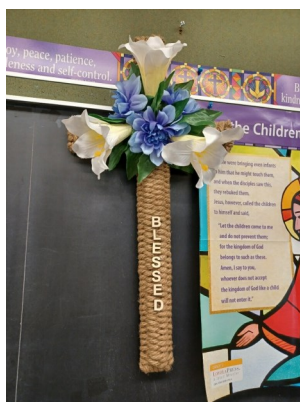
**Flea Market will be held on August 5th & 6th**

**Hours are:**

**Saturday, August 5th– 8am-6pm**

**Sunday, August 6th-8am-2pm**





## Rope Crosses For Sale

A variety of “**Rope Crosses**” made by the Counting Group, Kim Pokrifka, Jeanne Peters, and Sharyn Williams, will be sold at the **Flea Market on August 5th and 6th**. The **cost is \$20 each**. **All proceeds go directly to the Church**. There are a variety of designs. A few are shown above. They can hang on a door or wall. **Please make sure to check them out!**



## Hoagie Sale

**12”Italian Hoagies- Cost- \$8 each.**

If you would like to place an order please fill out form and drop in collection basket or at the Parish Office.

**All orders must be prepaid.**

**Pick-up will be on Saturday, August 5th in Bernardine Hall from 10am-1pm.**

Enjoy shopping at our **Flea Market** while you are there to pick up your hoagies!

Also check out those beautiful **Rope Crosses** shown above and grab a delicious dessert from our **bake sale!**

Extra order forms are available in the vestibule of the Church or at the Parish Office if you would like to **share with your friends and family**.

## Harvest Tea

**September 10, 2023**

Anyone interested in being a **hostess** for our beautiful themed tea may call Debbie Sincavage at 570-817-2965 or 570-824-5907, or Kim Pokrifka at 570-760-6376.

**Tickets** for tea can be obtained by calling Debbie, Kim, or the Parish Office.

A Chinese auction will be held so **basket donations** would also be greatly appreciated.

Basket donations may be dropped off at the Parish Office during business hours.

## COMMUNITY

**Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church** will hold a **Chicken Dinner** as their Why Cook Wednesday Dinner for July. The dinner will be on **Wednesday, July 19, 2023 in their school hall** on the corner of North River and West Chestnut Streets, near the General Hospital Parkade in Wilkes-Barre. This dinner will be Take-Out Only and Pre-Orders are strongly encouraged. **Dinners will be \$15** and will include; a brined and roasted half-chicken, baked potato, corn, macaroni salad, roll and dessert. Place your order by calling the School Hall Kitchen (570) 829-3051. Pick-Ups will be from 4:00 to 7:00pm. Tickets will also be sold for a Basket Raffle. Remember...When Baba Cooks, Everybody's Happy!

### Mass in Remembrance of Victims of Violent or Tragic Death

The Diocese of Scranton is offering the annual Mass in remembrance of victims of violent or tragic death. This Mass is offered for the families and friends of those who have died in tragedy, especially through murder, suicide, and accident.

The Mass is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in Saint Peter's Cathedral, 315 Wyoming, Scranton**. All persons who have lost a loved one through tragic and traumatic death are invited to this liturgy. The mass will be televised on CTV.

We ask that the names of deceased loved ones are registered on registration forms which are available in the parish office or on the Diocese of Scranton's website,

[www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org). **All forms must be received by July 19, 2023.**

### Cemetery Administrative Assistant

The Diocese of Scranton is currently looking for qualified applicants for a full-time Administrative Assistant position at St. Mary's Cemetery in Hanover Township. This position interacts with families, funeral directors and others who are in need of various cemetery services. The successful candidate must be well organized and a team player, possess good communication skills and needs to be computer proficient with fiscal related experience. The Diocese of Scranton offers a competitive salary along with a comprehensive benefits package. Some half day Saturday hours will be required.

Interested applicants are asked to send a complete resume with a minimum of three (3) references by **July 28, 2023** to:

James Burke  
Diocesan Secretary for Human Resources  
300 Wyoming Ave., Scranton Pa. 18503  
Or email [Jim-Burke@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:Jim-Burke@dioceseofscranton.org)

# SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH STAFF

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Deacon Don Crane

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Sacred Heart (Dallas)	Saint Stanislaus

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