

# July 23, 2023

16th 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\*

Reverend John C. Lambert M.S.W.

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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 15 - 4:00pm:

223 people attended

128 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,288.00

Sunday, July 16 - 7:30am:

123 people attended

78 envelopes received

Offering \$1,676.00

Sunday, July 16 - 10:30am:

215 people attended

103 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,489.00

*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

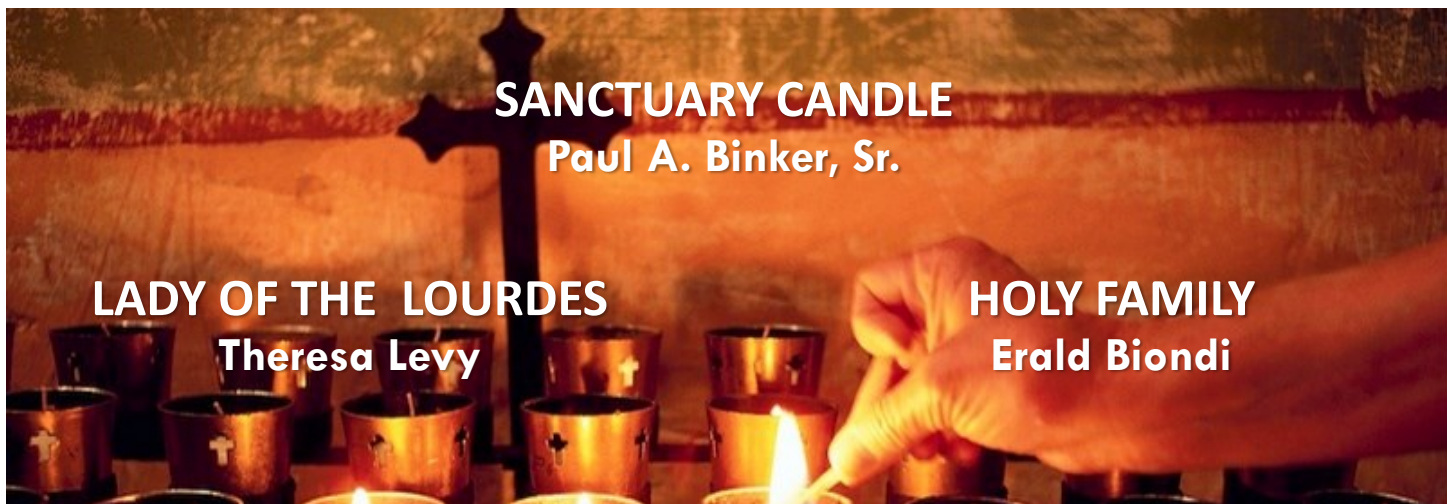
Saturday	July 22	4:00pm	<b>Edmund Pienta</b> by Bill & Dorothy Judge
Sunday	July 23	7:30am 10:30am	<b>Michael Wanyo</b> by Wife, Marian <b>Anna &amp; Francis Wallace</b> by Evelyn Spagnuolo

### DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	July 25	12:15pm	<b>Edmund Pienta</b> by Jean Pisack
Wednesday	July 26	12:15pm	<b>Barbara Olsakowski</b> by Husband, Michael
Thursday	July 27	12:15pm	<b>Joseph B. Pilarcik</b> by Golomb Family
Friday	July 28	12:15pm	<b>Michael McGrady</b> by Wife

### NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	July 29	4:00pm	<b>Joseph J. Hirko</b> by Grobe & McDonald Families
Sunday	July 30	7:30am 10:30am	<b>Polachek Family</b> by Szymanski Family <b>Gary Totino</b> by Wife & Daughter



**SANCTUARY CANDLE**  
**Paul A. Binker, Sr.**

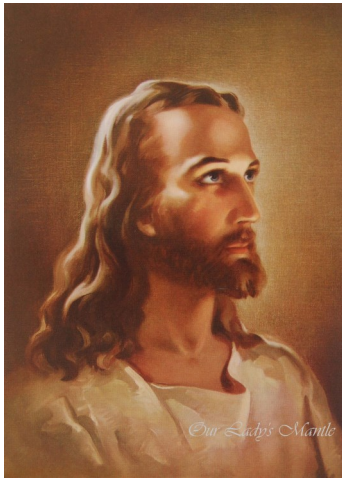
**LADY OF THE LOURDES**  
**Theresa Levy**

**HOLY FAMILY**  
**Erald Biondi**

# The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

July 23, 2023



*Loving God,  
please grant me  
peace of mind  
and calm my  
troubled heart.  
My soul is like a  
turbulent sea.  
I can't seem to  
find my balance  
so I stumble and  
worry  
constantly.  
Give me the  
strength and  
clarity of mind to  
find my purpose  
and walk the  
path you've laid  
out for me.*

*Amen*

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

This passage from the Book of Wisdom addresses itself to God, giving praise and thanksgiving for his mercy.

### Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27

Paul indicates that since people are, in general, unaccustomed to the manner of praying, of speaking directly to God, the Holy Spirit will intercede for them.

### Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

According to Matthew, Jesus speaks of the "reign of God" in three parables: the man who soweth good seed, the mustard seed, and the yeast. In each parable, Jesus demonstrates that once the "reign of God" had been established, it grew and spread.

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

### Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 23, 2023

**"But though you are master of might, you judge with clemency, and with much lenience you govern us; for power, whenever you will, attends you. And you taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind; And you gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins."**

Aware that all of us are going to die, also aware that we will be judged for the good we do and the evil which sometimes overwhelms us. The book of wisdom invites us to reflect upon God's great gift and remedy for our shortcomings. We are called to be perfect, a noble task for imperfect people. We are also called to be merciful, as is our God for us. If we see God as a merciful judge, we approach Him with great confidence. It is even better if we reflect the same virtues of mercy and clemency.

Take a minute to consider you meeting our judge. Bring to Him the gift of kindness. How easy it is for us to be kind, as will be our judge who is 'abounding in kindness and mercy.' Give Him your package of virtues, wrapped in a simple reflection of kindness.



# 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.**

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## WEEKLY READINGS

### Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Sunday

Wis 12:13, 16-19;  
Rom 8:26-27;  
Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

#### Monday

Ex 14:5-18;  
Mt 12:38-42

#### Tuesday

2 Cor 4:7-15;  
Mt 20:20-28

#### Wednesday

Ex 16:1-5, 9-15;  
Mt 13:1-9

#### Thursday

Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b;  
Mt 13:10-17

#### Friday

Ex 20:1-17;  
Mt 13:18-23

#### Saturday

Ex 24:3-8;  
Jn 11:19-27 or  
Lk 10:38-42

## July/August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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</b> 8am-6pm in Bernardine Hall
6 <b>Flea Market</b> 8am-2pm in Bernardine Hall	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
13	14 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	15	16 <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:30pm	17 <b>Food Pantry Prep</b>	18 <b>Food Pantry</b> Treasures 10am-12pm	19

## 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

\$25 Victoria Hunzer

### In Memory of Bernard Paciga

\$100 Ann Paciga

### In Memory of Leona Lepore

\$25 Mr. & Mrs. Edward Laibinis

\$50 Wendy Crane-Hopkins & David Hopkins

\$100 Primecare Pharmacy Services, Inc

\$100 Sharon Smith Saia

\$50 Stanley & Ida Olshefsk

\$80 Friends of the Family

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

**Hours are:  
Saturday, August 5th– 8am-6pm  
Sunday, August 6th-8am-2pm**

## *Attention Bakers*



**We need bakers for the Bake Sale being held  
August 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> at the Flea Market**

Cookies, pies, brownies, cupcakes, or whatever is your specialty, please consider donating baked goods for our Parish Bake Sale.

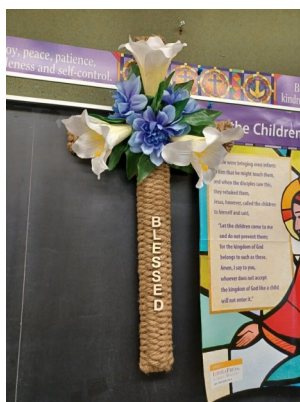
We ask that items be individually wrapped in small or large bags depending on the item. For example, cookies would be 2 or 3 in a pack, loaves of bread or pies in larger bags. This minimizes the need for excess handling. Also, please note if your item contains nuts or nut products, since there are many with nut allergies.

**Items may be dropped off from 5 PM to 7 PM on August 4<sup>th</sup> or from  
8 AM to 6 PM August 5<sup>th</sup> in Bernardine Hall**

Thank you!

Please call the Parish Office at 570-825-6663 or email  
[ministries@sspeterandpaulplains.com](mailto:ministries@sspeterandpaulplains.com) with any questions.





## 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

### St Al's Church Bazaar

Corner of Barney & Division Streets, Wilkes-Barre

**August 3rd, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5th**

Aug 3, 6-10PM: Triple Fret

Aug 4, 6-11PM: Flaxy Morgan

Aug 5, 5-11PM: Strawberry Jam

Flea Market Sale – 1 day only before the bazaar on Sat., July 29<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 2 pm then will be open every evening during the Bazaar.

FOOD GAMES PRIZES FLEA MARKET

### 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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Mary Pilarcik

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## **Bernardine Hall Coordinator**

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Saints Peter & Paul	Saint Joseph
Sacred Heart (Plains)	Saint Francis
Sacred Heart (Dallas)	Saint Stanislaus

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## **Maintenance**

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Jim Cunningham

## **Altar Servers**

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## **Sacristan**

Ben Berrini

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## **Business Office**

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## **Elder Outreach**

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Kathy Grinaway, *Chairperson*

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Barbara Gubbiotti	Jack Keeley
Debby Zuzelski	Joan Cavanaugh
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Lou Zuzelski	Steve McGough

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## **Saints Peter & Paul Finance Committee**

Don Prescavage, *Chairman*

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Charlotte Dominick, *Secretary*

Gerald Cross

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Deacon Don Cane

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