

July 30, 2023

17th 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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Deacon Don Crane

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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, July 22 - 4:00pm:

219 people attended
130 envelopes received
Offering: \$2,986.00

Sunday, July 23 - 7:30am:

113 people attended
66 envelopes received
Offering \$1,101.00

Sunday, July 23 - 10:30am:

193 people attended
81 envelopes received
Offering: \$1,749.00

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

DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	Aug 01	12:15pm	Ciro Cinti by Family
Wednesday	Aug 02	12:15pm	David Loiacono by Janice Canterini
Thursday	Aug 03	12:15pm	Francis Teresinski by Wife & Children
Friday	Aug 04	12:15pm	Ellen Wallace by Daughters

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	Aug 05	4:00pm	Joseph & Florence Gill by Children
Sunday	Aug 06	7:30am 10:30am	Walter & Barbara Gurdock by Barbara, Walter, Joseph & Bonnie Lillian & William Tomalinas by Terpak Family Marie Nagle by Nagle Family



SANCTUARY CANDLE
Michael McGrady

LADY OF THE LOURDES
Mitzi Hanahan

HOLY FAMILY
Bruce Gino Marchetti

The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

July 30, 2023

*Dear Lord,
as we rise to meet
each new day,
please let us be
filled with Your
spirit.
Wherever we go,
let us spread love,
joy,
peace,
goodness,
and faithfulness.
Let us desire to
become more like
you and to
worship you in
all we do.
Help us desire
these things so
much more than
the sin that
entices us.
Thank you for
always going
before us.
In Jesus' Name,

Amen.*

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Solomon, realizing that he will succeed his father David as King of Israel and Judah, begs the Lord to give him wisdom and understanding in order to rule his people well. The Lord grants his request saying, "...there will come no one to equal you."

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

As heirs of God and heirs with Christ, we suffer in order to be glorified with Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus speaks again about the "reign of God," telling the parables of the buried treasure and the merchant's search for pearls. In each parable, Jesus emphasizes that the "reign of God" is more precious and valuable than any treasure.

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

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 30, 2023

"God said, 'Ask something of me and I will give it to you.' Solomon answered: 'Oh Lord, my God, you have made me, your servant, king to succeed my father David; but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act. Give me therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong. Because you have asked for this... for understanding so that you may know what is right – I do as you requested.'"

There is the adage 'be careful what you ask for, you may just get it.' Although Solomon was endowed with many gifts, he asked for the gift of understanding. It is one of the gifts of the Spirit for us. From it flow kindness, forgiveness, joy and hope. We have just witnessed the coronation of a king. What is he asking for?

When I approach my God in prayer, what do I ask for? Do I go before Him with great confidence? What do I really need, what is my basic want in prayer? Did Jesus not say, 'ask and you shall receive, seek and you will find, knock and it shall be given to you?'

WORD

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH –AUGUST

*Each month, a Ministry of the parish is highlighted.
For August we will highlight the Music Ministry*

Over the past few months, we have had special services blessed with music, which added to the beauty of the Mass. For example, the Mass celebrating 100 years of Saints Peter and Paul Church was so inspiring that Bishop Bambera specifically commented on the wonderful job done by the Music Ministry. Every weekend we are blessed with music that is uplifting and moving. But this comes with the need for volunteers. You are urged to consider being part of our Music Ministry, whether it is for special occasions or if you are interested in being a cantor (you must contact Scott Coates, music director, if you are interested in becoming a cantor). The Book of Psalms says simply “Sing praise to him, play music; proclaim all his wondrous deeds” (Psalms 105:2). So please spend time in prayer and consider participating in this Ministry. Contact information is listed below.

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 Scott Coates
music@sspeterandpaulplains.com

WEEKLY READINGS

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12;
Rom 8:28-30;
Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Monday

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34;
Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday

Ex 33:7-11, 34:5b-9, 28;
Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday

Ex 34:29-35;
Mt 13:44-46

Thursday

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38;
Mt 13:47-53

First Friday

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37;
Mt 13:54-58

First Saturday

Lv 25:1, 8-17;
Mt 14:1-12

July/August

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

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 **August** we will collect **Cereal**

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 **Fall 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

\$50 Patrick & Donna Malys

In Memory of Irene Martin

\$30 Parish Council

In Memory of Arlene Stella & Ruth Savage

\$100 George & Rita Krill

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

We are no longer accepting donations.

Thank you for your generosity!

Attention Bakers



**We need bakers for the Bake Sale being held
August 5th and 6th 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 4th or from
8 AM to 6 PM August 5th in Bernardine Hall**

Thank you!

Please call the Parish Office at 570-825-6663 or email
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!**

Don't forget to pick-up your hoagies 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!**

The Plains Senior Citizens' meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 2nd, has been canceled.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 16th.

This will be the last meeting reservations for the Christmas show on Saturday, December 2nd, will be accepted.

For information please call Mike Boncheck 570-817-7532.

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, 4th & 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 29th 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

SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH STAFF

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Ben Berrini

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Business Office

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Pastoral Council

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