

August 6, 2023

The Transfiguration of the Lord

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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Wednesday: 8am—2pm

Thursday: 8am—4pm

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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

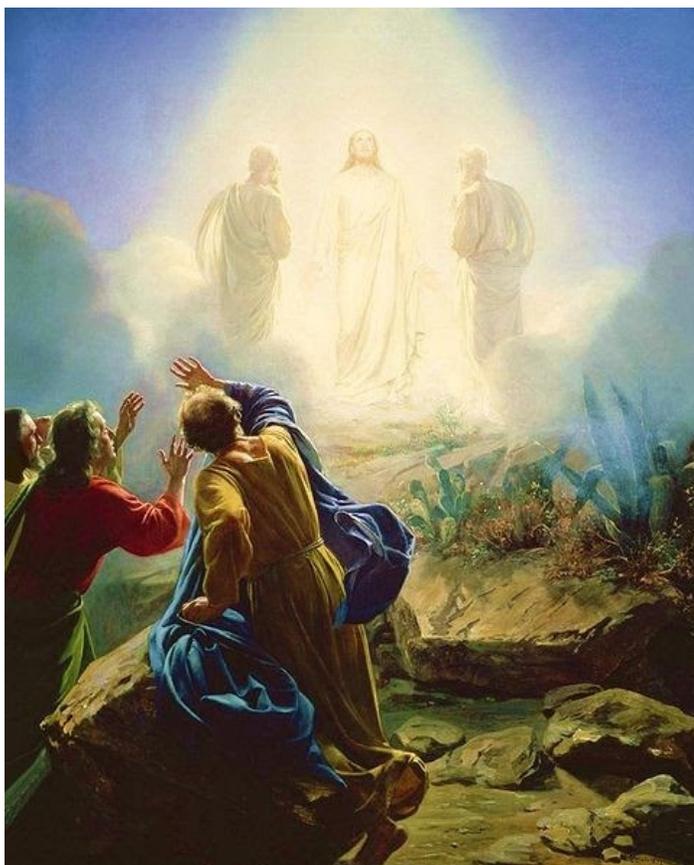
Sunday: 7:30am & 10:30 am

We Live Stream weekend Mass on the parish website:
www.sspeterandpaulplains.com
as well as on the parish Facebook page.

Sunday Stewards

**Due to Early Submission of
Bulletin, Contributions Will
be Listed Next Week**

***The Second Collection
this weekend is for
Care and Education of Priests***



Mass Schedule for The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Masses will be at 12:15 & 5:30pm



WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

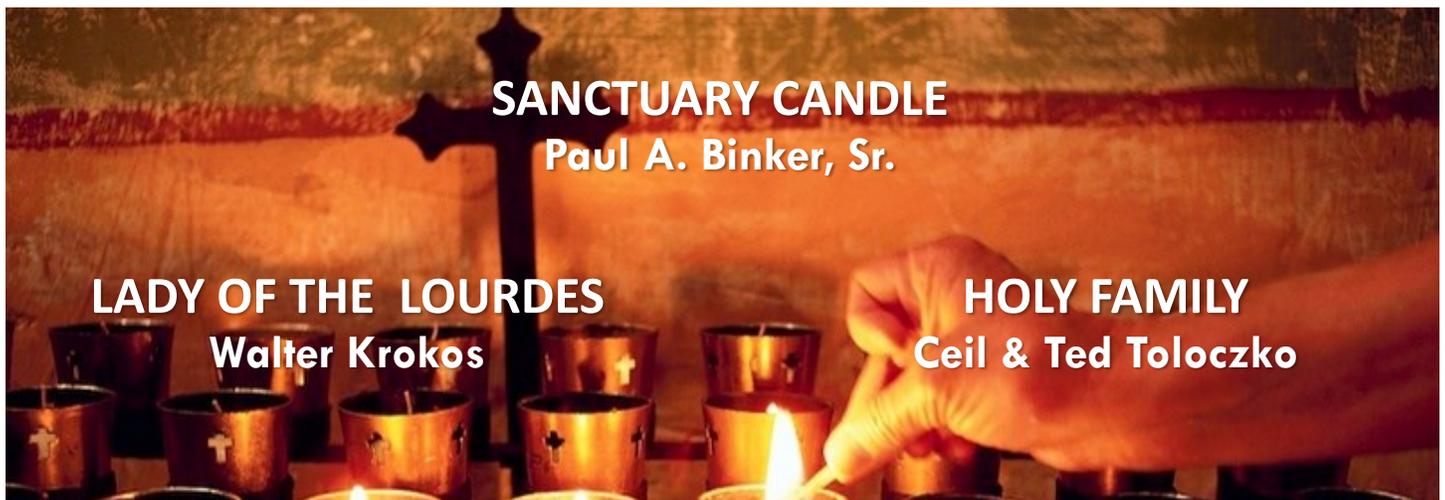
Saturday	Aug 05	4:00pm	Joseph and Florence Gill by Children
Sunday	Aug 06	7:30am 10:30am	Walter & Barbara Gurdock by Barbara, Walter, Joseph & Bonnie Lillian & William Tomalinas by Terpak Family Marie Nagle by Nagle Family

DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	Aug 08	12:15pm	Bob Dressler by Barbara Sakavage
Wednesday	Aug 09	12:15pm	Anthony Szymanski by Stella
Thursday	Aug 10	12:15pm	Jean & Stanley Matyszczak by Daughter & Family
Friday	Aug 11	12:15pm	Viola Rubbico by Family

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	Aug 12	4:00pm	Walter Krokos by Pisack Family
Sunday	Aug 13	7:30am 10:30am	Carol Kwitkoski by Linda Maichin Victoria Jastremski by Daughters, Phyllis & Karen



SANCTUARY CANDLE

Paul A. Binker, Sr.

LADY OF THE LOURDES

Walter Krokos

HOLY FAMILY

Ceil & Ted Toloczko

The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

August 6, 2023

*Dear Lord,
This morning as I
contemplate a new
day,
I ask you to help me.
I want to be aware
of your spirit—
leading me in the
decisions I make, the
conversations I
have, and the work I
do.*

*I want to be more
like you, Jesus, as I
relate to the people I
meet today—friends
or strangers.*

*Although I know
that I am weak,
I also know that by
the power of your
spirit,*

*I can be strong in
the work I do, the
decisions I make,
and the words I
speak.*

*I thank you that
you promise to be
with me always,
and for being the
same yesterday,
today, and forever.*

Amen.

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Daniel depicts God as a judge with many people standing before him. He also describes a man who came to him, and was given power over all other people. This power is described as everlasting and never to be destroyed.

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-19

Peter discusses how the disciples witnessed Jesus being honored and spoken to by God, fulfilling all the prophecies. He also reminds us that these prophecies were God's words, delivered through a person moved by the Holy Spirit.

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took three of his disciples to a high mountain, where Elijah and Moses appeared and spoke to him. Peter suggested they make three tents, one each for Jesus, Moses and Elijah. While he spoke, a voice came from a cloud saying, "This is my Son, the beloved one; listen to him." The disciples became very afraid and fell to their knees. Jesus told them to rise and not to be afraid. As they looked up, they saw only Jesus. As they left the mountain, Jesus warned the disciples not to mention this until he had risen from the dead. Although they did not understand, they obeyed.

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

The Transfiguration of the Lord August 6, 2023

Jesus took Peter, James and his brother John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them ... And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, 'Lord it is good that we are here.'

In the gospel we become a fourth person to ascend the mountain, we witness the raising of a little girl, we enter the garden of Gethsemani as Jesus prays to His Father. They were the special trio, and we join them. Lord, it is good that we are here to witness and bolster our faith. Moses representing the law, and Elijah the prophets of the old testament, find Jesus as the lawgiver of the law of love and the fulfillment of the promises.

May Peter's words reflect our attitude as we prepare for, come to, and celebrate the Eucharist every week. Jesus revealed His divinity and power, and our presence with Him, allows that power and grace to fill our lives. We don't just go to mass, but we listen attentively to the word of God, are graced with the gift of the Eucharist, and have the unique opportunity to grow in holiness.

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

The Transfiguration of the Lord

Sunday

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2
Pt 1:16-19;
Mt 17:1-9

Monday

Nm 11:4b-15;
Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday

Nm 12:1-13;
Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday

Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a,
34-35;
Mt 15:21-28

Thursday

2 Cor 9:6-10;
Jn 12:24-26

Friday

Dt 4:32-40;
Mt 16:24-28

Saturday

Dt 6:4-13;
Mt 17:14-20

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 Flea Market 8am-2pm in Bernardine Hall	7 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	8	9 <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:30pm	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</i> 6:30pm	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</i> 6:30pm	24	25 Treasures 10am-12pm	26
27	28 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	29	30 <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:30pm	31	1 September Treasures 10am-12pm	2

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

In Memory of Leona Lepore

\$430 Family & Friends

\$250 Primecare Pharmacy Staff

\$100 Peter & Lesa Butera

\$200 Hatrak 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.



Note From Father Jack

With a deep sense of sadness, but with God's grace, we were able to sell the St. Andre Bessette properties, including the rectory, church and rear hall. We are presently in negotiations to sell what used to be the Sacred Heart Convent.

Our own, Sister Madonna, and Sisters Kate and MaryBeth were all welcomed into the convent of the religious community of St. Mary's Byzantine Church in Wilkes-Barre.

We are grateful for all that helped with this process.

Flea Market

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

Hours are:

Saturday, August 5th– 8am-6pm

Sunday, August 6th-8am-2pm

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

SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST, PITTSTON "SUMMER FEST '23"

Saint John the Evangelist Parish Summer Fest '23 will be held **Thursday, August 10 through Saturday, August 12 from 5:00-10:00 p.m.** each evening on the grounds of **St. John the Evangelist Church, William Street, Pittston.** Featured entertainment this year will include The Taxmen and "Rising Entertainment" youth theater group on Thursday, Sweet Pepper and the Long Hots on Friday, and Flaxy Morgan on Saturday. A variety of ethnic foods and baked goods will be available for purchase. Games of chance, raffles, cash bingo, dime pitch, and children's games will be available in the Monsignor Bendik Pastoral Center, and food and entertainment will be on the church grounds.

Prince of Peace Parish Old Forge Take-Out Only Chicken BBQ and Basket Raffle Sunday August 13th 11am to 3pm

Arcaro and Genell's Parking Lot on Main St. Old Forge

\$12 Includes ½ BBQ chicken, corn on the cob, pasta salad, a roll, and dessert.

For tickets call The Rectory at 570-457-5900 by Monday August 7th.

Walk-Ins are Limited. Call your order early to reserve your dinner/dinners.

Any monetary or material donations will be greatly appreciated.

"Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church will hold the 3rd and last of their **Why Cook Wednesday Dinners** for the Summer with an a La Carte, Ukrainian Festival Food, Take-Out Dinner on **Wednesday, August 16th.** Order from a menu of festival foods including; holubtsi (piggies)...\$3/each, pyrohy (pierogies)...3 for \$3.00, kovbasa & kapusta (kielbasa & sauerkraut)...\$5.00/each, halushki (cabbage & noodles)...\$3.00/pint and Pagash (potato pizza)...\$2.00/cut. **Pick-Ups from 4:00 to 7:00pm in their school hall on the corner of North River and West Chestnut Streets,** near the General Hospital Parkade in Wilkes-Barre. Take-Out Only and Pre-Orders are strongly encouraged. Place your order by calling the School Hall Kitchen (570) 829-3051. Bake Sale items available and tickets will also be sold for a Basket Raffle. Remember...When Baba Cooks, Everybody's Happy!"

< KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today

The Transfiguration of the Lord | Matthew 17:1-9

On the mountain Jesus is Transfigured and appears with Moses and Elijah, who in the old testament both remind the people to "Obey God". Jesus tells Peter, James and John to believe and obey Him and keep this vision a secret until the resurrection.

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.

On the mountain, a voice from Heaven is heard, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him."

Matthew 17:5



Transfigured	H	T	R	B	S	P	E	T	E	R	N	E	B
Matthew													
Jesus	A	I	A	P	P	E	A	R	S	S	W	R	C
Mountain													
Peter	J	O	H	N	E	H	M	A	T	T	H	E	W
James													
John	I	M	O	S	E	S	U	N	T	H	I	R	I
Appears													
Shone	L	N	O	Y	E	T	W	S	L	O	T	E	G
Sun													
Clothes	E	T	A	M	C	F	S	F	N	T	E	Y	N
White													
Light	E	N	A	R	B	E	L	I	E	V	E	T	I
Moses													
Elijah	S	J	E	S	U	S	Y	G	L	B	D	H	K
Obey													
God	Y	B	N	I	A	T	N	U	O	M	R	G	A
Believe													
Speaking	S	E	O	O	C	B	E	R	D	O	W	I	E
Cloud													
Son	E	V	H	E	G	O	D	E	S	A	E	L	P
Love													
Well	N	O	S	C	L	O	U	D	T	P	L	A	S
Pleased													
Listen	R	L	H	T	A	S	E	H	T	O	L	C	W

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