

August 20, 2023

20th 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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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
as well as on the parish Facebook page.

Sunday Stewards

Saturday, Aug 12 - 4:00pm:

241 people attended

144 envelopes received

Offering: \$2493.00

Sunday, Aug 13 - 7:30am:

122 people attended

82 envelopes received

Offering \$1,786.00

Sunday, Aug 13 - 10:30am:

218 people attended

100 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,557.00

Thank You for your Generosity.



WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	Aug 19	4:00pm	Bernard & Mary Orzechowski by Daughter, Ann
Sunday	Aug 20	7:30am 10:30am	Walter Chronowski by Wife & Children Victoria Garwacki by Mark & Betsy Zurek

DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	Aug 22	12:15pm	Swartz & Ulichney Families by Geri Ulichney
Wednesday	Aug 23	12:15pm	Stewart Emery by Wife, Molly Kerrigan
Thursday	Aug 24	12:15pm	Rick & Frank, Jr. Krokos by Mother
Friday	Aug 25	12:15pm	Michael & Frances Wanek by Family

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	Aug 26	4:00pm	Kanecki Family by Margaret Ridall
Sunday	Aug 27	7:30am 10:30am	Charlotte Burko by Susan & Marie Suchocki Emelia Yench by Family



SANCTUARY CANDLE

Gelso & Josephine Gubbiotti

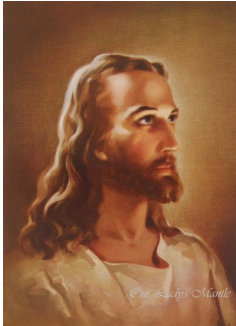
LADY OF THE LOURDES
Edward Januskavitz

HOLY FAMILY
Stanley J. Neishel, Jr.

The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

August 20, 2023



*Almighty God,
in you there is no
darkness at all.
Give us your
eternal light.
When we cannot
see the way
before us,
may we continue
to put our trust
in you,
that under your
guidance and
protection,
we may be kept
from falling this
day,
and finally,
by your mercy,
enter into our
rest;
through Jesus
Christ our Lord.

Amen*

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

The Lord wants all people to love and honor his name. He says that those who honor him by obeying all of his laws will be “made joyful in my house of prayer.”

Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Paul describes his hopes that his fellow Jews will follow the example of the Gentiles he has been preaching to. He claims that just as God has mercy for their disobedience, he wishes to show mercy to the Jews as well.

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

A Canaanite woman begged Jesus to help her daughter, who was being plagued by a demon. Jesus at first refused her and said that “My mission is only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” The woman was so persistent that Jesus said she had great faith and then he healed her daughter.

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

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 20, 2023

“Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be revealed. The foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, ministering to him, loving the name of the Lord, and becoming his servants. Then I will bring to my holy mountain and make joyful in my house of prayer...for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.”

The Catholic church in our country has been blessed in a special way. Although many sadly absent themselves from active participation, we have been singularly blessed with immigrants from many continents and countries, both seeking the Lord to worship and bringing rich traditions of their faith experience.

They represent the face of Christ and are part of our community.

The goal of a Christian community is to see Christ in everyone who lives the faith with us, to welcome, protect, promote and integrate all into our community of faith. We wish to see the immigrant not as other, but as the vision of Pope Francis, as brother and sister.

Yes, there are many who join, minister and serve seeking to live their faith with us. We are called to embrace the vision of Isaiah, who six centuries before Christ spoke of our mission today. Jesus praised the Canaanite woman for great faith. May we share that faith with everyone.

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

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Is 56:1, 6-7;
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32;
Mt 15:21-28

Monday

Jgs 2:11-19;
Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday

Jgs 6:11-24a;
Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday

Jgs 9:6-15;
Mt 20:1-16

Thursday

Rv 21:9b-14;
Jn 1:45-51

Friday

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22;
Mt 22:34-40

Saturday

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17;
Mt 23:1-12

August/September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
20 <i>Ice Cream Social after 10:30 Mass</i> <i>Faith Formation Sign Ups</i>	21 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	22	23 <i>Choir Practice 6:30pm</i>	24	25 Treasures 10am-12pm	26
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3	4 Office Closed	5	6 <i>Choir Practice 6:30pm</i>	7 Women's Society 6:30pm– Parish Dining Hall	8 Treasures 10am-12pm	9
10	11 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	12	13 <i>Choir Practice 6:30pm</i>	14 Parish Council 6:30pm–Parish Dining Hall Food Pantry Prep	15 Food Pantry Treasures 10am-12pm	16

Save the Dates

Faith Formation Registration Weekend — August 19-20

Ice Cream Social—August 19-20th

Harvest Tea— September 10th

Purse Bingo- October 8th *tickets on sale—online & in office

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

\$110 Anonymous

In Memory of William Fender

\$20 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Pellegrini

\$100 Janet & Patrick Shirdon

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.



Thank You

Thank you to all who donated and purchased from the recent Flea Market and Bake Sale held in Bernardine Hall. A special note of gratitude, though, to all the volunteers who moved and priced items, working as more items continued to be donated. They gave many tireless hours and always helped with a smile. The Flea Market was a resounding success, and it could not have been accomplished without all of you. This event was truly a Parish Family in action! We are still selling left over items and do not yet have a grand total of money received. Total amount will be published in bulletin soon!

Faith Formation

Registration weekend

August 19-20th during Ice Cream Social

Any weekday—please visit office

Please remember if your child is entering a sacramental year, they **must have two years of Faith Formation Education.**

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.

Purse Bingo

October 8, 2023

We are hosting a Designer Purse Bingo and would appreciate any **basket donations** as well as **food donations**. If interested, please contact the parish office—

570-825-6663. All proceeds benefit parish activities.



Ice Cream Social

The Women's Society will sponsor an
Ice Cream Sundae Sunday (and Saturday)
after the 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday, August 19th
and after the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, August 20th.

Assorted flavors of ice cream and toppings will tempt
your sweet tooth.

Please join your fellow parishioners, and meet some
who may be new.

There is no charge; just come, mingle, and enjoy!

COMMUNITY

The **Oblates of St. Joseph** will host their 41st annual **Labor Day weekend Masses & devotions in honor of St. Joseph the Worker**, Sept. 1 - 4 at their chapel located at Route 315, Laflin. Masses will be offered **Sept. 1 - 3 (Friday - Sunday) at 12 Noon & 7:00 p.m.** This year's guest celebrant & homilist is Oblate Father Gustavo Lopez, a native of Whittier, CA and current parochial vicar at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Bakersfield, CA. A special Mass will be celebrated on Labor Day morning **(Sept. 4) at 11:00 a.m.** Plan on participating in this weekend of prayer for all workers, the unemployed and the new school year.

The Catholic Choral Society will begin its 75th year on **Tuesday, September 5th**, with rehearsals on Tuesday evenings from 6:15 PM to 8:30 PM at the IHM Center at Marywood University .

New members are welcome and no auditions are required.

The Choral Society is nondenominational and composed of members from Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wayne, Susquehanna, Pike and Wyoming counties. The chorus performs sacred, classical, and secular music at performances in Northeastern PA counties.

Saints Peter and Paul Parish is now on Instagram

Saints Peter and Paul is now on Instagram! It is new, but you will see notices and pictures of upcoming events. Follow us at [saintspeterandpaulplains](https://www.instagram.com/saintspeterandpaulplains). It is another way to get the word out that we are a parish family that works together.



KID'S KORNER

Cycle A

Gospel Today | 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mt 15:21-28

A very persistent foreign woman begged Jesus to heal her daughter. She had great faith in Jesus. Jesus said "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted."

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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







- Jesus
- Welcome
- Canaanite
- Foreign
- Suffering
- Daughter
- Great
- Faith
- Woman
- Mercy
- Help
- Disciples
- Request
- Granted
- Healed



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Jesus accepted the foreign woman and her faith. Today, Jesus expects us to welcome foreigners and their faith to our communities. Our churches are called **Faith Filled Communities**. On a separate sheet of paper draw a picture of what your church, or "faith filled community" looks like.

Don't forget to add some people!

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