

August 27, 2023

21st 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 19 - 4:00pm:

211 people attended

122 envelopes received

Offering: \$2686.00

Sunday, Aug 20 - 7:30am:

125 people attended

71 envelopes received

Offering \$1,605.00

Sunday, Aug 20 - 10:30am:

223 people attended

102 envelopes received

Offering: \$3,272.00

Thank You for your Generosity.



WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

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

DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	Aug 29	12:15pm	Genevieve Stella by Daughters, Sandra & Pat
Wednesday	Aug 30	12:15pm	Joseph J. Hirko by Hirko Family
Thursday	Aug 31	12:15pm	Marianne Lynch by Lynch Family
Friday	Sept 01	12:15pm	Ann Marie Wysocki Hicks by Leonard & Sandra Wysocki

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	Sept 02	4:00pm	Marie Pisack by Ann Marie Fallon
Sunday	Sept 03	7:30am 10:30am	Gary Totino by Wife & Daughter Karen Cominsky by Sisters & Niece

SANCTUARY CANDLE
Edward Johnson

HOLY FAMILY
Joseph Oley

LADY OF THE LOURDES
Marianne Lynch

FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS
Marianne Lynch



The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

August 27, 2023

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

This passage refers to the use of authority and indicates the Key as the symbol of authority. The words "open" and "shut" refer to the power that will eventually be given to Peter.

Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36

Paul writes ecstatic and praise-filled words about God's plan for his people. In him, he writes, "all things are."

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter exclaims, "You are the Messiah!" Christ then declares that Peter is the "Rock" upon which he will build his Church, promising him the power "to bind" and "to loose."

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

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time August 27, 2023

"He asked his disciples: 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter said in reply: 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.'"

The all important question as we speak about Jesus. In our world we find people describing Jesus in so many ways. People have their opinion – teacher, Son of Mary or the carpenter's son. He is the miracle worker, the visiting preacher in the synagogue. 'What a friend I have in Jesus', He is the just judge. All are correct descriptions. They tell us about Jesus.

Today He asks me – who am I for you? Pause for a moment and think about your answer before you presume or speak. The final answer is: Jesus Christ is my personal Savior, and without Him there is little meaning in my life. As Peter made his response and was blessed by the Lord, so my response seeks His grace and blessing. Tell someone else who Jesus is for you, and like Jesus, ask who Jesus is for them.

*Lord,
You invite all who
are burdened to
come to You.
Allow Your healing
hand to heal me.
Touch my soul with
Your compassion for
others.
Touch my heart
with Your courage
and infinite love for
all.
Touch my mind
with Your wisdom,
that my mouth may
always proclaim
Your praise.
Teach me to reach
out to You in my
need, and help me to
lead others to You
by my example.
Most loving Heart
of Jesus,
bring me health in
body and spirit that
I may serve You
with all my
strength.
Touch gently this
life which You have
created, now and
forever.*

Amen

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

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Is 22:19-23;
Rom 11:33-36;
Mt 16:13-20

Monday

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10;
Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday

1 Thes 2:1-8;
Mt 6:17-29

Wednesday

1 Thes 2:9-13;
Mt 23:27-32

Thursday

1 Thes 3:7-13;
Mt 24:42-51

First Friday

1 Thes 4:1-8;
Mt 25:1-13

First Saturday

1 Thes 4:9-11;
Mt 25:14-30

August/September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	29	30 Choir Practice 6:30pm	31	1 September Office Closed Treasures 10am-12pm	2
3	4 Office Closed	5	6 Choir Practice 6:30pm	7 Women's Society 6:30pm- Parish Dining Hall	8 Treasures 10am-12pm	9
10 Harvest Tea-1-4pm -Bernardine Hall	11 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	12	13 Choir Practice 6:30pm	14 Parish Council 6:30pm-Parish Dining Hall Food Pantry Prep	15 Food Pantry Treasures 10am-12pm	16
17	18 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	19	20 Choir Practice 6:30pm	21	22 Treasures 10am-12pm	23

Save the Dates

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

In Memory of William Fender

\$100 Marie Fender & Family

\$50 Rose Corcoran

\$25 Maureen Sambo

\$25 Cheryl & John Woloski

\$20 Cathy Bonita

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.



"Change for Change" Baby Bottle Campaign

Providence Pregnancy Center is currently in the process of purchasing a ten-bedroom, six-bathroom property on almost an acre of property in Scranton. It has two houses for our maternity home and a separate office building that we plan to turn into a thrift store to help support this endeavor. We have been serving women and children in our diocese since December 2022. Our Center is currently located at 1738 Brick Avenue in Scranton. We are a nonprofit 501c3 Catholic organization that affirms the dignity of pregnant women and their children through compassionate support, practical help, and hope for the future. PPC supplies pregnant women with resources to help them throughout pregnancy and beyond: material assistance; community referrals; peer counseling; judgement-free confidential counseling for post-abortion healing; and soon we will be offering safe housing for pregnant moms and their children at our new location. All services are free of charge and open to all women.

Parish families will be given baby bottles to take home the weekend of September 9th & 10th. Everyone will have these bottles for three weeks. They are asked to place their loose change, bills, and/or checks into the bottles during that time period. Parish families are then asked to return their bottles to the parish on the designated dates (September 30th & October 1st).

Faith Formation

Registration

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.

COMMUNITY

This coming weekend, **Sept. 1- 4**, the **Oblates of St. Joseph** will host their annual Labor Day weekend of Masses honoring **St. Joseph the Worker** in their chapel located at **Route 315, Laflin**. Fr. Gustavo Lopez, OSJ from Bakersfield, CA will serve as guest celebrant and homilist for this year's event. Masses will be offered every day, **Sept. 1-3 (Friday - Sunday) at 12 Noon & 7:00 p.m.** Confessions will precede all Masses and devotions to St. Joseph the Worker will follow. On Labor Day morning (**Sept. 4**), **a special Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. for all area workers and the unemployed.** Bread will be blessed & distributed to all as a symbol of the fruit of our labor.

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.

Mass for Suicide Healing and Remembrance

In observance of Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in September, Bishop Bambera will celebrate a **Mass for Suicide Healing and Remembrance on Sunday, September 17, 2023 at 12:15 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, located at 315 Wyoming Ave., Scranton.** The Mass will serve to remember loved ones lost to suicide, and to promote healing for those who grieve their passing. Those attending the Mass will be invited to offer a flower in memory of a loved one who died from suicide. All are welcome. The Mass will also be broadcast live on CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton and livestream on the Diocesan website, YouTube channel and Facebook. For more information, please contact the Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213 or at oplgeneral@dioceseofscranton.org.

Congratulations and Best Wishes

Sister Immacule

Sister Immacule Zdanowicz, O.S.F. (Sophia Zdanowicz) is a life-long parishioner of Saints Peter & Paul Parish.

Sophia (Sophie) was born in Wilkes-Barre to Sophia and Bruno Zdanowicz the eldest of three daughters, Patricia and Dolores.

She attended Saints Peter & Paul elementary school staffed by the Bernardine Sisters, graduating from 8th grade in 1947. Sophia graduated from James M. Coughlin High School in 1951.

She entered the Bernardine Franciscan Sisters in 1953, professing her perpetual vows in 1959, and is celebrating 70 years of religious commitment in August 2023.

Sister received a B.S. in Education from Villanova University, a M.S. in Reading from the University of Scranton, as well as Certification as Reading Specialist/Supervisor from the state of PA and an M.A. in Theological Studies from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Overbrook, PA.

Sister served in the state of PA as an elementary, high school, college teacher, Principal, Coordinator, Local Minister, and in Parish Ministry.

Parish Ministry - Saints Peter & Paul, St. Joseph, Sacred Heart 1990-2014

Minister of the Eucharist at Mass, Home Bound, and Nursing Homes

Served as lector, conducted wake services, taught Faith Formation (high school CCD), member of the Parish Social Concerns Committee

Sister Immacule taught Theology at Bishop Hoban / Holy Redeemer from 1989-2014

After 60 years in the Education ministry, Sister refocused her ministry of teaching to the Mother Veronica Resource Center in the city of Reading where she taught English as a second language and citizenship (2015-2020)

Sister Immacule resides at Sacred Heart Convent in Reading, and continues to share her gifts, prayers and presence.

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