

**September 3, 2023**

**22nd 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](http://www.sspeterandpaulplains.com)  
as well as on the parish Facebook page.

## Sunday Stewards

Saturday, Aug 26 - 4:00pm:

216 people attended

123 envelopes received

Offering: \$2089.00

Sunday, Aug 27 - 7:30am:

124 people attended

85 envelopes received

Offering \$1,453.00

Sunday, Aug 27 - 10:30am:

238 people attended

94 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,065.00

*Thank You for your Generosity.*

## EMERGENCY SPECIAL COLLECTION

NEXT WEEKEND, OUR PARISH WILL HOLD  
A SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THOSE  
IMPACTED BY THE WILDFIRES IN MAUI

PLEASE BE AS GENEROUS AS YOU ARE ABLE

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



# WORSHIP

## WE REMEMBER

### MASSES THIS WEEKEND

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

### DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	Sept 05	12:15pm	<b>Binker Family</b> by Mary Drew
Wednesday	Sept 06	12:15pm	<b>Victoria Garwacki</b> by Mark & Betsy Zurek <b>Irene Martin</b> by Prayer Shawl Ministry
Thursday	Sept 07	12:15pm	<b>Charles Obeid</b> by Denise Durkin
Friday	Sept 08	12:15pm	<b>Zajackowski Family</b> by Stella

### NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	Sept 09	4:00pm	<b>Stanley &amp; Helen Owca</b> by Children <b>Aaron Norakus</b>
Sunday	Sept 10	7:30am 10:30am	<b>Charlotte Burko</b> by Barbara Cirelli <b>Gerald Vissotski &amp; Family</b> by Victoria Vissotski

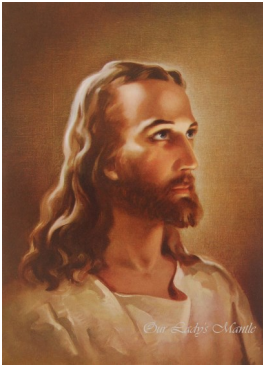




# The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

September 3, 2023



*Lord please protect  
all the children as  
they approach  
another school year.  
Help them learn  
and achieve and  
conquer without  
fear.  
Give them the  
protection they need  
each and every day.  
Teach them Lord  
and guide the way.  
Give them favor and  
courage.  
Help them to never  
feel discouraged.  
Give them patience,  
understanding and  
motivation for  
success.  
Help them all Lord  
and may they all be  
blessed.  
In Jesus' name,*

*Amen*

## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

In this particularly poetic passage, Jeremiah complains that while teaching the Lord's word, he is subjected to insults and derision. He determines to remain silent, but he cannot because the desire to speak the Lord's name is "like a fire burning in my heart."

### Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Paul tells the Christians to make sacrifices to avoid the trappings of the times, and to do God's will.

### Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus tries to make his disciples realize that by following him, they will endure suffering, degradation, and death. He tells them that they must deny themselves and take up the cross in order to be his disciples.

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

### Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time September 3, 2023

**"I urge you brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good, pleasing and perfect."**

One of the greatest gifts we all have is the gift of encouraging others. Teachers do this for students, parents for their children, coaches for their athletes. We may consider them as cheerleaders. This is what Paul is doing for the Christians at Rome.

It is so easy to be trapped by the 'accepted' way of our world. No, don't conform, but be transformed. Ask, what is the Lord's will for me at this moment, in these circumstances so that my next decision may be good, for my wellbeing and that of others, pleasing to God and enjoyable for me, and perfect, bringing me closer to God.

Perfection is my goal. The path to heaven. The gospel also states: 'Be merciful as the Lord is merciful' to me.



# WORD

## MINISTRY OF THE MONTH –SEPTEMBER

### MINISTRY OF THE MONTH –September

*Each month, a Ministry of the parish is highlighted.  
For September we will highlight Service to the Parish*

Our Parish held two successful events in August, a Flea market Fundraiser and an Ice Cream Social. Each was a success due to the work of the volunteers (some who put in many hours), those who attended, and, in the case of the Flea Market, those who donated, whether it was goods or their baking specialties. In addition, there was a hoagie sale and beautiful crosses that were created by some very talented people. In all of these cases, these achievements were realized because the Parish came together. Someone may have been a volunteer or donor or attendee or a combination of any of them. It was the service given in support of our Parish that created these successes. It is written that “As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ (1 Cor 12:12)”. Our Parish is the one body and we are the many parts. We use our talents and our time to be the body that is Christ.

As noted in the bulletin, there are events at Saints Peter and Paul Parish over the next few months. Please consider giving your service to one or more of them, whether it be by attending, volunteering, or donating. Everyone’s time is precious. But for our Parish to live up to the words of St. Paul in Corinthians, each of us need to come together as a part of that body. We witnessed it in August. Let’s continue our achievement and grow as a Parish united.

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.**

To volunteer, buy tickets or if you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office at 570-825-6663

## WEEKLY READINGS

### Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Sunday

Jer 20:7-9;  
Rom 12:1-2;  
Mt 16:21-27

#### Monday

1 Thes 4:13-18;  
Lk 4:16-30

#### Tuesday

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11;  
Lk 4:31-37

#### Wednesday

Col 1:1-8;  
Lk 4:38-44

#### Thursday

Col 1:9-14;  
Lk 5:1-11

#### Friday

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30;  
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

#### Saturday

Col 1:21-23;  
Lk 6:1-5

# September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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
24	25 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	26	27 Choir Practice 6:30pm	28	29 Treasures 10am-12pm	30

## 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 **September** we will collect **canned carrots, peas & mixed vegetables.**

### 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/Winter clothing** for men, women, and children. Donations may be dropped off during business hours only.

### 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

\$30 Deborah Bronack

### In Memory of William Fender

\$50 Patty Neishel

\$25 Jane Biniek

\$25 Anna Mae Venetz

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

**A special Mass honoring St. Joseph the Worker will be celebrated this Monday, Labor Day morning, Sept. 4, at 11:00 a.m. at the Oblates of St. Joseph Chapel, Route 315, Laflin.** Intentions of the Mass are for all workers, the unemployed and blessings upon the new school year. Guest celebrant & homilist of the Mass is Fr. Gustavo Lopez, OSJ, parochial vicar in the Diocese of Fresno at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Bakersfield, CA. Bread will be blessed & distributed to all in attendance as a symbol of the fruit of our labor.

**The Catholic Choral Society will begin its 75<sup>th</sup> year on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:oplgeneral@dioceseofscranton.org).

## **DESIGNER BAG BINGO AT ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST**

On **Sunday, September 24 from 2:00-5:00 p.m.**, St. John the Evangelist Parish, **35 William Street in Pittston**, will hold a Designer Bag Bingo in the Msgr. Bendik Pastoral Center auditorium. Doors open at 12 Noon. Tickets are \$30 each and include 20 regular games (extras may be purchased). Special games are \$5 each. There will be door prizes, a raffle, 50/50, and food for sale. Bingo prizes include designer bags by Coach, Dooney & Bourke, Kate Spade, Vera Bradley, Versace, Zac Posen, and more. Please call the parish office at 570-654-0053 for tickets.

# < KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today | 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mt 16:21-27

The Bible tells us when we live for Jesus on earth, eternal life awaits us in Heaven.

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## THE CROSS ROOM



The young man was at the end of his rope. Seeing no way out, he dropped to his knees in prayer.

"Lord, I can't go on," he said. "I have too heavy a cross to bear."

The Lord replied, "My son, if you can't bear it's weight, just place your cross inside this room. Then open another door and pick any cross you wish."

The man was filled with relief. "Thank you, Lord," he sighed, and did as he was told.

As he looked around the room he saw many different crosses; some so large the tops were not visible. Then he spotted a tiny cross leaning against a far wall. "I'd like that one, Lord," he whispered.

And the Lord replied, "My son, that's the cross you brought in." -Unknown

- Draw your own Cross Room pictures -




Taking up a cross doesn't mean we carry a real cross like Jesus did, it means "follow Jesus". We are told doing so is sometimes hard work or great labor, but it is a labor of love for Jesus, with great rewards.

**In the Cross Room story the man thought his labor was too great. What did he learn?**

**Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.**

Matthew 11:28





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