

September 10, 2023

23rd 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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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

Saturday, Sept 02 - 4:00pm:

231 people attended

144 envelopes received

Offering: \$2457.00

Sunday, Sept 03 - 7:30am:

118 people attended

84 envelopes received

Offering \$1,133.00

Sunday, Sept 03 - 10:30am:

244 people attended

113 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,317.00

Thank You for your Generosity.

***The Second Collection
this weekend is for
Those Impacted by the
Wildfires in Maui***

***The Second Collection
last weekend for
Care and Education of Priests
\$1,727.00***

Thank You!

Thanks to everyone's donations to the
Flea Market and many hours of work
from the volunteers we made an
amazing amount of
\$17,217.00.



WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

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

DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	Sept 12	12:15pm	James Thomas by Angie & Whitey
Wednesday	Sept 13	12:15pm	Mary Pisak by David Williams
Thursday	Sept 14	12:15pm	Edmund Suchocki by Mary Suchocki & Family
Friday	Sept 15	12:15pm	Dolores Myers by Ben & Francine Berrini

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	Sept 16	4:00pm	Marie T. Kownacki by Raymond & Kathy William J. Everett by Wife & Children
Sunday	Sept 17	7:30am 10:30am	Charlotte Burko by Susan & Marie Suchocki Jessie Sarti by Elissa Galli



SANCTUARY CANDLE
John & Stanis Kunicki

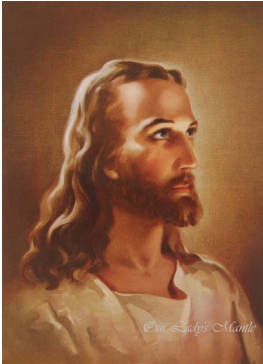
LADY OF THE LOURDES
Stanley J. Neishel, Jr.

HOLY FAMILY
John & Stanis Kunicki

The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

September 10, 2023



*Lord,
I thank you for
the wonderful
role teachers play
in the lives of
children and in
our society.
Grant them peace
in their
classrooms as
they conduct
their daily tasks,
lessons,
and assignments
with your grace.
I pray for unity
in the classroom
among students,
and for peace
and harmony to
prevail each day.*

Amen.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

God has appointed the prophet as a watchman over his people. If he fails to give them warning against sin, he will be held responsible.

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

In this beautiful letter, Paul says that all commandments are contained in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus explains to his disciples how to respond to those who wrong them – with gentleness and practical wisdom. He promises that whenever "two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in their midst."

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

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 10, 2023

"You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything to you, you shall warn them for me...But if you warn the wicked, trying to turn him from his way, and he refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but you shall save yourself... Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another...love is the fulfillment of the law."

What a difference from talking about someone else, criticizing them, or correcting what it is that can do them spiritual harm. The watchmen for Ezechiel, is like a security guard, a police officer, smoke alarm, or dashboard warning light, calling attention to something dangerous or harmful. We avoid danger. As responsible people we cannot just turn the other way, but assist others to turn to do what is right.

Unfortunately, many follow the song or maxim 'doing it my way', rather than discovering what is the best way, His way, He who told us He is 'the way, the truth and the life.'

As we strive to be holy, we bring others with us, the debt we owe to love others and live the way He wants. Don't close your eyes to what is wrong or harmful. Who are the two or 3 in your life?

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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Ez 33:7-9;
Rom 13:8-10;
Mt 18:15-20

Monday

Col 1:24—2:3;
Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday

Col 2:6-15;
Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday

Col 3:1-11;
Lk 6:20-26

Thursday

Nm 21:4b-9;
Phil 2:6-11;
Jn 3:13-17

Friday

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14;
Jn 19:25-27 or
Lk 2:33-35

Saturday

1 Tm 1:15-17;
Lk 6:43-49

September/October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10 Harvest Tea-1-4pm -Bernardine Hall	11 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	12	13 <i>Choir Practice</i> 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 <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:30pm	21	22 Treasures 10am-12pm	23
24	25 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	26	27 <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:30pm	28	29 Treasures 10am-12pm	30
1 October	2 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	3	4 <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:30pm	5 Women's Society 6:30pm-Parish Dining Hall	6 Treasures 10am-12pm	7

Save the Dates

Toy Bingo- November 12th

The Purse Bingo that was scheduled for October 8th
will now be rescheduled to a later date in April.
The exact date will be announced soon.

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

\$25 Mary Chulvick

In Memory of William Fender

\$200 Christine Connelly

\$50 John & Margaret Smith

\$25 Janice & Joseph Basta

\$30 Ida & Jorge Piquero

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.



Don't know what to do with your **Halloween Costume** from last year? Give it a good wash, pack it up and bring it to

Treasures



"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.**

Communion Breakfast

The Women's Society annual Communion Breakfast will be held on **October 15th after the 7:30am Mass in the Parish Center Dining Hall.**

Cost is \$17.

If interested please call Betty Jean Hession at 570-262-7912 or
Claire Koshinski at 570-826-0313.

Please make your reservation by October 12th.

Rosary will be said prior to Mass

Members of the **Women's Society** will be selling "**Friends Helping Friends**" Shopping Passes in the vestibule of the church through October 15th. This **fundraising event** is an opportunity for our non-profit organization to raise funds to benefit our parish. The passes are available for a \$5.00 donation, which entitles you to a 25% discount shopping pass, valid during a one-day event - **Wednesday, October 18th**. Registered shoppers will also have the opportunity to win a \$100 Boscov gift card - one winner in each store. What better time to begin Christmas gift shopping?

COMMUNITY

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.

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.

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Gospel Today

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus says if two people disagree, try to work it out. If not, call in a third party. If that doesn't work, call in the community. He reminds us to **pray** in all matters and He will be there for us.

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Devotions

Write the names of the places
we gather in groups in prayer.

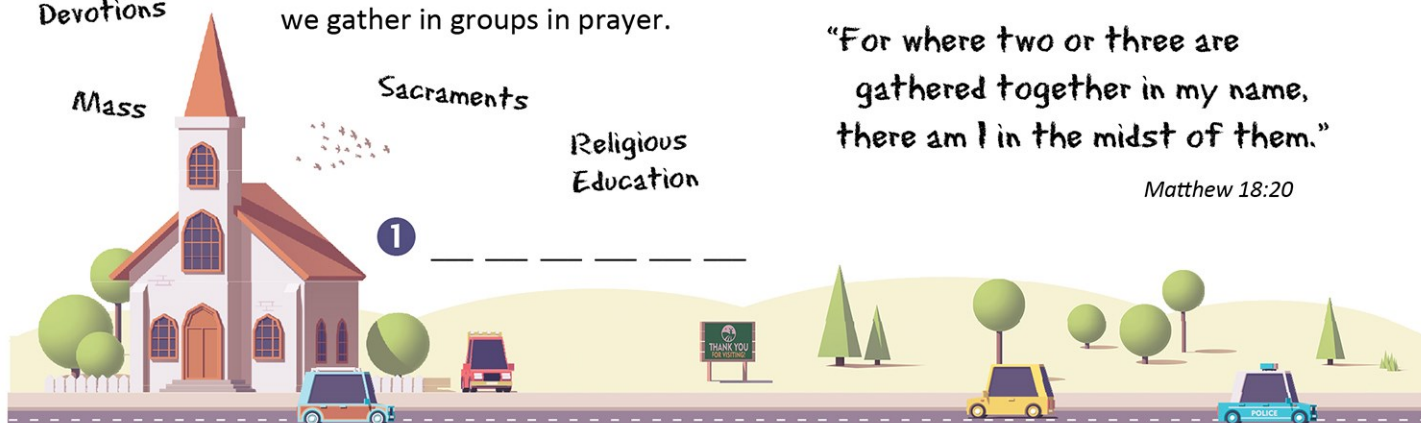
Mass

Sacraments

Religious
Education

"For where two or three are
gathered together in my name,
there am I in the midst of them."

Matthew 18:20



Letters scattered for a word search:

b j s l
u g c m w
k z q o f e
d t v i n h
x

Some letters of the alphabet
are missing from the group.

Write them in the blank
space below...

Jesus is in the midst of all who

Arrange the letters into a word
found in today's gospel.

Answers: 1) Church 2) Home 3) Community

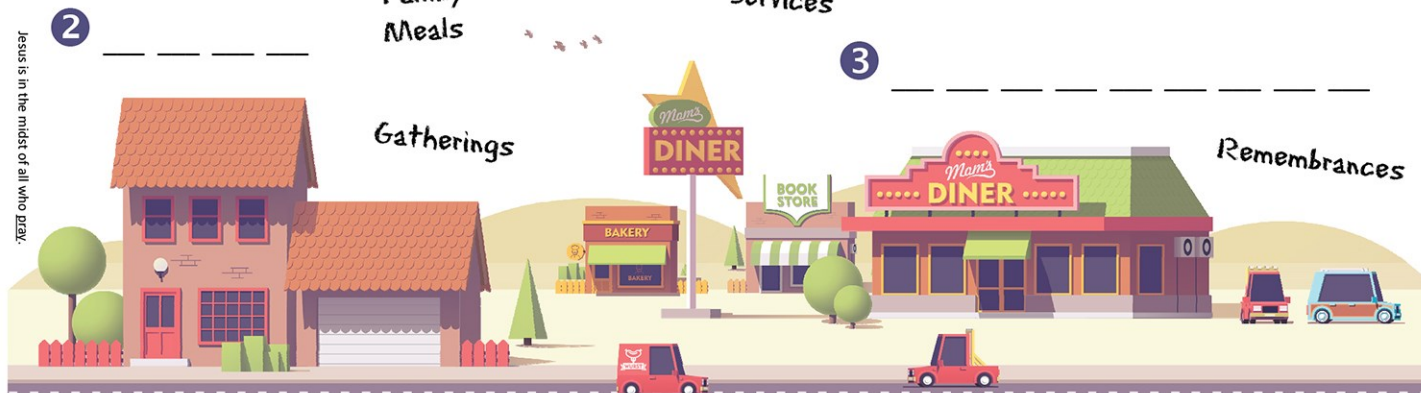
Bedtime

Family
Meals

Memorial
Services

Gatherings

Remembrances



Jesus is in the midst of all who pray.

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