

# September 17, 2023

24th 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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\*Closed daily Noon—12:30pm\*

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# SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH

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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.

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
of  
Ordinary  
Time

## Sunday Stewards

Saturday, Sept 09 - 4:00pm:

201 people attended

114 envelopes received

Offering: \$2117.00

Sunday, Sept 10 - 7:30am:

122 people attended

113 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,254.00

Sunday, Sept 10 - 10:30am:

216 people attended

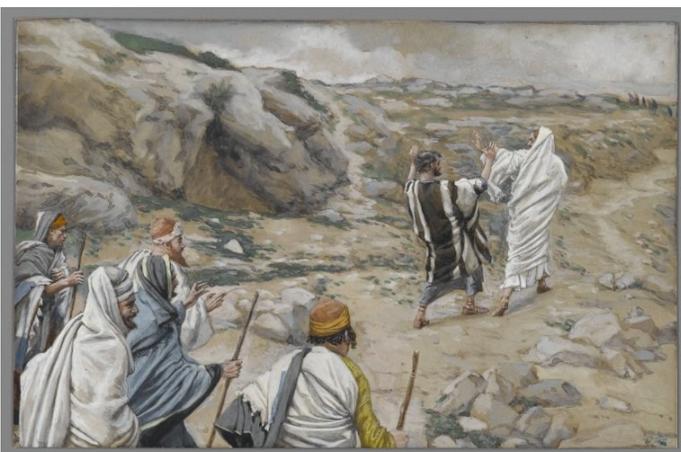
111 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,516.00

*Thank You for your Generosity.*

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

***\$2,771.00***



# WORSHIP

## WE REMEMBER

### MASSES THIS WEEKEND

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

### DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	Sept 19	12:15pm	<b>Bernadine Bohn</b> by Judy & Dave Nat & Family
Wednesday	Sept 20	12:15pm	<b>Paul A. Binker, Sr.</b> by Wife
Thursday	Sept 21	12:15pm	<b>George Poplowski</b> by Monica & Joe Chulvick
Friday	Sept 22	12:15pm	<b>John R. Gocek</b> by Family

### NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	Sept 23	4:00pm	<b>Rita Gayoski</b> by Michael & Jennifer Krzywicki
Sunday	Sept 24	7:30am 10:30am	<b>Gregory Baczmarga</b> by Children <b>Louis Walkowiak</b> by Betty Chaney



#### SANCTUARY CANDLE

Eugene Lepore

#### LADY OF THE LOURDES

Paul A. Binker, Sr.

#### HOLY FAMILY

Marie T. Kownacki

# The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

September 17, 2023

*Father,  
please forgive us  
for not being  
forgiving.  
Forgive us for  
thinking evil  
thoughts,  
and seeking  
revenge against  
people who have  
offended  
us.  
Forgive us for  
hatred and for  
not walking in  
love.  
Forgive us for  
gossiping, lying  
and for  
rehearsing in our  
minds what was  
said or done to  
us.  
Lord,  
remind us of  
those persons we  
need to forgive,  
and help us to  
forgive.*

*Amen*

## TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### **First Reading: Sirach 27:30—28:7**

Sirach advises all to forgive the faults of their neighbor. Only by forgiving the sins of others, can a person expect to be forgiven his sins.

### **Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9**

Paul stresses that no one is his own master; we are responsible to the Lord, and we belong to him in both life and death.

### **Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35**

This narrative points out the difference between mercy and justice. When Peter asks how often he should forgive someone who wrongs him, Jesus answers, "...not seven times: I say seventy times seven times." Jesus then narrates the story of the king who was merciful to his official by forgiving him all his debts, but this same official showed no mercy to his own servant.

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

### **Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 17, 2023**

**"Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the Lord? Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins... and overlook faults... 'Lord if my brother sins against me how often must I forgive?'"**

We recite the Lord's prayer and state that we will receive forgiveness, perhaps only when we forgive others. The reading from Sirach sets the tone. Not only are we to forgive, but we are called to discover ways to initiate the action.

One of the greatest powers we possess is the power to forgive. We can do so or withhold this gift when someone asks. We can offer it before it is sought, when we realize how generous and merciful is our God to us. The adage 'forgive and forget' is nice, but difficult. A wonderful monk taught me, 'forgive and remember without bitterness.'

# 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-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Sunday

Sir 27:30—28:7;  
Rom 14:7-9;  
Mt 18:21-35

#### Monday

1 Tm 2:1-8;  
Lk 7:1-10

#### Tuesday

1 Tm 3:1-13;  
Lk 7:11-17

#### Wednesday

1 Tm 3:14-16;  
Lk 7:31-35

#### Thursday

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13;  
Mt 9:9-13

#### Friday

1 Tm 6:2c-12;  
Lk 8:1-3

#### Saturday

1 Tm 6:13-16;  
Lk 8:4-15

## September/October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
17 <i>Faith Formation</i> 9-10am	18 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	19	20 <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:30pm	21	22 Treasures 10am-12pm	23
24 <i>Faith Formation</i> 9-10am	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 <i>Faith Formation</i> 9-10am	2 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	3	4 <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:30pm	5 <i>Women's Society</i> 6:30pm-Parish Dining Hall	6 Treasures 10am-12pm	7
8 <i>No Class</i>	9 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	10	11 <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:30pm	12	13 Treasures 10am-12pm	14

## 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

#### In Memory of Joseph Osmanski

\$250 Michele & Armand Lepore

\$20 Linda Scherer

#### In Memory of Mary Jo Paciga

\$50 Ann Paciga

#### In Memory of Patricia Hoskins

\$100 Joseph & Martin Flaherty

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 15<sup>th</sup>. 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

### 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.

You are invited to a **series of talks** given by Mr. William D. Jones at **Sacred Heart of Jesus School of Religion, 219 Lackawanna Ave., Dupont, on three consecutive Wednesdays, September 27, October 4 and October 11, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** His topic will be: "Confession of an Ordained Lutheran Pastor or Why I Believe in One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church." This series is free and open to the public. Mr. Jones is a former Lutheran pastor who was received into the Catholic Church in 2021. He will speak about his conversion experience and aspects of the Faith that "cradle Catholics" sometimes take for granted.

### ST. THOMAS GOSPEL CHOIR CONCERT

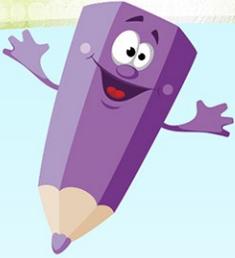
On **Saturday, October 7 at 6:30 p.m.**, **St. John the Evangelist Parish, 35 William Street in Pittston**, will host a concert by the St. Thomas Gospel Choir of Philadelphia, PA under the direction of Walt Blocker. The choir's home church is the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas in Philadelphia. The St. Thomas Gospel Choir's members currently consist of thirty musicians and singers. The St. Thomas Gospel Choir shares its music at over fifty services, programs, concerts, and celebrations every year. The suggested offering for the October 7 concert is \$10.00 per person. Tickets may be pre-ordered by calling the parish office at 570-654-0053 and will also be available at the door the evening of the concert.

# < KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 18:21-35

Jesus says there should be no limit to the times we forgive, from our hearts, those who treat us unfairly.



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## JESUS REMINDS US TO BE FORGIVING

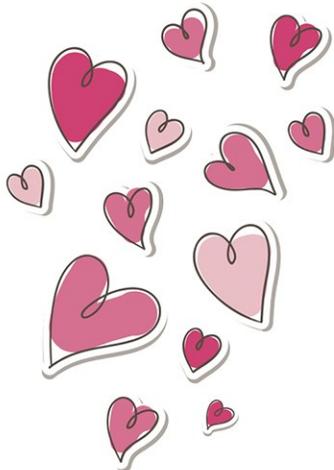
Think of someone you need to forgive.

What symbol would best show what you are feeling?

Love, peace, hugs & kisses or prayer; or are you just proud to be in America.

Design and color your own **FORGIVENESS FLAG**.

With the symbols below, or your own ideas, design a larger flag on a separate piece of paper and hang it in a window.



*Forgive from the heart flag*

### SAMPLE FLAGS



*American flag*



*Peace flag*



*Praying hands flag*

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