

# September 24, 2023

25th 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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### Office Hours:

Monday: 8am—4pm

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Thursday: 8am—4pm

Friday: 8am—Noon

\*Closed daily Noon—12:30pm\*

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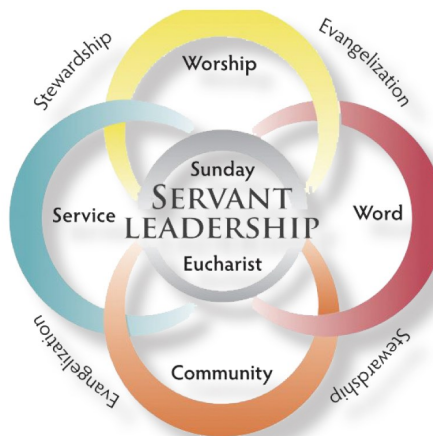
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# STEWARDSHIP

## 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, Sept 16 - 4:00pm:

219 people attended

137 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,608.00

Sunday, Sept 17 - 7:30am:

126 people attended

76 envelopes received

Offering \$1,801.00

Sunday, Sept 17 - 10:30am:

264 people attended

97 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,488.00

*Thank You for your Generosity.*

***The Second Collection  
next weekend will be for  
Care and Education of Priests***

## Mark Your Calendar

Blessing of pets will be held on  
**Sunday, October 1st at 12:30pm**  
at our Lady's Garden next to the Parish  
Center.



# WORSHIP

## WE REMEMBER

### MASSES THIS WEEKEND

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

### DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	Sept 26	12:15pm	<b>Tony Szymanski</b> by Stella
Wednesday	Sept 27	12:15pm	<b>Sorbelli Family</b> by Family
Thursday	Sept 28	12:15pm	<b>Mary Suchocki</b> by Pat Suchocki
Friday	Sept 29	12:15pm	<b>Marina Meola</b> by Josephine Eustice

### NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	Sept 30	4:00pm	<b>Barbara Olsakowski</b> by Husband, Michael
Sunday	Oct. 01	7:30am 10:30am	<b>Paul &amp; Shirley Antosh (68th Wedding Anniversary)</b> <b>Francis McCabe, Sr.</b> by Mary Therese McCabe



**SANCTUARY CANDLE**  
**Sara & Patrick Delasandro**

**LADY OF THE LOURDES**  
**Sara & Patrick Delasandro**

# The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

September 24, 2023

*Dear God,  
everywhere I walk,  
let it be on your  
path.  
Everything I see,  
let it be through  
your eyes.  
Everything I do,  
let it be your will.  
For every hardship  
I face, let me place it  
in your hands.  
Every emotion I feel,  
let it be your Spirit  
moving in me.  
Everything I seek,  
let me find it in  
your love.  
My dear God,  
I thank you for this  
day.  
I ask not to know  
where I am going.  
But only to know  
and feel in the  
depths of my heart  
and soul that you  
are with me,  
that You are  
guiding me,  
that I am safe in the  
protection of your  
loving care.  
In Jesus' name, I  
offer myself to you.  
  
Amen.*

## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Isaiah expresses an urgent plea that all should seek the Lord and turn to him for mercy.

### Second Reading: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

In a strongly personal message from Paul while in prison, he says that he wishes "to be freed from this life and to be with Christ," but he realizes that he still has much important work to do.

### Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16a

Jesus tells the parable of the owner of an estate who hires workmen for his vineyard. When, at the end of the day, he pays a full day's wage to those who worked only one hour, those who worked all day complained bitterly. But the owner says, "I am free to do as I please, am I not?" Jesus reminds us through this parable that "the last shall be first and the first shall be last."

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

### Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 24, 2023

**"Seek the Lord while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked his thoughts, let him turn to the Lord for mercy, to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord... 'Are you envious because I am generous?'"**

How close is our God to us, but many prefer to keep Him at a distance. We are either afraid of God who seems to be watching for us to make a mistake or sin, or rather find a loving merciful Lord who is looking out for our wellbeing and happiness. Isaiah's words encourage us to reach out to Him, who is bending to reach us. His thoughts are caring, loving thoughts, to watch and protect us. Jesus told us He is the way, the truth, and the life. May we walk in His way as we seek, find and knock.

Our God is not a distant God, He became one of us to lead us to the Father.

# 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-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Sunday

Is 55:6-9;  
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a;  
Mt 20:1-16a

#### Monday

Ezr 1:1-6;  
Lk 8:16-18

#### Tuesday

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20;  
Lk 8:19-21

#### Wednesday

Ezr 9:5-9;  
Lk 9:1-6

#### Thursday

Hg 1:1-8;  
Lk 9:7-9

#### Friday

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or  
Rv 12:7-12a;  
Jn 1:47-51

#### Saturday

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a;  
Lk 9:43b-45

## September/October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24 <b>Faith Formation</b> 9-10am	25 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	26	27	28 <b>Toy Bingo</b> <b>Meeting 6:30pm–</b> <b>Bernardine Hall</b> <b>Anyone</b> <b>interested in</b> <b>volunteering</b> <b>please attend.</b>	29 Treasures 10am-12pm	30
1 October <b>Faith Formation</b> 9-10am	2 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	3	4 <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:30pm	5 <b>Women's Society</b> <b>6:30pm-Parish</b> <b>Dining Hall</b>	6 Treasures 10am-12pm	7
8 <b>No Class</b>	9 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	10	11 <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:30pm	12	13 Treasures 10am-12pm	14
15 <b>Faith Formation</b> 9-10am	16 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	17	18 <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:30pm	19 <b>Food Pantry Prep</b>	20 <b>Food Pantry</b> Treasures 10am-12pm	21

## 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.**

## Scholarship Fund

### In Memory of Cliff L. Jones, Sr.

\$25 Ben & Barb Gubbiotti

## Food Pantry

\$50 Patrick & Donna Malys

### In Memory of Francis Goretski

\$500 Family & Friends

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



## *No Festival Collection*

We have raised **18,674.00** to date.

Thank you to all who donated. Names are listed on the bulletin insert.

If anyone else would like to contribute, you may do so.

All funds will be used to repair the handicap ramp.

## *Toy Bingo*

An **organizational meeting** to discuss our upcoming **Toy Bingo** will be held on  
**Thursday, September 28th at 6:30pm in Bernardine Hall.**

Anyone interested in volunteering for this event is welcome to attend.

Please consider offering some of your time!

## *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**

## *"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).

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

### **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-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 20:1-16a

Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to the vineyard - the rewards are equal for all regardless of when the workers begin, or the faithful respond to the call of Jesus.

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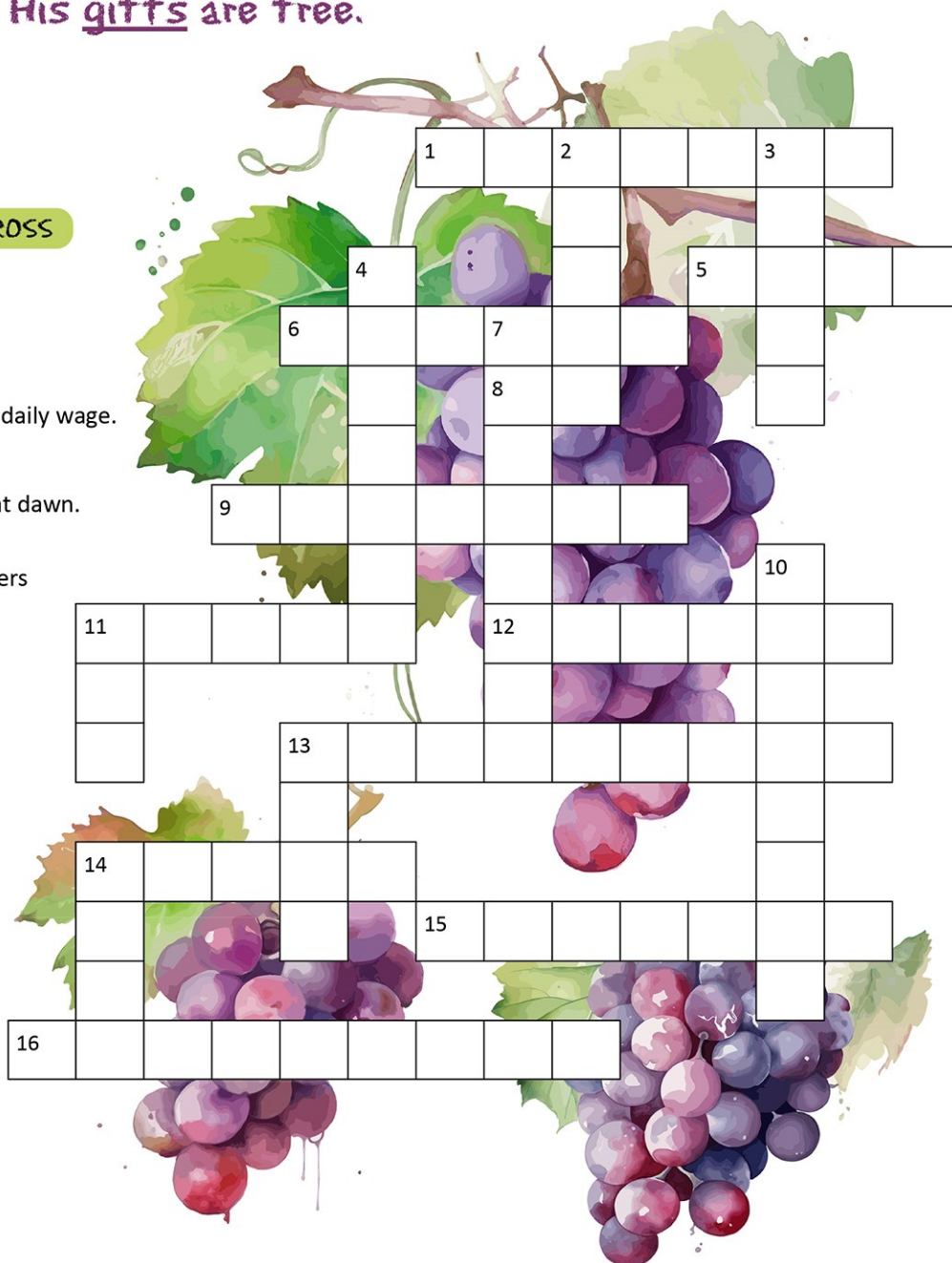
The landowner went out at dawn to hire workers. The first workers agreed on a daily wage. Later in the day the next workers agreed to a just, or fair wage. The last workers only worked 1 hour. Though all the workers started at different times, the landowner paid them the same. Upon receiving the same daily wage, the workers who were in the vineyard all day were envious. The landowner said, "Take what I promised and go. I am free to be generous with my money."

God is generous... His gifts are free.

- 1 Today's reading is from the book of \_\_\_\_
- 5 Word meaning "fair"
- 6 Kingdom of \_\_\_\_
- 8 Heaven \_\_\_\_ like...
- 9 People ready to do a job
- 11 God's \_\_\_\_ are free.
- 12 The workers \_\_\_\_ to the usual daily wage.
- 13 The \_\_\_\_ hired the workers
- 14 The \_\_\_\_ workers were hired at dawn.
- 15 The first workers were \_\_\_\_ of the wage paid to the last workers hired.
- 16 The first workers thought they would be \_\_\_\_ more money.

### DOWN

- 2 The workers all started at different \_\_\_\_ of day.
- 3 The same, or \_\_\_\_
- 4 In Heaven, the \_\_\_\_ are equal for all.
- 7 A place to grow grapes
- 10 The landowner was \_\_\_\_ with his money.
- 11 Our Heavenly Father
- 13 The workers hired \_\_\_\_ were paid first.
- 14 No charge



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