

October 1, 2023

26th 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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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 23 - 4:00pm:

209 people attended

137 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,202.00

Sunday, Sept 24 - 7:30am:

125 people attended

79 envelopes received

Offering \$1,175.00

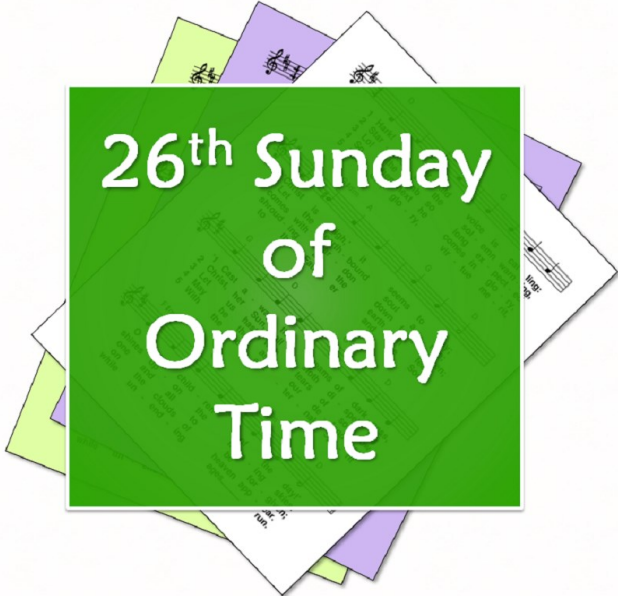
Sunday, Sept 24 - 10:30am:

216 people attended

99 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,308.00

Thank You for your Generosity.



**26th Sunday
of
Ordinary
Time**

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

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

DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	Oct. 03	12:15pm	Helen Alusick by Son, David
Wednesday	Oct. 04	12:15pm	Rosalie Prescavage by Don & Edie Prescavage
Thursday	Oct. 05	12:15pm	Lori Kuhns by Family
Friday	Oct. 06	12:15pm	Joseph B. Pilarcik by Sharon Kaminski Carol

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	Oct. 07	4:00pm	Anthony Wilk by Wife, Margaret & Children
Sunday	Oct. 08	7:30am 10:30am	Living & Deceased Members of the Women's Society Marianne Lynch by Lynch Family



SANCTUARY CANDLE
Stanley J. Neishel, Jr.

LADY OF THE LOURDES
Mr. & Mrs. Primo Sorbelli

HOLY FAMILY
Mr. & Mrs. Primo Sorbelli

The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

October 01, 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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

Ezekiel reminds the people that if a sinner turns away from his iniquity, he will live, not die.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Paul urges the converts at Philippi to be united in spirit and ideals, avoiding rivalry and dissension. He ends with the beautiful hymn extolling the humility and sacrifice of Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus speaks words of rebuke to the chief priests and the elders because they are not believing the teachings of John the Baptist. He warns them that tax collectors and prostitutes, who do believe John, will enter the Kingdom of God before them.

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

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 1, 2023

"If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing. Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others."

As we reflect on this teaching of St. Paul, written perhaps only twenty years after the resurrection of Jesus, discover the model and pattern for living our faith. Reread the lengthy list of virtues to guide our every step - encouragement, love, compassion, mercy, unity, humility. These words are constantly repeated by Pope Francis in his weekly audiences. They are reminders of the building stones for families, parishes, and all Christian churches.

Paul sent his letter to a community, but I need to look into my heart to make sure I have these gifts for the good of my community.

WORD

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH –OCTOBER

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*Each month, a Ministry of the parish is highlighted.
For October we will focus on Youth and Young Adults*

As we all know, everyone's time is extremely important. Many times we have so much to do and little time to do it. For our youth and young adults, this issue of time constraints is even more pronounced. There is school and all the work associated with it, in addition to outside activities and family chores. Young adults may be in school, getting married, beginning a new job, starting a family, and dealing with all of the stress associated with this. While we have some great youth and young adults who participate in our parish through the Mass or activities, there are still so many of you that our parish desperately need. Jesus, along with His disciples, put themselves on the side to grow our faith into what it is today. They were young adults as they walked from city to city, proclaiming the Word. Today, our Parish would greatly benefit by just giving a small portion of your time. The Church cannot grow without you.

One way of being involved is through liturgical ministries. We could use more altar servers (youth), cantors, lectors and Ministers of the Eucharist (young adults). There are activities in the next 6 months that can always use help. Come to the toy and/or purse bingo and lend a hand. Any of our cemeteries can be cleaned up, even for an hour. What great exercise! Our parish now has an Instagram account (saintspeterandpaulplains) in addition to Facebook. Something as simple as liking a post spreads the message to your friends and family.

Finally, as was mentioned at the beginning, everyone is stressed for time. If you are reading this, you probably attend Mass, and that is wonderful! But please consider giving a little bit of yourself so that our parish may grow. You are the future of the Catholic Church.

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.

If you have any questions, please contact the
Parish Office at 570-825-6663

WEEKLY READINGS

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Ez 18:25-28;
Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5;
Mt 21:28-32

Monday

Zec 8:1-8;
Mt 18:1-5, 10

Tuesday

Zec 8:20-23;
Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday

Neh 2:1-8;
Lk 9:57-62

Thursday

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12;
Lk 10:1-12

First Friday

Bar 1:15-22;
Lk 10:13-16

First Saturday

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29;
Lk 10:17-24

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Faith Formation 9-10am	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
8 No Class	9 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	10	11 <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:30pm	12	13 Treasures 10am-12pm	14
15 Faith Formation 9-10am	16 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	17	18 <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:30pm	19 Food Pantry Prep	20 Food Pantry Treasures 10am-12pm	21
22 Faith Formation 9-10am	23 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	24	25 <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:30pm	26	27 Treasures 10am-12pm	28

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 **October** we will collect **canned 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 Francis Goretski

\$25 John & Ellen Check

In Memory of Leona & Armand Lepore

\$40 Mary Diliberto

In Memory of Leona Lepore

\$15 Marilyn Jacobs

In Memory of Patsy Snee Hoskins

\$25 A.M. Kolanowski

In Memory of Matthew DeAngelis

\$50 Sandra M. DeAngelis

In Memory of Lebro & Leona Felli

\$50 Rick & Diane Melvin & Elaine Felli

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



Food Pantry

With Thanksgiving approaching, these are the items the Food Pantry can use for distribution.

Boxed Mashed Potatoes

Corn Muffin Mix

Turkey Gravy

Stuffing Mix

Pie Crust Mix

Evaporated Milk

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Rosary Rally

On Saturday, October 14, 2023 at 12:00 noon, a rosary rally will be held on the lawn of the Parish Center. It is one of 20,000 rallies being held across the United States to pray and ask God and our Lady to save America from today's chaos, immorality, and social upheaval. This rosary is a public act of reparation for these sins hurled against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and The Sacred Heart of Jesus. Please come and pray. Our country needs conversion.

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

Saints Peter and Paul Parish updates regarding Communion visits to the Homebound and Persons with Disabilities

You may recall hearing a year ago last September of our desire to connect our Ministers of the Eucharist with Elders and Persons with Disabilities who are no longer able to attend Mass. The invitation has been well received. Currently there are eighteen Ministers of the Eucharist who have graciously offered to make Communion visits to over seventy-five homebound parishioners. Ordinarily a Minister of the Eucharist will make an appointment with the Elders according to their needs. Generally, the parishioner is visited at least once a month at a day and time convenient to them. Visits are made throughout all seven days of the week. In addition to homebound parishioners, Ministers of the Eucharist also visit local nursing homes with the same desire to bring Communion to the residents. These Communion Services are offered to any Catholic person who is a resident at the Home. Our Ministers serve Riverstreet Manor, North Penn, Wesley Village, Highland Park and Timber Ridge. Our Ministers also bring Communion to our parishioners who are hospitalized. If you or your Loved One would desire Communion brought to your home regularly, please contact Sister Madonna, sscm. You may call the parish office at 570-825-6663 and press 5 to be connected with her voicemail. Leave your name and phone number and Sister will return your call without delay. GOD longs to be with us as much as we long to be with GOD. This is an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist when you are no longer able to attend 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

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.

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Gospel Today

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 21:28-32

The older son in the parable first told his father no, I will not work, but had a change of heart and went to work in the vineyard. When we make poor choices, and have a change of heart, God forgives us and lets us try again.

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“I will not,” he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.”

- Matthew 21:29

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.

Parable

Two

Sons

Father

Said

Work

Vineyard

Today

Changed

Mind

Try

Again

Second

Agreed

Jesus

Stated

Sinners

Repented

Kingdom

First

Righteousness

Forgive

Choices

Heart

God

Believe

S	S	E	N	S	U	O	E	T	H	G	I	R
K	T	L	G	M	S	N	S	Y	O	O	H	C
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W	R	E	H	T	A	F	V	D	D	I	A	S

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