

**October 22, 2023**

**29th 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

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, Oct.14 - 4:00pm:

208 people attended

136 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,709.00

Sunday, Oct 15 - 7:30am:

151 people attended

85 envelopes received

Offering \$1,711.00

Sunday, Oct 15 - 10:30am:

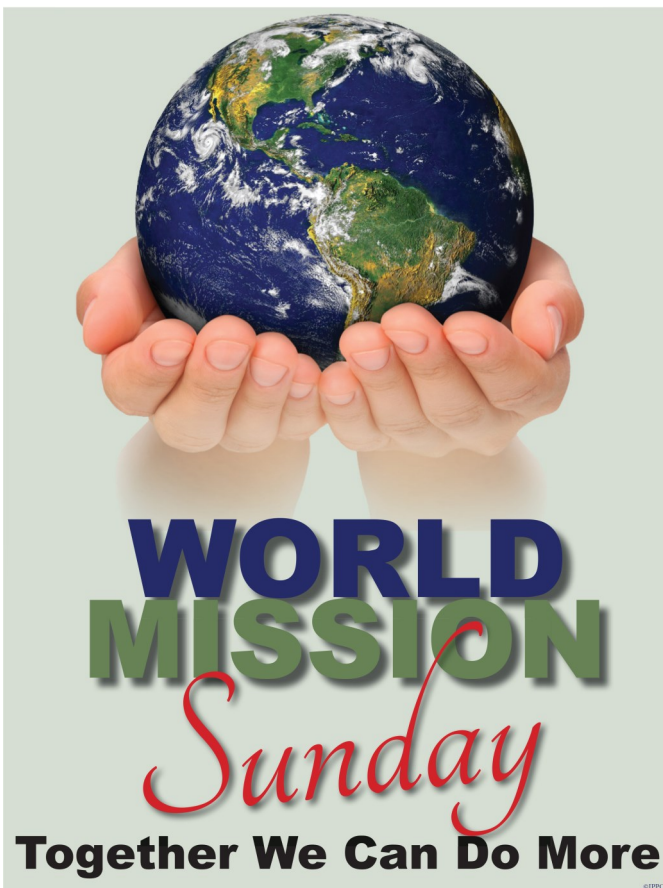
214 people attended

101 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,116.00

*Thank You for your Generosity.*

***The Second Collection  
this weekend will be for  
World Mission Sunday***



# WORSHIP

## WE REMEMBER

### MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	Oct. 21	4:00pm	<b>Geraldine Hirko</b> by Ben & Helen Nutaitis
Sunday	Oct. 22	7:30am 10:30am	<b>Patrick Bonomo, Sr. &amp; Patrick Bonomo, Jr.</b> by Bonomo Family <b>Susan Zbierski</b> by Murphy & Zbierski Families

### DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	Oct. 24	12:15pm	<b>John Kunicki</b> by Daughters
Wednesday	Oct. 25	12:15pm	<b>Eric Yakabovicz</b> by Whitey & Angie
Thursday	Oct. 26	12:15pm	<b>Mary Alice Kane</b> by Donna & Tom Kane
Friday	Oct. 27	12:15pm	<b>George &amp; Pearl Hrabousky</b> by Sheran & Joseph Wozniak & Family

### NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	Oct. 28	4:00pm	<b>Henry A. Dlugosh &amp; Dlugosh Family</b> by Family
Sunday	Oct. 29	7:30am 10:30am	<b>Michael Wanyo</b> by Annie & Larry Stzezen <b>Florence &amp; Stanley Sierko</b> by Family <b>Edward Mangan</b> by Irene & Children



**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

**John & Stanis Kunicki**

**LADY OF THE LOURDES**

**Bill Fender**

**HOLY FAMILY**

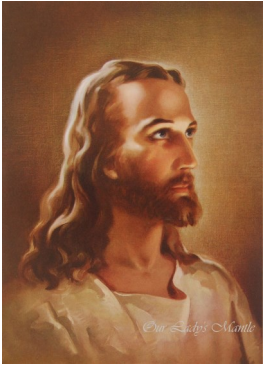
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# The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

Oct. 22, 2023



*Father,  
ignite our  
hearts with the  
fire of Your  
love.*

*As we strive to  
answer our call  
to mission,  
guide our steps  
and empower  
us to be true  
witnesses of  
Your love in  
every corner of  
the world.  
Through Jesus  
Christ,  
our Lord and  
Savior.*

*Amen*

## TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### First Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Cyrus, King of Persia and friend to the Jewish people, becomes the Lord's anointed one, and through God's intervention, returns the Jews to their own country.

### Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Paul rejoices that the Thessalonians, newly converted to Christianity, are displaying remarkable constancy in their new-found faith.

### Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

Seeking to entrap Jesus in his speech, the hostile and hypocritical Pharisees ask him this dangerous question, "Is it lawful to pay tax to the emperor or not?" Realizing their treacherous motives, Jesus asks for a Roman coin, and pointing to the inscription of Caesar's, he answers, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, but give to God what is God's."

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

### Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 22, 2023

**"We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father, knowing, brothers and sisters loved by God, how you were chosen."**

How could you respond if you opened your mail today and found the sender offering such praise of three things - faith, labor of love and hope in Jesus Christ. Initially I might say 'who me?', but like the people in this letter of Paul, we too have been chosen. This is my chance to look within, asking if my faith is growing, if my service to others is a labor of love, and where lies my hope.

As I wrestle with the answer, I remind myself that I am truly loved by God. The more aware of this love, the more I want to respond generously with the same gratitude which marked the first verse of this letter to the Thessalonians - and to me.



# 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-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Sunday

Is 45:1, 4-6;  
1 Thes 1:1-5b;  
Mt 22:15-21

#### Monday

Rom 4:20-25;  
Lk 12:13-21

#### Tuesday

Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21;  
Lk 12:35-38

#### Wednesday

Rom 6:12-18;  
Lk 12:39-48

#### Thursday

Rom 6:19-23;  
Lk 12:49-53

#### Friday

Rom 7:18-25a;  
Lk 12:54-59

#### Saturday

Eph 2:19-22;  
Lk 6:12-16

## October/November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
22 <b>Faith Formation</b> 9-10am	23 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	24	25 <b>Meeting for Toy Bingo Volunteers-</b> <b>6:30- Bernardine Hall</b> <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:30pm	26	27 Treasures 10am-12pm <b>Donations due for Toy Bingo</b>	28
29 <b>Faith Formation</b> 9-10am	30 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	31	1 <b>November</b> <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:30pm	2 <b>Women's Society</b> <b>6:30pm-</b> <b>Parish Dining Hall</b>	3 Treasures 10am-12pm	4
5 <b>Faith Formation</b> 9-10am	6 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	7	8 <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:30pm	9	10 Treasures 10am-12pm	11
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## Save the Dates

Toy Bingo- November 12th

**The Purse Bingo will be held on April 21, 2024.**

# 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.**

## General Donation

### In Memory of Delphine Wejkszner

\$100 Friends at The Department of Environmental Protection

## Food Pantry

### In Memory of Anthony Wilk

\$100 Family

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!*

## *Toyland Bingo*

**Come one come all!**

Please join us on **November 12, 2023** for Toyland Bingo

**Doors open 12:00pm, first special begins at 1:00pm sharp!**

**Tickets are \$25 in advance or**

**\$30 at Door**

**Tickets are on sale now at the Parish Office!**

## *Please Consider Supporting our Upcoming Bingo!*

Please consider making a donation for our **Toyland Bingo** being held on  
**Sunday, November 12, 2023.**

We will be **accepting amazon gift cards and/or cash** to use towards purchasing the prizes.

**Please drop off your donations at the office by Friday, October 27, 2023.**

Thank you in advance for your support!



## Toy Bingo Meeting

A meeting will be held on  
**Wednesday, October 25th, at 6:30 in  
Bernardine Hall.**

Everyone who signed up to volunteer is asked  
to attend.

# COMMUNITY

The ROYAL family is opening its doors!

Visit OPEN HOUSE Sunday, November 5th 1:00-3:00 pm. Discover an enriching, supportive, faith-filled environment where academic excellence and servant leadership are pursued daily. Talk to parents, students, faculty, and coaches to learn why you belong in the Holy Redeemer family.

HOLY REDEEMER HIGH SCHOOL  
159 South Pennsylvania Blvd., Wilkes-Barre  
570-829-2424

**CASH BINGO** to benefit Prince of Peace Parish, Old Forge, PA on Sunday, **November 19th, 2023 at The Eagle McClure/Old Forge Fire Dept., 375 Milwaukee Ave., Old forge, Pa. Doors open at 11:00 am, Bingo starts at 1:00 pm.**

Tickets cost: \$30 for 20 regular games with a cash prize of \$100 each. Additional game booklets are \$10.00 with jackpots of \$250. There will also be a basket raffle. The snack bar opens at 11am. Call 570-457-5900 to purchase Advance Tickets.

Also tickets will be sold before and after all Masses at the main entrance of the Church.

# < KID'S > KORNER

## Gospel Today

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees had a plan to entrap Jesus in speech. They said, "Teacher, we know you will tell the truth. Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?"

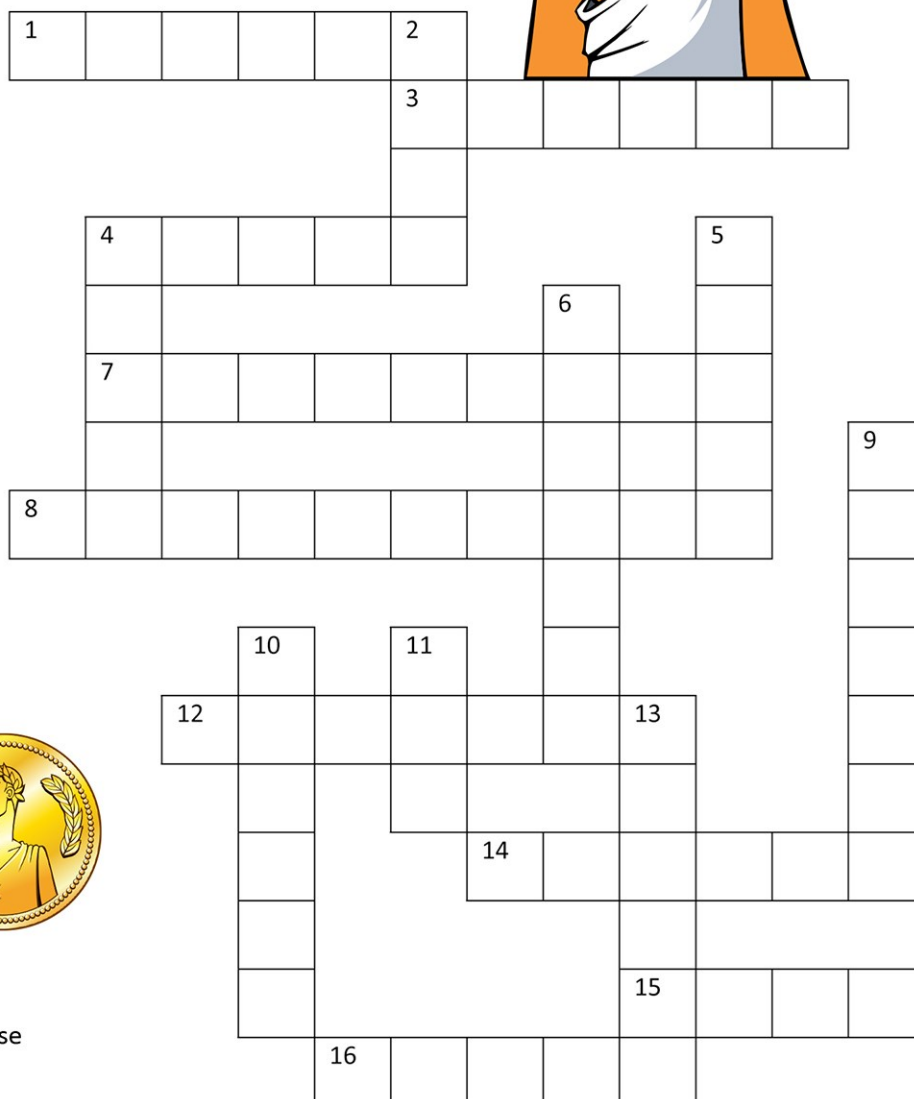
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Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax." They handed Him a Roman coin, with an image and inscription of Caesar. Jesus replied, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."



### ACROSS

- 1 To catch in; as if in a trap
- 3 Allowed by law
- 4 \_\_\_\_ Catholic Church
- 7 Ancient Jews who strictly observed Mosaic law
- 8 Person pretending to be what they are not
- 12 To be owned by someone
- 14 Title of Roman emperors after Augustus
- 15 Round, flat, metal money
- 16 Real fact, honest



### DOWN

- 2 A detailed scheme (to achieve an objective)
- 4 To pay back
- 5 \_\_\_\_ Christ
- 6 Evaluate
- 9 Person who teaches
- 10 Periodic population count
- 11 Supreme Being, Creator of universe (Our Father)
- 13 Act of speaking; public address



All answers are underlined on this page.



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Harold Golomb	Joanne Brague
Lou Zuzelski	Steve McGough

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