

**October 29, 2023**

**30th 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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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.21 - 4:00pm:

187 people attended

127 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,268.00

Sunday, Oct 22 - 7:30am:

115 people attended

85 envelopes received

Offering \$1,461.00

Sunday, Oct 22 - 10:30am:

264 people attended

117 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,223.00

*Thank You for your Generosity.*

## Mass Schedule For Holyday

Wednesday, November 1st  
(All Saints - Holyday of Obligation)

Masses at 12:15 & 5:30

Thursday, November 2nd

All Souls' Day

Masses at 12:15 & 5:30

***The Second Collection  
last weekend for***

***World Mission Sunday***

***\$2,198.00***

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

# WORSHIP

## WE REMEMBER

### MASSES THIS WEEKEND

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

### DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	Oct. 31	12:15pm	<b>Anne Bonetski</b> by Son, Don
Wednesday	Nov. 01	12:15pm 5:30pm	<b>Living &amp; Deceased Parishioners</b> <b>Living &amp; Deceased Parishioners</b>
Thursday	Nov, 02	12:15pm 5:30pm	<b>All Souls' Day</b> <b>All Souls' Day</b>
Friday	Nov, 03	12:15pm	<b>All Souls' Day</b>

### NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	Nov. 04	4:00pm	<b>All Souls' Day</b>
Sunday	Nov. 05	7:30am 10:30am	<b>All Souls' Day</b> <b>All Souls' Day</b>



#### SANCTUARY CANDLE

John Zius

LADY OF THE LOURDES

Louis & Marion Bocci

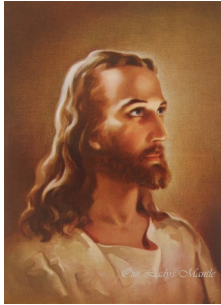
HOLY FAMILY

Edward Mangan

# The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

Oct. 29, 2023



*Prayer for the  
Holy Souls O God,  
the Creator and  
Redeemer of all  
the faithful,  
grant to the souls  
of thy servants  
and handmaids  
departed,  
the remission of  
all their sins;  
that through  
pious  
supplications  
they may obtain  
the pardon they  
have always  
desired.  
Who lives and  
reigns with the  
Father, the Son  
and the Holy  
Ghost, now and  
forever.*

*Amen*

## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26

This passage from the book of Exodus enjoins all to adhere to specific religious and social laws. It urges all to act with justice and compassion towards others.

### Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Paul praises the Thessalonians for receiving the word of God so eagerly and totally. Word of their faithfulness has spread throughout Macedonia and Greece; they have become a model for all Christians.

### Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

Matthew recounts the incident in which a lawyer, seeking to entrap Jesus, asks, "Teacher, which commandment of the law is the greatest?" With simplicity and authority, Jesus responds that the first commandment is to love God with one's entire being; the second is to love one's neighbor as oneself.

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

### Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 29, 2023

**"You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt. You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry. My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword; then your own wives will be widows, and your children orphans.... 'You shall love the Lord your God... you shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"**

From the earliest biblical texts, we are taught that our love of God is expressed in our love for our neighbor. From the earliest texts of the New Testament, we find the first Christians anxious about their care for widows and orphans. It was this concern which led to the choice of the first deacons in the church in the service of those in need.

Do not let the reference of 'aliens' in the bible to mean people from outer space. Our country was founded by people coming in search of a better life, religious freedom, and a peaceful existence. Although errors were made in usurping land and introducing disease and discrimination, we are together to live our lives for the well being of all. Pope Francis, his namesake from Assisi and Charles de Foucauld teach us that we are Christians when we see the other as our brother and sister.



# WORD

## MINISTRY OF THE MONTH –OCTOBER

### MINISTRY OF THE MONTH –October

*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

#### Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

##### Sunday

Ex 22:20-26;  
1 Thes 1:5c-10;  
Mt 22:34-40

##### Monday

Rom 8:12-17;  
Lk 13:10-17

##### Tuesday

Rom 8:18-25;  
Lk 13:18-21

##### Wednesday

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14;  
1 Jn 3:1-3;  
Mt 5:1-12a

##### Thursday

Any readings from no. 668 or  
from  
the Masses for the Dead

##### First Friday

Rom 9:1-5;  
Lk 14:1-6

##### First Saturday

Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29;  
Lk 14:1, 7-11

## October/November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b> <b>Faith Formation</b> <b>9-10am</b>	<b>30</b> Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	<b>31</b>	<b>1 November</b> Choir Practice 6:30pm <b>All Saints</b> <i>(Holyday of Obligation)</i> <b>Masses at 12:15 &amp; 5:30</b>	<b>2</b> <b>Women's Society</b> <b>6:30pm-</b> <b>Parish Dining Hall</b> <b>All Souls'</b> <b>Masses at 12:15 &amp; 5:30</b>	<b>3</b> Treasures 10am-12pm	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> <b>Faith Formation</b> <b>9-10am</b>	<b>6</b> Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Choir Practice 6:30pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Treasures 10am-12pm	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> <b>Faith Formation</b> <b>9-10am</b> <b>Toy Bingo–</b> <b>Bernardine Hall-</b> <b>Doors open at 12-</b> <b>Bingo begins at 1</b>	<b>13</b> Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Choir Practice 6:30pm	<b>16</b> <b>Food Pantry Prep</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Food Pantry</b> Treasures 10am-12pm	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> <b>Faith Formation</b> <b>9-10am</b>	<b>20</b> Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Choir Practice 6:30pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>

## 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.**

### Food Pantry

\$100 Bernadine Burnett

### In Memory of Delphine Wejkszner

\$20 Joseph & Lisa Harding

\$40 Terry & Karen Minnich

### In Memory of William Fender, Jr.

\$50 Lisa Barbacci

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 Wednesday, November 1, 2023.**

Thank you in advance for your support!



# COMMUNITY

**“ANNUAL TURKEY-FEST DINNER- Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church,** will host their annual Turkey Fest Dinner as a take-out only event on **Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> in their school hall on the corner of West Chestnut and North River Streets in Wilkes-Barre.** Pick-ups will be from 12:00(noon) to 4:00pm. The event will feature our traditional turkey dinner and basket raffle. Dinners will be \$15.00 for adults and \$9.00 for children. Walk-in customers will be welcomed, but reservations are strongly encouraged. Tell your friends and family. Non-perishable food items will be collected for donation to a local food pantry.”

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.

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159 South Pennsylvania Blvd., Wilkes-Barre

## **CASH BINGO AT ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST**

St. John the Evangelist Parish, 35 William Street in Pittston, will hold a Cash Bingo with over \$4,000 in prizes on **Saturday, November 18 from 12 Noon to 3 p.m.** in the Msgr. Bendik Pastoral Center. Doors open at 10 a.m. Tickets are \$25 each and include 20 regular games (extra may be purchased). Special games are \$5 each. There will be raffles, a 50/50, door prizes, and food for purchase. Bring a new scratch-off lottery ticket at \$5 or more to receive entry into a special drawing! Tickets are available in the parish office by calling 570-654-0053, by Venmo (@StJohnsPittston), or by PayPal (PayPal.me/StJohnsPittston).

**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.

## 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 22:34-40

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*You shall love God, and  
all God's people.*



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

Pharisees	S	K	D	G	R	E	A	T	E	S	T	S	A
Tested													
Teacher	A	C	O	M	M	A	N	D	M	E	N	T	E
Jesus													
Asking	F	D	R	M	S	P	E	O	N	R	S	S	S
Commandment	L	R	E	A	T	H	S	M	I	R	S	T	T
Greatest													
First	E	S	H	H	E	A	R	T	I	N	T	E	E
Second													
Love	S	E	C	R	H	R	I	F	S	N	V	H	N
Lord													
God	R	E	A	S	K	I	N	G	A	O	D	P	T
Heart													
Soul	U	J	E	S	U	S	G	E	L	W	E	O	E
Mind													
	O	W	T	R	N	E	I	G	H	B	O	R	S
Neighbors													
Yourself	Y	E	L	A	P	E	O	P	L	E	E	P	T
Law													
	D	N	O	C	E	S	T	A	I	U	A	N	E
Prophets													
Depend	E	T	R	I	G	R	W	O	R	S	O	T	D
Two													
People	S	N	D	E	P	E	N	D	G	L	O	S	D

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