

November 5, 2023

31st 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, Oct.28 - 4:00pm:

197 people attended

134 envelopes received

Offering: \$1,976.00

Sunday, Oct 29 - 7:30am:

131 people attended

75 envelopes received

Offering \$1,310.00

Sunday, Oct 29 - 10:30am:

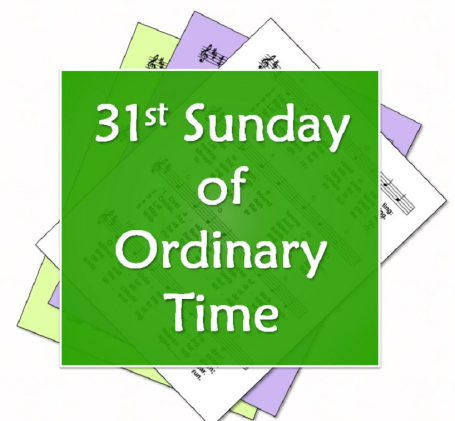
219 people attended

131 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,366.00

Thank You for your Generosity.

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



WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	Nov. 04	4:00pm	All Souls'
Sunday	Nov. 05	7:30am 10:30am	All Souls' All Souls'

DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	Nov. 07	12:15pm	All Souls'
Wednesday	Nov. 08	12:15pm	All Souls'
Thursday	Nov, 09	12:15pm	All Souls'
Friday	Nov, 10	12:15pm	All Souls'

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	Nov. 11	4:00pm	All Souls'
Sunday	Nov. 12	7:30am 10:30am	Lisa Soboleski by Don & Edie Prescavage Randy Ledsome by Carmella Kuren Ceil Rock (105th Birthday)



SANCTUARY CANDLE Ceil & Ted Toloczko

LADY OF THE LOURDES
Louis & Irene Bechetti

HOLY FAMILY
Paul A. Binker, Sr.

The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

Nov. 5, 2023

*Dear God,
as I begin my day,
I ask for your
guidance and
strength to help me
serve others.
Please remind me
that every person I
encounter is created
in your image and
deserves to be
treated with love
and respect.
Help me to see the
needs of those
around me and be
willing to step in
and help in any way
I can.
Whether it's offering
a kind word, a
listening ear, or a
helping hand, please
give me the courage
and compassion to
serve others
selflessly.
Thank you, God, for
the opportunity to
serve others.
May my words and
actions reflect your
love and grace,
and may I always
seek to bring glory
to your name.
In Jesus' name,
Amen.*

THIRTY- FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Malachi 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10

This passage from Malachi denounces the laxity and unfaithfulness of the people and especially of the priests, who failed in their duties to God and their neighbors.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13

Paul reminisces about his extremely happy and successful visit with the Thessalonians. He praises them once again for their immediate and open acceptance of his message as truly the word of God.

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

In a strongly worded message, Jesus again rebukes the Pharisees for the hypocritical ostentation and love of honor and position. He reminds the people and the disciples that the truly greatest one is the one who serves others. He ends with the words, "Whoever exalts himself shall be humbled, but whoever humbles himself shall be exalted."

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

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time November 5, 2023

"With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you, not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well, so dearly beloved had you become to us...And for this reason we too give thanks to God unceasingly, that, in receiving the word of God from hearing us, you received not a human word but, as it truly is, the word of God, which is now at work in you who believe."

Saint Paul had no difficulty identifying his deep concern for the communities he served. His mission to preach the gospel is so evident in the fourteen letters of the New Testament. But he also commends those who accepted the word, acknowledging it as the Word of God. Whenever we come to mass, or when we open the bible, may we begin acknowledging that the Lord has a message for us. May we humbly open our ears and our heart as we say, 'See Lord, your servant is listening.'

When the priest or deacon begins his homily, may we pray that the Lord speak clearly through him and let the Word of God continue to be at work in us.

WORD

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH –NOVEMBER

*Each month, a Ministry of the parish is highlighted.
For November we will focus on Being Thankful*

When we are baptized, we are called to holiness and ministry. While we often think of ministry as a group, ministry is also a deep spirituality with God. For the next few months, this article will focus on ministry as deepening that relationship with God.

When most people think of the month of November, they think of Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is traditionally associated with family dinners, turkey, and pumpkin pie. But taking the word apart, we are giving thanks. Please spend time during the month of November in prayer, thinking about what you are thankful for. While some focus on what they don't have when it comes to objects, contemplate the deeper thanks to give God. Even if you feel you don't have much to be thankful for, please always remember this- God is always there for you. You are never alone. With God all things are possible. So this month, please make it your goal to spend more time in prayer and thanks. If you do, this month, including Thanksgiving, will create a deeper and more personal relationship with God in thankfulness.

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.

WEEKLY READINGS

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10;
1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13;
Mt 23:1-12

Monday

Rom 11:29-36;
Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday

Rom 12:5-16b;
Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday

Rom 13:8-10;
Lk 14:25-33

Thursday

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12;
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17;
Jn 2:13-22

Friday

Rom 15:14-21;
Lk 16:1-8

Saturday

Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27;
Lk 16:9-15

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 Faith Formation 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
12 Faith Formation 9-10am Toy Bingo– Bernardine Hall– Doors open at 12– Bingo begins at 1	13 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	14	15 <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:30pm	16 Food Pantry Prep	17 Food Pantry Treasures 10am-12pm	18
19 Faith Formation 9-10am	20 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	21	22 <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:30pm	23 Thanksgiving Office Closed	24 Office Closed	25
26	27 Prayer Shawl 5pm Rosary 6pm	28	29 <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:30pm	30	1 December Treasures 10am-12pm	2

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 **November** we will collect
canned vegetables and boxed mashed potatoes.

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 Anonymous

\$20 Anonymous

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.





Toyland Bingo

Come one come all!

B I N G O				
6	29	34	47	75
2	26	41	59	73
3	25	FREE 8831 SPACE	57	64
11	27	31	46	68
15	21	37	48	71

Please join us on
November 12, 2023 for Toyland Bingo
Bernardine Hall

Doors open 12:00pm, games begin at 1:00pm sharp!

**Tickets are \$25 in advance or
 \$30 at Door**

Tickets are on sale now at the Parish Office!

**Please support your Parish and possibly win a great
 Christmas Gift!!!**

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!

COMMUNITY

SCRANTON, Pa. – The Catholic Choral Society of Scranton kicks off its 75th anniversary season on Sunday, November 12 with “Generations Sing!”, an annual concert presented by the ensemble and its friends, hosted this year by Performance Music at The University of Scranton.

The performance begins at 4:00 p.m. in the university’s Houlihan-McLean Center, Mulberry Street and Jefferson Avenue, downtown Scranton. Admission is free and seating is on a first come, first-seated basis. Parking is available in university lots on Madison and Jefferson Avenues, and also in the university’s parking garage.

Along with Catholic Choral Society (Ann Manganiello, Director), this year’s event will feature The Armstrong Singers from Neil Armstrong Elementary School in Scranton (Kim Gnall, Director), Wyoming Valley West Middle School Spartan Singers (Scott Coates, Director), Valley View High School Choir (Gina Pascolini, Director), and The University of Scranton Concert Choir (Cheryl Y. Boga, Director.)

At the concert, each individual ensemble will present a program of 12-15 minutes in length, followed by members of all groups, ages 8 – 80, joining together to perform the concert finale.

For further information on the concert, call 570-941-7624, email music@scranton.edu or visit scranton.edu/music. For more on the Catholic Choral Society, visit catholicchoralsociety.org.

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.

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Gospel Today

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 23:1-12

Jesus told the people to listen to the good things the Pharisees say, but do not follow their example. They do not practice what they preach. The greatest on earth are those who serve others.

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**"Whoever exalts himself shall be humbled;
but whoever humbles himself shall be exalted."**

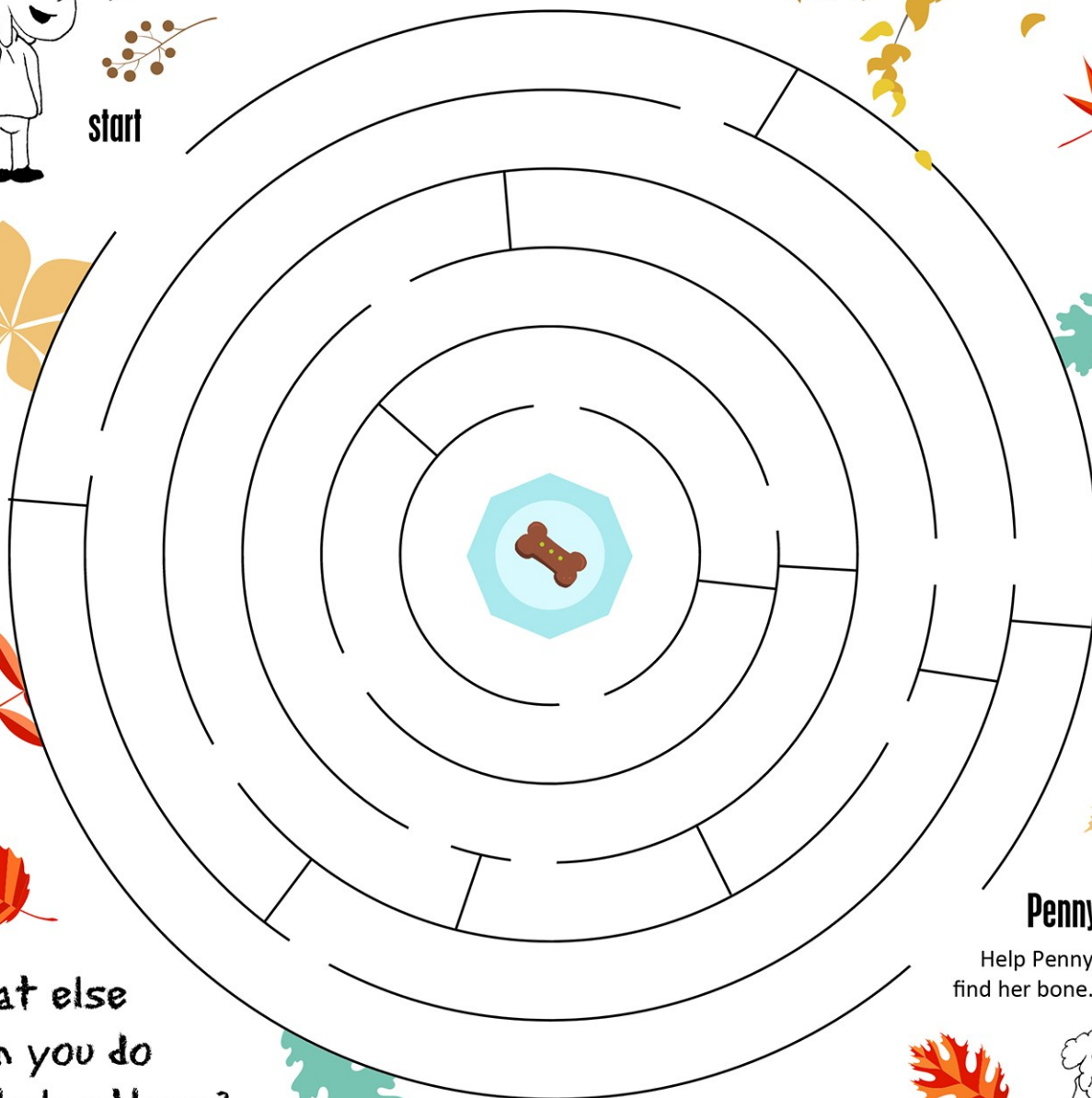
Mt 23:12



Penny,
where
are you!

**Help Honey find
Penny who is lost.**

start



Penny!

Help Penny
find her bone.



**What else
can you do
to help others?**

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