

# November 19, 2023

33rd 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

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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, Nov 11 - 4:00pm:

230 people attended

138 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,645.00

Sunday, Nov 12 - 7:30am:

115 people attended

77 envelopes received

Offering: \$1,562.00

Sunday, Nov 12 - 10:30am:

230 people attended

104 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,488.00

*Thank You for your Generosity.*



***The Second Collection  
this weekend will be for  
Catholic Campaign for  
Human Development***





# WORSHIP

## WE REMEMBER

### MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	Nov. 18	4:00pm	<b>Elizabeth (Betty) Martin</b> by Angie & Whitey <b>John Ropietski</b> by Wife & Children
Sunday	Nov. 19	7:30am 10:30am	<b>Irene Martin</b> by Maureen Chamberlain <b>Stanley Miskiewicz, Jr.</b> by Elizabeth & Family

### DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	Nov. 21	12:15pm	<b>Marty O'Malia</b> by Wife, Sherry
Wednesday	Nov. 22	12:15pm	<b>Earld Biondi</b> by Janice
Thursday	Nov. 23	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Mass</b>
Friday	Nov. 24		<b>No Mass</b>

### NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	Nov. 25	4:00pm	<b>Janet Johnson</b> by Husband <b>Irene Martin</b> by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Tabit
Sunday	Nov. 26	7:30am 10:30am	<b>John &amp; Florence Kelly &amp; Carol Kwitkoski</b> by John Kelly <b>Frank &amp; Anna Tressa</b> by Ernest & Dolores Tressa



**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

**Marty O'Malia**

**LADY OF THE LOURDES**

**Paul O. Binker, Jr.**

**HOLY FAMILY**

**Eleanor Janerich**

# The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

Nov. 19, 2023

## THIRTY– THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Heavenly Father,  
on Thanksgiving  
Day  
We bow our hearts  
to You and pray.*

*We give You thanks  
for all You've done  
Especially for the  
gift of Jesus, Your  
Son.*

*For beauty in  
nature, Your glory  
we see  
For joy and health,  
friends and family,*

*For daily provision,  
Your mercy, and  
care  
These are the  
blessings You  
graciously share.*

*So today we offer  
this response of  
praise  
With a promise to  
follow You all of our  
days.*

*Amen*

### First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

An encomium for a good and worthy wife, this passage from Proverbs extols all the virtues which a worthy wife possesses – fidelity, industriousness, skill, charity to the poor, and fear of the Lord.

### Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Once again, Paul reassures the Thessalonians, who are anxious about the coming of Christ, that they need not fear being unprepared because they are “children of light.”

### Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus narrates the parable of the talents – in the story, the silver pieces given to the three men. Two of the men invest their coins and double their worth, but the third buries his coins in the ground and earns no return. The message of Jesus is that we must use to the fullest the talents we have received.

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

### Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 19, 2023

**“Immediately the one who received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole and buried his master's money. Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given... but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.”**

God has endowed us with a variety of gifts or as the word of the gospel state, talents. Some have more, others less, but in the eyes of God He wants us to acknowledge them and use them well.

Two words which come to mind, both for the church, its leaders and politicians as well are transparency and accountability. But these are words which apply to our own Christian lives. What gifts I have been given, and go unused? How many people are in need of my hands and heart asking, without knowing it, that I share my gift with them? It may be the virtue of kindness, compassion, material or physical needs, but they are mine to give as I make Jesus' love present to them. I do not want to bury the one thing someone else needs. What is it that I have to give to the Lord through them?



# 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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Sunday

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31;  
1 Thes 5:1-6;

Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

#### Monday

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63;  
Lk 18:35-43

#### Tuesday

2 Mc 6:18-31;  
Lk 19:1-10

#### Wednesday

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31;  
Lk 19:11-28

#### Thursday

1 Mc 2:15-29;  
Lk 19:41-44 or, for  
Thanksgiving Day,

any readings from the Mass,  
"In Thanksgiving to God"

#### Friday

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59;  
Lk 19:45-48

#### Saturday

1 Mc 6:1-13;  
Lk 20:27-40

## November/December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
19 <b>Faith Formation</b> 9-10am	20 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	21	22 <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:30pm	23 <b>Thanksgiving</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	24 <b>Office Closed</b>	25
26	27 Prayer Shawl 5pm Rosary 6pm	28	29 <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:30pm	30	1 <b>December</b> Treasures 10am-12pm	2
3 <b>Faith Formation</b> 9-10am	4 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	5	6 <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:30pm	7 <b>Women's Society</b> 6:30– <b>Parish Dining</b> <b>Hall</b>	8 Treasures 10am-12pm	9
10 <b>Faith Formation</b> 9-10am	11 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	12	13 <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:30pm	14 <b>Food Pantry Prep</b>	15 <b>Food Pantry</b> Treasures 10am-12pm	16

# Save the Dates

**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 **Winter  
clothing** for men, women, and children. Donations  
may be dropped off during business hours only.  
**Mondays 5pm-7pm & Fridays 10am-12 pm.**

### 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 Aaron Norakus**

\$100 Charlotte Dominick

### Food Pantry

\$100 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.





## *Thank You!*

**To all the volunteers who worked the Toy Bingo...** Thank you so much for your volunteer work. Please know that we could not have events like this without your hard work. We are forever thankful for the time you have given.

**To everyone who gave donations...** your generosity was greatly appreciated.

**To everyone who attended...** your attendance at the Bingo was much appreciated and contributed to it's success. We hope you had as much fun as we did planning it!

*Hope to see everyone at our next event!*

## *Women's Society*

The **Women's Society** invites all women of the parish, as well as their friends, neighbors, family and spouses, to a **post-Christmas party** (a time to relax after the holiday rush) at the **East Mountain Inn (formerly Holiday Inn off 115) on Sunday, January 7th, 2024 from 11:30am-3:00pm**. You do not need to be a member to attend. There will be a Brunch Buffet. Cost is \$30 per person. Make reservations by calling Claire Koshinski at 570-479-3671 or Sandy Toloczko at 570-823-5918. Reservations, with checks, payable to Women's Society of Saints Peter and Paul, are **due by December 23, 2023**. All are welcome!

## *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

A Christmas **COOKIE WALK** will be held **Saturday, Dec. 9, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the hall of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 215 Lackawanna Ave., Dupont.** Enjoy a free cup of coffee or hot chocolate while choosing from dozens of delicious homemade cookies available for \$10 a pound. Try your luck at winning a holiday theme basket or the 50/50 raffle just in time for Christmas! Please be aware that this will not be a nut free environment.

## *Thanksgiving Fun Facts*

1. Fact or Fiction: Thanksgiving is held on the final Thursday of November each year.

**Fiction.** In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln designated the last Thursday in November as a national day of thanksgiving. However, in 1939, after a request from the National Retail Dry Goods Association, President Franklin Roosevelt decreed that the holiday should always be celebrated on the fourth Thursday of the month (and never the occasional fifth, as occurred in 1939) in order to extend the holiday shopping season by a week. The decision sparked great controversy, and was still unresolved two years later, when the House of Representatives passed a resolution making the last Thursday in November a legal national holiday. The Senate amended the resolution, setting the date as the fourth Thursday, and the House eventually agreed.

2. Fact or Fiction: One of America's Founding Fathers thought the turkey should be the national bird of the United States.

**Fact.** In a letter to his daughter sent in 1784, Benjamin Franklin suggested that the wild turkey would be a more appropriate national symbol for the newly independent United States than the bald eagle (which had earlier been chosen by the Continental Congress). He argued that the turkey was "a much more respectable Bird," "a true original Native of America," and "though a little vain and silly, a Bird of Courage."

3. Fact or Fiction: In 1863, Abraham Lincoln became the first American president to proclaim a national day of thanksgiving.

**Fiction.** George Washington, John Adams and James Madison all issued proclamations urging Americans to observe days of thanksgiving, both for general good fortune and for particularly momentous events (the adoption of the U.S. Constitution, in Washington's case; the end of the War of 1812, in Madison's).

## 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 25:14-30

The parable tells of three servants given pieces of silver, or talents to use while their master was away. Two men used the talents wisely and doubled their worth. The third man buried the talent, not using it and not increasing its value. We learn we must faithfully use the gifts God gives us to be worthy servants and gain a place in the Kingdom.

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1. natural aptitude or skill.
2. a former weight and unit of currency, used especially by the ancient Romans and Greeks.

“Well done my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibility.”

- Matthew 25:21

# BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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

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