

# November 24, 2024

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

## 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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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. 16 - 4:00pm:

245 people attended

125 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,788.00

Sunday, Nov. 17 - 7:30am:

111 people attended

84 envelopes received

Offering \$1,832.00

Sunday, Nov. 17 - 10:30am:

224 people attended

100 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,292.00



*Thank You for your Generosity.*

***The Second Collection last  
weekend for  
Catholic Campaign for  
Human Development***

***\$1,390.00***

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

# WORSHIP

## WE REMEMBER

### MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	Nov 23	4:00pm	<b>Frank &amp; Anna Tressa</b> by Ernest and Dolores Tressa
Sunday	Nov 24	7:30am 10:30am	<b>Carol Kwitkoski &amp; Mr. &amp; Mrs. John Kelly</b> by John Kelly <b>Erald Biondi</b> by Janice, Tracey, & Kelly

### DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	Nov 26	12:15pm	<b>Deborah Smith</b> by Tom & Elaine Salus
Wednesday	Nov 27	12:15pm	<b>James Flannery, Jr.</b> by Ann Flannery Family
Thursday	Nov 28	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Thanksgiving</b>
Friday	Nov 29		<b>No Mass</b>

### NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	Nov 30	4:00pm	<b>Karen Werner</b> by Mr. & Mrs. James Sharatta
Sunday	Dec 01	7:30am 10:30am	<b>Joseph J. Hirko</b> by Mary Bernoski <b>Irene &amp; Anthony Koschak</b> by Daughter & Son



**SANCTUARY CANDLE**  
Karen Werner

**LADY OF THE LOURDES**  
John Ropietski

**BLESSED MOTHER**  
Erald Biondi

# The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

November 24, 2024

*Heavenly Father,*

*we come before you  
today, humbly  
asking that you  
empower us to  
actively build your  
kingdom on earth.*

*Fill our hearts with  
your love and grace,  
so that we may  
reach out to those  
who are lost and  
bring them into the  
light of your truth.*

*Guide our words and  
actions, grant us  
boldness to share the  
Gospel, and open  
doors of opportunity  
to spread your  
message.*

*May your church  
grow in strength  
and unity, becoming  
a beacon of hope in  
our community.  
We pray this in  
Jesus' name,*

*Amen*

## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

### First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14

Daniel describes the one who will appear on the clouds of heaven and receive glory. People of every language will serve this one, and his leadership and community will be his forever.

### Second Reading: Revelation 1:5-8

Jesus is so powerful, he is the ruler of kings. He loved us enough to free us from sin, and so he will be glorified forever. He will appear again and be seen by all the people of the earth. God calls himself the first and last, "the One who is and who was and who is to come," reminding all people that God will remain with us always.

### Gospel: John 18:33b-37

Pilate asks Jesus if he is a king. Jesus explains that his kingdom is not of this world. Pilate asks again if Jesus is a king, to which he replies, "I came into the world to testify to the truth. Anyone committed to the truth hears my voice."

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

### Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 24, 2024

**"Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen" ... "Jesus answered 'My kingdom does not belong to this world...' Jesus answered 'You say I am a king, for this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who believes in the truth listens to my voice.'"**

Did you pray the Lord's prayer yet today? In the opening words of praise did you think about what 'Thy kingdom come' means? By our baptism we became part of His kingdom the church. We were each given a mission, to build the kingdom of Jesus on earth. As we celebrate this final Sunday of the church year, may we rededicate ourselves to living actively in the kingdom of Jesus, by building His church, and making His presence felt and known.

We recall the words of a great saint, as he spoke about the mission. He said each one of us was given a task to build the kingdom, and as long as I fail to do my part, it will always remain undone.

'Thy kingdom come.'

# 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.

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. "In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus (1 Thes 5:18)"

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

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King  
of the Universe**

### **Sunday**

Dn 7:13-14;  
Rv 1:5-8;  
Jn 18:33b-37

### **Monday**

Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5;  
Lk 21:1-4

### **Tuesday**

Rv 14:14-19;  
Lk 21:5-11

### **Wednesday**

Rv 15:1-4;  
Lk 21:12-19

### **Thursday**

Rv 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3, 9a;  
Lk 21:20-28 or, for

Thanksgiving Day, any  
readings from the Mass

"In Thanksgiving to God"

### **Friday**

Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2;  
Lk 21:29-33

### **Saturday**

Rom 10:9-18;  
Mt 4:18-22

# 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 boxed  
mashed potatoes, stuffing mix, & canned pumpkin

### 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 at 155 Austin Ave in Parsons  
during business hours only.

**Mondays 4pm-6pm & 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

### 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*

## 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 Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Paciga

\$100 Ann Paciga

#### In memory of John S. Flannery

\$50 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Salus

#### In memory of Jean Kocher

\$50 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Pellegrini

\$100 Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Malys

\$50 Nardone & Barbacci Families

\$100 Mr. & Mrs. Martin Gerrity

\$50 Deborah Bronack

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.

## November/December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24 <b>Faith Formation- 9-10am</b>	25 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	26	27 <b>Choir Practice 7pm</b>	28 <b>Happy Thanksgiving</b>	29 <b>Office Closed</b>	30
1 <b>December</b>	2 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	3	4 <b>Choir Practice 7pm</b>	5 <b>Women's Society 6:30pm- Parish Center Dining Hall</b>	6 Treasures- 10am-12pm	7
8 <b>Faith Formation- 9-10am</b>	9 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	10	11 <b>Choir Practice 7pm</b>	12 <b>Parish Council 6:30pm- Parish Center Dining Hall</b>	13 Treasures- 10am-12pm	14
15 <b>Faith Formation- 9-10am</b>	16 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	17	18 <b>Choir Practice 7pm</b>	19 <b>Food Pantry Prep</b>	20 <b>Food Pantry Treasures- 10am-12pm</b>	21



Thanksgiving Mass will be at  
9:00am.  
There will be no 12:15 Mass this  
day.  
No Mass on Friday, November  
29th.

**The Giving Trees at Saints Peter and Paul** are being placed in the Church this weekend decorated with gift tags. *Anyone wishing to participate in this Christmas project* is asked to take a tag, purchase a gift for the person, wrap the present, **attaching the tag on the outside of the wrapped gift and *return it to the Church by December 15<sup>th</sup>***. The gifts will be distributed through our Food Pantry on December 20th. Anyone wishing to donate gloves, socks, scarves, hats etc.. (for children infant to 12) may drop them off at the Parish Office by December 15th.

*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!*

## *Food Pantry*

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

Canned Yams

Corn Muffin Mix

Turkey Gravy

Stuffing Mix

Pie Crust Mix

Evaporated Milk

Chicken Broth

Canned Pumpkin

Canned Cranberries

**Thank you in advance for your generosity!**

# COMMUNITY

**Advent Concert Series:** A series of classical piano music reflections will take place at **Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 215 Lackawanna Ave., Dupont**, that will focus on the Baroque Era, the Classical Era, and the Romantic Era. The first recital will take place on **Sunday, December 1, at 10 a.m.** and will feature the Baroque Era of classical music and will feature preludes, fugues, and other works by Johann Sebastian Bach. The second recital will be on **Sunday, December 8, at 10 a.m.** It will feature excerpts of piano sonatas of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Ludwig Van Beethoven, among others. Finally, the third recital, to be held on Gaudete Sunday, **December 15, at 10 a.m.**, will illustrate the romantic era of classical music and feature the works of Russian composer Sergei Rachmaninov and German composer Johannes Brahms. These recitals will be performed by Mr. Anthony J. George, Jr. who serves as the Parish Music Director/Organist in Dupont, and studied piano performance under renowned concert pianist, Thomas Hrynkiw. All are welcomed to attend this free Advent concert series prior to Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass.

A **Christmas Cookie Walk** will be held **Saturday, Dec. 14, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Sacred Heart of Jesus Church Hall, 215 Lackawanna Ave., Dupont.** Choose from dozens of delicious homemade cookies available for only \$10 a pound. Try your luck at winning a lottery ticket theme basket or the 50/50 raffle just in time for Christmas! Be aware that this will not be a nut free environment.

## CHRISTMAS ORGAN CONCERT AND SING-ALONG

All are invited to a Christmas Organ Concert and Sing-Along on **Sunday, December 15 at 2:00 PM** at **St. John the Evangelist Church, 35 William Street in Pittston.** This family-friendly event with organ music and carol singing for the Advent and Christmas seasons will be led by organist Michael Sowa, director of music at St. John the Evangelist Church. A free-will offering will be accepted and refreshments will follow in the church basement.

# < KID'S > KORNER

## Gospel Today

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe | John 18: 33b-37

Jesus says His Kingdom is not of this world, but Pilot does not understand who He is or the truth He comes to proclaim.

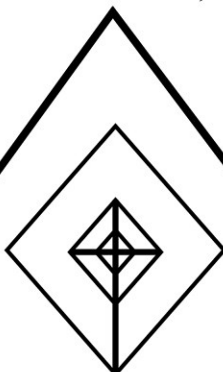
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CHRIST  
THE  
KING

Ask an adult to help you  
sing or pray these words  
today...

### TO JESUS CHRIST OUR SOVEREIGN KING

To Jesus Christ our Sovereign King who is the  
world's salvation,  
All praise and homage do we bring and thanks  
and adoration.



Color and  
decorate a  
crown you  
think would  
represent  
Jesus Christ  
the King.



Your reign extend O King benign,  
to every land and nation;

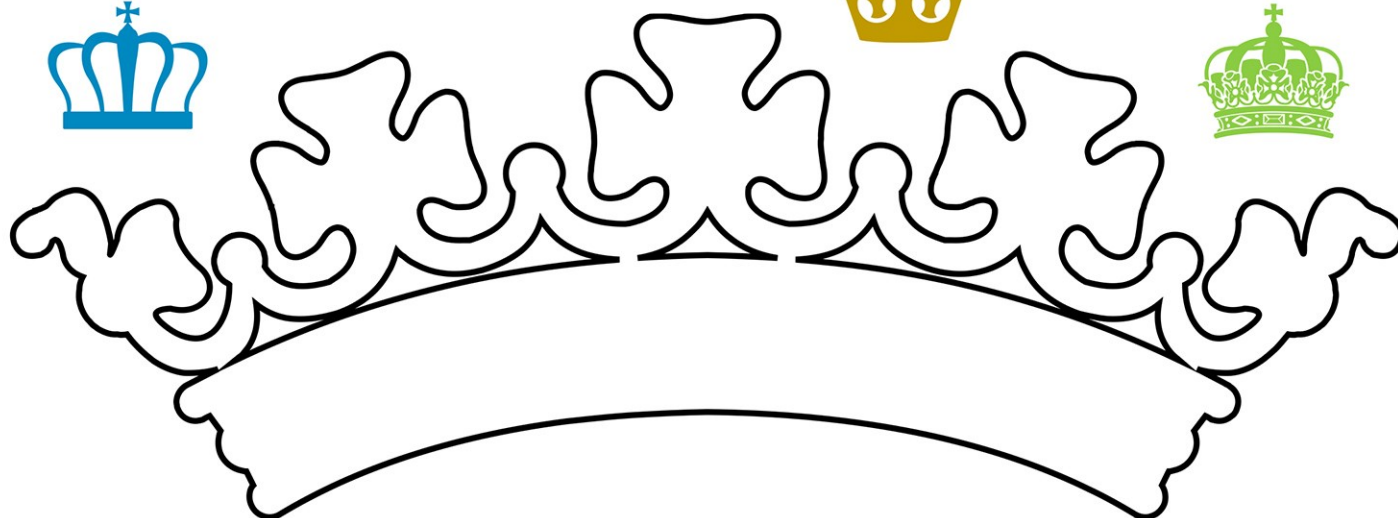
For in your Kingdom Lord Divine  
alone do we find salvation.

To you and to your Church, great King  
we pledge our heart's oblation;

Until before your throne we sing in  
endless jubilation.

Christ Jesus, Victor!  
Christ Jesus, Ruler!  
Christ Jesus, Lord and Redeemer

*Msgr. Martin Hellriegel, 1941*



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