

# November 26, 2023

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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Monday: 8am—4pm

Tuesday: 8am—4pm

Wednesday: 8am—2pm

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Friday: 8am—Noon

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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

**Due to Early Submission of  
Bulletin, Contributions Will  
be Listed Next Week**

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



# WORSHIP

## WE REMEMBER

### MASSES THIS WEEKEND

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

### DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	Nov. 28	12:15pm	<b>Deborah Smith</b> by Molly & Dennis Bieryla
Wednesday	Nov. 29	12:15pm	<b>Joseph B. Pilarcik, Jr.</b> by Family
Thursday	Nov. 30	12:15pm	<b>Ronald Serafin</b> by family
Friday	Dec. 01	12:15pm	<b>Raymond Deiter</b> by Loretta Hines

### NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	Dec.02	4:00pm	<b>Gene Bolis</b> by Barb Montante, Rose Altavilla, & Mary Ann Bolis <b>Andrew Wanat</b> by Wife Joan & Family
Sunday	Dec. 03	7:30am 10:30am	<b>Ann Marie Merlie</b> by Husband <b>John Shea</b> by Parents



**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

**John & Stanis Kunicki**

**LADY OF THE LOURDES**

**Stanley Miskiewicz**

**HOLY FAMILY**

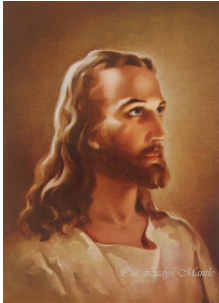
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# The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

Nov. 26, 2023



*Lord,  
lift me up for  
Your blessings  
today.  
I pray that you  
will anoint me  
with strength  
and self care  
today, tomorrow,  
and always.  
I pray that You  
will grace me  
with patience  
and wisdom.  
I pray that You  
will encourage  
me throughout  
the day to take  
the correct steps  
to walk proudly,  
and behave well.  
I pray all of these  
things in Your  
name.*

*Amen.*

## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

### First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

This passage beautifully describes how the Lord God, as shepherd, will tend his flock. He will rescue those who are lost, bring back those who stray, heal the sick, and “pasture” all.

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Paul once again stresses the significance of Christ’s resurrection in the total divine plan, emphasizing that Christ’s rising means that those who believe in him will also rise after death. Christianity, he argues, is meaningless if it concerns only this life on earth. In the end, even death will be destroyed, and “God will be all in all.”

### Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

With words both poetic and vivid, Jesus tells the disciples that since he is present in all people, whatever they do to “one of my least brothers” they do to him; and whatever they fail to do to his “least,” they fail to do to him.

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

### Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 26, 2023

**“I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord God. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy, shepherding them rightly.... ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.’”**

We bring the church year to a close with the appropriate gospel judgement scene. We will all, each and everyone, meet our just judge, where our every deed will be exposed and evaluated. A recently published book told the story of a priest who met a person, who said that he felt quite comfortable, as he kept the ten commandments. The priest then asked about his concern for Matthew 25, the judgement statement ‘I was hungry, thirsty, naked, an immigrant or foreigner, sick...’ the corporal works of mercy. As we live them we are going to be judged, not just the ten commandments or the great commandment of Jesus to love God and neighbor. The man replied that he hadn’t thought about that. Do I?



# 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

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

### **Sunday**

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17;  
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28;  
Mt 25:31-46

### **Monday**

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20;  
Lk 21:1-4

### **Tuesday**

Dn 2:31-45;  
Lk 21:5-11

### **Wednesday**

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28;  
Lk 21:12-19

### **Thursday**

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

### **First Friday**

Dn 7:2-14;  
Lk 21:29-33

### **First Saturday**

Dn 7:15-27;  
Lk 21:34-36

## November/December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27 Prayer Shawl 5pm Rosary 6pm	28	29 Choir Practice 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 Choir Practice 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 Choir Practice 6:30pm	14 <b>Food Pantry Prep</b>	15 <b>Food Pantry</b> Treasures 10am-12pm	16
17 <b>Faith Formation</b> 9-10am	18 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	19	20 Choir Practice 6:30pm	21	22	23

# Save the Dates

**Night at the Races - March 16th**

**Purse Bingo - April 21st**

# 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.**

### Food Pantry

**In Memory of Mary Jo Paciga**

\$50     Ann Paciga

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.





**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 10<sup>th</sup>**. The gifts will be distributed through our Food Pantry on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Anyone wishing to donate gloves, socks, scarves, hats etc.. (for children infant to 12) may drop them off at the Parish Office by December 10<sup>th</sup>.

## *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 (formally Holiday Inn off 115) on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 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!

## *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!*

# 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.

On **Sunday, December 10 at 3:00 p.m.,** the parishes of St. John the Evangelist and St. Joseph Mareello in Pittston will present “**A Christmas Celebration**”, a fun, family-friendly Christmas organ concert with guest organist Greg Zelek, a graduate of The Juilliard School and principal organist of the Madison Symphony Orchestra in Wisconsin. The concert will be held at **St. John the Evangelist Church, 35 William Street in Pittston,** and will feature festive organ music and the singing of Christmas carols. Greg will be teaming up with St. John's parish organist, Mike Sowa, for a special arrangement during this concert and there might be another surprise selection as well! All children who attend the program will receive a special take-home treat. We hope you will take time out of your busy holiday schedules to join us for this program!

**The Catholic Choral Society will present an Advent – Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 10th at 3 PM at Forty Fort United Methodist Church, 26 Yeager Avenue, Forty Fort, PA. Snow date is Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.**

Music Director is Ann Manganello; accompanist is Linda Houck and percussion is Monica Spishock.

The concert will also feature the Forty Fort UMC Church Choir directed by Mary Scheib.

The choral group will be presenting sacred Advent and Christmas music as well other Christmas selections.

The concert is open to the public free of charge; a free will offering opportunity will be available.

Jesus tells His disciples, the Son of Man will come in His glory and sit upon His throne. He will bless, from all the nations, every person who gave drink to the thirsty, something to eat to the hungry and paid a visit to the ill. The Kingdom of Heaven will be theirs.

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One Kingdom  
One King

Christ the King said in reply,  
"Amen, I say to you, whatever  
you did for one of these least  
brothers of mine, you did for  
me."

Matthew 25:40

## BIBLE WORD SEARCH

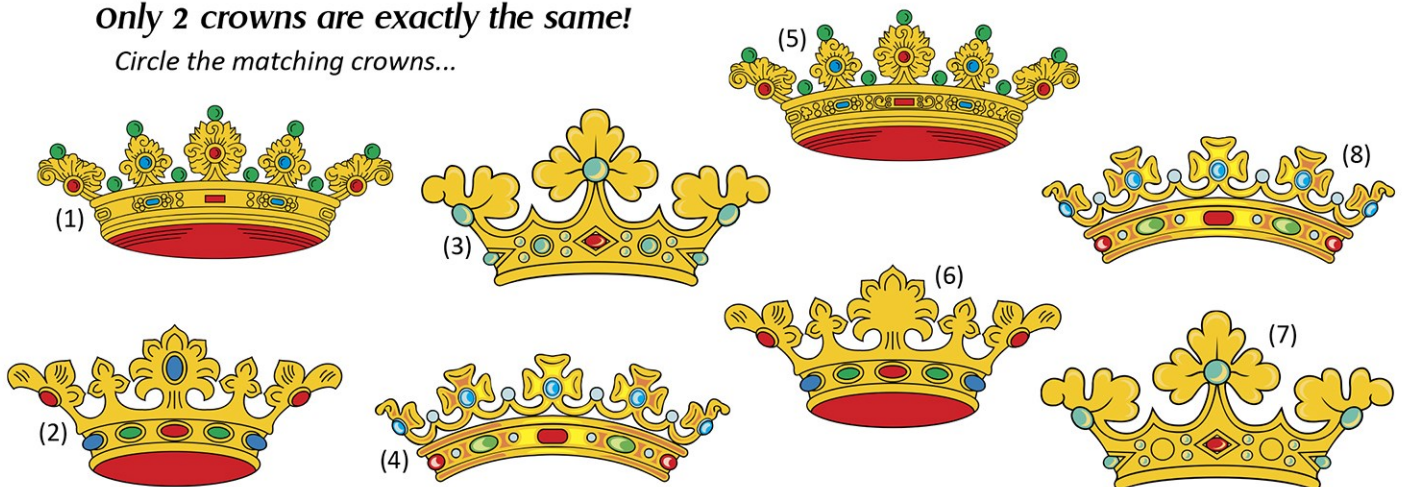
Find the underlined words in the block puzzle by coloring them all gold...  
left, right, up, down or diagonally. Then color the ✧ stars ✧ all different jewel colors.

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Answer: 4 & 8

Only 2 crowns are exactly the same!

Circle the matching crowns...





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