

**May 14, 2023**

**6th Sunday of Easter**

## 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, May 06 - 4:00pm:

236 people attended

153 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,639.00

Sunday, May 07 - 7:30am:

126 people attended

81 envelopes received

Offering \$1,571.00

Sunday, May 07 - 10:30am:

201 people attended

105 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,388.00

*Thank You for your Generosity.*

***The Second Collection  
next weekend will be for  
Catholic Communication  
Campaign***

***The Second Collection  
last weekend for  
Care and Education of Priests  
\$1,617.00***

**Mass Schedule for  
The Ascension of  
the Lord**

**Thursday, May 18th  
12:15pm & 5:30pm**



**Memorial Mass  
Monday, May 29th-  
9:00am  
in the Church for all  
the deceased in our  
seven cemeteries**

# WORSHIP

## WE REMEMBER

### MASSES THIS WEEKEND

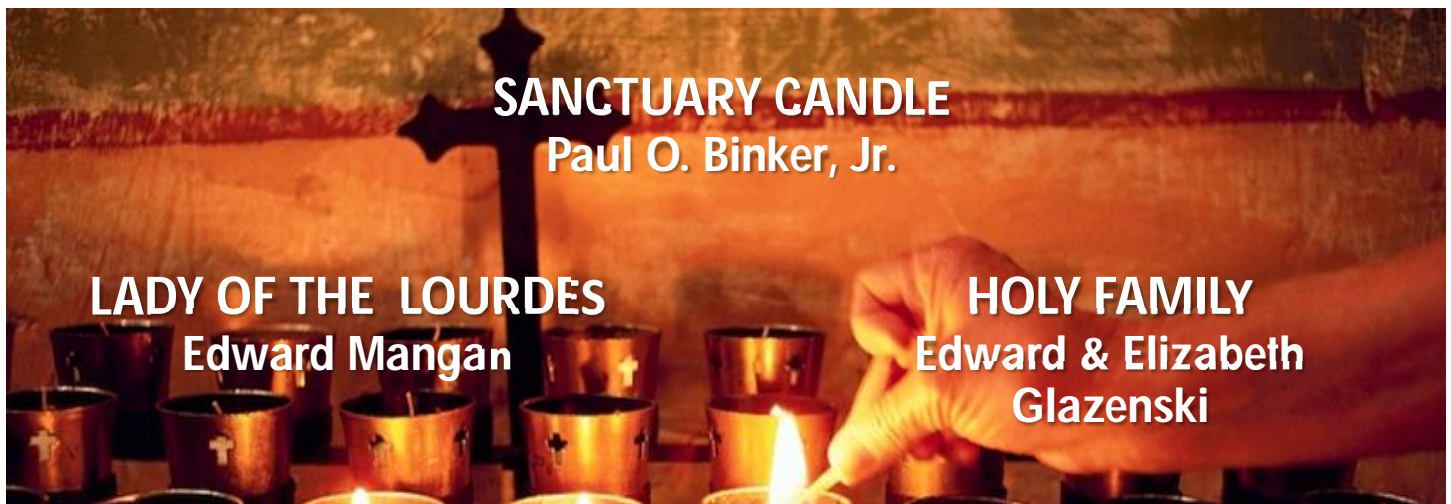
Saturday	May 13	4:00pm	Joseph Davis by Son
Sunday	May 14	7:30am	Paul O. Binker, Jr. by Mom
		10:30am	Olszewski Family by Family

### DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	May 16	12:15pm	Mother's Day
Wednesday	May 17	12:15pm	Mother's Day
Thursday	May 18	12:15pm 5:30pm	Mother's Day
Friday	May 19	12:15pm	Mother's Day

### NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	May 20	4:00pm	Mother's Day
Sunday	May 21	7:30am	Mother's Day
		10:30am	Mother's Day



**SANCTUARY CANDLE**  
Paul O. Binker, Jr.

**LADY OF THE LOURDES**  
Edward Mangan

**HOLY FAMILY**  
Edward & Elizabeth  
Glazenski



# The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

May 14, 2023



*Creator of the  
universe,  
you made the  
world in beauty,  
and restore all  
things in glory  
through the  
victory of Jesus  
Christ.  
We pray that,  
wherever your  
image is still  
disfigured  
by poverty,  
sickness,  
selfishness,  
war and greed,  
the new creation  
in Jesus Christ  
may appear in  
justice,  
love, and peace,  
to the glory of  
your name.  
Amen.*

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### First Reading: Acts 8:5□8, 14□17

Philip preaches to the people of Samaria, who accept his word after witnessing the miracles he performs.

Peter and John pray that they will receive the Holy Spirit.

### Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15□18

Christians are urged to remain steadfast in their allegiance to Christ, giving evidence always of gentleness and hope.

### Gospel: John 14:15□21

In his words to the apostles at the Last Supper, Jesus promises to send them a comforter, a Paraclete, the Spirit of truth, who will be with them always.

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

### Sixth Sunday of Easter May 14, 2023

**“Beloved: Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear, so that when you are maligned, those who defame your good conduct in Christ may themselves be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be the will of God, than for doing evil.”**

The letter of Peter has been guiding us for a few weeks, encouraging us as disciples to be witnesses of the Lord. As we follow the Lord, others can learn to place their hope and trust in Him. The virtues of gentleness and reverence are gifts we all possess and they can help lead others to Jesus Christ.

Consider someone whose life reflects the love of God for others, who reflects what Peter describes. Does that person move you to learn, imitate and enjoy what it means to ‘make holy Christ in your heart?’ Imitation is the greatest form of flattery. Surround yourself with others who share the same values, cares and hope. In addition, take a minute to discuss this passage with someone.

# WORD

## MINISTRY OF THE MONTH –MAY

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*Each month, a Ministry of the parish is highlighted. For May we will reflect on Ministry using our time and talents.*

The definition of Ministry is simply the act of serving. There are a number of formal, structured Ministries available in our Parish and are highlighted year round. But there are also a number of activities occurring in our parish that could use the time and talent of so many of our members. If Ministry means serving, then donating your time and talent at any event in our Parish is also a form of Ministry. For those of you who are great bakers, please consider donating to any upcoming bake sales. If you have a talent for being able to put things together, please think about volunteering for setting up at a future event listed in the bulletin. Are you a great conversationalist? You may greet people at one of these events. These are just three examples of talents you may have that can be used in our Parish. The Parish understands just how valuable time is for us. But imagine what our Parish could look like if everyone just gave a little bit of their time and talent in Ministry to the Church, even if it is only a few hours. We could grow into the family God wants us to be!

Committing to a structured Ministry is a true blessing for our Parish. But for those unable, please don't think you are not needed. Peter says "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace (1 Peter 4:10)". Don't let your gift be wasted. Look at the present and future opportunities in our bulletin and make that call! You will feel fulfilled and make new friends too!

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.



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email [ministries@sspeterandpaulplains.com](mailto:ministries@sspeterandpaulplains.com)

## WEEKLY READINGS

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

#### Sunday

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17;  
1 Pt 3:15-18;  
Jn 14:15-21

#### Monday

Acts 16:11-15;  
Jn 15:26—16:4a

#### Tuesday

Acts 16:22-34;  
Jn 16:5-11

#### Wednesday

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1;  
Jn 16:12-15

#### Thursday

Acts 18:1-8;  
Jn 16:16-20

#### The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11;  
Eph 1:17-23;  
Mt 28:16-20

#### Friday

Acts 18:9-18;  
Jn 16:20-23

#### Saturday

Acts 18:23-28;  
Jn 16:23b-28

## May/June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:30pm	<b>18</b> <b>Ascension Thursday</b> <b>Masses –12:15pm &amp; 5:30pm</b>  <b>Food Pantry Prep</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Food Pantry</b> Treasures 10am-12pm	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> <b>Confirmation-12pm</b>	<b>22</b> Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:30pm	<b>25</b> <b>Nite at the Races</b> <b>Meeting 6:30– Parish Dining Hall</b>	<b>26</b> Treasures 10am-12pm	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>Office Closed</b> <b>Memorial Mass 9am in Church</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:30pm	<b>1 June</b> <b>Women's Society</b> <b>6:30pm– Parish Dining Hall</b>	<b>2</b> Treasures 10am-12pm	<b>3</b> <b>Nite at the Races- Doors Open 6pm and Racing begins at 7pm– Bernardine Hall</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:30pm	<b>8</b> <b>Parish Council</b> <b>6:30pm-Parish Dining Hall</b>	<b>9</b> Treasures 10am-12pm	<b>10</b>



**The Bernardine Hall** is open for reservations! Our newly renovated spacious event hall is perfect for weddings, parties, corporate events, fundraisers, and more. We have plenty of tables, chairs, space, and parking for every event. You can choose from our list of approved caterers.

The Parish Dining Room is also available for rentals. This room is perfect for any of the smaller events like Baptism luncheons, Wedding rehearsal dinners, business meetings, and more.

For more information about renting the hall for your events, please email Amy Vissotski  
hallrental@sspeterandpaulplains.com

or call the Parish Office at 570-825-6663.

# 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 **May** we will collect **peanut butter & canned carrots**.

### 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 **Spring/Summer 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*

Irene Martin, *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

\$25 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Chulvick

### In Memory of Helen Lavinia

\$115 Treasures Staff

\$50 Nancy & Ernest Coassolo

\$25 Barbara & Robert Shedlock

\$10 Mary Ann & Clement Szczecinski

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.

**Plains Sr. Citizens will hold their bi-monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 17th, in Bernardine Hall at Saints Peter & Paul Church.**

**A lite luncheon will be served starting at 12:00 and the meeting will begin promptly at 1:00.**

**Reservations with deposits for the Christmas Show on December 2nd at Christian Life Assembly in Camp Hill, PA will be accepted at this time.**

**The cost will be \$65.**

**After the meeting refreshments will be served followed by Bingo.**

**New members are always welcome!**

**For information or directions please contact Mike Boncheck (President) at 570-817-7532 or E-mail [seabeemjb@yahoo.com](mailto:seabeemjb@yahoo.com)**



## Faith Formation

Confirmation— May 21st— 12pm



## Night at the Races Meeting

Thursday, May 25th at 6:30pm in  
the Parish Dining Hall for  
everyone interested in volunteering  
for this event.



**Night at the Races** will be held **Saturday, June 3rd, in Bernardine Hall. Doors open at 6pm and racing begins at 7pm.** Admission is \$10. Must be 21 years of age to enter. Food and beverages will be available.

**We are asking for donations of chips, pretzels, salads (potatoe, macaroni, and coleslaw) and baked goods.** Donations can be dropped off at Bernardine Hall after 4:30pm on race night. Please contact the Parish Office at 570-825-6663 if you are willing to contribute so we can keep a list of what is being donated.

Please don't forget to sell horses to your family, friends and co-workers (\$10 per horse).

Anyone interested in buying a horse or being a sponsor (\$100), can pick up a form in the vestibule of the Church, or at the Parish Office during business hours.

**Hope to see everyone there!!!**



# Flea Market

## ATTENTION SPRING CLEANERS

Do you have household items, holiday decorations, toys (no stuffed animals please), tools, in good working condition, jewelry, vinyl records, antiques & vintage items, handmade crafts, or collectables that you no longer can use and need a new home?

We ask that you consider saving them for the Saints Peter and Paul Flea Market coming this summer. Dates and times for drop off will be announced in the near future.

Please **NO** broken items, large furniture, (small items like lamps are accepted), gym equipment, clothing, computers, TV's, encyclopedias, or trophies.

Thank you in advance for helping to make our flea market a huge success!

## Save the Dates

Night at the Races- June 3rd

Church's 100th Anniversary Celebration- June 25th

Flea Market- August 5th & 6th

Harvest Tea- September 10th

Purse Bingo- October 8th

Toy Bingo- November 12th

# COMMUNITY

## Catholic Choral Society Schedules Spring Concerts

The annual spring concerts of the Catholic Choral Society of Scranton will be presented on Friday evening, **May 19 at 7:00 PM at Mary Mother of God Parish at Holy Rosary Church at 316 William Street in Scranton and on Sunday evening , May 21 at 7:00 PM at a the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola at 339 N. Maple Ave., Kingston, PA.**

On Friday evening, May 19, at Holy Rosary Church, the Choral Society will host the Valley View Middle School Choir directed by Mrs. Gina Pascolini. On Sunday evening, May 21, at St. Ignatius Loyola Church , the Choral Society will host the Holy Redeemer Concert Choir under the direction of Ms. Ann Manganiello. . Tickets: Adults \$10.00 – Seniors and students \$8.00 –Singers and ages 12 and under free.

Be a good Scout, donate blood. A community **blood drive**, supporting Tyler Kelly's Eagle Scout Project, will be held on **Tuesday, May 23rd from 1:30 to 6:30 PM in Bernardine Hall**. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter TKelly to schedule an appointment. Donate blood at this drive and receive a Red Cross beach towel, while they last.

## ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST FLEA MARKET

St. John the Evangelist Parish, **35 William Street in Pittston**, is holding a FLEA MARKET in the Msgr. Bendik Pastoral Center (former Seton Catholic auditorium) on **Thursday, May 25 and Friday, May 26 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 27 from 9:00 a.m.-12 Noon (Bag Sale)**. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Entrance is on Church Street in Pittston with parking available nearby!

## Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement.

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24 hour Child Abuse hotline (Childline) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at [www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis](http://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis). To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary B Pacuska at 570-862-7551

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