

March 2, 2025

Eighth 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, Feb. 22 - 4:00pm:

280 people attended

146 envelopes received

Offering: \$3,229.00

Sunday, Feb. 23 - 7:30am:

113 people attended

64 envelopes received

Offering \$1,460.00

Sunday, Feb. 23 - 10:30am:

193 people attended

83 envelopes received

Offering: \$1,850.00

Thank You for your Generosity.

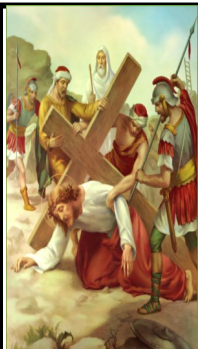
Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

March 5, 2025

Masses

12:15 and 5:30

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



Stations of the Cross

Stations will be held every Friday during Lent after the 12:15 mass, and 5:30pm.

The Light Is On For You

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be on **Monday, March 10th** and continue **through April 14th** from **5:00pm to 7:00pm**. Please try to celebrate this sacrament during this time of Lent.

WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	Mar 01	4:00pm	Josephine Serafin by Jill Miraglia
Sunday	Mar 02	7:30am 10:30am	Susan & Tony Kapinas by Family Matthew Vinciarelli by Mom, Dad, & Madelyn

DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	Mar 04	12:15pm	Dr. Thomas M. Check by William & Mary Catherine Check
Wednesday	Mar 05	12:15pm 5:30pm	Ash Wednesday
Thursday	Mar 06	12:15pm	Ruth Savage by Tom & Linda Maloney
Friday	Mar 07	12:15pm	Lottie Everett by Lucia Perrella

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	Mar 08	4:00pm	Dorothy Sheraski by Nieces & Nephews
Sunday	Mar 09	7:30am 10:30am	Frank Hallas by Mr. & Mrs. Ron Jescavage & Family Clem Szczecinski by Wife, Mary Ann



SANCTUARY CANDLE
Sara & Patrick Delasandro

LADY OF THE LOURDES
Sara & Patrick Delasandro

BLESSED MOTHER
Frank Glazenski

The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

March 2, 2025

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*God of goodness
and mercy,*

*Hear my prayer
as I begin this
Lenten journey
with you.*

*Let me be honest
with myself as I
look into my
heart and soul,
noticing the times
I turn away from
you.*

*Guide me as I
humbly seek to
repent and
return to your
love.*

Amen

First Reading: Sirach 27:4-7

This reading explains that quality and truth in conversation is a test for humankind. Only after listening to a person's reasoning can we know the mind of another.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Paul speaks of the mystery of transformation that is victory over death when our mortality puts on immortality. We are encouraged by Paul to be steadfast and immovable, filling our lives with the work of the Lord.

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

Today, Jesus teaches through the use of parables, first encouraging us to be like the teacher, understand that the blind cannot lead the blind. Jesus also reminds us that only the heart's good treasure produces good. In order to remain steadfast, we must heed what Jesus tells us. If we hear God's word, our foundation will be strong, unshaken, steadfast, built upon rock.

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

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"No disciple is superior to his teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher. Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own? How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove the splinter in your eye', when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye? You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam in your own eye first; then you will see clearly."

Education is constantly changing, new methods, new examples, new techniques. The new age of AI is that. We need good, trained teachers. When I think about Jesus, I claim Him as my Savior, acknowledge Him as a miracle worker, and most especially He is the Son of God. But today, may we focus on Jesus, the teacher.

He knows we need further training to live our Christian lives. When we are ready to criticize others, or dwell on their shortcomings and defects, it would be wise to remember the comparison of the speck in someone else's eye, but the huge beam in mine. As we approach Lent this week, let's plan to remove that plank in our lives. Jesus is our teacher. Then we will see clearly.

WORD

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH MARCH

*Each month, a Ministry of the parish is highlighted.
For March, our focus will be faith and liturgical ministry*

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5th. Most of us will decide on something to give up, many times a food or drink we enjoy. Did you also consider adding an action? This could be to complain less, perform more acts of kindness, or to truly listen to someone who needs help. Another action you could consider is to serve in one of our liturgical ministries. Lectors read the Word of God. Ministers of the Eucharist distribute the Body of Christ. Ushers do the work of Jesus by being welcoming, just as Jesus was to the crowds. Altar servers and acolytes directly aid the priest and deacon in the performing of the Mass. Music ministry worships God through song. "Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good! Sing to his name, for it brings joy!" (Psalm 135:3). Participating in any of the liturgical ministries is bringing us closer to Jesus, for we get to experience the Mass through a different lens. Your commitment to becoming a liturgical minister will help to deepen your faith. Please take some time this month and consider becoming a member of one or more of our liturgical ministries. You will not be sorry!

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.

For more information, please contact the Parish Office, who will connect you to the appropriate Ministry leader or check the bulletin for Ministry contacts.

WEEKLY READINGS

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Sir 27:4-7;
1 Cor 15:54-58;
Lk 6:39-45

Monday

Sir 17:20-24;
Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday

Sir 35:1-12;
Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18;
2 Cor 5:20—6:2;
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

Dt 30:15-20;
Lk 9:22-25

First Friday

Is 58:1-9a;
Mt 9:14-15

Saturday

Is 58:9b-14;
Lk 5:27-32

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 **March** we will collect **Tuna & Peanut Butter**.

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 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

\$250 Polish American Veterans

\$125 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.





**Saints Peter and Paul Church will hold a Night at the Races in
Bernardine Hall on Saturday, March 15th.**

Doors open at 5:30pm –Post Time is 7:00pm.

Admission is \$10.00– and includes Food (Haluski, Ziti, Pierogies, Hot Dogs,
Mac n Cheese, Chicken Fingers and Pizza) and Refreshments.

Must be 21 years of age to enter.

\$10.00 per horse - \$100.00 per Sponsor per Race.

**Horses and Admission Tickets will be sold after all Masses and at the
Parish Office.**

We recommend you buy tickets in advance, as last year we sold out.

If you would like to donate, we need the following items:

Spirits (for Basket of Cheer) & Desserts.

**Please call the Parish Office (570-825-6663) if you are going to donate any of
these items OR if you would like to purchase a ticket or horse.**

We hope everyone contributes to this Church fundraiser by buying a horse and
attending this fun night out!

HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE THERE!

**If anyone is interested in taking Night at the Races tickets to sell to their
family, friends, and neighbors, please contact Mary Ann at the office.**

**In addition, if anyone would like to sponsor a race for \$100, it would be
greatly appreciated in order to cut down costs of the event.**

Please return your horse sheets by Sunday, March 9th.

Women's Society Religious Retreat

Women's Society of Saints Peter and Paul is planning a religious retreat on Saturday, March 15, 2025 in the Church Parish Center Dining Hall from 9:00am-3pm.

Confession-3pm Mass-4pm

Presenter: Father Brogan Ryan, C.S.C. Director of Campus Ministry King's College

Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Cost: \$30

Make reservations by calling Claire Koshinski at (570) 479-3671 or Sandy Toloczko at (570) 823-5918

Reservations, with check payable to Women's Society of Saints Peter and Paul, are due by March 8, 2025.

All are welcome!

COMMUNITY

A Polish Lenten Food Sale will be held on **Ash Wednesday, March 5, from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the garage behind the Sacred Heart of Jesus Rectory, 215 Lackawanna Ave., Dupont.** Homemade foods include potato pancakes (*placki*- \$20 a dozen), fried cabbage and noodles (*haluski* - \$10 a quart, \$5 a pint) and homemade meatless soups (\$12 a quart). Our homemade fresh food will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Pierogi will also be available!

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST SELLING POTATO PANCAKES AND PIZZA

St. John the Evangelist Parish, 35 William Street in Pittston, will hold food sales **each Friday in Lent as well as Good Friday (March 7 through April 18).** This year, we will be selling Potato Pancakes at 3 for \$5.00 and your choice of take-and-heat Red Pizza or White Pizza with Broccoli for \$15.00 a tray. **Pickup will be from 3:30 to 6:00 PM each Friday** in the Msgr. Bendik Pastoral Center (entrance on Church Street). Please call the parish office at 570-654-0053 by Thursday of each week to place your orders.

St. Joseph Mareello Parish to host Big Prize Bingo

St. Joseph Mareello Parish, **237 William Street in Pittston,** will hold their annual BIG PRIZE BINGO on **Sunday, March 30, with doors opening at 12:30pm and games beginning at 2pm,** in their Parish Hall. Prizes include home goods, outdoor items, purses and several CASH PRIZES. Tickets for this bingo will cost \$25 when purchased in advance or \$30 if purchased at the door (if tickets are still available). Bingo tickets include entrance and 20 regular games. Special games will be available for purchase, along with additional regular games, Bingo dabbers and other fun extras. Food and beverages will be available for purchase through our kitchen. Tickets are now available: please call the Parish Office at 570-654-6902 to reserve your tickets. We will reserve tables on a first-come, first-served basis for any PARTIES OF 8-10. Seating for parties less than 8 will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

COMMUNITY

The Annual Novena to St. Joseph will begin on Monday, March 10th, at the Oblates of St. Joseph Chapel, Route 315, Laflin, with Masses daily at 12 Noon and 7:00 p.m. This year's Novena will be preached by Oblate Father Larry Toschi, O.S.J., internationally recognized theologian on St. Joseph. Masses will be preceded by confessions and praying of the rosary, concluding with novena devotions. The Novena concludes on the Feast of St. Joseph, Wednesday, March 19th, with a solemn Noon Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera.



A FASTNACHT DAY CELEBRATION YOU DOUGH-NUT WANT TO MISS!



HELP FIGHT HUNGER & HOMELESSNESS AT OUR
RECTORY, SET, COOK! 2025 LAUNCH PARTY, AND BE AMONG
THE FIRST TO TASTE **SAINTS BE PRAISED!**
AN IRISH RED ALE BREWED IN HONOR OF SS. PATRICK & JOSEPH!

ENJOY OUR 2ND COLLAR-BORATION BREW AS IMAGINED BY FR. BRIAN VAN FOSSEN
PLUS: OTHER GREAT BEER/CRAFT COCKTAILS - TASTY EATS (BREAKER PIZZA & APPS W/ HOMEMADE
BONSALL FARMS DOUGHNUTS FOR DESSERT), OUR FAMOUS PUB-TUNE-SINGING PRIESTS,
LED BY FR. JAMES PAISLEY & THE DIOCESE'S TRAVELING TROUBADOURS, **AND:**
A BONSALL FARMS EGG RAFFLE - WIN ONE OF THREE FLATS (30-COUNT) OF FARM-FRESH EGGS! -
A KITCHEN TECHNOLOGY RAFFLE AND A DIVINE WINE RAFFLE!

WHEN: 5 P.M. - ??? - FAT TUESDAY, MARCH 4

WHERE: BREAKER BREWING COMPANY, 787 E. NORTHAMPTON ST., W-B TWP.
TICKETS: \$20. INCLUDES FOOD + DESSERT + ONE **SAINTS BE PRAISED!** DRAFT



SCAN TO PURCHASE TICKET/S!



March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 <i>Faith Formation-9-10am</i>	3 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	4	5 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> <i>Masses: 12:15pm & 5:30pm</i>	6 <i>Night at the Races meeting 6:30pm–Conference Room</i> <i>Women's Society 6:30pm-Parish Dining Hall</i>	7 <i>Stations of the Cross–After 12:15 Mass & 5:30pm</i> <i>Treasures-10am-12pm</i>	8
9 <i>Faith Formation-9-10am</i> <i>Children's Mass</i>	10 <i>Confessions-5pm-7pm</i> Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	11	12	13 <i>Parish Council 6:30pm-Parish Dining Hall</i>	14 <i>Stations of the Cross–After 12:15 Mass & 5:30pm</i> <i>Treasures-10am-12pm</i>	15 <i>Night at the Races-Doors open at 5:30pm—Races begin at 7pm</i>
16 <i>Faith Formation-9-10am</i>	17 <i>Confessions-5pm-7pm</i> Prayer Shawl 5pm Rosary 6pm	18	19	20 <i>Food Pantry Prep</i>	21 <i>Stations of the Cross–After 12:15 Mass & 5:30pm</i> <i>Food Pantry</i> <i>Treasures-10am-12pm</i>	22
23 <i>Faith Formation-9-10am</i>	24 <i>Confessions-5pm-7pm</i> Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	25	26	27	28 <i>Stations of the Cross–After 12:15 Mass & 5:30pm</i> <i>Treasures-10am-12pm</i>	29

Save the Date

Night at the Races– March 15, 2025



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