

April 6, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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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Thursday: 8am—4pm

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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, Mar. 29 - 4:00pm:

236 people attended

140 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,174.00

Sunday, Mar. 30 - 7:30am:

131 people attended

78 envelopes received

Offering \$1,150.00

Sunday, Mar. 30 - 10:30am:

218 people attended

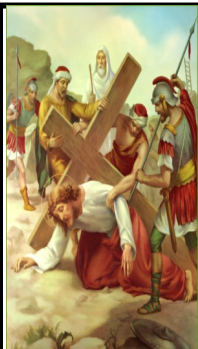
119 envelopes received

Offering: \$1,846.00

Thank You for your Generosity.

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

***The Second Collection last
weekend for
Catholic Relief Services
\$833.00***



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

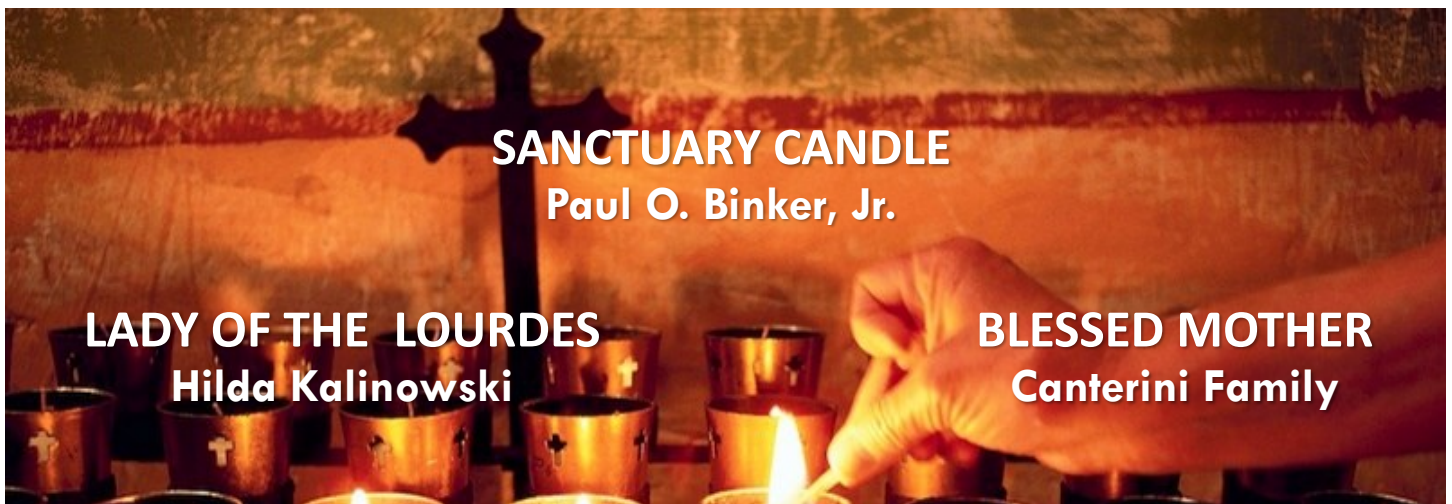
Saturday	Apr 05	4:00pm	Margaret Janerich by Daughters, Teri & Joanne
Sunday	Apr 06	7:30am 10:30am	Marty OMalia by Sherry, Cindy, & Amie Vincent Miskewicz by Wife

DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	Apr 08	12:15pm	Deborah & Richard Pokrifka by Scott & Valerie Seasock
Wednesday	Apr 09	12:15pm	William Jones by Family
Thursday	Apr 10	12:15pm	Michael & Frances Wanek by Family
Friday	Apr 11	12:15pm	Andrew Wanat by Martha Yanaitis

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	Apr 12	4:00pm	Mary J. Seasock by Scott & Valerie Seasock
Sunday	Apr 13	7:30am 10:30am	John & Florence Kelly by Nicholas Phillips Family Peter Lishnak by Gill Family



SANCTUARY CANDLE

Paul O. Binker, Jr.

LADY OF THE LOURDES

Hilda Kalinowski

BLESSED MOTHER

Canterini Family

The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

April 6, 2025

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*My loving Lord,
it's so hard to love
the world sometimes
and to love it the
way Jesus did seems
impossible.
Help me to be
inspired by his love
and
guided by his
example.
Most of all, I want
to accept that I can't
do it alone,
and that trying is
an arrogance of
self-centeredness.
I need you, dear
God, to give me
support in this
journey.
Show me how to
unlock my heart
so that I am less
selfish.
Let me be less
fearful of the pain
and darkness
that will be
transformed by you
into Easter joy.*

Amen

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

God says not to remember the events from long ago, but to focus on the things he plans to do next. He also claims he will again help his chosen people when they need him.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14

Paul describes knowledge of Jesus as more important than knowledge of the Old Law. He wishes to share in the power of Jesus' resurrection, and speaks of concentrating on the finish line of the race with salvation as the prize to be won.

Gospel: John 8:1-11

Jesus preached forgiveness of sin, but in the old law those accused of adultery were to be stoned. So the Pharisees tried to trap Jesus and brought a woman accused of adultery to him, asking him what he would do to her. Jesus asked that one without sin cast the first stone, and then all of the elders left. Jesus told the woman that he did not condemn her, but warned her to avoid such sin in the future.

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

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"I consider everything as a loss, because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him...depending on faith to know him and the power of his resurrection, and sharing in his sufferings by being conformed to his death. I continue my pursuit in hope that I may possess it."

As we continue our Lenten journey, the goal of the resurrection looms even closer. We know well that there are many obstacles and barriers, and Paul's vision clarifies for us once again our goal. I might ask myself again 'how well do I know Jesus?'

Surely not as well as He knows me. I might think I can say many things about Him and His forthcoming passion, but do I really know Him? His passion and death reveal how far He would go to save me.

May my prayer this week be to take a few minutes, ask His help to know Him as my savior and redeemer, based on an often-overlooked fact, that I am in need of Him right now. Jesus I want to know you better.

WORD

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH APRIL

*Each month, a Ministry of the parish is highlighted.
For April our focus will be on the beauty of lay ministry in
the Mass*

April is a beautiful month! It is a time of new beginnings. We begin to see flowers, trees blossoming, and the days getting longer. It is also a holy and reverent month, with Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, Easter, and Divine Mercy Sunday all occurring in April this year. As you attend these Masses, and all other Masses, please take note of the extensive lay ministry participation. The Mass is beautiful, and watching all of the people give their time and talent makes it an even more beautiful experience. When you are at any of the Masses this month, please pay attention to this. We see our youth serving as altar servers and cantors. Listen to the beautiful music of the choir and the cantors. Hear those who love to read the Word of God. See lay ministers reverently distribute the Body of Christ. Take note of the smiles of the ushers, as we arrive and depart from Mass. Then there are those who partake in the special services, such as the foot washing on Holy Thursday and the carrying of the cross on Good Friday. All of these ministers, from our parish, work together to give the congregation a prayerful and spiritual experience.

So, as you watch all of this, take some time to reflect on whether you would like to be involved in one or more of the ministries of the Church. It is a life changing decision, and 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.

WEEKLY READINGS

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday

Is 43:16-21;
Phil 3:8-14;
Jn 8:1-11

Monday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62
or 13:41c-62;
Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday

Nm 21:4-9;
Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95;
Jn 8:31-42

Thursday

Gn 17:3-9;
Jn 8:51-59

Friday

Jer 20:10-13;
Jn 10:31-42

Saturday

Ez 37:21-28;
Jn 11:45-56

Saints Peter & Paul Parish

Easter Schedule

PALM SUNDAY 7:30AM
10:30AM

HOLY THURSDAY 7PM

church will be open until 10PM for private prayer

GOOD FRIDAY 12PM

HOLY SATURDAY 12PM
BASKET BLESSING

HOLY SATURDAY -
EASTER VIGIL 8PM

EASTER SUNDAY 7:30AM
10:30AM



13 Hudson Road
Plains, PA 18705

Come and celebrate with us!

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 **April** we will collect **canned fruits and canned vegetables**.

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 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 Katherine Conahan

\$50 Family

\$100 Anonymous

Reminder:

Food Pantry for April will be Friday, April 11th, 2025. The change of date is due to the 3rd Friday of the month being Good Friday. Please mark your calendars!

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!

**Special thank you to Emilio Aritz, Parishioner from Schiel's Shursave Market, George Ave.,
for donating 60 dozen eggs
for our Easter Food Pantry!**



Move your favorite
pastor chefs up these
"collar-nary"
leaderboards
TODAY!

OUR LATEST FOOD FIGHT GOES HIGH-TECH WITH POTS + 'BOTS!



**\$10 =
1 VOTE!**



WHO: More brave Diocese of Scranton priests, or, as we like to call them, **PASTOR CHEFS**, plus special-guest and media chefs return to their kitchens with new recipes and new technology.

WHAT: Rectory, Set, Cook! IV: Teching it Up A Notch

WHEN: March 4, 2025, then throughout Lent, with Top Chefs and Top 10 named as of 5 p.m. April 10

WHERE: Any desktop, laptop or mobile device/cell phone

WHY: To feed the hungry and house the homeless within the Diocese of Scranton while also supporting our parishes.

HOW:

- 1 Click on the **OUR CHEFS** tab. On mobile devices, find this tab by scrolling down to the bottom of the page, past the sponsor logos, to see the pastor chef pages and view the videos.

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR THOSE USING PHONES:

If you cannot see the videos, click **VIEW**, then "Read More" (under the small rectangular image beneath "Donate to Vote") to reveal the **PLAY** key.

- 2 Click on a chef's (or team of chefs') page, select **DONATE NOW** and make at least a \$10 gift to cast one vote. Cast as many votes as you wish as often as you wish for as many chefs as you wish!
- 3 Watch your name appear on our donor walls and your pastor chefs/chefs' page! (Or check the anonymous option when donating.)



RECTORY, SET, COOK! 2025 FAQ



Q. HOW DO PEOPLE SEE THE 2025 COOKING VIDEOS AND VOTE?

A. 1. Visit dioceseofscranton.org, and click on the Rectory, Set, Cook! tile on the homepage.

2. Click on the OUR CHEFS tab. On mobile devices, find this tab by scrolling to the bottom of the page, past the sponsor logos, to see the pastor chef pages and view the videos.

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR THOSE USING PHONES: If you cannot see the videos, click VIEW, then "Read More" (under the small rectangular image beneath "Donate to Vote") to reveal the PLAY key.

3. Click on any pastor/team page to view the video, select DONATE NOW, and give at least \$10 to cast one or more votes.

4. Watch your name appear on our donor walls and your pastor chef's/chefs' page! (Or check the anonymous option.)

Q. CAN PEOPLE DONATE VIA CASH OR CHECK?

A. **YES!** You as a pastor chef, sous chef/team member or parish staffer/campaign helper have two options:

1. **Diocesan staff will do this for you. Simply ask donors to mail checks, made payable to Diocese of Scranton, to :**

Diocese of Scranton Chancery Building

Attn: Sandra Snyder / Rectory , Set, Cook!

300 Wyoming Ave.

Scranton, PA 18503

Donors should be sure to note the pastor chef team to whom they would like to credit their donation.

2. **A pastor chef, team member or parish staff member may use his or her own credit card OR a parish credit card to enter a donation** and pay himself, herself, or the parish back with the cash or check. **BUT, VERY IMPORTANT:** The person entering the donation **must list THE DONOR'S name, address, phone number, and email address.** This is to ensure the donor is properly credited online and in diocesan donor records, and that he/she receives a proper tax receipt. **PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE PARISH ADDRESS OR EMAIL ADDRESS IF YOU LACK DONOR INFORMATION. INSTEAD, CALL US FOR HELP AT 570-207-2250!**

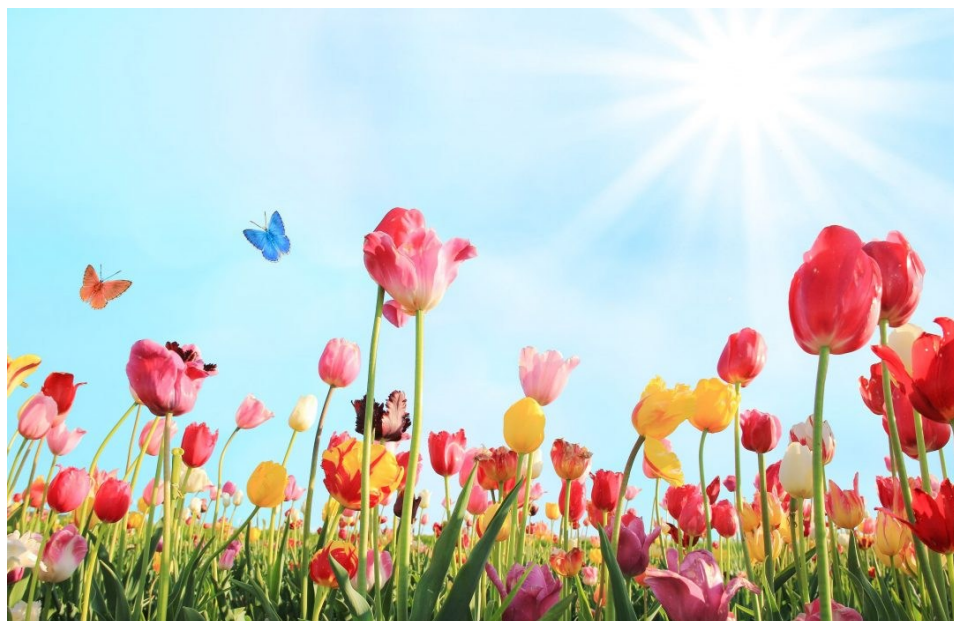
Q. WHY DOES MY CAMPAIGN SEEM SO INACTIVE COMPARED TO SOME WHO ARE RAISING SO MUCH MONEY?

ALL of our pastor chefs and their team members are good, likable people! That's most important to remember! But the biggest vote-getters spread the word about their campaign and make sure as many people know about it as possible. They do one or, likely, several of the following things:

1. **They talk about their campaign at Mass**, either in the announcements or closing address. They make jokes at their own expense. They thank voters and potential voters for helping the cause! **THEY ASK FOR VOTES AND SUPPORT!**
2. **They use the distributed pre-made graphics** with QR codes (or design their own graphics or pitches) for **printed bulletins and parish and/or personal social media.**
3. **They send emails, texts, or letters to friends/family** letting them know they'd appreciate their vote. This can be done automatically from a pastor chef's campaign page, with pre-written copy (which can be edited to personalize) sent with one click! They often take advantage of other email lists or social media influencers to which or whom they have access. In other words, they also ask others to ask on their behalf - restaurants they frequent, groups to which they belong, etc.
4. They have fun with incentives and engagement. They raffle prizes among donors, for example, offering to serve their dish to X number of winners or chancing off a basket themed after their dish. A new idea we heard this year: a parish watch party! They organize an official video viewing, serve snacks, and ask for votes from all who attend. **THEY ASK, AND THEY RECEIVE!**

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 Faith Formation- 9-10am	7 Confessions- 5pm-7pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	8	9	10 Parish Council 6:30pm- Parish Dining Hall Food Pantry Prep	11 Stations of the Cross- After 12:15 Mass & 5:30pm Food Pantry Treasures- 10am-12pm	12
13 Palm Sunday Faith Formation- 9-10am	14 Confessions- 5pm-7pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	15	16	17 Holy Thursday- Mass 7pm	18 Good Friday- Service 12pm Office Closed	19 Holy Saturday- Basket Blessing 12pm Easter Vigil 8pm
20 Easter Sunday	21 Office Closed	22	23	24	25 Treasures- 10am-12pm	26
27 Faith Formation- 9-10am	28 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	29	30	1 May Women's Society 6:30pm- Parish Dining Hall	2 Treasures- 10am-12pm	3



COMMUNITY

LENTEN HOLY HOUR WITH BISHOP BAMBERA

All of the faithful in the Diocese of Scranton are invited to a Lenten Holy Hour with the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, to commemorate the diocesan phase of the 2025 Holy Year of Hope. These gatherings will take place in each of the twelve deaneries of the Diocese of Scranton.

The Lenten Holy Hour for our deanery, the Wilkes-Barre Deanery, will take place on Monday, April 7 at 7:00 PM, at Saint Nicholas-Saint Mary Parish, 226 S. Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701.

A Jubilee Year is traditionally proclaimed by the Universal Church every 25 years. It is a particular year set aside to encourage the faithful to embark on pilgrimages, to repent of their sins and forgive the sins of others, and to renew a focus on the spiritual life.

The Jubilee Year 2025 will be centered on the theme "Pilgrims of Hope." As His Holiness, Pope Francis, so beautifully expressed it: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision."

Mark your calendars and plan on joining Bishop Bambera for this special Holy Year celebration.

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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY will be celebrated at **Divine Mercy Parish, 312 Davis St., Scranton (Minooka) on the Second Sunday of Easter, April 27th**. Confessions will be heard from 12 Noon - 2:00 p.m. with praying of the rosary, followed by the celebration of Mass. At 3:00 pm, there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Eucharistic procession and individual blessing of the first-class relic of St. Faustina. A social will follow in the parish hall. For more information, contact the parish office at (570) 344-1724.

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