

April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord

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, Apr 05 - 4:00pm:

256 people attended

156 envelopes received

Offering: \$3,087.00

Sunday, Apr 06 - 7:30am:

145 people attended

86 envelopes received

Offering \$1,526.00

Sunday, Apr 06 - 10:30am:

204 people attended

99 envelopes received

Offering: \$1,839.00

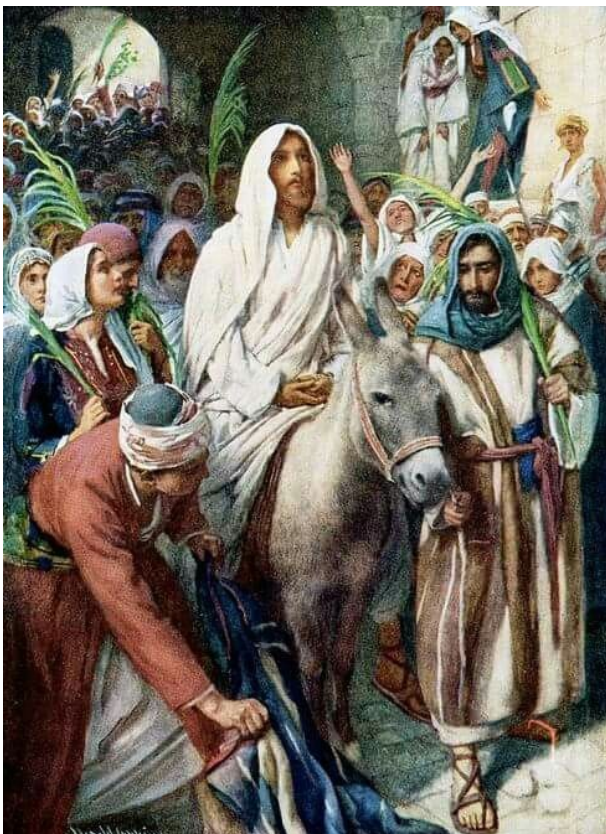
Thank You for your Generosity.

***The Second Collection
last weekend for
Care and Education of
Priests***

\$1,444.00

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

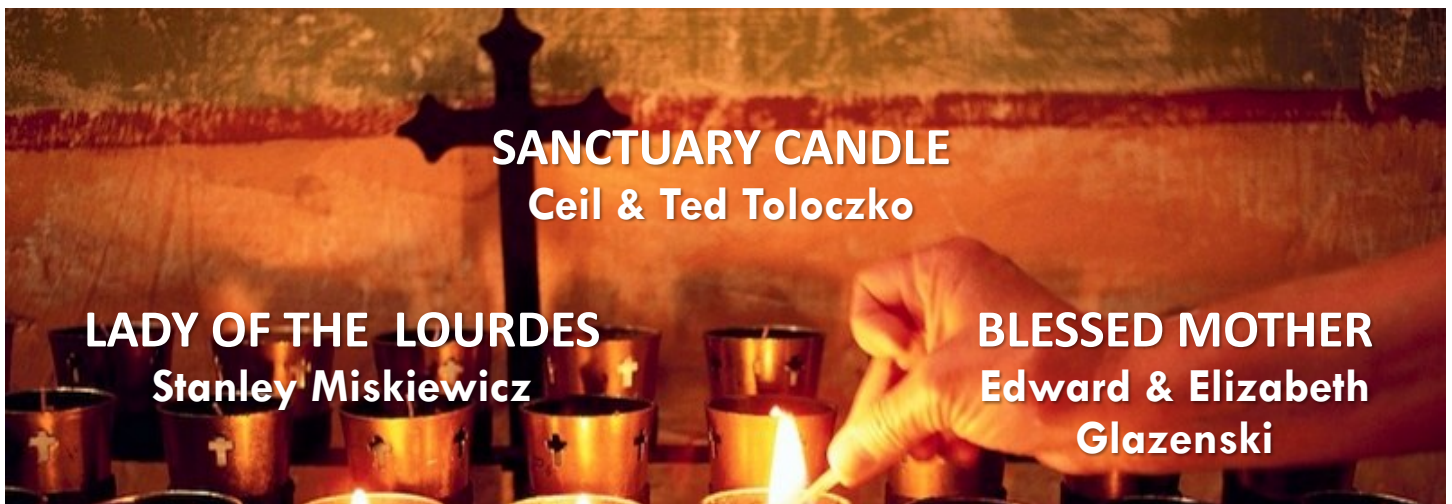
Saturday	Apr 12	4:00pm	Mary J. Seasock by Scott & Valerie Seasock
Sunday	Apr 13	7:30am 10:30am	John & Florence Kelly by Nicholas Phillips Family Peter Lishnak by Gill Family

DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	Apr 15	12:15pm	Joseph J. Canterini by Wife & Daughter
Wednesday	Apr 16	12:15pm	Jerry Ritsick by Wife & Sons
Thursday	Apr 17	7:00 pm	Holy Thursday
Friday	Apr 18	12:00pm	Good Friday

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	Apr 19	8:00pm	Holy Saturday
Sunday	Apr 20	7:30am 10:30am	Easter Sunday



The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord

*King Jesus,
you sit on the
throne of heaven
with nail marks in
your hands and
feet.*

*You have defeated
death and the
power of sin, and
yet we still
experience pain
and suffering.*

*As we wave these
palm branches, we
declare that you
are our King, and
we are your
people.*

*We remember all
that you have done
and look forward
to all that you will
do.*

*We eagerly await
your next
triumphal return,
when you will
make all things
right.*

*But until then,
may your peace
rule in our hearts.*

Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Isaiah describes an individual who had been taught by God to reach out to others. He also describes this individual's willingness to be beaten and spit upon, secure that with God's help, he will not be disgraced.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Paul discusses how Jesus did not declare equality with God, but took on human form. He humbled himself enough to accept dying on the cross. God in turn exalted him and wants us to respect Jesus' name and worship him.

Gospel: Luke 22:14—23:56

Luke gives a detailed account of Jesus' last supper with the apostles, where Jesus tells them he will soon suffer in fulfillment of God's will. Then Jesus prayed that he might be spared if it suited God's will. After Judas betrayed Jesus, he was arrested. Although Pilate did not think Jesus was guilty of a crime, he gave in to the will of the people, and sentenced Jesus to death on a cross. Then Jesus was crucified and his body laid in a new tomb

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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord April 13, 2025

“Christ Jesus, though he was in true form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness, and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”

Scholars tell us that this prayer of Saint Paul was probably a hymn, detailing the unlimited love of God for us. He became one of us, to identify with us in our need, but not abandoning His Godhead. He emptied Himself, gave everything of Himself in His death, with only one thing in mind, that we might have a new life.

We were in a desperate situation. Unfortunately we take the facts for granted. You can decide to make this a truly holy week by becoming more aware of not just the what of our need, but the why He came to save us.

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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Sunday

Lk 19:28-40;
Is 50:4-7;
Phil 2:6-11;
Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

Monday

Is 42:1-7;
Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday

Is 49:1-6;
Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday

Is 50:4-9a;
Mt 26:14-25

Thursday

Chrim Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a,
8b-9;
Rv 1:5-8;
Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's
Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14;

1 Cor 11:23-26;
Jn 13:1-15

Friday

Is 52:13—53:12;
Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9;
Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday

Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or
1:1, 26-31a; Gn 22:1-18
Ex 14:15—15:1;
Is 54:5-14;

Is 55:1-11;
Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28;

Rom 6:3-11;
Lk 24:1-12

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



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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 Gloria Antosh

\$50 Bernard Antosh Family

In memory of Thomas & Nancy Robinson Antosh

\$50 Brian & Amy Robinson Antosh

In memory of Edward & Ellen Adams

\$50 Bernard Antosh Family

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.



April/May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 First Holy Communion Practice -5:30pm	1 May Women's Society May Crowning 6:30pm-- in Church- Refreshments following in Parish Dining Hall	2 Treasures- 10am-12pm	3
4 First Holy Communion during 10:30am Mass	5 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	6	7	8 Parish Council 6:30pm- Parish Dining Hall	9 Treasures- 10am-12pm	10



Coming Up In



The Women's Society invites all parishioners to join with them to honor our mother, Mary, during her special month of May.

On **Thursday, May 1st at 6:30pm**, members will recite the rosary and crown the Blessed Mother, in the Church.

Light refreshments will be served in the parish center following the ceremony.



Faith Formation



**First Holy Communion— May 4th —
(During 10:30 Mass)**

(Communion practice— April 30th— 5:30pm)

Confirmation— May 18th — (During 10:30 Mass)

(Confirmation practice— May 15th— 5:30pm)

COMMUNITY

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.

MARYWOOD CHAMBER SINGERS CONCERT

The Chamber Singers of Marywood University under the direction of Dr. Rick Hoffenberg will present a **Spring Concert at St. John the Evangelist R.C. Church, 35 William Street in Pittston, on Sunday, April 27 at 3:00 PM**. The Marywood University Chamber Singers have established themselves as one of the premier college choirs in Northeastern Pennsylvania. In 2022, they were one of six choirs across the country to win awards in their division of The American Prize in Choral Performance. They were also invited to be the featured choir at the National Meeting of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities in Washington, DC. Their Spring 2025 concert program includes music by Lasso, Łukaszewski, Ešenvalds, Elgar, Lauridsen, William Henry Harris, Christopher Harris, and Kevin Puts, as well as a set of vocal jazz.

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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Gospel Today

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord | Luke 22:14—23:56

The Passion narrative ends Jesus' earthly public ministry. Creating the Eucharist at the Last Supper and continuing until His death, He is always faithful and obedient to the will of God, His Father.

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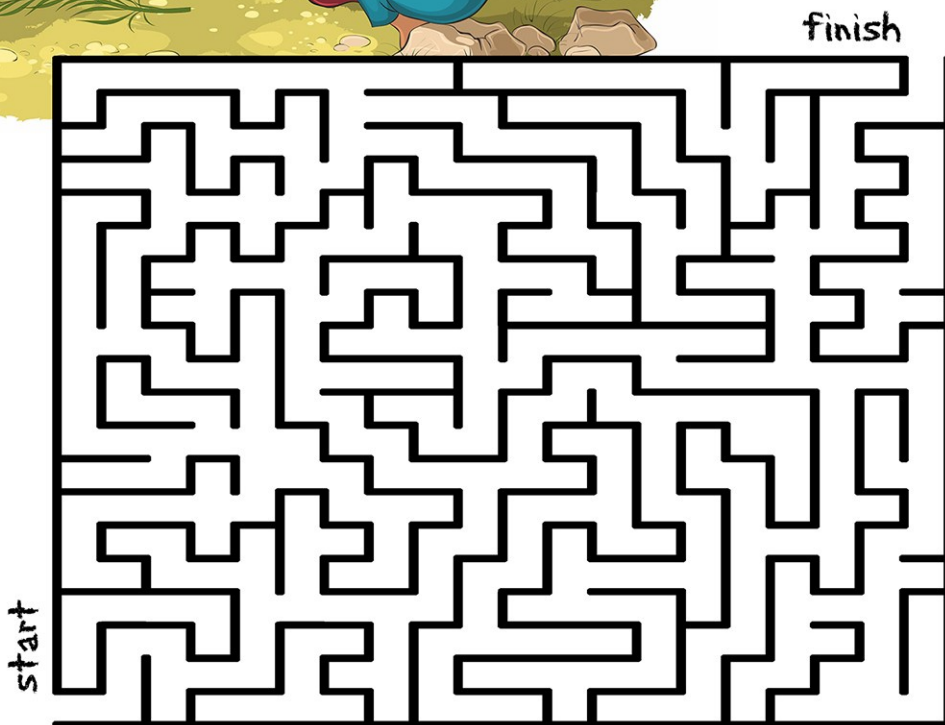


"Jesus,
remember
me when
You come
into Your
Kingdom."

—LUKE 23:42

*This last week in Lent,
walk in Jesus' footsteps
through Holy Week and
be obedient to God as we:*

Follow
our **FAITH** for
40 DAYS



Follow Jesus through Jerusalem as He is welcomed with palm branches.

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