

April 20, 2025

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection 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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*Father Jack and the Staff would like to
wish everyone a very
Happy and Blessed Easter!*



*"Let the resurrection joy lift us from loneliness and weakness and
despair to strength and beauty and happiness. "*

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 12 - 4:00pm:

306 people attended

160 envelopes received

Offering: \$3,282.00

Sunday, Apr 13 - 7:30am:

171 people attended

82 envelopes received

Offering \$1,605.00

Sunday, Apr 13 - 10:30am:

311 people attended

131 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,586.00

Thank You For Your Generosity.

***The Second Collection next
weekend will be for
Catholic Home Missions
Appeal***



WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday Apr 19 8:00pm **Holy Saturday**

Sunday Apr 20 7:30am
 10:30am **Easter Sunday**

DAILY MASSES

Tuesday Apr 22 12:15pm **Barb & Ben Gubbiotti (30th Wedding Anniversary)**

Wednesday Apr 23 12:15pm **Alice Slabinski** by Daughter

Thursday Apr 24 12:15pm **James Orzechowski** by Sister, Ann

Friday Apr 25 12:15pm **Joseph Krulack** by Tracey, Kelly, & Janice Canterini

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Apr 26 4:00pm **Andrew & Angela Katsock** by Family

Sunday Apr 27 7:30am
 10:30am **Angelo & Genevieve Stella** by Daughters, Pat & Sandra
 Gerald Ritsick by Mom & Brothers

SANCTUARY CANDLE

Joan A. Chukinas

PASCHAL CANDLE

In Memory of
Thomas & Nancy Kasisky

LADY OF THE LOURDES

Paul A. Binker, Sr.

BLESSED MOTHER

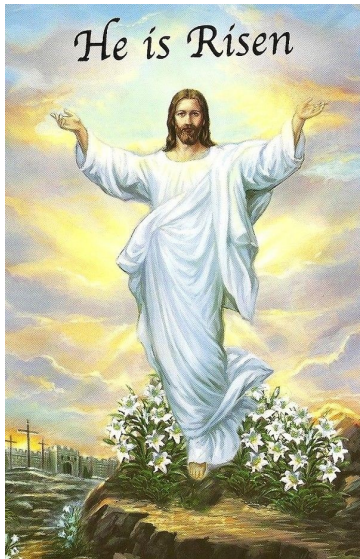
**Gubbiotti & Jesikiewicz
Families**



The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

April 20, 2025



*Heavenly Father,
on this Easter
day,
we are grateful
for the gift of
your Son,
who sacrificed
Himself for our
sins.
Thank you for the
love that
triumphs over
death and the
hope Easter
brings to our
hearts.
Amen.*

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Peter discusses Jesus' life of preaching and healing. Jesus was crucified, and then he rose up and was seen by his chosen witnesses. Peter also mentions the importance of all the disciples bearing witness to what they saw, so that many people would believe in Jesus, and have their sins forgiven through him.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Paul asserts that we must pay attention to higher realms rather than earthly concerns. Our life is not yet completely known to us, until Christ appears and we are raised to glory in him.

Gospel: John 20:1-9

When Mary Magdalene discovered Jesus' tomb was open, she told Simon Peter and another disciple. They ran to the tomb and Peter went inside. He found the burial wrappings on the ground, with the head covering separate from the rest. The other disciple came in and they believed what they saw, although until then they had not understood the Scripture's message of Jesus' resurrection.

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

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord April 20, 2025

"Brothers and sisters: Are you unaware that we who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in the newness of life. Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as being dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus."

Saint Paul provides a summary of what makes us who we are – we are an Easter people. The weeks of Lent, the days of Holy Week have led us to this awesome fact, we are now able to live in 'the newness of life.' Recalling the steps leading to this day, we now are summoned to express gratitude, for before this we were dead, alienated from God, but through His saving work everything is different.

The doors of paradise are now opened, the distancing of the then has been replaced by the new closeness of the now, intimacy of God through His grace. Easter is not a day to commemorate, but the beginning of living differently, because He lives and we do too. In one word 'Alleluia.'

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

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43;

Col 3:1-4 or
1 Cor 5:6b-8;

Jn 20:1-9 or
Lk 24:1-12 or, at an afternoon
or evening Mass, Lk 24:13-35

Monday

Acts 2:14, 22-23;

Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday

Acts 2:36-41;

Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday

Acts 3:1-10;

Lk 24:13-35

Thursday

Acts 3:11-26;

Lk 24:35-48

Friday

Acts 4:1-12;

Jn 21:1-14

Saturday

Acts 4:13-21;

Mk 16:9-15

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

\$100	Anonymous
\$50	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph McGroarty
\$25	Mrs. Cecelia Phillips
\$125	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Savitsky
\$50	Deborah Bronack
\$100	Mr. & Mrs. Martin J. Gerrity
\$30	Tony & Karen Albert

In Memory of Clement Szczecinski

\$50	Caroline Davis
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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
20 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	21 Office Closed	22	23	24	25 <i>Treasures- 10am-12pm</i>	26
27 <i>Faith Formation- 9-10am</i>	28 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	29	30 <i>First Holy Communion Practice -5:30pm</i>	1 May <i>Women's Society May Crowning 6:30pm- in Church- Refreshments following in Parish Dining Hall</i>	2 <i>Treasures- 10am-12pm</i>	3
4 <i>First Holy Communion during 10:30am Mass</i>	5 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	6	7	8 <i>Parish Council 6:30pm- Parish Dining Hall</i>	9 <i>Treasures- 10am-12pm</i>	10
11	12 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	13	14	15 <i>Food Pantry Prep</i>	16 <i>Food Pantry Treasures- 10am-12pm</i>	17



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

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.

BROTHER JUNIPER



< KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord | John 20:1-9

Early in the morning, Mary of Magdala went to the tomb and found the stone removed. Upon telling Peter and the other disciple, they ran and found the tomb empty when they arrived.



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- 1] On the first day of the week Mary of Magdala came to the tomb _____ in the morning.
- 2] Mary found the _____ removed.
- 3] She ran and told Simon Peter and the other disciple, "They have taken the Lord from the _____."
- 4] The other disciple _____ faster than Simon Peter.
- 5] When Simon Peter arrived he entered the tomb and found it _____.
- 6] The disciple who _____ at the tomb first went in, and he saw and believed.



1] Early 2] Stone 3] Tomb 4] Ran 5] Empty 6] Arrived

Write the **first** letter of the filled in word above in the blanks below. Each sentence has one space.

Have a Blessed _____ Sunday!

Sentence # 1 6 2 3 5 4



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