

April 27, 2025

Sunday of Divine Mercy

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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Christians around the world are mourning the death of Pope Francis, the first Latin American pontiff, who died Monday morning (April 21) at the age of 88.

His gestures—from tenderly embracing the sick to repeatedly visiting prisoners—touched millions of hearts. He also transformed the image of the papacy into a pastoral ministry based on personal encounters and strong convictions about poverty, mission and dialogue.

Pope Francis “taught us to live the values of the Gospel with fidelity, courage, and universal love, especially in favor of the poorest and most marginalized”.

Pope Francis was often practical and even poetic when speaking about family life, the environment and ministry in the church.

Elected in 2013, Pope Francis first greeted the world from St. Peter’s Basilica as Bishop of Rome. In his final weeks, he did the same, surprising the faithful with appearances across Rome despite fragile health.

On Easter, he gave his final “Urbi et Orbi” blessing and rode the popemobile one final time.

As per his wishes, he’ll be buried near the Marian icon he visited often at the Basilica of St. Mary Major.

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 19 - 8:00pm:
231 people attended
51 envelopes received
Offering: \$1,406.00

Sunday, Apr 20 - 7:30am:
209 people attended
68 envelopes received
Offering \$1,950.00

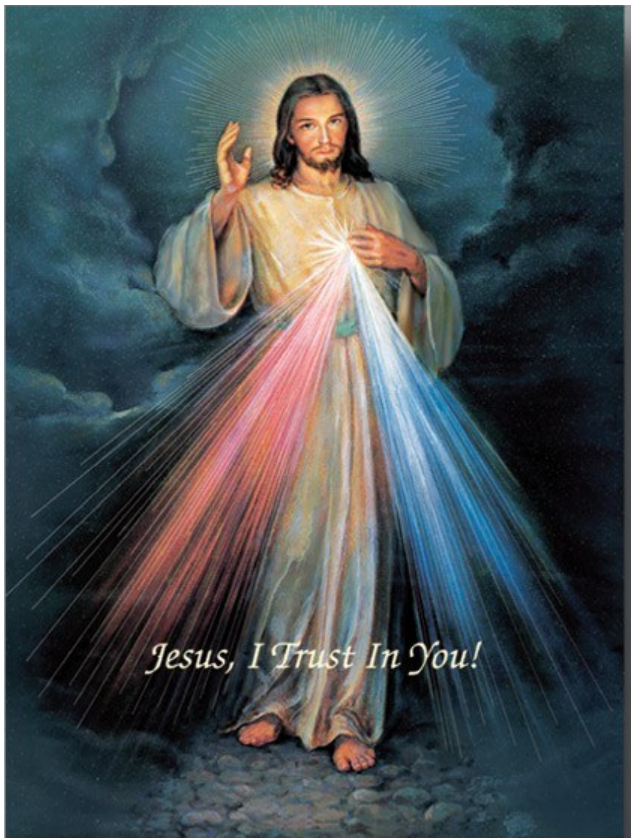
Sunday, Apr 20 - 10:30am:
373 people attended
79 envelopes received
Offering: \$1,723.00

Easter
17,857.00

Thank You For Your Generosity.

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

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



WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

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

DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	Apr 29	12:15pm	Frank Hallas by Mr. & Mrs. Ron Jescavage & Family
Wednesday	Apr 30	12:15pm	Stanley J. Neishel, Jr. by Wife
Thursday	May 01	12:15pm	Bill & Matthew Koneski by Janice & Tracey Canterini
Friday	May 02	12:15pm	Joseph & Florence Waslin by Family

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	May 03	4:00pm	Stanley Stanski, Jr. by Family
Sunday	May 04	7:30am 10:30am	Genevieve Stella by Daughters, Pat & Sandra Ed Mangan by Wife & Children

SANCTUARY CANDLE
Glzenski Family

LADY OF THE LOURDES
Lulis Family

PASCHAL CANDLE
In Memory of
Thomas & Nancy Kasisky

BLESSED MOTHER
Stanley J. Neishel, Jr.



The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

April 27, 2025



*Lord,
I desire to trust
in your divine
Mercy to the
extent that there
is no doubt in my
heart and mind
that You will
bestow upon me
this precious gift
of love.
Help me to trust
in Your Mercy
because of Your
infinite goodness.
Jesus, I love you
and I trust in
You.*

Amen.

Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)

First Reading: Acts 5:12-16

The people held the apostles in great esteem and brought sick people to them to be healed. Although some were afraid to be known, the number of Jesus' followers continued to grow steadily.

Second Reading: Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

John depicts a vision of lamp-stands of gold and one like the Son of Man in a robe with a sash of gold. This apparition told John he had nothing to fear and then described himself as one who was dead but now lived again. He then instructed John to record any other visions he might have.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Jesus appeared to the disciples and breathed on them saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit." He gives them the power to forgive people's sins or hold them accountable. Thomas, who was not present, refused to believe Jesus had appeared until he came to them once more. Jesus told Thomas to believe and added, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

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

Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy) April 27, 2025

"Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said: 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. And bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.' Thomas answered and said to him, 'My Lord and my God!' ... 'Blessed are those who have not seen but believed.'"

Is there a Thomas in me? Does my faith allow me to celebrate the most important fact that Jesus died, arose and lives? By His passion, death and resurrection, we too share in the newness of life. We reach out to Jesus as did Thomas. We unlock the doors of our unbelief and allow Him to touch us with His saving grace in a special way on this Divine Mercy Sunday. Touched by the Lord, we bring that gift to others. 'Jesus I trust in you.'

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

**Second Sunday of Easter
(or Sunday of Divine Mercy)**

Sunday

Acts 5:12-16;
Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19;
Jn 20:19-31

Monday

Acts 4:23-31;
Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday

Acts 4:32-37;
Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday

Acts 5:17-26;
Jn 3:16-21

Thursday

Acts 5:27-33;
Jn 3:31-36 or, for the Optional
Memorial,
Gn 1:26—2:3 or
Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24;
Mt 13:54-58

First Friday

Acts 5:34-42;
Jn 6:1-15

First Saturday

1 Cor 15:1-8;
Jn 14:6-14

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

\$1000 Anonymous

\$50 Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Malys

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
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
11	12 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	13	14	15 Food Pantry Prep Confirmation Practice - 5:30pm	16 Food Pantry Treasures-10am-12pm	17
18 Confirmation during 10:30am Mass	19 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	20	21	22	23 Treasures-10am-12pm	24



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)



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Sunday, June 1st, 2025

2:30pm

Cathedral of St. Peter
315 Wyoming Ave, Scranton PA 18503

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2025 to a Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 1st, 2025. The event includes a 2:30 PM mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter followed by a light reception.

The registration deadline for this event is May 11, 2025. To register, please go to <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org> or contact Bridget Guarnieri (570-207-2213 x 1133) or familylife@dioceseofscranton.org.

COMMUNITY

All Saints Parish will host a Nite at the Races and Basket Raffle on Saturday, May 17th in Holy Child Faith Formation Center, 119 Willow Street, Plymouth. Doors open at 6:30PM and post time is 7PM. \$10 per horse sponsorship. Horse sponsors can name their horse and also includes admission, food & refreshments. General admission without a horse sponsorship is \$5 which includes food and refreshments. No one under 18 will be admitted. Please call All Saints Rectory at 570-779-5323 or St. John's at 570-779-9620 to purchase tickets. Tickets must be returned by May 4th. Thank you!

Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy) | John 20:19-31

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kindness

peace

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love

peace

Find all the words... left,
right, up, down or diagonally.

Messiah

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