

**May 11, 2025**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

## 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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Wednesday: 8am—2pm

Thursday: 8am—4pm

Friday: 8am—Noon

*\*Closed daily Noon—12:30pm\**

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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](http://www.sspeterandpaulplains.com)  
as well as on the parish Facebook page.

## Sunday Stewards

Saturday, May 3 - 4:00pm:

238 people attended

148 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,280.00

Sunday, May 4 - 7:30am:

119 people attended

91 envelopes received

Offering \$1,495.00

Sunday, May 4 - 10:30am:

253 people attended

84 envelopes received

Offering: \$1,922.00

*Thank You For Your Generosity.*

*Care & Education of Priests*

*\$1,453.00*



*"A Mother is she who  
can take the place of all  
others  
but whose place no one  
else can take."*

# WORSHIP

## WE REMEMBER

### MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday May 10 4:00pm **Mother's Day**

Sunday May 11 7:30am **Mother's Day**  
10:30am **Mother's Day**

### DAILY MASSES

Tuesday May 13 12:15pm **Mother's Day**

Wednesday May 14 12:15pm **Mother's Day**

Thursday May 15 12:15pm **Mother's Day**

Friday May 16 12:15pm **Mother's Day**

### NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday May 17 4:00pm **Mother's Day**

Sunday May 18 7:30am **Mother's Day**  
10:30am **Mother's Day**

**SANCTUARY CANDLE**  
Edward & Elizabeth Glzenski

**LADY OF THE LOURDES**  
Pearl Woloski

**PASCHAL CANDLE**  
In Memory of  
Thomas & Nancy Kasisky

**BLESSED MOTHER**  
Koneski Family





# The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

May 11, 2025

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

*Lord God,*

*We lift up mom to  
you and ask that  
you would bless  
her.*

*We pray that you  
would bless her  
with wisdom  
which comes from  
heaven.*

*We ask that you  
bless her with  
peace that  
surpasses all  
understanding.*

*Let Your blessing  
be on her so that  
she would rejoice  
always,  
pray continually,  
and give thanks  
in all  
circumstances.*

*Amen*

### First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52

Paul and Barnabas addressed many people, and large crowds gathered to hear them. Some of the Jews became jealous, and argued with whatever Paul said. But Paul and Barnabas continued preaching their message of salvation and everlasting life, until they were eventually forced to leave the town.

### Second Reading: Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

John saw a vision of many people surrounding a throne and the Lamb. One of the elders told him these were the people who had survived great periods of trial, but maintained strong faith in God. Now they would receive eternal protection and comfort from God as reward for their loyalty.

### Gospel: John 10:27-30

Jesus states that his sheep know his voice and follow him, and will receive eternal life. Jesus also says that no one can snatch his followers away, because God is greater than anyone who might try, and Jesus is one with God.

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

### Fourth Sunday of Easter May 11, 2025

**“Jesus said: ‘My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand’ ... . “All who were destined for eternal life came to believe, and the word of the Lord continued to spread.”**

Traditionally, the fourth Sunday of Easter is called Good Shepherd Sunday, as the gospel always focuses on Jesus who shepherds us, leading us to eternal life. He has instructed us, stating that ‘eternal life is this, to know the Father and the Son whom He has sent.’ That knowledge is not something reserved for the head, but a knowledge which flows from the heart as well. We are told only eighteen inches separate the head from the heart.

As I live the Easter season, I wish to pursue this life, that Jesus by His dying and rising gained for me. As the word of God continues to spread today, I am called to bring this message to others. ‘Do I hear His voice speaking to me today?’

‘Jesus lives.’



# WORD

## MINISTRY OF THE MONTH- MAY

*Each month, a Ministry of the parish is highlighted.  
For May our focus will be on Ministry serving our youth*

In May, our parish will celebrate First Communion and Confirmation. As we all know, these children are the future of the Church. We should all celebrate to see those who are continuing in their faith. But this would not be possible without the dedicated women and men who selflessly give their time weekly to prepare them for the Sacraments. Those in the Ministry of teaching Religious Education know the importance of making sure they are well-prepared to receive the Sacraments. So, this month, pray for all of those receiving the Sacraments as well as those who have diligently taught them.

April and May are 2 months that display the power and gravity of Lay Ministry. As you look back at Holy Week and Easter, and ahead to First Communion and Confirmation, reflect on their beauty and just how important it is for the lay people of the Church to be involved. St. Paul writes in Corinthians "To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit (Cor1 12:9)". Everyone has a talent given to us to benefit others. Please pray to become aware of yours and to begin to use it.

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.**

## WEEKLY READINGS

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

#### Sunday

Acts 13:14, 43-52;

Rv 7:9, 14b-17;

Jn 10:27-30

#### Monday

Acts 11:1-18;

Jn 10:1-10

#### Tuesday

Acts 11:19-26;

Jn 10:22-30

#### Wednesday

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26;

Jn 15:9-17

#### Thursday

Acts 13:13-25;

Jn 13:16-20

#### Friday

Acts 13:26-33;

Jn 14:1-6

#### Saturday

Acts 13:44-52;

Jn 14:7-14



# SPRING cleaning



Beginning on Saturday, May 31st, Mass will be held in Bernardine Hall.

It has been almost 30 years since our church has been painted and it is time for a refresh and a needed update. Painting will begin June 2nd, and will end sometime at the end of August.

We hope you appreciate the beauty of the church when it is complete, and look forward to seeing you at Mass in the Hall.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

We are now beginning spring clean-up and maintenance of all our Parish's cemeteries.

If you have any holiday decorations on the graves of your loved ones, and would like to keep them, please remove them as soon as possible. Otherwise, they will be disposed of.

Please remember no planting around graves.

Let's work together to keep our cemeteries looking beautiful. Many hands make light work. We can start by taking care of our own family plots.





## Faith Formation

Confirmation— May 18th – (During 10:30 Mass)  
(Confirmation practice— May 15th— 6:00pm)



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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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](mailto:familylife@dioceseofscranton.org).



# 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 **May** we will collect **tuna and 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 **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

\$125 Anonymous

\$100 Mr. & Mrs. Martin Gerrity

\$100 Mr. & Mrs. John B. Magda

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
11 <i>Mother's Day</i>	12 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	13	14	15 <i>Food Pantry Prep Confirmation Practice - 6:00pm</i>	16 <i>Food Pantry Treasures- 10am-12pm</i>	17
18 <i>Confirmation during 10:30am Mass</i>	19 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 <b>Office Closed</b>	27	28	29	30 <i>Treasures- 10am-12pm</i>	31
1 <i>June</i>	2 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	3	4	5 <i>Women's Society 6:30pm- Parish Dining Hall</i>	6 <i>Treasures- 10am-12pm</i>	7



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