

February 15, 2026

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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, February 07 - 4:00pm:

181 people attended

157 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,698.00

Sunday, February 08 - 7:30am:

76 people attended

44 envelopes received

Offering \$701.00

Sunday, February 08 - 10:30am:

163 people attended

97 envelopes received

Offering: \$1,486.00

Thank You For Your Generosity.



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, February 23rd** and continue every Monday **through March 30th** from **5:00pm to 7:00pm**. Please try to celebrate this sacrament during this time of Lent.

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

Wednesday, February 18th

12:15pm & 5:30pm

WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	Feb 14	4:00pm	Ed Blazejewski by Wife
Sunday	Feb 15	7:30am	Margaret Griglock by Hugh Corcoran
		10:30am	Matilda & Edward Cominsky by Daughters & Granddaughter

DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	Feb 17	12:15pm	Pauline Evans by Family
Wednesday	Feb 18	12:15pm 5:30pm	Ash Wednesday
Thursday	Feb 19	12:15pm	Patricia Cavanaugh by Carol Zukowski
Friday	Feb 20	12:15pm	Jeanette Barkovitz by Lucia Perrella

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	Feb 21	4:00pm	Austin Murphy by Murphy & Cunningham Families
Sunday	Feb 22	7:30am	John & Florence Kelly by Kelly Phillips
		10:30am	Margaret Janerich by Daughter, Joanne John C. Stachokus by Mom, Brother Jason & Wife, & Family



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The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

Feb 15, 2026

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Lord,
thank you for the gift of free will and for the capacity to choose. Guide my heart and mind away from selfish pursuits and toward Your will. Help me to use my freedom to honor You, to love others, and to make choices that reflect Your wisdom and grace, rather than merely my own impulses.

Amen

First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20

This passage from Sirach gives strong, unequivocal emphasis to free will in every person. Before each of us is set, sin or virtue, life or death, and each of us are free to choose the one or the other.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Paul explains to the Corinthians that there are two different kinds of wisdom — the wisdom of God and the wisdom of the world. The wisdom of God is mysterious, but this wisdom has been revealed “to those who love him” through the Spirit.

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells the people he has come to fulfill the law. He speaks strongly against murder and anger, against adultery and lust, and against false oaths and lies. He warns the people that unless their virtue exceeds that of the Pharisees, they “will not enter the kingdom of God.”

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

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“If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you; if you trust in God you too shall live... Before you are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him, immense is the wisdom of the Lord, he is mighty in power and all seeing. The eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, he understands man’s every deed.”

How many choices we make every day. Many times, we are not even aware of choosing one thing over another. We decide, period. But there are things of value and great importance which require thought and careful consideration. How do I know the difference?

There are life giving decisions, important family matters, the common good or well-being of others, which tell us, slow down, what are the consequences before you make a rash move. The author tells us to make right and deliberate choices. The phrase ‘what would Jesus do?’ is a point well taken, or as Sirach state ‘if you trust in God, you too shall live.’ ‘Jesus I trust in you.’

WORD

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH-FEBRUARY

*Each month, a Ministry of the parish is highlighted.
For February we will focus on love and sacrifice*

February 14th is a date that is familiar to everyone- Valentine's Day. While the date is associated with love between spouses or those dating, it is also a day of celebrating all kinds of love. Children give valentines to schoolmates, adults may give to parents, friends, or anyone with whom they have a special relationship. A few days later, February 18th, is Ash Wednesday, the official beginning of the season of Lent.

Lent is an opportunity that gives us time to reflect on how love, sacrifice, and ministry within the church are intertwined. We love so many people in so many different ways- spouses, children, friends, and relatives, to name a few. But we are bound by God to love all creatures. "For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them"(Luke 6:32). Jesus fasted, even though He had been tempted by the devil, because of His love for us. In return, we not only fast on Ash Wednesday, but many of us make our own fasts for the foods or objects we enjoy. This also is to honor God and a sign of love.

Now, we can take this love and the act of fasting and also perform it through church ministry. Donate the food you are not eating to the Food Pantry/ Sacrifice to God by attending mass every Sunday, or, if able, at one or more of the daily Masses each week at 12:15. Attend the Stations of the Cross. Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Become an usher or a lector. If you enjoy giving praise to God through song, consider this Lent signing up for the choir. These are just a few suggestions, and I am sure you can think of even more!

So you can see how love, sacrifice, and ministry are bound together. Pray on this, and you may discover much in your heart this Lenten season. Let us also pray that the love represented in the secular holiday of Valentine's Day and the religious season of Lent continues to live in us.

WEEKLY READINGS

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Sunday

Sir 15:15-20;
1 Cor 2:6-10;
Mt 5:17-37 or
5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Monday

Jas 1:1-11;
Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday

Jas 1:12-18;
Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18;
2 Cor 5:20-6:2;
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

Dt 30:15-20;
Lk 9:22-25

Friday

Is 58:1-9a;
Mt 9:14-15

Saturday

Is 58:9b-14;
Lk 5:27-32

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 **February** we will collect **coffee, tea, and hot chocolate.**

Food Pantry

Anyone in the Plains, Miners Mills, and Parsons area in need of food can **contact Pauline at 570-690-6111 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 clothing donations.

Hours are **Mondays 2-4pm** and **Fridays 10am-12pm.**

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 Anne Gerritty

\$100 Martin Gerritty

In memory of Marybeth Coley

\$25 Tony & Karen Albert

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.





DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

LENTEN HOLY HOUR

with Bishop Bambera

**Tuesday, March 24
7:00 p.m.**

**Saints Peter & Paul Parish
13 Hudson Road, Plains, PA 18705**

2026 Theme: "Finding Peace in Challenging Times"

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will be traveling throughout the Diocese of Scranton during Lent to lead Holy Hours in each of the Diocese's 12 deaneries, continuing a tradition that began several years ago.

The Lenten Holy Hour for the Wilkes-Barre Deanery will be held on Tuesday, March 24 at Saints Peter & Paul Parish in Plains at 7:00 p.m.

All are invited and encouraged to attend.

The theme for this year's Lenten Holy Hour will be "Finding Peace in Challenging Times."

Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for this special opportunity to gather for prayer, reflection, and Eucharistic devotion during the Lenten season.



**Saints Peter and Paul Church will hold a Night at the Races in
Bernardine Hall on Saturday, March 14th.**

Doors open at 5:30pm –Post Time is 7:00pm.

Admission is \$10.00– and includes Food (Haluski, Pierogies, Chicken Fingers,
Sausage & Peppers, Wimpies, and Pizza) and Refreshments.

Must be 21 years of age to enter.

\$10.00 per horse - \$100.00 per Sponsor per Race.

**Horses and Admission Tickets will be sold after all Masses and at the
Parish Office.**

We recommend you buy tickets in advance, as last year we sold out.

Tables for 8 people only can be reserved with the purchase of 8 tickets.

If you would like to donate, we need the following items:

Soda (cans) & Water

Spirits (for Basket of Cheer), & Desserts.

**Please call the Parish Office (570-825-6663) if you are going to donate any of
these items OR if you would like to purchase a ticket or horse.**

We hope everyone contributes to this Church fundraiser by buying a horse and
attending this fun night out!

HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE THERE!

A weekly Adoration and Holy Hour will begin on Wednesday, February 25th at 6PM in the Church. The first Holy Hour will begin with a presentation by Fr Jack on the purpose and conduct of Exposition, Adoration and Benediction with the most Blessed Sacrament. The Men's Group is sponsoring light refreshments after Benediction in the Vestibule at 7PM. An Evening Prayer will be offered before the Holy Hour at 5:30 PM. Please join us to pray for our Parish!

Women's Society Religious Retreat

Women's Society of Saints Peter and Paul is planning a religious retreat on Saturday, March 21, 2026 in the Church Parish Center Dining Hall from 9:00am-3pm.

Confession-3pm Mass-4pm

Presenter: Father Brogan Ryan, C.S.C. Director of Campus Ministry King's College

Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Cost: \$30

Make reservations by calling Claire Koshinski at (570) 479-3671 or Sandy Toloczko at (570) 823-5918

Reservations, with check payable to Women's Society of Saints Peter and Paul, are due by March 14, 2026.

All are welcome!

COMMUNITY

A Potato Pancake and Lenten Food Sale will be held at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 215 Lackawanna Ave., Dupont, on Wednesday, February 18, from 11am to 5pm, on the church grounds. Homemade potato pancakes, pierogi, halushki, and soups will be offered. \$20 a dozen for the potato pancakes.

LENTEEN FOOD SALES AT ST. JOHN'S, PITTSTON

The Holy Name Society of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Pittston will be selling potato pancakes (3 for \$5.00) and your choice of take-and-heat red pizza or white pizza with broccoli (\$15.00 a tray) **each Friday in Lent (February 20 & 27, March 6, 13, 20 & 27) as well as Good Friday (April 3).** Please call the parish office at 570-654-0053 to place your orders, which are due the day before you wish to pick up your food. Pickup will be each Friday listed above from 3:30 to 6:00 PM in the Msgr. Bendik Pastoral Center Auditorium (entrance on Church Street in Pittston).

February/March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15 No Class Red Robin Fundraiser - 4pm-8pm	16 Office Closed	17	18 Ash Wednesday- Masses 12:15pm & 5:30 pm	19 Food Pantry Prep	20 Food Pantry Treasures- 10am-12pm	21
22 Faith Formation 9-10am	23 Treasures 2-4pm Rosary 6pm	24	25	26	27 Treasures- 10am-12pm	28
1 March Faith Formation 9-10am	2 Treasures 2-4pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Rosary 6pm	3	4	5 Women's Society 6:30pm- Parish Dining Hall Night at the Races meeting 6:30pm- Rosary Room	6 Treasures- 10am-12pm	7
8 Faith Formation 9-10am	9 Treasures 2-4pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Rosary 6pm	10	11	12 Parish Council 6:30pm- Parish Dining Hall	13 Treasures- 10am-12pm	14

Save the Date

Red Robin Fundraiser– February 15th- 4pm-8pm

Night at the Races– March 14th

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