

February 8, 2026

Fifth 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, January 31 - 4:00pm:
231 people attended
121 envelopes received
Offering: \$2,694.00

Sunday, February 01 - 7:30am:
114 people attended
50 envelopes received
Offering \$1,260.00

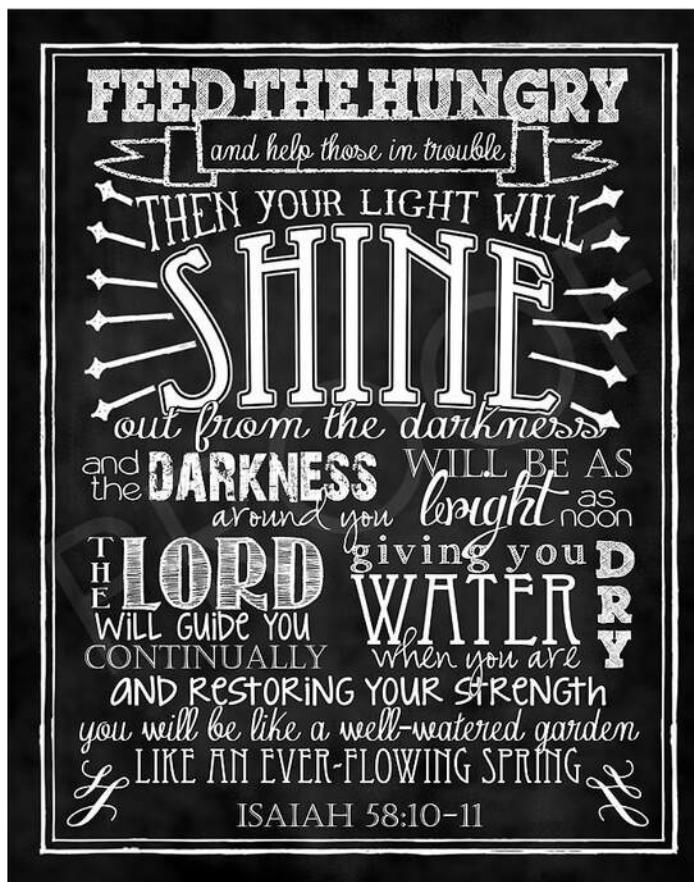
Sunday, February 01 - 10:30am:
192 people attended
71 envelopes received
Offering: \$2,263.00

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**The Second Collection last
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Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

Wednesday, February 18th
12:15pm & 5:30pm



WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	Feb 07	4:00pm	Zigmund Koshinski by Wife Ronald Klem & Klem Family by Wife & Family
Sunday	Feb 08	7:30am 10:30am	Edward Bonetski by Don Delphine & Erald Biondi by Grandchildren, Dean Jr., David, Hailey, Blake, & Zoe

DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	Feb 10	12:15pm	Ronald (Abe) Rygielski by Friends, Joe & Linda Humanik
Wednesday	Feb 11	12:15pm	Irene Martin by Lorna & Jack Delaney
Thursday	Feb 12	12:15pm	Alexander J. Kwak by Family
Friday	Feb 13	12:15pm	Patricia Cavanaugh by Barbara Hurst

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

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



The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

Feb 8, 2026

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*Gracious God,
help me to be
aware of the
needs of my
brothers and
sisters today.

Assist me in
reaching out to
those who are
less fortunate
with generous
expressions of
kindness and
caring, so that
my actions
may reflect
Your boundless
love.

Amen*

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

This reading is a vigorous exhortation from the prophet Isaiah to lead lives of active charity and generosity. He promises that the Lord will be our “dawn,” our “rear guard,” our “light” if we share our bread, shelter the homeless, and clothe the naked.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Paul tells the Corinthians that he and they must not rely on the so-called “wisdom” of secular teaching and philosophy but on the power of the Spirit.

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus reminds the disciples and all Christians that they carry special responsibilities to be “the salt of the earth.” They must not hide their light but show their goodness to all.

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

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“I came to you in weakness and fear and much trembling and my message and my proclamation were not with persuasive words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of Spirit and power... you are the salt of the earth... you are the light of the world.”

Saint Paul described his mission and mercy, admitting it was the power of God which led and directed him. It is the same Holy Spirit and grace of God directing the church today and which empowers us to be the salt of the earth and light for our world.

Salt, light, two seemingly insignificant elements, so essential in our lives, but essential for vision, healing and fidelity for our lives. That is what we are for the Lord’s church today.

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Is 58:7-10;
1 Cor 2:1-5;
Mt 5:13-16

Monday

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13;
Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30;
Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday

1 Kgs 10:1-10;
Mk 7:14-23

Thursday

1 Kgs 11:4-13;
Mk 7:24-30

Friday

1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19;
Mk 7:31-37

Saturday

1 Kgs 12:26-32, 13:33-34;
Mk 8:1-10

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

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.





**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!



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If ordering online, please follow these instructions:

- 1** Start your order at redrobin.com/order and select the restaurant above.
- 2** In the menu, go to the category labeled "Fundraisers (To-Go Only)" and click on that item.
- 3** Click the "add" button, and then "add to bag."
- 4** Add your meal items and check out.
- 5** Arrive at Red Robin, come in, say hi, grab your food and be on your way! If your location has curbside pick-up, we can bring it to your car too!

*Donation based on all eligible net dine-in and to-go food sales only. Excludes sales from catering (at select locations), 3rd party ordering and delivery sites, alcohol, gift cards, retail, tax and gratuity. Offer void if flyer is distributed in or near the restaurant during fundraiser day & hours.

Red Robin



Spring Tea

There will be a **planning meeting** for a Spring Tea. Anyone interested in being on the committee please attend the meeting which will be held on **Monday, February 9th, at 6:30pm in the Parish Dining Hall.**

COMMUNITY

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will be the principal celebrant for the Diocese of Scranton's annual Mass for the World Day of the Sick on Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2026, at 12:10 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton.

Celebrated each year on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, the World Day of the Sick invites the faithful to pray in a special way for those who are ill, the elderly, and all who suffer, while also honoring the compassionate service of caregivers, healthcare professionals, family members, and all who accompany the sick with love and dignity.

The World Day of the Sick Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter will feature the Liturgy of the Anointing.

CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton will provide a live broadcast of the Mass for those unable to attend. The Mass will also be livestream on the Diocese of Scranton website, YouTube channel and links will be provided on all Diocesan social media platforms.

The World Day of the Sick was established in 1992 by Saint John Paul II as a moment of prayer, reflection, and spiritual closeness for the entire Church, calling attention to the face of Christ present in those who are sick and vulnerable.

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.

LENTEN 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
8 Faith Formation 9-10am	9 Treasures 2-4pm Rosary 6pm	10	11	12 Parish Council- 6:30pm- Parish Dining Hall	13 Treasures- 10am-12pm	14
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	6 Treasures- 10am-12pm	7

Save the Date

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

Night at the Races– March 14th

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