

**March 15, 2026**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

## 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:  
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as well as on the parish Facebook page.

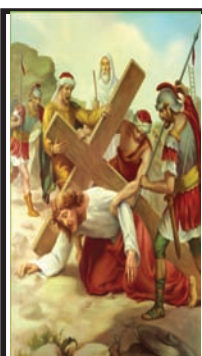
## Sunday Stewards

Saturday, March 07 - 4:00pm:  
252 people attended  
189 envelopes received  
Offering: \$2,853.00

Sunday, March 08 - 7:30am:  
110 people attended  
94 envelopes received  
Offering \$1,330.00

Sunday, March 08 - 10:30am:  
205 people attended  
113 envelopes received  
Offering: \$2,266.00

*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 this **Monday, March 16th** and continue every Monday **through March 30th** from **5:00pm to 7:00pm**. Please try to celebrate this sacrament during this time of Lent.

***The Second Collection last weekend for Care & Education of Priests \$2,293.00***

***The Second Collection this weekend will be for Catholic Relief Services***

# WORSHIP

## WE REMEMBER

### MASSES THIS WEEKEND

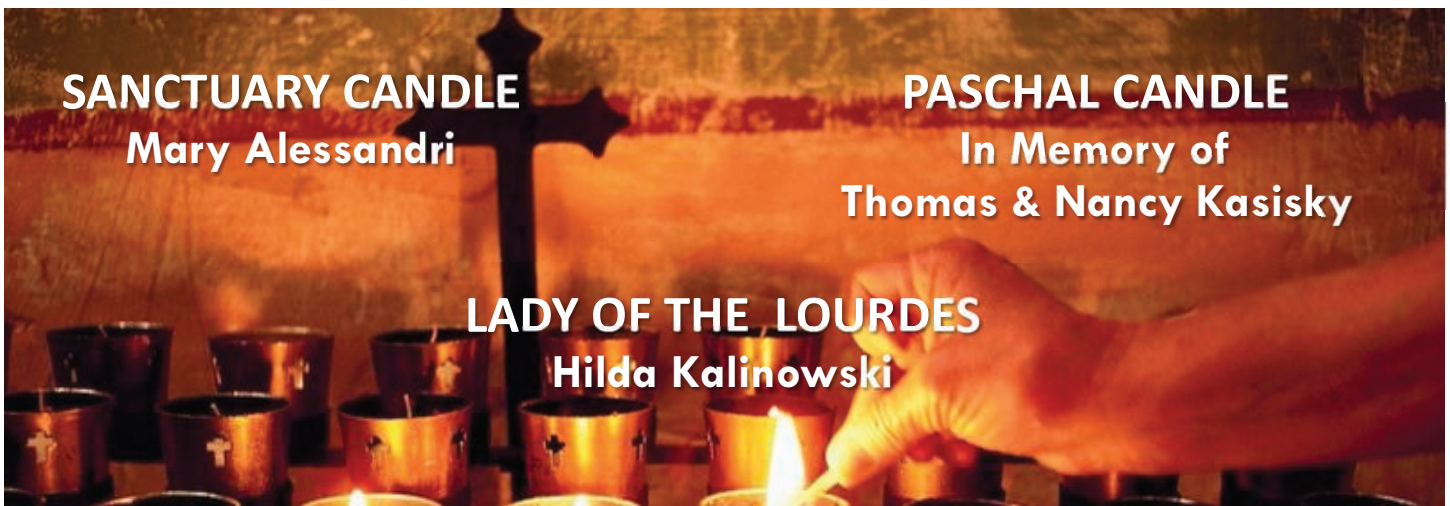
Saturday	Mar 14	4:00pm	<b>Ceil Toloczko (A)</b> by Daughter, Sandy
Sunday	Mar 15	7:30am 10:30am	<b>Albert &amp; Ann Kollesar</b> by Family <b>Anthony, Jane, &amp; Roger Seacock</b> by Ted & Nancy <b>Sandra &amp; Bill Holena</b> by Rosemary Shedlock

### DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	Mar 17	12:15pm	<b>Christine Hine</b> by Donna, Dave & Zachary Lewis
Wednesday	Mar 18	12:15pm	<b>Deborah &amp; Richard Pokrifka</b> by Mr. & Mrs. Scott Seacock
Thursday	Mar 19	12:15pm	<b>Uncles Walter, Ed, Tony &amp; Jack Wilk</b> by Linda, Joanie, & Mike
Friday	Mar 20	12:15pm	<b>Louis Luchetti</b> by Children

### NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	Mar 21	4:00pm	<b>Emilia Yench</b> a by Family
Sunday	Mar 22	7:30am 10:30am	<b>Patrick Bonomo, Sr. &amp; Patrick Bonomo, Jr.</b> by Family <b>Bernard Mushinsky</b> by Diane & Joseph Tona



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# The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

March 15, 2026

*Loving Creator of mine,  
I feel the pace quicken, the time draw near.  
I am filled with joy as I move toward Easter and the promised reconciliation with you.  
Teach me to follow the example of your Son, to be worthy of being called one his people:  
a Christ-ian.  
Help me to live each day as he did turning hatred to love and conflict to peace.  
I await the new life with eagerness, faith and a deep gratitude.*

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

### First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

In seeking a King for the Israelites, Samuel traveled to Jesse of Bethlehem, who had seven sons. Commanded by God to ignore the elder sons, Samuel anointed the youngest, David.

### Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Paul exhorts the Ephesians to live as “children of light” in goodness and truth and to avoid evil deeds “done in darkness.”

### Gospel: John 9:1-41

Jesus performs the miracle of giving sight to the man born blind. Because Jesus performed this miracle on the Sabbath, the Pharisees called him a “sinner,” but the blind man said, “He is a prophet.” Jesus later reveals to the blind man that He is the Son of Man.

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

### Fourth Sunday of Lent March 15, 2026

**“But the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart...’ Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in his hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on, the spirit of the Lord rushed upon David.”**

How refreshing as we read of God selecting David to lead the people of Israel. He would be their king, composed many of the psalms, it was from his clan that Joseph was to be the foster father of our Savior.

During our Lenten journey, let's become more aware of the scripture words, that God does not judge us from appearances, our practice of prayer, sacrifice and good works. How essential they are, but we were told the Lord is looking into our hearts. It is not appearances but the motive of our actions that makes the difference.

‘Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me a sinner.’

# WORD

## MINISTRY OF THE MONTH— MARCH

*Each month, a Ministry of the parish is highlighted.  
For March, our focus will be faith and liturgical ministry*

Lent continues through March. It is a good time for reflection. One area that needs to be delved into deeper is simple – do you attend Mass at least weekly? Our parish streams the mass for those who are homebound, sick, or just can't get out, like the snowstorm a few weeks ago. Since COVID, in person attendance has dropped (Pew Research). There are those who are healthy but continue to watch the live streams, with the reasoning being if you could do it in 2020, you can do it now. But you miss receiving the Body of Christ when not attending. Many who are homebound would gladly trade places to be able to attend Mass as a community. Attending Mass regularly and piously is an outstanding habit to continue in and beyond Lent.

There are also ways to be involved within the Mass. Serving in one of our liturgical ministries is a way to deepen this faith. Lectors read the Word of God. Ministers of the Eucharist distribute the Body of Christ. Ushers do the work of Jesus by being welcoming, just as Jesus was to the crowds. Altar servers and acolytes directly aid the priest and deacon in the performing of the Mass. Music ministry worships God through song. "Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good! Sing to his name, for it brings joy!" (Psalm 135:3). Participating in any of the liturgical ministries is bringing us closer to Jesus, for we get to experience the Mass through a different lens. Your commitment to becoming a liturgical minister will help to deepen your faith. Please take some time this month and consider becoming a member of one or more of our liturgical ministries. You will not be sorry!



**Love. Grow. Serve.**

## WEEKLY READINGS

### Fourth Sunday of Lent

#### Sunday

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a;  
Eph 5:8-14;  
Jn 9:1-41 or  
9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

#### Monday

Is 65:17-21;  
Jn 4:43-54

#### Tuesday

Ez 47:1-9, 12;  
Jn 5:1-16

#### Wednesday

Is 49:8-15;  
Jn 5:17-30

#### Thursday

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16;  
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22;  
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or  
Lk 2:41-51a

#### Friday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22;  
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

#### Saturday

Jer 11:18-20;  
Jn 7:40-53

# 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 **March** we will collect **tuna & peanut butter**.

### 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 Spring 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 Atty. Joseph Terrana**

\$100            John & Marilyn Corcoran & Family

**In Memory of Wanda Deptulski**

\$25            Ann Yevich

**In Memory of Janet Phillips**

\$25            Jim & Eileen Brislin

\$25            Lisa & John Moran

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.

**Treasures** is now accepting donations of children’s clothing.

As of March 1st we will be accepting spring clothing for men women and children.

Thank you for your continued support.



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.

## THE FLEA MARKET IS RETURNING THIS YEAR!

We are pleased to announce the return of the Flea Market at Saints Peter and Paul Parish, to be held **August 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>**.

More information and dates of planning meetings to be announced.

## ATTENTION SPRING CLEANERS

Do you have household items, holiday decorations, toys (no stuffed animals please), tools, in good working condition, jewelry, vinyl records, antiques & vintage items, handmade crafts, or collectables that you no longer can use and need a new home?

We ask that you consider saving them for the Saints Peter and Paul Flea Market coming this summer. Dates and times for drop off will be announced in the near future.

Please **NO** broken items, large furniture, (small items like lamps are accepted), gym equipment, clothing, computers, TV's, encyclopedias, or trophies.

Thank you in advance for helping to make our flea market a huge success!

## COMMUNITY

**The Feast of St. Joseph will be celebrated this Thursday, March 19th, with a special Solemn Mass at 12 Noon at the Oblates of St. Joseph Seminary Chapel, Route 315, Laflin.** Principal celebrant and homilist will be Bishop Joseph C. Bambera. Additional Feast Day Masses will also be celebrated at 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. For more information, call (570) 654-7542 or email: [osjseminary@comcast.net](mailto:osjseminary@comcast.net)

**Homemade Milk Chocolate Easter Eggs** made by the Confraternity of Christian Mothers of **Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 215 Lackawanna Ave., Dupont**, will be available for purchase on **Saturday, Mar. 21, from 1 to 5pm and Sunday, Mar. 22, from 9:30am to noon, in Sacred Heart church hall.** Milk Chocolate Peanut Butter and Milk Chocolate Coconut Cream eggs will be available. Small eggs: 6 for \$12 or 12 for \$24; Large eggs: \$8 each. Eggs will be sold first come, first served. Cash payments only please.

### **Living Stations of the Cross**

The students of our Confirmation Classes, youth of our parish, along with our music ministry, will be presenting a Living Stations of the Cross on **Sunday, March 22 at 5pm in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, 237 William Street in Pittston.** This dramatic retelling of the Stations will feature our students dressed in costume and reenacting the events of Holy Week through to the end of the traditional Stations of the Cross prayer; a fitting and contemplative way to reflect on this Lenten journey with eyes set toward the rising Cross on Calvary Hill. Our three parishes' music ministries will be on hand to provide musical accompaniment on this reflective, prayerful, and moving evening. All are invited and strongly urged to attend!

**Gorzkie zale, the traditional Polish-language Lenten devotion known as the "Bitter Lamentations," will be held on Sunday, March 22, at 3 pm in Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 215 Lackawanna Ave., Dupont.** The devotion is a sung reflection on the Passion of Christ and his Sorrowful Mother. Msgr. John Sempa, pastor of Corpus Christi Parish, West Pittston, will be the guest homilist. A light reception will follow in the church hall. All are invited to attend.

**Taizé Prayer Around the Cross** will be celebrated on **Monday, March 23rd at 7PM at All Saints Parish, 66 Willow Street, Plymouth.** This form of prayer is a meditative style of communal prayer. Sung repetitive refrains create a gentle rhythm. The beauty of your voices united in song becomes a doorway to reflection and meditation. This particular prayer will focus on the Passion of Christ, with time to venerate the cross. Rob Yenkowski, the music director at King's College and The Cantores Christi Regis choir will be the ministers of music for this prayer. A freewill offering will be taken up at the end of the service to show appreciation for their time and ministry. All are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served in the Church basement after the program. This prayer will surely enhance your Lenten journey to Easter!

### **Lenten Evening Prayer in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church**

We will be hosting a Lenten Holy Hour on **Tuesday, March 24 at 6:30pm in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, 237 William Street in Pittston.** This moving evening will include Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration, scripture readings, Benediction, and live music led by Brandon Jopling. All are welcome to join us as we journey to the end of the Lenten season and ask the Lord to Lead us to Easter joys in the presence of the Risen Christ!

**St. Joseph Mareello Parish, 237 William Street in Pittston, will hold their annual BIG PRIZE BINGO on Sunday, April 19, with doors opening at 12:30pm and games beginning at 2pm, in their Parish Hall.** Prizes include home goods, outdoor items, purses and several CASH PRIZES. Tickets for this bingo will cost \$25 when purchased in advance or \$30 if purchased at the door (if tickets are still available). Bingo tickets include entrance and 20 regular games. Special games will be available for purchase, along with additional regular games, Bingo dabbers and other fun extras. Food and beverages will be available for purchase through our kitchen. Tickets are now available: please call the Parish Office at 570-654-6902 to reserve your tickets. We will reserve tables on a first-come, first-served basis for any PARTIES OF 8-10. Seating for parties less than 8 will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

## March/April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15 <i>Faith Formation</i> 9-10am	16 Treasures 2-4pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Rosary 6pm	17	18	19 <i>Food Pantry Prep</i>	20 <i>Food Pantry</i> Treasures- 10am-12pm	21
22 <i>Faith Formation</i> 9-10am	23 Treasures 2-4pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Rosary 6pm	24	25	26	27 Treasures- 10am-12pm	28
29 <i>Faith Formation</i> 9-10am	30 Treasures 2-4pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Rosary 6pm	31	1 <i>April</i>	2 <i>Holy Thursday- Mass 7pm</i>	3 <i>Good Friday - 12pm</i>	4 <i>Holy Saturday</i> <i>Basket Blessing- 12pm</i> <i>Easter Vigil- 8pm</i>
5 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	6 <i>Office Closed</i>	7	8	9 <i>Parish Council- 6:30pm- Parish Dining Hall</i>	10 Treasures- 10am-12pm	11

## Save the Date

Flea Market– August 15th & 16th

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