

March 22, 2026

Fifth 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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Thursday: 8am—4pm

Friday: 8am—Noon

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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, March 14 - 4:00pm:

245 people attended

180 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,960.00

Sunday, March 15 - 7:30am:

112 people attended

87 envelopes received

Offering \$1,555.00

Sunday, March 15 - 10:30am:

217 people attended

121 envelopes received

Offering: \$1,776.00

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.

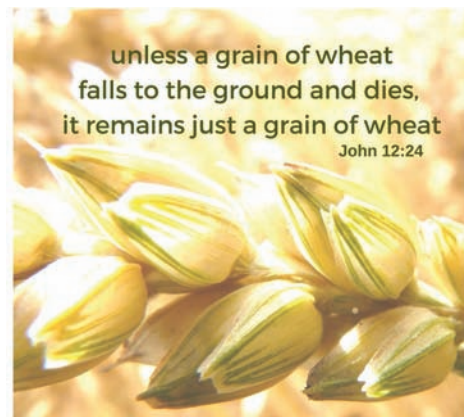
The Second Collection last weekend for Catholic Relief Services

\$614.00

The Light Is On For You

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

will be this **Monday, March 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.



WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

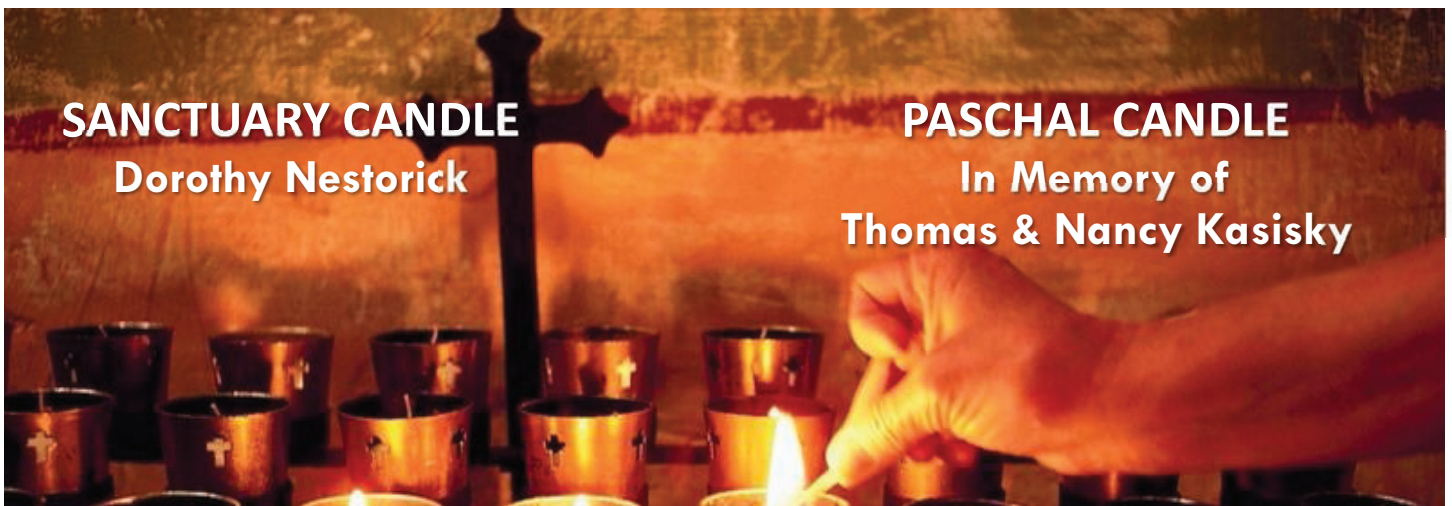
Saturday	Mar 21	4:00pm	Emilia Yench a by Family
Sunday	Mar 22	7:30am 10:30am	Patrick Bonomo, Sr. & Patrick Bonomo, Jr. by Family Bernard Mushinsky by Diane & Joseph Tona

DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	Mar 24	12:15pm	Ed & Pearl Tranovich by Linda & Joe Humanik
Wednesday	Mar 25	12:15pm	Mary Alessandri by Judy Lendacky
Thursday	Mar 26	12:15pm	Edmund Suchocki by Susan & Marie
Friday	Mar 27	12:15pm	Attilio Giovanelli by Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Pavia

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	Mar 28	4:00pm	Mary J. Seasock by Mr. & Mrs. Scott Seasock
Sunday	Mar 29	7:30am 10:30am	Arlene Stella by Neil & Denise Kocher Dorothy Luchetti by Children



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The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

March 22, 2026

*God of all
consolation and
compassion,
your Son
comforted the
grieving sisters,
Martha and
Mary;
your breath alone
brings life to dry
bones and weary
souls.
Pour out your
Spirit upon us,
that we may face
despair and
death with the
hope of
resurrection and
faith in the One
who called
Lazarus forth
from the grave.
Amen*

Fifth Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

This reading is a loving promise that the Lord will put His spirit into his people and will let them live.

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Paul reminds the Romans that they are not people of the flesh but people of the Spirit because the Spirit of God dwells in them.

Gospel: John 11:1-45

In great detail, John tells the story of the raising of Lazarus to life. Upon learning of the death of Lazarus, his dear friend, Jesus goes to comfort Martha and Mary. After proclaiming, "I am the Resurrection and the Life", Jesus goes to the tomb of Lazarus and restores him to life.

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent March 22, 2026

"Then you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and have you rise from them. Oh, my people! I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land, thus you shall know that I am the Lord. I have promised and I will do it says the Lord."... "If the spirit of the one who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, then the One who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through the Spirit dwelling in you... 'I am the resurrection and the life.'"

Immersed in the days of Lent our practices call us to die to self and live for Him. We ask that the promise of which Ezechiel spoke will be fulfilled in our time. Jesus came that we might have life, and His life in abundance. The prophet spoke of a promise. Jesus gave new life to His friend Lazarus. We turn to Him again today, asking that the same Spirit might be found in us. He promised, He acts, He reminds us today, "I am the resurrection and the life."

'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

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday

Ez 37:12-14;
Rom 8:8-11;
Jn 11:1-45 or

11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62
or

13:41c-62;
Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday

Nm 21:4-9;
Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday

Is 7:10-14, 8:10;
Heb 10:4-10;
Lk 1:26-38

Thursday

Gn 17:3-9;
Jn 8:51-59

Friday

Jer 20:10-13;
Jn 10:31-42

Saturday

Ez 37:21-28;
Jn 11:45-56

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 4-6pm** 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 Jean Miscavage

\$400 Gary & Diane Pudleiner

In Memory of Janet Phillips

\$30 Roberta Corcoran

\$130 Anonymous

\$100 Anonymous

\$50 Anonymous

\$30 Anonymous

\$25 Anonymous

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 open

Mondays 4-6pm

Fridays 10am-12pm



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 & Paul Parish

Easter Schedule

PALM SUNDAY 7:30AM

10:30AM

HOLY THURSDAY 7PM

church will be open until 10PM for private prayer

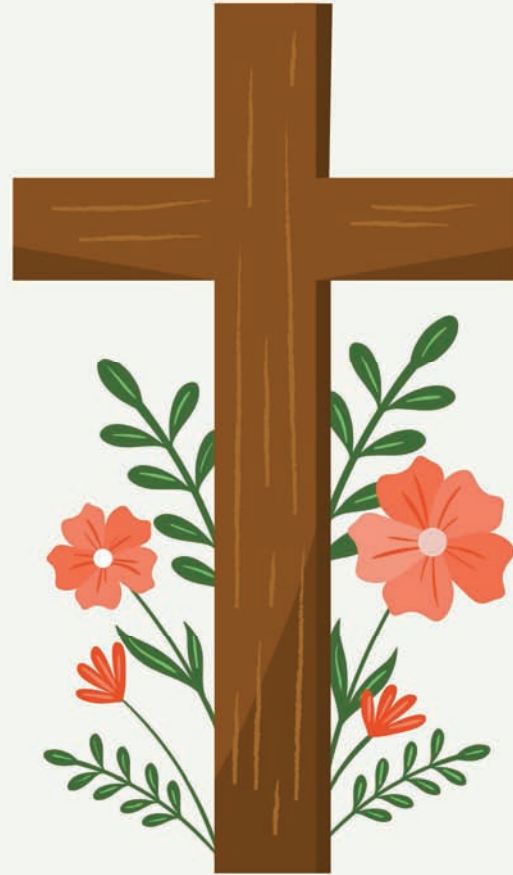
GOOD FRIDAY 12PM

**HOLY SATURDAY
BASKET BLESSING** 12PM

**HOLY SATURDAY -
EASTER VIGIL** 8PM

EASTER SUNDAY 7:30AM

10:30AM



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Come and celebrate with us!

ATTENTION SPRING CLEANERS

Once again, Saints Peter and Paul Parish will be hosting a Flea Market on August 15th and 16th. So now is the time to save those gently used or new items you no longer need.

Some examples of acceptable items include jewelry, dishes, glasses, silverware, children's toys, lamps, pictures, pet items, floral arrangements, home décor, tablecloths, and seasonal items.

We **will not accept** books (including cookbooks), vinyl records, CDs, stuffed animals, textbooks, encyclopedias, clothing, partially used personal items, or large items such as appliances, fitness equipment, computer equipment, electronics, large furniture, or televisions.

Please consider donating both your items and your time to this very worthy cause. Let's make it better than ever!!!

COMMUNITY

The **Men's Group** will be holding its next meeting on **Wednesday April 1st at 7PM in the Parish Hall**. The meeting will be held after Adoration at 6PM. The meeting will include a bible study on the Agony in the Garden. Contact Steve for more information (steve.chronowski@gmail.com or 570-313-7711).

St. Joseph Marello 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
22 <i>Faith Formation</i> 9-10am	23 Treasures 4-6pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Rosary 6pm	24	25	26	27 Treasures- 10am-12pm	28
29 <i>Palm Sunday</i> <i>Faith Formation</i> 9-10am	30 Treasures 4-6pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Rosary 6pm	31	1 <i>April</i>	2 <i>Holy Thursday-</i> <i>Mass 7pm</i>	3 <i>Good Friday -</i> <i>12pm</i>	4 <i>Holy Saturday</i> <i>Basket Blessing-</i> <i>12pm</i> <i>Easter Vigil- 8pm</i>
5 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	6 <i>Office Closed</i>	7	8	9 <i>Parish Council-</i> <i>6:30pm-</i> <i>Parish Dining Hall</i>	10 Treasures- 10am-12pm	11
12 <i>Faith Formation</i> 9-10am	13 Treasures 4-6pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Rosary 6pm	14	15	16 <i>Food Pantry Prep</i> <i>Women's Society</i> <i>6:30pm-</i> <i>Parish Dining Hall</i>	17 <i>Food Pantry</i>	18

Save the Date

Flea Market– August 15th & 16th

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