

**April 19, 2026**

**Third 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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# 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, April 11 - 4:00pm:  
236 people attended  
167 envelopes received  
Offering: \$2,495.00

Sunday, April 12 - 7:30am:  
141 people attended  
106 envelopes received  
Offering \$1,780.00

Sunday, April 12 - 10:30am:  
264 people attended  
135 envelopes received  
Offering: \$2,539.00

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***The Second Collection last  
weekend for  
Care & Education of Priests  
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***The Second Collection next  
weekend will be for  
Catholic Home Missions  
Appeal***



# WORSHIP

## WE REMEMBER

### MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	Apr 18	4:00pm	<b>Bob &amp; Sandy Belles</b> by Belles Family
Sunday	Apr 19	7:30am 10:30am	<b>Peter Lishnak</b> by Gill Family <b>Vincent Miskewicz</b> by Wife

### DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	Apr 21	12:15pm	<b>Joseph J. Canterini</b> by Wife & Daughter
Wednesday	Apr 22	12:15pm	<b>Jankowski Family</b> by Linda & Joe Humanik
Thursday	Apr 23	12:15pm	<b>Johanna Napkori</b> by Denise Scalzo
Friday	Apr 24	12:15pm	<b>James Orzechowski</b> by Sister, Ann

### NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	Apr 25	4:00pm	<b>Gerald Ritsick</b> by Mom & Brothers
Sunday	Apr 26	7:30am 10:30am	<b>Joseph Krulack</b> by John, Stacey, & Davina Levandowski <b>Stanley Prescavage</b> by Don & Edie Prescavage <b>Teri Serniak</b> by Bernadine Ritsick



**BLESSED MOTHER**  
**Joan A. Chukinas**

# The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

April 19, 2026

*Almighty Father,*

*you see our  
hearts,  
and you know  
our desires.  
No secrets are  
hidden from you.*

*Cleanse the  
thoughts of our  
hearts by the  
grace of your  
Holy Spirit,  
that we perfectly  
love you and  
worthily magnify  
your holy name,  
through Christ  
our Lord,  
our risen Savior.*

*Amen*

## Third Sunday of Easter

### First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22 33

After the Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles, Peter preaches with great enthusiasm to both Jews and Christians. He recalls for them in vivid terms the miracles and wonders that Jesus performed.

### Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17 21

Peter makes reference to the Passover, when the Jews escaped from Egypt because the blood of the paschal lamb was shed. Now they are being saved from sin by the blood of Christ, the Lamb of the New Testament.

### Gospel: Luke 24:13 35

Jesus reveals Himself to two disciples on the way to Emmaus. After explaining to them the passages in Scripture which referred to Him, Christ "took bread, broke it, and distributed it to them." Then they recognized Christ and their "hearts burned within them."

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

### Third Sunday of Easter April 19, 2026

**"And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are ! How slow of heart to believe that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory...With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight....So they set out and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, 'The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon.'"**

Our lives are often described as a journey. The disciples on the road, one named Clopas, and let's imagine, I am his companion. Saddened and disheartened, I'm walking away from Jerusalem, going home and then meeting someone who listens to my plight, and then says you know only part of the story. They invite Him to dine and then come to recognize Him in the breaking of the bread, eyes are opened, and joyfully we return to meet those they had left behind.

Where am I on my journey this Easter? Saddened, but He brings us hope. Wandering and lost, but I find someone to speak to me, especially in the word of God. My eyes are opened to the presence of the Lord, in the Eucharist, in my faith community, in the breaking of the bread at Sunday Eucharist.

Easter is once again today, for in reality we pray two words 'He lives'.

# WORD

## MINISTRY OF THE MONTH— APRIL

*Each month, a Ministry of the parish is highlighted. For April our focus will be on the beauty of lay ministry in the Mass*

April is a beautiful month! It is a time of new beginnings. We begin to see flowers, trees blossoming, and the days getting longer. It is also a holy and reverent month, with Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, Easter, and Divine Mercy Sunday all occurring in April this year. As you attend these Masses, and all other Masses, please take note of the extensive lay ministry participation. The Mass is beautiful, and watching all of the people give their time and talent makes it an even more beautiful experience. When you are at any of the Masses this month, please pay attention to this. We see our youth serving as altar servers and cantors. Listen to the beautiful music of the choir and the cantors. Hear those who love to read the Word of God. See lay ministers reverently distribute the Body of Christ. Take note of the smiles of the ushers, as we arrive and depart from Mass. Then there are those who partake in the special services, such as the foot washing on Holy Thursday and the carrying of the cross on Good Friday. All of these ministers, from our parish, work together to give the congregation a prayerful and spiritual experience.

So, as you watch all of this, take some time to reflect on whether you would like to be involved in one or more of the ministries of the Church. It is a life changing decision, and you will not be sorry!

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.

## WEEKLY READINGS

### Third Sunday of Easter

#### Sunday

Acts 2:14, 22-33;  
1 Pt 1:17-21;  
Lk 24:13-35

#### Monday

Acts 6:8-15;  
Jn 6:22-29

#### Tuesday

Acts 7:51-8:1a;  
Jn 6:30-35

#### Wednesday

Acts 8:1b-8;  
Jn 6:35-40

#### Thursday

Acts 8:26-40;  
Jn 6:44-51

#### Friday

Acts 9:1-20;  
Jn 6:52-59

#### Saturday

1 Pt 5:5b-14;  
Mk 16:15-20

# 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 **April** we will collect **Pasta & Spaghetti Sauce**.

### 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

\$100 Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Malys

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.





## Faith Formation



First Holy Communion— May 3rd –  
(During 10:30 Mass)

(Communion practice— April 30th— 5:30pm)

Confirmation— May 17th –  
(During 10:30 Mass)

(Confirmation practice— May 13th— 5:30pm)

Regular weekly Adoration and Holy Hour will continue on Wednesdays at 6PM in the Church. Please join us as we continue to pray for our Parish.

### ATTENTION SPRING CLEANERS

Once again, Saints Peter and Paul Parish will be hosting a Flea Market on August 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. 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!!!

## Spring Tea

A **final meeting** for the Spring Tea will be held on  
**Monday, May 4th at 6:30pm, in the Parish Center.**

Anyone who would like to sponsor a table or purchase tickets, please call

Debbie Sincavage at 570-817-2965.

If you would like to donate a basket for the raffle, please drop off at the  
Parish Office during business hours.

# COMMUNITY

### CASH BINGO AT SEAS

The Social Concerns Committee of **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 116 Hughes St., Swoyersville**, will host their annual CASH BINGO in our school gym on **Sunday, April 26th. Doors open at 12pm. Bingo play at 1:00pm.** 15 Regular games: \$100, 4 Special games: \$200, Cover-all: \$500. Bake Sale, Door prizes, 50/50 drawing, basket raffles/lunch. **ADMISSION:** \$25 advanced sales before & after all weekend masses on the weekends of April 11/12 and April 18/19. Mass times are Saturdays at 4pm, and Sundays at 8:30am, 11am, & 5:30pm. \$30 admission at the door for any remaining tickets. Seating limit is 250.

**St. Michael's Parish** will host a **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on Sunday, April 26th at St. Lucy's Church.** Come enjoy St. Lucy's famous sauce along with a full dinner including pasta, bread, salad, and cake. Dinner will be available for take-out from 3:00–4:00 PM, with sit-down service from 4:00–7:00 PM. The cost is \$15 per plate. All are welcome to join us for good food and fellowship in support of our parish.

### BUS TRIP PILGRIMAGE

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Knights of Columbus, Swoyersville**, is sponsoring a Bus Trip Pilgrimage to the **National Centre for Padre Pio in Barto, PA, on Saturday, May 9, 2026.** Cost is \$65/person, includes Bus Trip, Lunch at Center, beverages & snacks on bus. Leave Swoyersville at 7:30am, return at 6:00pm. For more information, call Mark Perugino at 570-262-2896, or check our Facebook and website, setonpa.com.

**Cash Bingo** benefiting NEPA Scholarship Competition & David Blight School of Dance will be held on **Sunday, May 17th, at Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Bernardine Hall, 13 Hudson Road, Plains.** Doors open at 12pm. Games start at 1:00pm.

## April/May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
19 <i>Faith Formation 9-10am</i>	20 Treasures 4-6pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Rosary 6pm	21	22	23	24 Treasures- 10am-12pm	25
26 <i>Faith Formation 9-10am (Last Class)</i>	27 Treasures 4-6pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Rosary 6pm	28	29	30 <i>Communion Practice- 5:30pm</i>	1 May Treasures- 10am-12pm	2
3 <i>First Holy Communion- during 10:30 Mass</i>	4 Treasures 4-6pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Rosary 6pm	5	6	7 <i>Women's Society 6:30pm- Parish Dining Hall</i>	8 Treasures- 10am-12pm	9
10	11 Treasures 4-6pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Rosary 6pm	12	13 <i>Confirmation Practice- 5:30pm</i>	14 <i>Parish Council 6:30pm- Parish Dining Hall Food Pantry Prep</i>	15 <i>Food Pantry</i> Treasures- 10am-12pm	16

## Save the Date

Flea Market– August 15th & 16th

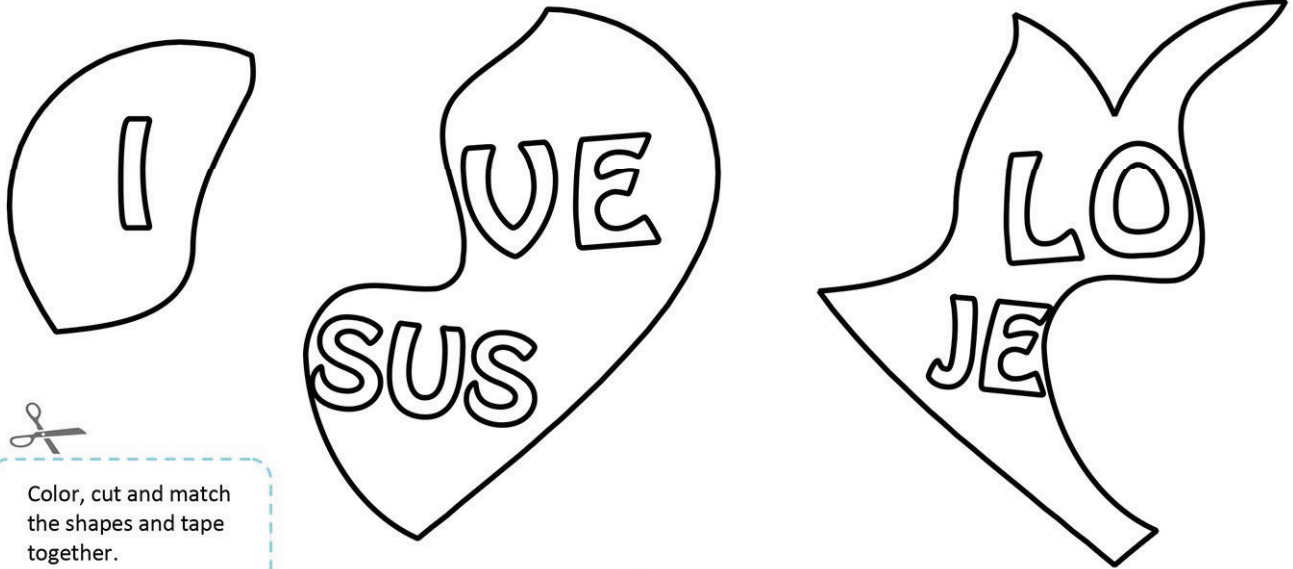
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## Gospel Today | Third Sunday of Easter | Luke 24: 13-35

The risen Jesus walked to Emmaus with two disciples, but they did not recognize Him. At the evening meal, Jesus blessed bread, broke it, and disappeared. At once the disciples knew in their hearts it was Jesus.

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### Love From The Heart



Color, cut and match the shapes and tape together.



Take a pencil and  
Follow the road to



for the  
breaking  
of the  
bread.

# EMMAUS

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