

# April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of The Lord

## 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](http://www.sspeterandpaulplains.com)  
as well as on the parish Facebook page.

## Sunday Stewards

Saturday, March 28 - 4:00pm:

289 people attended

166 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,725.00

Sunday, March 29 - 7:30am:

155 people attended

90 envelopes received

Offering \$1,506.00

Sunday, March 29 - 10:30am:

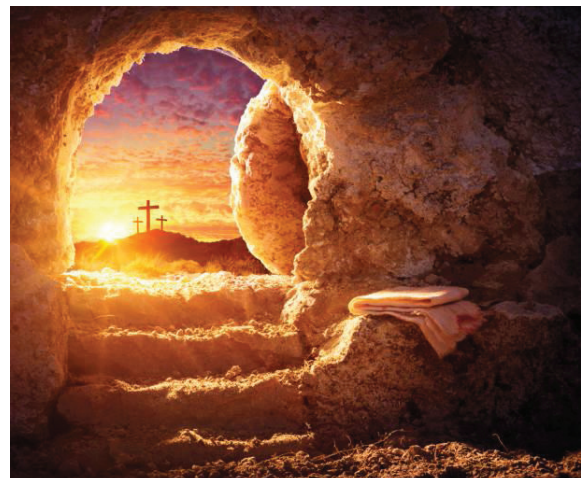
303 people attended

122 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,170.00

*Thank You For Your Generosity.*

***The Second Collection this weekend will be for Care & Education of Priests***





# The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

April 5, 2026

*Heavenly Father,  
we come before you  
with hearts full of  
gratitude and joy,  
celebrating the  
resurrection of your  
Son, our Savior,  
Jesus Christ.  
Thank you for the  
victory over death  
and the promise of  
eternal life.  
Lord, may the light  
of Your resurrection  
shine in our hearts,  
filling us with hope  
and renewed faith.  
As we celebrate this  
sacred day, we ask  
for your peace and  
love to fill our lives,  
and for your joy to  
fill our  
homes.  
Thank you for the  
hope of new  
beginnings.  
In the precious name  
of Jesus, we pray.  
  
Amen*

## Easter Sunday Of The Resurrection Of The Lord

### First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37 43

In this passage, Peter testifies that he and his followers saw the miracles performed by Christ, witnessed His death, and believe in His resurrection. Now they will proclaim to all that Christ is the Son of God.

### Second Reading: Colossians 3:1 4

Paul tells the Colossians that they will appear with Christ in glory. They should be mindful of things above rather than things on earth.

### Gospel: John 20:1 9

In vivid detail, John tells us that when Mary Magdalene visited Christ's tomb, the tomb was empty. She told the apostles, who ran to the tomb, and saw the "wrappings" on the ground. The disciple who entered first "saw and believed."

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

### Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord April 5, 2026

**"Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and he is going to Galilee; there you will see him.' Behold, I have told you. Then they went quickly from the tomb, fearful yet overjoyed."**

How many selections from the scriptures can be used for our reflection today! The gospel of Matthew and the message to Mary Magdalene is chosen, for she, who perhaps was the first to encounter the Risen Lord, is advised to go to Galilee to see Him. Before going, we find her as the first evangelizer of the good news, to tell the disciples that He is alive and where they could find Him.

Fearful yet overjoyed they ran to announce this to the disciples. As we too are overjoyed with the Easter message, we are sent. 'He met them on their way and greeted them.' May we discover the many ways Jesus meets us this special day as He sends us to tell the good news.

# 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

### Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

#### Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43;  
Col 3:1-4 or  
1 Cor 5:6b-8;

Jn 20:1-9 or  
Mt 28:1-10 or, at an afternoon  
or

evening Mass, Lk 24:13-35

#### Monday

Acts 2:14, 22-33;  
Mt 28:8-15

#### Tuesday

Acts 2:36-41;  
Jn 20:11-18

#### Wednesday

Acts 3:1-10;  
Lk 24:13-35

#### Thursday

Acts 3:11-26;  
Lk 24:35-48

#### Friday

Acts 4:1-12;  
Jn 21:1-14

#### Saturday

Acts 4:13-21;  
Mk 16:9-15

# 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

**In memory of Patricia Suchoski**

\$50 Louis & Deborah Zuzelski

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.



Thank you to Emilio Aritz for generously donating the hams & eggs to the Food Pantry for the Easter give-away!

## *Thank You!*

Thank you to everyone who helped make our recent **Night at the Races** a success.

Whether you bought a horse, sold a horse, sponsored a race, attended the race, donated food, desserts, or spirits for our baskets of cheer, worked at the race, helped in the kitchen, served food or contributed in any manner, your individual efforts helped make this event a huge success for the Parish Community of Saints Peter and Paul.

This event raised \$13,841.69

The event was attended by 300 people and was a truly enjoyable evening!

Father Jack

Don Prescavage, Chairman-Night at the Races

### **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!!!

## NEXT MEETING FOR FLEA MARKET- APRIL 9<sup>th</sup>

I would first like to thank all of the people who attended the March meeting. The next meeting will be Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, in the Parish Center Dining Room at 6:30 PM. Hope to see you there!

We had so many positive comments last time from both parishioners and those outside of our parish. So consider being part of this amazing event. Please think about donating items as you do your spring cleaning. Thank you to all!

# COMMUNITY

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** will be celebrated at **Divine Mercy Parish, 312 Davis St., Scranton (Minooka) on the Second Sunday of Easter, April 12th.** Confessions will be heard from 12 Noon - 2:00 p.m. with praying of the rosary, followed by the celebration of Mass. At 3:00 pm, there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Eucharistic procession and individual blessing of the first-class relic of St. Faustina. A social will follow in the parish hall. For more information, contact the parish office at (570) 344-1724.

### RUMMAGE SALE

**The Confraternity of Christian Mothers of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 116 Hughes St., Swoyersville,** will have their annual Spring Rummage Sale in the **school gym on Monday, April 13th from 9am-5pm, and Tuesday from 9am to 3pm.** Tuesday is \$2/bag day. There will be a bake sale, refreshments, hoagies, hot dogs, & wimpies.

**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.



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**Cash Bingo in Avoca!** You are invited to a Cash Bingo Fundraiser on **Sunday, April 19, 2026, in Queen of the Apostles Parish Hall**. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Bingo begins at 1 p.m. Players must be 18 years of age or older. Cash prizes range from \$50–\$200 per game. Admission: \$25 in advance. \$30 at the door. Food and non-alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase. To purchase tickets, please contact John Labrosky, 570-881-3959.

## 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](http://setonpa.com).

# April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	6 <i>Office Closed</i>	7	8	9 <i>Parish Council- 6:30pm- Parish Dining Hall</i>	10 <i>Treasures- 10am-12pm</i>	11
12 <i>Faith Formation 9-10am</i>	13 <i>Treasures 4-6pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Rosary 6pm</i>	14	15	16 <i>Food Pantry Prep  Women's Society 6:30pm- Parish Dining Hall</i>	17 <i>Food Pantry Treasures- 10am-12pm</i>	18
19 <i>Faith Formation 9-10am</i>	20 <i>Treasures 4-6pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Rosary 6pm</i>	21	22	23	24 <i>Treasures- 10am-12pm</i>	25
26 <i>Faith Formation 9-10am  (Last Class)</i>	27 <i>Treasures 4-6pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Rosary 6pm</i>	28	29	30	1 May <i>Treasures- 10am-12pm</i>	2

## Save the Date

Flea Market– August 15th & 16th

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