

May 3, 2026

Fifth 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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*Congratulations to these children who are receiving their
First Holy Communion this Sunday, May 3rd,
during the 10:30 Mass.*



Alana Angelo
Ella Rose Angelo
Brandon Richard Bartlett
Michael Blake Bartlett
Amelia Ruth Chronowski
Maya Christina Grimes
Ethan Brian Kroll
Jayce John Lord
Lucas James Lord
Natalie Rose Lord
Aubrianna Gisele Williams
Joseph Raymond Woloski

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, April 25 - 4:00pm:

215 people attended

128 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,079.00

Sunday, April 26 - 7:30am:

150 people attended

79 envelopes received

Offering \$1,095.00

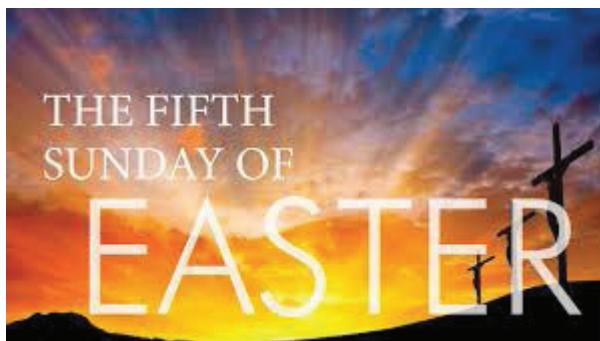
Sunday, April 26 - 10:30am:

229 people attended

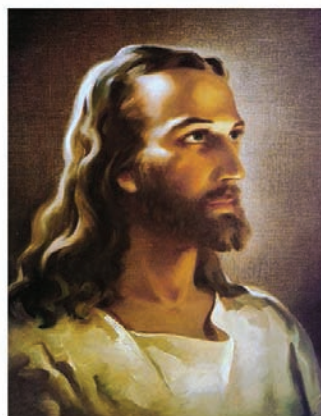
105 envelopes received

Offering: \$1,932.00

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LIFE

WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	May 02	4:00pm	Esther Koonrad Daubert by Mary Kramer Family
Sunday	May 03	7:30am 10:30am	David J. Albert by Paul Makuch Edward Mangan by Wife & Children

DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	May 05	12:15pm	Pearl Woloski by Woloski Family
Wednesday	May 06	12:15pm	Stanley Stanski, Jr. by Family
Thursday	May 07	12:15pm	Thomas W. Nowak by Wife, Mary Lou
Friday	May 08	12:15pm	Paul O. Binker, Jr. by Mom

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	May 09	4:00pm	Delphine Biondi by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Santarelli & Family
Sunday	May 10	7:30am 10:30am	Mother's Day Mother's Day



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Special Intention

The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

May 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

*Creator of the universe,
you made the world in beauty,
and restore all things in glory
through the victory of Jesus Christ.
We pray that, wherever your image is still disfigured by poverty, sickness, selfishness, war and greed, the new creation in Jesus Christ may appear in justice, love, and peace,
to the glory of your name.
Amen.*

First Reading: Acts 6:1 7

During the early growth of the Church, the apostles realized that they needed more disciples in order to carry out effectively the ministry of the Church. The community selected seven men, one of whom was Stephen.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4 9

Citing many uses of the word “stone” in the sayings of Jesus and in the Old Testament, Peter urges the Christians to be “living stones...an edifice of spirit.”

Gospel: John 14:1 12

In this beautiful passage from the words of Jesus at the Last Supper, Jesus promises that he is preparing a place for the apostles. He tells them, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through me.” When Philip asks Jesus to show them the Father, Jesus answers, “Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.”

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter May 3, 2026

“Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to ministry of the word. The proposal was acceptable to the whole community...They presented these men to the apostles who prayed and laid hands upon them.”

The Acts of the Apostles, the story of the life of the primitive church, discloses an important step in the growth and structure of the church. Here we discover the choice of the first deacons, part of the sacrament of Holy Orders. As we reflect on the inspiration of the Spirit and the response of the community, may we look to the needs of the church today.

How aware we are of the need of disciples to serve the church today and for tomorrow. It is a concern for all Catholics. May I take a moment and ask myself, when did I encourage a person to follow the Lord as a priest, deacon or the religious life of a brother or sister? Rather than lament the lack of vocations, may I pray for and encourage others to listen to the call of the Lord. May we pray that those who the Lord is calling today, and He is, may hear and respond.

WORD

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH— MAY

*Each month, a Ministry of the parish is highlighted.
For May our focus will be on Ministry as a role model for
our youth*

Our parish begins the month of May celebrating those receiving the sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time, and ends with the sacrament of Confirmation being performed. It is a great celebration to see our youth being initiated into our faith family. These children are the future of the Church.

As members of the parish, it is our responsibility to be role models for them. We can do this by displaying the power and gravity of Lay Ministry. Take some time to look back at Holy Week and Easter, and then to First Communion and Confirmation. Reflect on their beauty and just how important it is for the lay people of the Church to be involved. St. Paul writes in Corinthians “To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit (Cor1 12:9)”. Everyone has a talent given to us to benefit others. Please pray to become aware of yours and to begin to use it.

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.



Love. Grow. Serve.

WEEKLY READINGS

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday

Acts 6:1-7;
1 Pt 2:4-9;
Jn 14:1-12

Monday

Acts 14:5-18;
Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday

Acts 14:19-28;
Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday

Acts 15:1-6;
Jn 15:1-8

Thursday

Acts 15:7-21;
Jn 15:9-11

Friday

Acts 15:22-31;
Jn 15:12-17

Saturday

Acts 16:1-10;
Jn 15:18-21

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 **May** we will collect **Canned Meats**.

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 Mattie Haczewski

\$20 Kathy & David Miller

In memory of Anne Gerrity

\$100 Martin Gerrity

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)**

**Confirmation— May 17th –
(During 10:30 Mass)
(Confirmation practice— May 13th— 5:30pm)**



The Women's Society invites all parishioners to join with them to honor our mother, Mary, during her special month of May.

On **Thursday, May 7th at 6:00pm**, members will recite the rosary and crown the Blessed Mother, in the Church.

Light refreshments will be served in the parish center following the ceremony.

The Men's Group will be holding its next **meeting on Wednesday, May 6th at 7PM in the Parish Hall**. The meeting will be held after Adoration at 6PM. New members welcome. We will recap the first few months and hold a Bible Study on the early church and "Kerygma". Contact Steve for more information (steve.chronowski@gmail.com or 570-313-7711).

COMMUNITY

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.

MOTHER'S DAY ADOPTION MASS TO BE HELD MAY 10

The Diocese of Scranton will celebrate its annual Mother's Day Adoption Mass on Sunday, May 10, at 10:00 a.m. at the **Cathedral of Saint Peter, 315 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton**.

This liturgy prayerfully recognizes all mothers, with a special emphasis on adoptive and foster mothers. The Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, will be the principal celebrant.

The Mother's Day Adoption Mass is open to the public and all faithful are invited to attend.

CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton will broadcast the Mass live. A livestream will also be provided on the Diocese of Scranton website, YouTube channel and across all Diocesan social media platforms.

The annual **spring concerts of the Catholic Choral Society of Scranton** will be presented on **Friday evening, May 15 at 7:00 PM at Mary Mother of God Parish at Holy Rosary Church at 316 William Street in Scranton and on Sunday evening, May 17 at 7:00 PM at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola at 339 N. Maple Ave., Kingston, PA**. On Friday evening, May 15, at Holy Rosary Church, as part of the program, the Choral Society will celebrate America's 250TH Birthday as well as feature several chorus members and percussionist Monica Spishock. On Sunday evening, May 17, at St. Ignatius Loyola Church, the Choral Society will host MMI Prep School Chorus under the direction of Jennifer Gerhard .

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.

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 <i>First Holy Communion- during 10:30 Mass</i>	4 Treasures 4-6pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Rosary 6pm	5	6 <i>Adoration & Holy Hour - 6pm</i>	7 <i>Women's Society 6:30pm- Parish Dining Hall</i>	8 Treasures- 10am-12pm	9
10 <i>Happy Mother's Day!</i>	11 Treasures 4-6pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Rosary 6pm	12	13 <i>Confirmation Practice- 5:30pm</i>	14 <i>Food Pantry Prep</i>	15 <i>Food Pantry</i> Treasures- 10am-12pm	16
17 <i>Confirmation during 10:30 Mass</i>	18 Treasures 4-6pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Rosary 6pm	19	20 <i>Adoration & Holy Hour - 6pm</i>	21	22 Treasures- 10am-12pm	23
24 <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	25 Treasures 4-6pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Rosary 6pm	26	27 <i>Adoration & Holy Hour - 6pm</i>	28	29 Treasures- 10am-12pm	30

Save the Date

Flea Market– August 15th & 16th

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