

April 26, 2026

Fourth 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:
www.sspeterandpaulplains.com
as well as on the parish Facebook page.

Sunday Stewards

Saturday, April 18 - 4:00pm:

208 people attended

119 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,369.00

Sunday, April 19 - 7:30am:

124 people attended

68 envelopes received

Offering \$1,350.00

Sunday, April 19 - 10:30am:

204 people attended

116 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,794.00

Thank You For Your Generosity.

The Second Collection this weekend will be for Catholic Home Missions Appeal

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



WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

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

DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	Apr 28	12:15pm	Frank Hallas by Mr. & Mrs. Ron Jescavage & Family
Wednesday	Apr 29	12:15pm	Stanley J. Neishel, Jr. by Wife
Thursday	Apr 30	12:15pm	Michael & Frances Wanek by Family
Friday	May 01	12:15pm	Joseph J. Hirko by Hirko Family

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

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



The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

April 26, 2026



*O God,
whose Son Jesus is
the good shepherd
of your people:
Grant that when
we hear his voice
we may know
him who calls us
each by name,
and follow where
he leads;
who, with you
and the Holy
Spirit,
lives and reigns,
one God, for ever
and ever.*

Amen

Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36 - 41

With great authority, Peter proclaims to the people that the Christ who was crucified is indeed the Messiah. Urging them to reform and be baptized in the name of Christ, three thousand responded to his words and were baptized.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20b - 25

This is a strong exhortation from Peter to the people to endure suffering for Christ as he did for them. Healed by his wounds, they have "returned to the shepherd."

Gospel: John 10:1 - 10

Christ uses the beautiful image of the shepherd to describe his care for his sheep. He also says he is the sheepgate and promises that "Whoever enters through me will be safe."

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter April 26, 2026

"The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice...I am the gate, whoever enters through me will be saved."

The church, on the fourth Sunday of Easter, designates this as Good Shepherd Sunday, reflecting the role of Jesus, and we, the members of His flock. Simple words say a lot. 'Hear His voice', 'recognize' that voice, follow the shepherd, leading ultimately to the gift of salvation.

Our chief shepherd, the Vicar of Christ, our Holy Father, is entrusted with the care of the flock, to lead and feed, protect and guard the sacred trust given him, to guide us on the way of salvation. May we attentively, listen to his voice and follow Jesus.

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday

Acts 2:14a, 36-41;
1 Pt 2:20b-25;
Jn 10:1-10

Monday

Acts 11:1-18;
Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday

Acts 11:19-26;
Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday

Acts 12:24-13:5a;
Jn 12:44-50

Thursday

Acts 13:13-25;
Jn 13:16-20

First Friday

Acts 13:26-33;
Jn 14:1-6 or, for the Optional Memorial,

Gn 1:26-2:3 or
Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24;
Mt 13:54-58

First Saturday

Acts 13:44-52;
Jn 14:7-14

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

No donations were received this week.

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)**



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).

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
26 <i>Faith Formation</i> 9-10am (Last Class)	27 Treasures 4-6pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Rosary 6pm	28	29 <i>Adoration & Holy Hour - 6pm</i>	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 <i>Adoration & Holy Hour - 6pm</i>	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>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

Save the Date

Flea Market- August 15th & 16th

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Gospel Today | Fourth Sunday of Easter | John 10: 1-10

JESUS SAYS, " _____ ,"
write your name

come follow Me. I am the Good Shepherd, you are My little lamb and we know each other. I will show you the way to My Father in Heaven."

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.



R	E	V	O	S	S	A	P
M	R	E	T	E	P	G	A
I	U	A	T	L	S	A	S
R	T	I	R	T	S	S	S
A	P	S	A	S	O	S	A
C	I	L	H	O	A	B	G
L	R	E	P	P	M	S	E
E	C	H	E	A	R	T	S
S	S	S	L	A	I	A	A

- Peter
- Passover
- Lamb
- Hearts
- Apostles
- Passages
- Scripture
- Miracles

SWEET as HONEY

Honey, why the lamb costume?

Jesus is the Good Shepherd and I want to be His little lamb!

You are His little lamb, when you love, listen and follow Him.

But, it's so warm & snuggly in here.

Chadwick

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