

February 26, 2023

First 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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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, Feb 18 - 4:00pm:

256 people attended

151 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,932.00

Sunday, Feb 19 - 7:30am:

126 people attended

70 envelopes received

Offering \$1,216.00

Sunday, Feb 19 - 10:30am:

234 people attended

110 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,226.00

Thank You for your Generosity.

Thank you for celebrating Commitment with us this weekend! Your commitment to our parish through *Thanking Our God, Sharing Our Blessings* will continue to bring life to our parish community.

Last week you should have received a brochure introducing Thanking Our God, Sharing Our Blessings. Hopefully you were able to review the materials and prayerfully consider your response.

We ask that all faithful parishioners complete a Commitment Card. A card was included in the mailing. If you do not have the card with you today, you can find one in the church.

Our goal is 100% participation. Thank you for all you do for our parish.

WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	Feb 25	4:00pm	Margaret Janerich by Daughters, Teri & Joanne Rich Winiewicz by Wife & Family
Sunday	Feb 26	7:30am 10:30am	Joseph & Violet Mond by Daughter, Margaret Bernadine Bohn by Mr. & Mrs. Dave Nat & Family

MASSES AT SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Tuesday	Feb 28	12:15pm	Patricia & Robert Voitek by Voitek Family
Wednesday	Mar 01	12:15pm	Anna & Francis Wallace by Daughter, Diane
Thursday	Mar 02	12:15pm	Thomas S. Youngblood by Parents
Friday	Mar 03	12:15pm	Louis Walkowiak by Betty Chaney

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES AT SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Saturday	Mar 04	4pm	Patrick Delasandro by Family Frank Glzenski by Wife, Camille
Sunday	Mar 05	7:30am 10:30am	Joseph Bronack by Delphine Biondi Joseph R. Gronkowski by Wife, Children, & Grandchildren



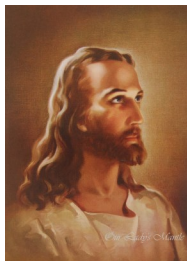
SANCTUARY CANDLE
Sara & Patrick Delasandro

LADY OF THE LOURDES
Sara & Patrick Delasandro

The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

Feb. 26, 2023



*Almighty and
ever living God,
you invite us
deeper into your
world, your Lent.
May this time be
one of outward
focus;
seeking you in
those we often
ignore.
Help us live a
Lent focused on
freedom,
generosity, and
encounter.
Give us hearts
hungry to serve
you
and those who
need what we
have to give.*

Amen

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

This passage from Genesis narrates the creation of man, the temptation by the serpent, and the fall of Adam and Eve.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Paul tells the Romans that Adam's disobedience brought sin and death to the world, but Christ's dying on the cross for us will bring us salvation and life.

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

In preparation for His ministry, Jesus goes into the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. There He is tempted by the devil to give evidence of His miraculous powers, but Jesus resists the devil saying, "Away with you Satan! You shall do homage to the Lord your God; Him alone shall you adore."

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

February 26, 2023

"But the gift is not like the transgression. For by the transgression of the one, the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many... For if, by the transgression of the one, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ."

Our journey of Lent begins today, with our familiar practices of prayer, sacrifice and good works. Our customs and devotions mark the way we will live this time of penance and reconciliation. The Word of God, telling of the fall of our human ancestors and the temptations of Jesus in the desert are familiar to us.

May we take a minute to reflect upon the teaching of Paul in his letter to the Romans. Look at the words he uses, the 'grace of God', the 'gracious gift', 'overflowing for the many', that's us.

We begin this time seeking the 'abundance of grace' and the 'gift of justification', which Jesus won for us, and offers us today. May we move from words to allow the grace of God fill us. May we live each day this week thanking Him for the gift and treasure, the grace of this season.

'The Lord your God shall you worship and Him alone shall you serve.'

WORD

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH –MARCH

*Each month, a Ministry of the parish is highlighted.
For March we will reflect on Lent*

We are now in the season of Lent. For many of us, Lent is a time that something is “given up”. It could be a vice, a habit we are trying to break, or a particular food. But Lent could also mean a time for growth. This year, maybe try to participate in a Ministry. If you enjoy singing, attend choir practice. Become a Lector if you have the desire to read the Word of God to the parish at weekend Masses. If social service sounds interesting, volunteer or donate to our social service Ministries, such as Treasures and/or the Food Pantry. Saints Peter and Paul Parish has a number of Ministries that could always use the help and enthusiasm of our parish members. What begins as a Lenten promise just may turn into a lifetime of virtue!

Peter reads “As each one has received a gift use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace” (1 Peter 4:10). Please consider using your gift of faith to serve others.

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.



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Parish Office 570-825-6663

WEEKLY READINGS

First Sunday of Lent

Sunday

Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7;
Rom 5:12-19 or

5:12, 17-19;
Mt 4:1-11

Monday

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18;
Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday

Is 55:10-11;
Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday

Jon 3:1-10;
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday

Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25;
Mt 7:7-12

First Friday

Ez 18:21-28;
Mt 5:20-26

First Saturday

Dt 26:16-19;
Mt 5:43-48

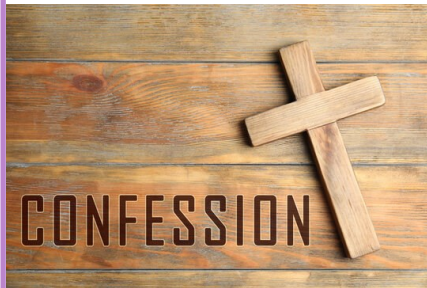
Lent

“The annual observance of Lent is the special season for the ascent to the holy mountain of Easter. Through its twofold theme of repentance and baptism, the season of Lent disposes both the catechumens and the faithful to celebrate the paschal mystery. Catechumens are led to the sacraments of initiation by means of the rite of election, the scrutinies, and catechesis. The faithful, listening more intently to the word of God and devoting themselves to prayers, are prepared through a spirit of repentance to renew their baptismal promises (Ceremonial of Bishops, 249).

Lent runs from Ash Wednesday until the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, which then begins the Sacred Paschal Triduum.

The Light Is On For You

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will begin Monday, February 27, of the first week of Lent, and continue through March 27 of the fifth week of Lent, from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. Please try to celebrate this sacrament during this time of Lent.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction

The Wednesdays of Lent, March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29th, we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction at 5:30pm. Each Wednesday we will have a brief reflection on the Eucharist. Please try to join us in our journey to the heart of Christ.

Stations of the Cross

On Fridays of Lent, we will pray the Stations of the Cross immediately after 12:15 Mass. Additionally, we will pray the Stations at 5:30pm with Adoration and Benediction.



February/March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27 Rosary 6pm Treasures 5-7pm	28	1 March Choir Practice 6:30pm	2 Women's Society 6:30- Parish Dining Hall	3 Treasures 10am-12pm	4
5	6 Rosary 6pm Treasures 5-7pm	7	8 Choir Practice 6:30pm	9 Parish Council 6:30- Parish Dining Hall	10 Treasures 10am-12pm	11
12	13 Rosary 6pm Treasures 5-7pm	14	15 Choir Practice 6:30pm	16 Food Pantry Prep	17 Food Pantry Treasures 10am-12pm	18
19	20 Rosary 6pm Treasures 5-7pm	21	22 Choir Practice 6:30pm	23	24 Treasures 10am-12pm	25



The Bernardine Hall is open for reservations! Our newly renovated spacious event hall is perfect for weddings, parties, corporate events, fundraisers, and more. We have plenty of tables, chairs, space, and parking for every event. You can choose from our list of approved caterers.

The Parish Dining Room is also available for rentals. This room is perfect for any of the smaller events like Baptism luncheons, Wedding rehearsal dinners, business meetings, and more.

For more information about renting the hall for your events, please email Amy Vissotski hallrental@sspeterandpaulplains.com

or call the Parish Office at 570-825-6663.

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 **February** we will collect **cereal**.

Food Pantry

Anyone in the Plains, Miners Mills, and Parsons area in need of food can **contact Pauline at 570-472-1646 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 clean, gently used **Winter clothing** for men, women, and children. Donations may be dropped off during business hours only.
Mondays 5pm-7pm & Fridays 10am-12 pm.

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 at 570-825-6663 or call Mary Jo at 570-333-5041.

Saints Peter & Paul Parish Ministries

Pauline Makowski, *Food Pantry*

Mary Jo Marek, *Prayer Shawl*

Laura Rudloff, *Treasures*

Kathy Grinaway, *Hospitality*

Irene Martin, *Women's Society of Saints Peter & Paul*

Sister Madonna, *Outreach to Homebound*

Plains Sr. Citizens will hold their bi-monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 1st., in Bernardine Hall at Saints Peter & Paul Church.

A lite luncheon will be served starting at 12:00.

The meeting will begin promptly at 1:00.

After the meeting refreshments will be served followed by Bingo.

New members are always welcome!

For information or directions please contact Mike Boncheck (President) at 570-817-7532 or E-mail seabeemjb@yahoo.com

All women of the parish, their families and friends, are invited to enrich the Lenten Season by attending a **retreat, sponsored by the Women's Society**, to be held on **Saturday, March 4th in the Parish Dining Hall, from 9 AM to 3 PM**. We are pleased to announce that the retreat moderator will be Father Brogan Ryan, C.S.C. Ordained in 2019, Father Ryan serves as the Director of Campus Ministry and College Chaplain at King's College. Cost of \$30 includes morning coffee and pastries and lunch. To reserve, please contact Irene Martin at 570-574-4519 or imartin9647@gmail.com. Your payment is your reservation; there will be a 40 person limit.

OUR PARISH CEMETERIES

Beginning in April, our staff will be cleaning and doing maintenance of all our Parish's cemeteries. If you have any holiday decorations on the graves of your loved ones, and would like to keep them, please remove them **before March 1st**. Otherwise, they will be disposed of.

***We have also received phone calls about ground settling around multiple graves, creating holes. Be mindful that this is normal due to the nature of the ground thawing, and will be addressed as soon as the weather permits us to fix the holes correctly. Thank you for your patience as we survey all our cemeteries.

COMMUNITY

Volunteers Needed for After-School Program

Do you enjoy working with children? Are you patient and understanding? Do you have a few hours a week available to make a difference in a child's life? If so, call the McGlynn Center at 570-824-8891 for more information.

LENTEN POTATO PANCAKE SALES AT ST. JOHN'S

St. John the Evangelist Parish, 35 William Street in Pittston, will be selling homemade **Potato Pancakes** on the Fridays of Lent except for St. Patrick's Day, March 17. Pancakes are 3 for \$5.00 with applesauce and sour cream available for an additional 50 cents each. Pre-orders and pre-payment only; orders must be placed by Thursday of each week by calling the parish office at 570-654-0053. Pick-up on Fridays (Feb. 24, Mar. 3, 10, 24 and 31) from 5-7 p.m. in the Pastoral Center auditorium entrance on Church Street.

A Potato Pancake and Lenten Food Sale will be held at **Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 215 Lackawanna Ave., Dupont, on Friday, March 17, from 11am to 6pm**. Homemade potato pancakes, halushki, butternut squash soup and lentil soup will be offered. \$20 a dozen for the potato pancakes.

Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement.

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24 hour Child Abuse hotline (Childline) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary B Pacuska at 570-862-7551

To begin His ministry Jesus prayed, fasted and avoided sin as He spent 40 days in the desert praying to God. He believed the Holy Spirit would be with Him.

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Believe... in the power of prayer

Pretzels shaped like praying arms remind us of the rewards of our prayers.

Eat a pretzel after your prayer this week.



Dear God,
This week I pray for these people I love.

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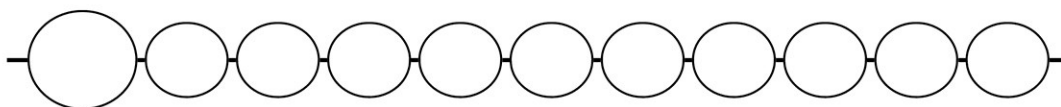
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Add as many people as you want to the list.

The First Sorrowful Mystery - The Agony in the Garden

Think about this mystery before praying.
In the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus prayed to God about what was to take place.



This week: Say an Our Father and color the large bead - say 10 Hail Mary's and color each small bead. End with the Glory Be to the Father. Think about Jesus praying to God, "Thy will be done".

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