

**March 12, 2023**

**Third 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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# SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH

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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 04 - 4:00pm:

280 people attended

179 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,613.00

Sunday, March 05 - 7:30am:

140 people attended

85 envelopes received

Offering \$1,866.00

Sunday, March 05 - 10:30am:

269 people attended

105 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,250.00

*Thank You for your Generosity.*

***The Second Collection  
last weekend for  
Care and Education of Priests  
\$1,386.00***

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card to the church. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a letter will be mailed to you with a personalized Commitment Card. Each and every one of you is a vital member of our parish community and we want to hear from you! This is an opportunity to **reflect upon and renew** your sacrificial commitment to support the mission of Saints Peter and Paul. For those who are able – there is an opportunity to make a one-time gift to the parish.

# WORSHIP

## WE REMEMBER

### MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	Mar 11	4:00pm	<b>Dorothy Sheraski</b> by Nieces & Nephews
Sunday	Mar 12	7:30am	<b>Andrew A. Katsock, Jr.</b> by Wife & Family
		10:30am	<b>Sadie Barkovitz</b> by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Barkovitz & Mr. & Mrs. Mike Haydu

### MASSES AT SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Tuesday	Mar 14	12:15pm	<b>Ceil Toloczko (A)</b> by Daughter, Sandra
Wednesday	Mar 15	12:15pm	<b>Andrea Yakabovicz</b> by Angie & Whitey
Thursday	Mar 16	12:15pm	<b>Joseph, Marie, &amp; Theresa Mond</b> by Sister, Margaret
Friday	Mar 17	12:15pm	<b>Dolores Korecki</b> by Husband & Family

### NEXT WEEKEND MASSES AT SAINTS PETER & PAUL

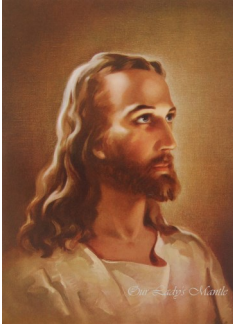
Saturday	Mar 18	4pm	<b>Dorothy Vearling</b> by Husband
Sunday	Mar 19	7:30am	<b>Eleanor Gall</b> by Daughters
		10:30am	<b>Louis Luchetti</b> by Luchetti Children



# The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

March 12, 2023



*Create a clean heart  
in me, O God:  
a humble heart,  
a meek heart,  
a peaceful heart,  
a benevolent heart,  
a devout heart  
which does evil to no  
one,  
which does not  
repay evil for evil,  
but overcomes evil  
with good,  
which loves you  
above all things,  
thinks always about  
you,  
speaks about you,  
gives you thanks,  
delights in hymns  
and spiritual songs,  
and has its  
citizenship in  
heaven.  
  
Amen.*

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

This story from Exodus reveals that the Israelites, after their escape from Egypt, cast all blame for their sufferings on Moses. In this instance, they were dying of thirst. When Moses appealed to the Lord, the Lord directed Moses to strike a rock and water would gush forth.

### Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Paul reminds the Romans that because Christ died for all people, they are acceptable in God's sight.

### Gospel: John 4:5-42

Jesus converses with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's Well. When Jesus indicates that whoever drinks from the water He gives will never be thirsty again, the woman immediately answers, "Give me this water, sir...". Jesus then reveals that she has had five husbands and tells her that He is the Messiah. The woman believes Jesus and proclaims this news to all the townspeople, who believe her and come to see Jesus.

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

### Third Sunday of Lent March 12, 2023

**"Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'... Jesus answered and said to her, 'If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you 'Give me a drink', you would have asked him and he would have given you living water... But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him.'"**

The wonderful conversation of Jesus shows the patience of Jesus in bringing the woman to conversion. He is patient with her, and her openness and curiosity moves her to a new relationship with God.

Our Lenten prayer and practice is our chance to respond to the patient love and concern that Jesus has for us all.

We listen to His Word and learn as she did that He is a Jew, a teacher, the Messiah.

Then she leaves to tell others. Our prayer conversation calls us in the same way. This week, as you look for something to drink, remember Jesus has a thirst for us today as well.



# 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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## WEEKLY READINGS

### Third Sunday of Lent

#### Sunday

Ex 17:3-7;  
Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;  
Jn 4:5-42 or  
4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

#### Monday

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab;  
Lk 4:24-30

#### Tuesday

Dn 3:25, 34-43;  
Mt 18:21-35

#### Wednesday

Dt 4:1, 5-9;  
Mt 5:17-19

#### Thursday

Jer 7:23-28;  
Lk 11:14-23

#### Friday

Hos 14:2-10;  
Mk 12:28-34

#### Saturday

Hos 6:1-6;  
Lk 18:9-14

## 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 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.



## March/April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12	13 <b>Confessions 5:30-7pm</b> Rosary 6pm Treasures 5-7pm	14	15 <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &amp; Benediction 5:30pm</b> Choir Practice 6:30pm	16 <b>Food Pantry Prep</b>	17 <b>Stations after 12:15pm Mass &amp; 5:30pm Food Pantry Treasures 10am-12pm</b>	18
19	20 <b>Confessions 5:30-7pm</b> Rosary 6pm Treasures 5-7pm	21	22 <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &amp; Benediction 5:30pm</b> Choir Practice 6:30pm	23	24 <b>Stations after 12:15pm Mass &amp; 5:30pm Treasures 10am-12pm</b>	25
26	27 <b>Confessions 5:30-7pm</b> Rosary 6pm Treasures 5-7pm	28	29 <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &amp; Benediction 5:30pm</b> Choir Practice 6:30pm	30	31 <b>Stations after 12:15pm Mass &amp; 5:30pm Treasures 10am-12pm</b>	1 April
2	3 Rosary 6pm Treasures 5-7pm	4	5 Choir Practice 6:30pm	6	7	8



**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](mailto: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 **March** we will collect **canned vegetables**.

### 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 **Spring/Summer clothing** for men, women, and children. Donations may be dropped off during business hours only.

### 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*

## 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

\$20 Elizabeth Kupstas

\$25 Deborah Bronack

\$50 Anonymous

### In Memory of Courtney Boyle

\$25 Tony & Karen Albert

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.

**Plains Sr. Citizens will hold their bi-monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 15th, 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.**

**Reservations with deposits for the Christmas Show in December will be accepted at this time.**

**After the meeting refreshments will be served followed by Bingo.**

**New members are always welcome! You do not have to be a resident of Plains or member of Saints Peter and Paul to belong.**

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



# COMMUNITY

**The Annual Novena to St. Joseph** begins **this weekend** at the **Oblates of St. Joseph Chapel, Route 315, Laflin**. Masses are held daily at 12 Noon and 7:00 p.m. Novena preacher: Passionist Father Mark Ward, CP. Masses are preceded with confessions and praying of the rosary, concluding with novena devotions. The Novena continues all week, concluding on the Feast of St. Joseph, Monday, March 20th, with a special Noon Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph Bambera.

**Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 215 Lackawanna Ave, Dupont**, will host a **Giant Indoor Flea Market** in the church hall on **Saturday, March 18, from 9 am to 3 pm** and **Sunday, March 19, from 8:30 to 11:30 am**. Hot foods will be available for purchase on March 18 and \$3 bag day will be held on March 19.

## **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.

**Gorzkie zale**, the traditional Polish-language Lenten devotion known as the **"Bitter Lamentations,"** will be held on **Sunday, March 26, at 3 pm in Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 215 Lackawanna Ave., Dupont**. The devotion is a sung reflection on the Passion of Christ and his Sorrowful Mother. Fr. Eric Fasano, V.G. of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, N.Y. will be the guest homilist. A light reception will follow in the church hall. All are invited to attend.

Our parish will host an **American Red Cross blood drive on Monday, March 27th from 1:00 to 6:00 PM at Bernardine Hall**. Appointments are required. Register at [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) - find a drive - see times or call 1-800-733-2767. Every pint donated benefits three patients.

## **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](http://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

# Believe... Share with others

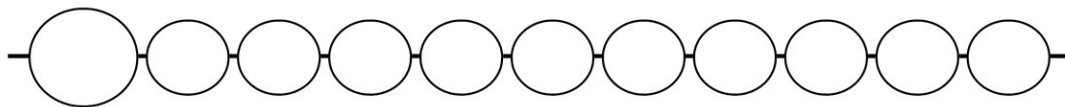
This week I can share my time, talents and treasure. What will I do?

Write down how you plan to share with others for each day of the week.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY

## The Third Sorrowful Mystery - The Crowning of Thorns

Think about this mystery before praying.  
The Holy Spirit stayed with Jesus through  
His final days.



*Through our baptismal water the Holy Spirit came to stay with you and guide you.  
This third week of Lent, what can you do for others with help from the Holy Spirit?*

**This week:** Say an Our Father and color the large bead - say 10 Hail Mary's and color each small bead. End with Glory Be to the Father.

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