

March 26, 2023

Fifth 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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Wednesday: 8am—2pm

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Friday: 8am –Noon

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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, March 18 - 4:00pm:

274 people attended

160 envelopes received

Offering: \$3,275.00

Sunday, March 19 - 7:30am:

95 people attended

67 envelopes received

Offering \$1,615.00

Sunday, March 19 - 10:30am:

248 people attended

108 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,573.00

Thank You for your Generosity.

In recent weeks, we have spoken about Thanking Our God, Sharing Our Blessings. Our parish has so much to offer to those in the Plains community. We are a beacon of hope for those in need, for those suffering and for those who are searching and in the need of our prayers and assistance. We also accompany our parish family through the administration of the sacraments, the celebration of Mass, and our ministries. We are so blessed to be able to serve so many in our parish and community!

We are called by God to advance the mission of the church and to build up God's Kingdom here in Plains. The reality is that we will always need resources to do God's work.

Many of you already submitted your Commitment Card to the parish and have committed your offertory support to continue to advance our parish mission. Thank you! At the same time, many of you have not yet submitted your Commitment Card. Our goal through this initiative is 100% participation from our parish community. Please turn in your Commitment Card this week, if you have not already done so.

I thank you for your generosity, and I am humbled by your sacrifice.

May the Lord continue to bless us and the work we are doing!

Fr. Jack

WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

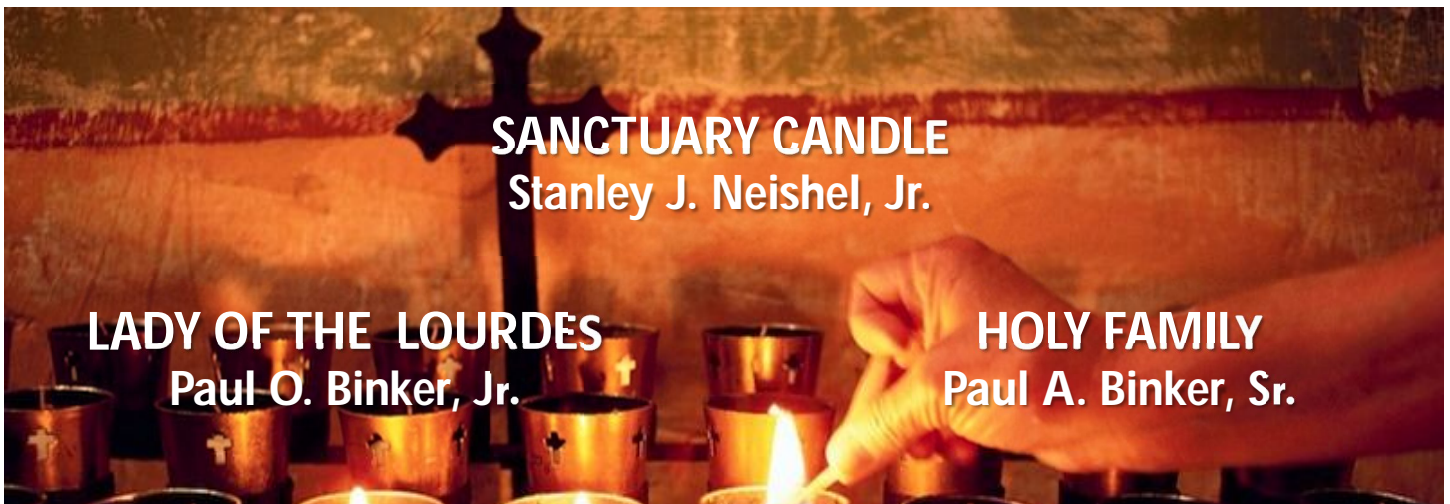
Saturday	Mar 25	4:00pm	Edmund Suchocki by Mary Suchocki & Family
Sunday	Mar 26	7:30am 10:30am	Susan Kapinas by Husband, Tony Gerald Ritsick, Sr. by Wife & Sons

DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	Mar 28	12:15pm	Eric Yakabovicz by Angie & Whitey
Wednesday	Mar 29	12:15pm	Vince Miskewicz by Monica & Joe Chulvick
Thursday	Mar 30	12:15pm	Harold Golomb by Dr. Bernard & Sandy Frantz
Friday	Mar 31	12:15pm	Craig Zagropski by Debra Hazeltine

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	April 01	4:00pm	Helen Mullen by Brother, Paul Muczynski
Sunday	April 02	7:30am 10:30am	Sean Kane by Kevin & Mickey Kane Ann Marie Wysocki Hicks by Ray & Mary Jo Marek



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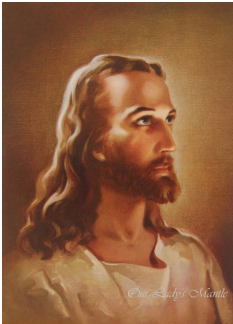
LADY OF THE LOURDES
Paul O. Binker, Jr.

HOLY FAMILY
Paul A. Binker, Sr.

The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

March 26, 2023



*Almighty and
Everlasting God,
You have given the
human race
Jesus Christ our
Savior as a model of
humility.
He fulfilled Your
Will by becoming
Man
And giving His life
on the Cross.
Help us to bear
witness to You
By following His
example of suffering
And make us
worthy to share in
His Resurrection.
We ask this through
our Lord Jesus
Christ, Your Son.*

Amen.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

This reading is a loving promise that the Lord will put His spirit into his people and will let them live.

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Paul reminds the Romans that they are not people of the flesh but people of the Spirit because the Spirit of God dwells in them.

Gospel: John 11:1-45

In great detail, John tells the story of the raising of Lazarus to life. Upon learning of the death of Lazarus, his dear friend, Jesus goes to comfort Martha and Mary. After proclaiming, "I am the Resurrection and the Life", Jesus goes to the tomb of Lazarus and restores him to life.

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent March 26, 2023

"Thus says the Lord God: O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the Lord... O my people! I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon the land; thus you shall know that I am the Lord. I have promised, and I will do it, says the Lord."

Lent offers us the opportunity to consider the death of the Lord, but also the glory of new life, the resurrection. The prophet Ezekiel has God speaking to us of our promised resurrection from the grave which awaits us all. What he wrote centuries before Christ and the resurrection of Jesus' friend Lazarus, is a promise for us all.

We avoid speaking about death, yet know that we are to die and rise to receive our just reward.

It is that promised spirit who fills us today to offer us the gift of life. Jesus is the resurrection and the life. We are comforted by Jesus' words, 'Father I thank you for hearing my prayer, I know that you always hear me... I have said this that they may believe that you sent me.'

Jesus wishes that we may live, but His life follows death.

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.



Love. Grow. Serve.

Contact: Kathy Grinaway –
ministries@sspeterandpaulplains.com or
Parish Office 570-825-6663

WEEKLY READINGS

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday

Ez 37:12-14;
Rom 8:8-11;
Jn 11:1-45 or
11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62
or
13:41c-62;
Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday

Nm 21:4-9;
Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95;
Jn 8:31-42

Thursday

Gn 17:3-9;
Jn 8:51-59

Friday

Jer 20:10-13;
Jn 10:31-42

First Saturday

Ez 37:21-28;
Jn 11:45-56

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

This Wednesday, March 29th, we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction at 5:30pm. 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.



Saints Peter & Paul Parish Triduum Schedule

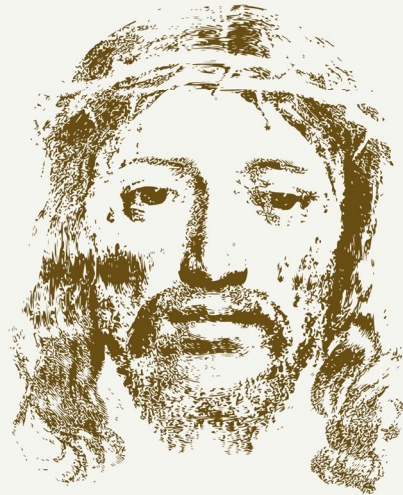
HOLY THURSDAY 7PM

church will be open until 10PM for private prayer

GOOD FRIDAY 12PM

HOLY SATURDAY - 8PM
EASTER VIGIL

EASTER SUNDAY 7:30AM
10:30AM



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Come and celebrate with us!

March/April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27 Confessions 5:30-7pm Rosary 6pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm	28	29 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction 5:30pm Choir Practice 6:30pm	30	31 Stations after 12:15pm Mass & 5:30pm Treasures 10am-12pm	1 April
2	3 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	4	5 Choir Practice 6:30pm	6	7 Office Closed	8
9	10 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	11	12 Choir Practice 6:30pm	13 Pastoral Council 6:30- Parish Dining Hall	14 Treasures 10am-12pm	15
16	17 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	18	19 Choir Practice 6:30pm	20 Food Pantry Prep	21 Food Pantry Treasures 10am-12pm	22



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 **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

\$50 Vincent Zdanowicz

\$50 Anonymous

In Memory of Rita Augustine

\$300 Rice Industries LLC

\$100 Tony Asfor

In Memory of Christopher Finnan

\$500 Joseph & Camilla Finnan

In Memory of Arlene Angeli

\$40 John & Karel Zubris

In Memory of Anthony Shubzda

\$100 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Mravcak

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.



COMMUNITY

Holy Redeemer High School is now hiring a Maintenance Staff member for Monday-Friday 7am-3pm. This full-time, salaried position includes benefits and a competitive salary. Send resume to:

Holy Redeemer High School

Attn: Doreen Dougherty

159 S. Pennsylvania Blvd.

Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701

Questions? Call 570-829-2424 or email ddougherty@holyredeemerhs.org

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.

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

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Gospel Today Fifth Sunday of Lent | John 11:1-45

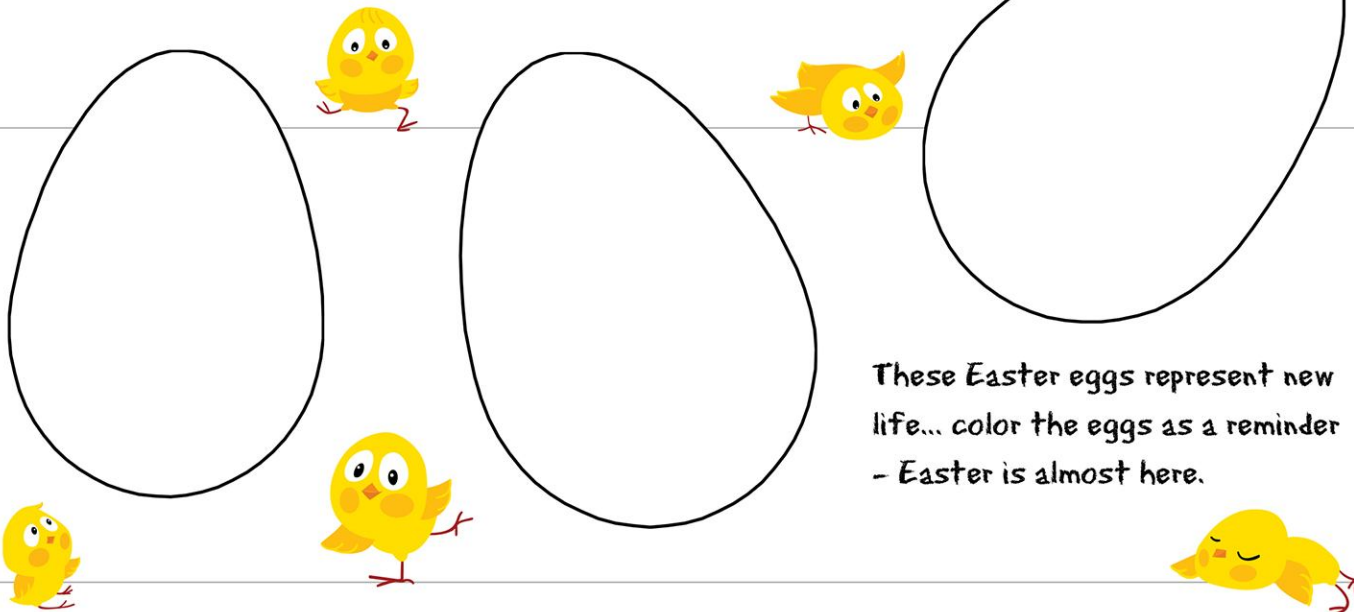
Jesus went to the home of Martha and Mary four days after their brother Lazarus was buried. They were all very sad and crying. Jesus went to the tomb and called in a loud voice, "Lazarus come out!" When Lazarus came out of the tomb many people saw and **believed**.

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Believe... in new life



Jesus said to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life... whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" Yes Lord, she told Him, "I believe." *John 11:20-27*



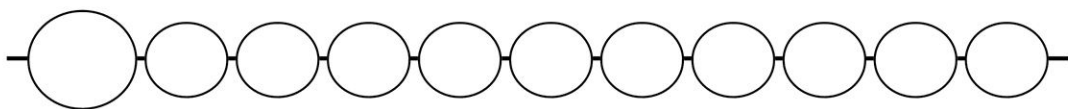
These Easter eggs represent new life... color the eggs as a reminder - Easter is almost here.

The Fifth Sorrowful Mystery - The Crucifixion and Death of our Lord

Think about how today we see Lazarus come back to earthly life and we know that following the sadness of the death of Jesus, He will rise and bring us new life - eternal life.



Lent is almost over - are you prepared?



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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