

February 18, 2024

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. 10 - 4:00pm:

222 people attended

155 envelopes received

Offering: \$3,067.00

Sunday, Feb. 11 - 7:30am:

112 people attended

83 envelopes received

Offering \$1,651.00

Sunday, Feb. 11 - 10:30am:

227 people attended

121 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,317.00

Thank You for your Generosity.

First Sunday of Lent

Stations of the Cross

Stations will be held every Friday during Lent after the 12:15 mass, and 5:30pm at Saints Peter and Paul Church.

OUR PARISH CEMETERIES

Beginning in **March**, 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.

WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	Feb. 17	4:00pm	Bridget Serafin by Edward Serafin
Sunday	Feb. 18	7:30am 10:30am	Mr. & Mrs. John Kelly by Kelly Phillips Robert Lorusso by Mary

DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	Feb. 20	12:15pm	Edmund & Mary Suchocki by Daughters
Wednesday	Feb. 21	12:15pm	Irene Martin by Stella
Thursday	Feb. 22	12:15pm	Marie Pisack by Ann Marie Fallon
Friday	Feb. 23	12:15pm	Deborah Smith by Molly & Dennis Bieryla

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	Feb. 24	4:00pm	Catherine Pascucci by Bill & Nancy O'Donnell
Sunday	Feb. 25	7:30am 10:30am	Peter Jastremski by Daughters, Phyllis & Karen Margaret Janerich by Daughters, Terri & Joanne



SANCTUARY CANDLE
Hilda Kalinowski

HOLY FAMILY
Bronack Family

The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

February 18, 2024

*God,
As we take this
journey
That draws us
ever closer to you
Walk with us
Sustain us,
Nurture us.*

*God, as we go
through
The wilderness of
lent and of our
lives,
Send your manna
to us,
give us wisdom to
turn from
temptation
Keep us in your
paths of love,
mercy and grace.
Lord help us to
remember we are
not alone
but that we are
walking with our
fellow/sister
travelers.*

Amen

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

God made a promise to Noah that he would never again devastate the entire planet with a flood. He also told Noah that the symbol of this promise would be a rainbow in the clouds.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

This letter from Peter reminds all people that Christ died for us so that we might be led to God. We have been saved by our baptism; not a physical cleansing, but a promise to continually strive to obey God.

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

Mark briefly tells of Jesus' stay in the desert, where he was tested by Satan. He did not give in to temptation, but reappeared in Galilee to proclaim the good news.

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

First Sunday of Lent February 18, 2024

"This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and of every living creature with you. I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth... Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God. 'This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel.'"

We heard the same words when the blessed ashes were signed in the form of a cross on our foreheads this past Wednesday. We begin this season of repentance and renewal, because we are the ones in need. The covenant of God, made with Abraham and Moses, was renewed through the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus.

At the last supper Jesus told us that the content of the chalice was His blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant poured out for us for the forgiveness of sins. We embark on this period of prayer grateful for the opportunity to amend our lives, as this Lent is to be different than any other.

As we observe our wayward world, we see the need for renewal, a renewal in our spiritual life, which begins with me. I will allow the kingdom of God to be truly present for me. By my prayer, sacrifice and good works that kingdom becomes real.

WORD

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH –FEBRUARY

*Each month, a Ministry of the parish is highlighted.
For February we will focus on love of neighbor and sacrifices*

This year Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day both fall on the same day- Wednesday, February 14th. While to some this may be seen to be an inconvenience, it is actually a blessing and an opportunity. A blessing because we will honor the Lord in love through the sacrifices of fasting and abstinence. It is an opportunity in that it gives us time to reflect on how love, sacrifice, and ministry within the church are intertwined. We love so many people in so many different ways- spouses, children, friends, and relatives, to name a few. But we are bound by God to love all creatures. "For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them"(Luke 6:32). Jesus fasted, even though He had been tempted by the devil, because of His love for us. In return, we not only fast on Ash Wednesday, but many of us make our own to fasts for the foods or objects we enjoy. This also is to honor God.

Now, we can take this love and the act of fasting and also perform it through church ministry. Donate the food you are not eating to the Food Pantry, or some of the extra clothing you have to Treasures. Sacrifice to God by attending mass every Sunday, or, if able, at one or more of the daily Masses each week at 12:15. Attend the Stations of the Cross. Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Become an usher or a lector. If you enjoy giving praise to God through song, consider this Lent signing up for the choir. These are just a few suggestions, and I am sure you can think of even more!

So you can see how love, sacrifice, and ministry are bound together. Pray on this, and you may discover much in your heart this Lenten season.

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

First Sunday of Lent

Sunday

Gn 9:8-15;
1 Pt 3:18-22;
Mk 1:12-15

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

1 Pt 5:1-4;
Mt 16:13-19

Friday

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

Saturday

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

February/March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18	19 <i>Office Closed</i> Treasures 5-7pm	20	21 <i>Choir Practice-</i> 6:30pm	22	23 Treasures 10am-12pm	24
25 <i>Faith Formation</i> 9-10am	26 Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	27	28 <i>Choir Practice-</i> 6:30pm	29 <i>Night at the Races</i> <i>Meeting 6:30pm-</i> <i>Parish Dining Hall</i>	1 <i>March</i> Treasures 10am-12pm	2
3 <i>Faith Formation</i> 9-10am	4 Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	5	6 <i>Choir Practice-</i> 6:30pm	7 <i>Women's Society</i> 6:30pm– <i>Parish Center</i> <i>Dining Hall</i>	8 Treasures 10am-12pm	9
10 <i>Faith Formation</i> 9-10am	11 Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	12	13 <i>Choir Practice-</i> 6:30pm	14 <i>Parish Council</i> 6:30pm– <i>Parish Center</i> <i>Dining Hall</i> <i>Food Pantry Prep</i>	15 <i>Food Pantry</i> Treasures 10am-12pm	16 <i>Night at the Races-</i> <i>Doors open at 6:00-</i> <i>Bernardine Hall</i>

Save the Dates

Night at the Races - March 16th

Purse Bingo - April 21st

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, pasta, & spaghetti sauce**.

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 at 155 Austin Ave in Parsons 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

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*

Sister Madonna, *Outreach to Homebound*

Plains Senior Citizens will hold their Bi-Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, February 21, 2024 in Bernardine Hall at Saints Peter & Paul Church on Hudson Road in Plains Township.

A lite luncheon will be served at 12:00 and the meeting will start promptly at 1:00.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting 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 Parish to belong.

For information or directions

Call: Michael Boncheck (570) 817-7532 or

E-mail: seabeemjb@yahoo.com





**Saints Peter and Paul Church will hold a Night at the Races in
Bernardine Hall on Saturday, March 16th.**

Doors open at 6:00pm –Post Time is 7:00pm.

Admission is \$10.00– and includes Food (Haluski, Whimpies, Ziti, Pierogies, Hot
Dogs, and Pizza) and Refreshments.

Must be 21 years of age to enter.

\$10.00 per horse - \$100.00 per Sponsor per Race.

Horses and Admission Tickets will be sold after all Masses.

If you would like to donate, we need the following items:

Hot dog buns, Hamburger buns, Chips, Pretzels, Soda, Water, & Desserts.

**Please call the Parish Office (570-825-6663) if you are going to donate any of
these items OR if you would like to purchase a ticket or horse.**

We hope everyone contributes to this Church fundraiser by buying a horse and
attending this fun night out!

HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE THERE!

The next **meeting** for the **Night at the Races** will be held on
Thursday, **February 29th, at 6:30pm** in
The Parish Dining Hall.



Pot of Gold Basket

Buy a horse for our **Night at the Races** to get an entry to win the **Pot of Gold Basket**.

(Basket includes liquor, cash, lottery tickets, and goodies). Receive one ticket for each horse you purchase. We will also have two additional door prizes (**two tickets for our upcoming Purse Bingo** in April, and a beautiful **Cross and Prayer Shawl**) donated by the Saints Peter and Paul

Counting Group and our Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Purse Bingo

Date: April 21st

Tickets are now available

\$30 in Advance- \$40 at Door

Tickets can also be purchased on website.

If anyone would like to volunteer and be on the Purse Bingo Committee, please call the office and we will add your name to the list. We will call you if needed.

We would also greatly appreciate any monetary or basket donations.

Saints Peter and Paul Parish

Pastor:
Rev. John C. Lambert

Wilkes-Barre Deanery

- Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Hanover Township
- Our Lady, Help of Christians, Dorrance
- Our Lady of Fatima, Wilkes-Barre
- Our Lady of Hope, Wilkes-Barre
- Saint Andrew, Wilkes-Barre
- Saint Elizabeth, Bear Creek
- Saint Jude, Mountain Top
- Saint Leo the Great, Ashley
- Saint Nicholas, Wilkes-Barre
- Saint Robert Bellarmine, Wilkes-Barre
- Saints Peter and Paul, Plains

PARISH DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Number of Households	1246	1483	1306	935	952
Number of Parishioners	1993	-	2115	-	1510
Total Number of Weekend Masses	3	3	3	3	3
Total Average Weekend Mass Attendance	560	552	465	304	675

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Baptisms	28	17	24	31	13
First Holy Communions	14	36	12	26	12
Confirmations	26	15	28	28	28
RCIA/Baptism	0	3	0	0	2
RCIA/Full Communion	0	0	0	2	1
Marriages	2	3	1	2	0
Funerals	86	69	57	-	56

FAITH FORMATION PARTICIPATION

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Religious Education K-8	91	109	117	168	169
Religious Education 9-12	0	0	0	0	0
Catholic School Students	6	39	12	-	-
Adult Faith Formation	0	1	0	0	0

*All data in this report has been supplied to the Diocese by your Parish. 2023 data is from July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023.



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*Creating Parish Communities
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