

**March 3, 2024**

**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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Office Hours:

Monday: 8am—4pm

Tuesday: 8am—4pm

Wednesday: 8am—2pm

Thursday: 8am—4pm

Friday: 8am—Noon

*\*Closed daily Noon—12:30pm\**

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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](http://www.sspeterandpaulplains.com)  
as well as on the parish Facebook page.

## Sunday Stewards

Saturday, Feb. 24 - 4:00pm:

274 people attended

155 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,658.00

Sunday, Feb. 25 - 7:30am:

101 people attended

73 envelopes received

Offering \$1,203.00

Sunday, Feb. 25 - 10:30am:

220 people attended

100 envelopes received

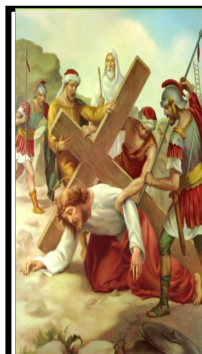
Offering: \$2,022.00

*Thank You for your Generosity.*

***The Second Collection this weekend  
will be for  
The Care and Education of Priests***

## The Light Is On For You

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)** will be on **Monday, March 4th** and continue **each Monday through March 25th** from **5:00pm to 7:00pm**. Please try to celebrate this sacrament during this time 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.

# WORSHIP

## WE REMEMBER

### MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	Mar 02	4:00pm	<b>Michael &amp; Mark McGivney</b> by Father, Patrick and Connor <b>Frank Glazenski</b> by Wife
Sunday	Mar. 03	7:30am 10:30am	<b>Joseph Ulichney</b> by Wife <b>Joseph R. Gronkowski</b> by Wife, Children & Grandchildren <b>Matthew Vinciarelli</b> by Kathryn Lambert

### DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	Mar. 05	12:15pm	<b>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Peter Nat</b> by Dave & Judy Nat & Family
Wednesday	Mar. 06	12:15pm	<b>Karen Malacheski</b> by Susan Bulzoni
Thursday	Mar. 07	12:15pm	<b>Robert Lutecki, Jr</b> by Joseph & Monica Chulvick
Friday	Mar. 08	12:15pm	<b>Matthew Vinciarelli</b> by Kathryn Lambert

### NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	Mar. 09	4:00pm	<b>Deborah &amp; Richard Pokrifka</b> by Scott & Valerie Seasock
Sunday	Mar. 10	7:30am 10:30am	<b>Dorothy Sheraski</b> by Nieces & Nephews <b>Matthew Janerich</b> by Daughters, Terri & Joanne



**SANCTUARY CANDLE**  
**Glazenski Family**

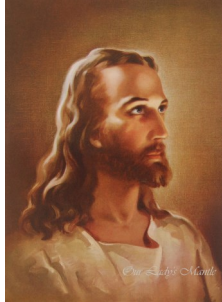
**HOLY FAMILY**  
**Bill & Matthew Koneski**



# The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

March 3, 2024



*Teach us to thirst  
in the depths of  
our souls for you,  
O Lord,  
and through you,  
to thirst for more  
loving and just  
relationships  
with others.  
Above all,  
help us to be  
advocates for  
justice and peace  
in our  
workplaces and  
in the families  
and communities  
in which you  
have planted us.  
In your blessed  
name we pray.*

*Amen*

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Through Moses, God passed on the commandments he wished all people to follow. He tells us not to worship idols or take the name of the Lord in vain. All the laws God gave to us, if followed, would ensure that we could live in peace and harmony with one another as he had planned.

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Paul tells the Corinthians that Christ is the power and the wisdom of God. Although they claimed to possess wisdom, "God's folly is wiser than men, and his weakness is more powerful than men."

### Gospel: John 2:13-25

Jesus went to the temple of Jerusalem to find merchants there selling sheep and doves. He knocked over their tables and drove the animals away. The merchants asked him for a sign that he was authorized to do this. He told them to "destroy this temple (referring to his body) and in three days I will raise it up." The merchants misunderstood, and did not believe he could rebuild in three days what had taken nearly 50 years to build. Still many believed in him, after seeing the miracles he had performed.

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

### Third Sunday of Lent March 3, 2024

"In those days God delivered all these commandments: 'I, the Lord, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. You shall not have other gods besides me...' 'But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.'"

Moses and the tablets of stone are known to us, yet we sometimes tend to just pass over what is demanded of us. They are neither recommendations or suggestions but commandments, rules for our living. We cannot choose just one or another; they are a complete package, telling us how to live.

The first three deal with our relationship with God, the second seven with our relationship with others, two sides of the same coin. They are not prohibitions but can be summarized in the single word – RESPECT. Take a minute to see that we are not following other gods or idols, but each day as we live our Lenten lives, we are living the ten or the two Jesus gave us to love God above all things and our neighbor as ourselves. 'A NEW COMMANDMENT I GIVE YOU, LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU.'



# WORD

## MINISTRY OF THE MONTH - MARCH

*Each month, a Ministry of the parish is highlighted.*

*For March, our focus will be faith and liturgical ministry*

March begins in the season of Lent and ends with Holy Week and Easter, commemorating the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is a time of the year when our faith is very important to us. Serving in one of our liturgical ministries is a way to deepen this faith. Lectors read the Word of God. Ministers of the Eucharist distribute the Body of Christ. Ushers do the work of Jesus by being welcoming, just as Jesus was to the crowds. Altar servers and acolytes directly aid the priest and deacon in the performing of the Mass. Music ministry worships God through song. "Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good! Sing to his name, for it brings joy!" (Psalm 135:3). Participating in any of the liturgical ministries is bringing us closer to Jesus, for we get to experience the Mass through a different lens. Your commitment to becoming a liturgical minister will help to deepen your faith. Please take some time this month and consider becoming a member of one or more of our liturgical ministries. 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.



**Love. Grow. Serve.**

## WEEKLY READINGS

### Third Sunday of Lent

#### Sunday

Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17;

1 Cor 1:22-25;  
Jn 2:13-25

#### 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

# March

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

## 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 **March** we will collect **tuna, peanut butter, and canned meats.**

### 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 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*

## 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

\$120    Anonymous

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.

### Note:

*The Food Pantry shelves are running low of almost everything because of the increase of families in need of food. We would appreciate anything you can donate as well as the items listed for the month of March.*







**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:

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!**

Time is running out! Last chance to get your horses in for Night at the Races is  
Sunday, March 10th.

Stop by the Parish Office to pick up a slip or purchase admission tickets!



## 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 **Blest 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.

# COMMUNITY

## HOLY REDEEMER HIGH SCHOOL

159 South Pennsylvania Blvd., Wilkes-Barre

### SPRING OPEN HOUSE

Join us for a school tour, meet our teachers, and become a ROYAL!!

**Saturday, March 9, 2024 from 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM**

Call to register @ 570-829-2424

[www.holyredeemerhs.org](http://www.holyredeemerhs.org)

The Annual **Novena to St. Joseph** will begin next **Sunday, March 10th, at the Oblates of St. Joseph Chapel, Route 315, Laflin, with Masses daily at 12 Noon and 7:00 p.m.** This year's Novena will be preached by Oblate Father Brian J. Crawford, O.S.J., vocation director for the USA Oblate Province. Masses will be preceded by confessions and praying of the rosary, concluding with novena devotions. The Novena concludes on the Feast of St. Joseph, Tuesday, March 19th, at the 7:00 p.m. Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera.

**Gorzkie zale**, the traditional Polish-language Lenten devotion known as the “Bitter Lamentations,” will be held on **Sunday, March 17, 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. Michael Drevitch, parochial vicar of Corpus Christi and St. Barbara Parishes, will be the guest homilist. A light reception will follow in the church hall. All are invited to attend.

**Taizé Prayer Around the Cross** will be celebrated on **Thursday, March 21st at 7PM at All Saints Parish, 66 Willow Street, Plymouth.** This form of prayer is a meditative style of communal prayer. Sung repetitive refrains create a gentle rhythm. The beauty of your voices united in song becomes a doorway to reflection and meditation. This particular prayer will focus on the Passion of Christ, with time to venerate the cross. Rob Yenkowski, the music director at King's College and The Cantores Christi Regis choir will be the ministers of music for this prayer. A freewill offering will be taken up at the end of the service to show appreciation for their time and ministry. All are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served in the Church basement after the program. This prayer will surely enhance your Lenten journey to Easter!



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