

**March 10, 2024**

**Fourth 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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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, Mar. 02 - 4:00pm:

252 people attended

165 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,527.00

Sunday, Mar. 03 - 7:30am:

128 people attended

83 envelopes received

Offering \$1,381.00

Sunday, Mar. 03 - 10:30am:

211 people attended

101 envelopes received

Offering: \$1,885.00

*Thank You for your Generosity.*

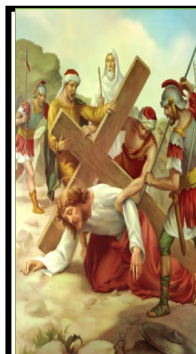
***The Second Collection last  
weekend for  
The Care and Education of  
Priests***

***\$1,622.00***

***The Second Collection  
this weekend is for  
Catholic Relief Services***

## The Light Is On For You

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be on **Monday, March 11th** 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

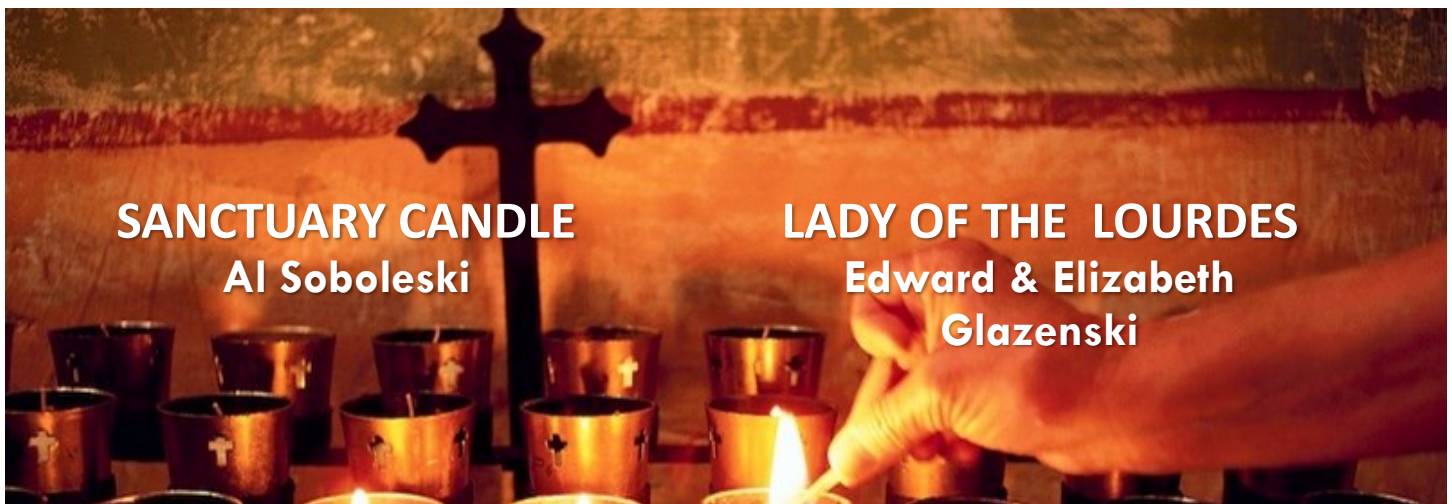
Saturday	Mar 09	4:00pm	<b>Deborah &amp; Richard Pokrifka</b> by Scott & Valerie Seasock
Sunday	Mar. 10	7:30am 10:30am	<b>Dorothy Sheraski</b> by Nieces & Nephews <b>Matthew Janerich</b> by Daughters, Terri & Joanne

### DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	Mar. 12	12:15pm	<b>Ceil Toloczko</b> by Sandy
Wednesday	Mar. 13	12:15pm	<b>Angela Trentowski</b> by Donna Yelko & Rhoda Moses
Thursday	Mar. 14	12:15pm	<b>Bernie Mullen</b> by Cooney Family
Friday	Mar. 15	12:15pm	<b>Andrew Katsock, Jr.</b> by Wife & Family

### NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	Mar. 16	4:00pm	<b>Joann &amp; Leo Helinski</b> by Joseph & John Helinski
Sunday	Mar. 17	7:30am 10:30am	<b>Dolores Korecki</b> by William Korecki <b>Robert Kropiewnicki</b> by Betty Jean Hession



**SANCTUARY CANDLE**  
**Al Soboleski**

**LADY OF THE LOURDES**  
**Edward & Elizabeth**  
**Glazenski**

# The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

March 10, 2024

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*Loving Creator of mine,  
I feel the pace quicken,  
the time draw near.  
I am filled with joy  
as I move toward  
Easter  
and the promised  
reconciliation with  
you.  
Teach me to follow  
the example of  
your Son,  
to be worthy of  
being called one of  
his people:  
a Christian.  
Help me to live  
each day as he did  
turning hatred to  
love and conflict to  
peace.  
I await the new  
life with eagerness,  
faith  
and a deep  
gratitude.*

*Amen*

### First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

The people of Judah practiced many abominations, even polluting God's temple in Jerusalem. They mocked the messengers he sent among them, until he grew so angry he delivered them to the King of the Chaldeans. Those who weren't killed were exiled and became servants for seventy years. Cyrus, King of Persia, was ordered to build a temple to God in Jerusalem, and he freed the servants as God had inspired him to do.

### Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

Paul declares that God brought us to life in Jesus, though we had been dead from our sins. He reminds us that it was not a reward for our good service so no one should take credit. Instead, we must remember that it was not our doing, but a sign of God's mercy and love for us.

### Gospel: John 3:14-21

God so loved the world, he sent us his only Son so that all who believed would have eternal life in him. The light came into the world, but those who were wicked avoided it, for fear that their evil deeds would be exposed. But those who believed were unafraid of the light, where it would be clear that their deeds were done in God.

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

### Fourth Sunday of Lent March 10, 2024

**"But the Lord said to Samuel: 'Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart.'"**

Remember the prayer of Solomon, asking God for the gift of right judgement? We spend much time judging people, their motives, their gifts and faults. How do we look at ourselves? As we read the book of Samuel as God is preparing for David for His people, we learn that we should judge with the eyes of God, what He sees in us, and not just the appearance.

Lent is our special opportunity to look deep into our heart to see what He sees, and root out what is displeasing, or shouldn't be there. Jesus came to assist us in this task.



# 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

### Fourth Sunday of Lent

#### Sunday

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23;  
Eph 2:4-10;  
Jn 3:14-21

#### Monday

Is 65:17-21;  
Jn 4:43-54

#### Tuesday

Ez 47:1-9, 12;  
Jn 5:1-16

#### Wednesday

Is 49:8-15;  
Jn 5:17-30

#### Thursday

Ex 32:7-14;  
Jn 5:31-47

#### Friday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22;  
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

#### Saturday

Jer 11:18-20;  
Jn 7:40-53

## March/April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10 <b>Faith Formation</b> 9-10am	11 Prayer Shawl 5pm 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 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	19	20 <i>Choir Practice-</i> 6:30pm	21	22 Treasures 10am-12pm	23
24 <b>Palm Sunday</b> <b>Faith Formation</b> 9-10am	25 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	26	27 <i>Choir Practice-</i> 6:30pm	28 <b>Holy Thursday-</b> <b>Mass at 7pm</b>	29 <b>Good Friday service at</b> <b>12:00</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	30 <b>Basket Blessing-</b> <b>12:00</b> <b>Easter Vigil-8pm</b>
31 <b>Easter Sunday–</b> <b>Masses 7:30am and</b> <b>10:30am</b>	1 April <b>Office Closed</b>	2	3	4 <b>Women's Society</b> 6:30pm– <b>Parish Center</b> <b>Dining Hall</b>	5 Treasures 10am-12pm	6

## 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

\$30 Deborah Bronack

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.

## Saints Peter & Paul Parish Easter Schedule

**PALM SUNDAY** 7:30AM

10:30AM

**HOLY THURSDAY** 7PM

church will be open until 10PM for private prayer

**GOOD FRIDAY** 12PM

**HOLY SATURDAY  
BASKET BLESSING** 12PM

**HOLY SATURDAY -  
EASTER VIGIL** 8PM

**EASTER SUNDAY** 7:30AM  
10:30AM



13 Hudson Road  
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Come and celebrate with us!

## COMMUNITY

The Annual **Novena to St. Joseph** begins this **Sunday at the Oblates of St. Joseph Chapel, Route 315, Laflin. Masses are held daily at 12 Noon and 7:00 p.m.** Novena preacher: Oblate Father Brian J. Crawford, O.S.J., vocation director for USA Oblate Province. Masses are preceded with confessions and praying of the rosary, concluding with novena devotions. The Novena continues all week, concluding next week on the Feast of St. Joseph, Tuesday, March 19th, with a special Mass at 7:00 p.m. 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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