

**April 16, 2023**

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

## 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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*Pastor*

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*Permanent Deacon*



# 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, April 08 - 8:00pm:

237 people attended

80 envelopes received

Offering: \$1,948.00

Sunday, April 09 - 7:30am:

216 people attended

102 envelopes received

Offering \$2,047.00

Sunday, April 09 - 10:30am:

333 people attended

111 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,730.00

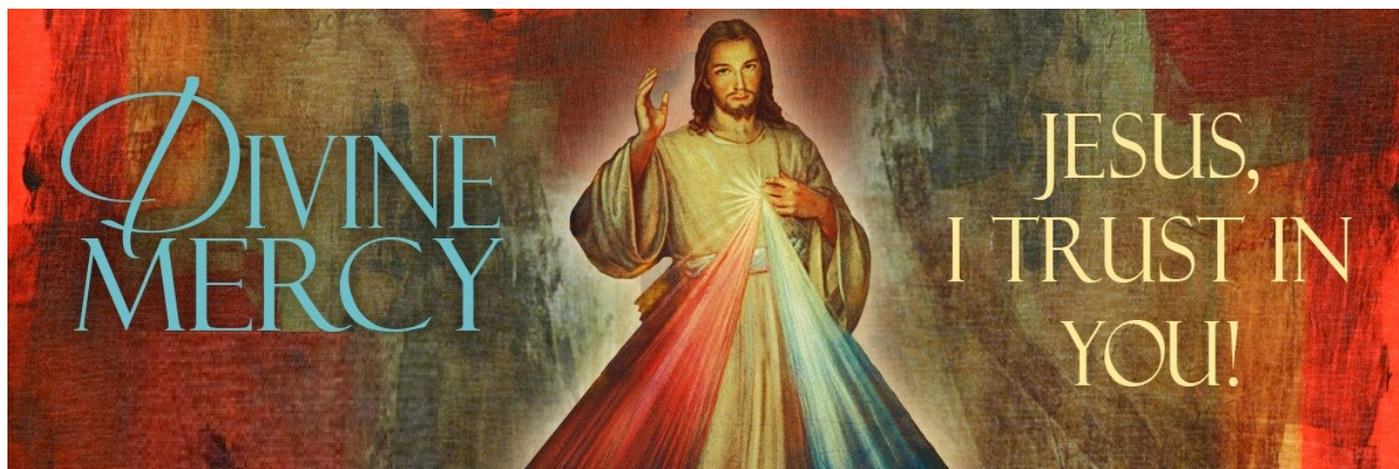
**Holy Thursday**

\$731.00

**Easter**

\$15,227.00

*Thank You for your Generosity.*



# WORSHIP

## WE REMEMBER

### MASSES THIS WEEKEND

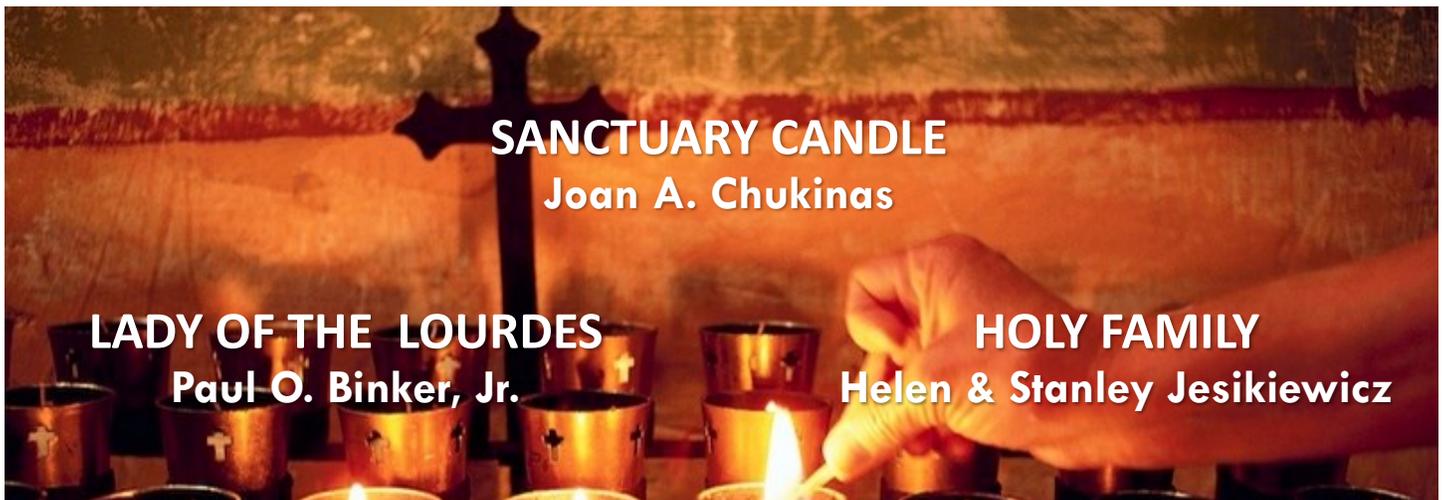
Saturday	Apr 15	4:00pm	<b>David Loiacono</b> by Ben & Francine Berrini
Sunday	Apr 16	7:30am 10:30am	<b>Dolores Myers</b> by Don & Edie Prescavage <b>Dorothy Luchetti</b> by Bernard Nerbecki

### DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	Apr 18	12:15pm	<b>Michael &amp; Frances Wanek</b> by Family
Wednesday	Apr 19	12:15pm	<b>William Jones</b> by Family
Thursday	Apr 20	12:15pm	<b>Peter Lishnak</b> by Jacob & Mary Ann Waskiewicz
Friday	Apr 21	12:15pm	<b>Joseph Adamczyk</b> by Daughters

### NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	April 22	4:00pm	<b>Stanley Olshefski</b> by Duane & Jolayne Pinchak
Sunday	April 23	7:30am 10:30am	<b>Michael Serafin</b> by Charlene & Larry Giza <b>Charles Obeid</b> by Sheehan's Pharmacy



**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

**Joan A. Chukinas**

**LADY OF THE LOURDES**

**Paul O. Binker, Jr.**

**HOLY FAMILY**

**Helen & Stanley Jesikiewicz**

# The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

April 16, 2023



*Lord,  
I desire to trust  
in your divine  
Mercy to the  
extent that there  
is no doubt in my  
heart and mind  
that You will  
bestow upon me  
this precious gift  
of love.  
Help me to trust  
in Your Mercy  
because of Your  
infinite goodness.  
Jesus, I love you  
and I trust in  
You.  
Amen.*

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER OR DIVINE MERCY

### First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

In the early days of the Church in Jerusalem, the faithful listened intently to the teachings of the apostles. They lived a communal life, sharing all property in common and praying and taking their meals together.

### Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

In this first letter from Peter, he speaks to the Christians with great joy and confidence, reminding them that through Christ's resurrection, they have been given a new birth and are heirs to the kingdom of heaven.

### Gospel: John 20:19-31

After his resurrection, Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the power to forgive sins. Thomas, who is absent, sees Christ later and believes in His resurrection after feeling His wounds. Christ admonishes Thomas by saying, "You became a believer because you saw Me. Blessed are they who have not seen and believed."

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

### Second Sunday of Easter or Sunday of Divine Mercy April 16, 2023

**"Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. Every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved."**

The Acts of the Apostles describe the life of the first Christian community. May we take a minute to apply this example to our parish community, parish societies or bible study groups. We celebrate the Eucharist weekly, but we live the entire week, conscious of the needs of others, the sick, the lonely, the homeless; for after being fed by the Lord, we become His presence to others.

Pope Francis asks us to see the face of Christ in the suffering and vulnerable. He has been quoted saying, 'God's last name is Mercy.' Pope Saint John Paul II dedicated this second Sunday of Easter as the Sunday of Divine Mercy. Reflecting upon the words describing the first disciples, may we paint the same image by our thoughts, words and deeds.

# WORD

## MINISTRY OF THE MONTH –APRIL

*Each month, a Ministry of the parish is highlighted.  
For April we will reflect on the Easter season and the Ministry  
of God's love*

April begins with Palm Sunday, followed by Holy Week and Easter. During this time, we witness the meaning of love, when Jesus gave up His life for us. What better time to return that love and follow these words of Jesus, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:37-39).

Let us spend this month giving back the love to God that He gave to us. There are a number of liturgical ministries that give you the opportunity to serve God. Prayerfully consider being a part of one or more of them. Or show your love for your neighbor by donating or helping distribute clothing or food, or maybe crocheting prayer shawls. Loving your neighbor can be living the ministry of hospitality with something as simple as a smile, or hello, or holding a door open for someone who needs help. Whether through prayer, the works of a ministry, or being kind to others, we can demonstrate to Jesus that we love Him and each other. Jesus loves us. Let us spend time this month in acknowledgment by living the way He would want us to live.

If you are interested or need information on any of our ministries, please see the contact page in the bulletin for all ministry leaders or the contacts listed below.

Happy Easter!

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.



Contact: Kathy Grinaway –  
[ministries@sspeterandpaulplains.com](mailto:ministries@sspeterandpaulplains.com) or  
Parish Office 570-825-6663

## WEEKLY READINGS

### Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)

#### Sunday

Acts 2:42-47;  
1 Pt 1:3-9;  
Jn 20:19-31

#### Monday

Acts 4:23-31;  
Jn 3:1-8

#### Tuesday

Acts 4:32-37;  
Jn 3:7b-15

#### Wednesday

Acts 5:17-26;  
Jn 3:16-21

#### Thursday

Acts 5:27-33;  
Jn 3:31-36

#### Friday

Acts 5:34-42;  
Jn 6:1-15

#### Saturday

Acts 6:1-7;  
Jn 6:16-21

# April/May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16	17 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	18	19	20 <i>Food Pantry Prep</i>	21 <i>Food Pantry</i> <i>Treasures 10am-12pm</i>	22
23	24 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	25	26 <i>Choir Practice</i> <i>6:30pm</i>	27	28 <i>Treasures 10am-12pm</i>	29
30	<b>1 May</b> Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	2	3 <i>Choir Practice</i> <i>6:30pm</i>	4 <i>Women's Society</i> <i>6:30-Parish Dining</i> <i>Hall</i>	5 <i>Treasures 10am-12pm</i>	6
7	8 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	9	10 <i>Choir Practice</i> <i>6:30pm</i>	1 <i>Parish Council 6:30-</i> <i>Parish Dining Hall</i>	12 <i>Treasures 10am-12pm</i>	13



**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 **April** we will collect **canned fruit and cereal**.

### 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

\$120 Jason & Nicole Giomboni

\$100 Deborah Bronack

\$40 Anonymous

### In Memory of Matthew DeAngelis

\$25 Klem Family

### In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Paciga

\$100 Ann Paciga

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, April 19th, in Bernardine Hall at Saints Peter & Paul Church.**

**A lite luncheon will be served starting at 12:00 and the meeting will begin promptly at 1:00. Reservations with deposits for the Christmas Show in December at Christian Life Assembly in Camp Hill, PA will be accepted at this time. The cost will be \$65.**

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

**New members are always welcome!**

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

# Flea Market

## ATTENTION SPRING CLEANERS

Do you have household items, holiday decorations, toys (no stuffed animals please), tools, in good working condition, jewelry, vinyl records, antiques & vintage items, handmade crafts, or collectables that you no longer can use and need a new home?

We ask that you consider saving them for the Saints Peter and Paul Flea Market coming this summer. Dates and times for drop off will be announced in the near future.

Please **NO** broken items, large furniture, (small items like lamps are accepted), gym equipment, clothing, computers, TV's, encyclopedias, or trophies.

Thank you in advance for helping to make our flea market a huge success!

## Save the Dates

Night at the Races- TBA

Church's 100th Anniversary Celebration- June 25

Flea Market- August 5&6

Purse Bingo- October 8

Toy Bingo- November 12

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2023 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 4. The event includes a 2:30 PM mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception.

The registration deadline for this event is May 7, 2023. To register, please go to <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/wedding-anniversary-2023-registration-form/> or contact Bridget Guarnieri (570-207-2213 x 1133 or [familylife@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:familylife@dioceseofscranton.org)). Those celebrating couples who speak Spanish may contact Jose Flores (570-207-2213 x 1130 or [jflores@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:jflores@dioceseofscranton.org)).

# Celebrate



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

With the Diocese of Scranton  
Sunday, June 4th 2023  
2:30pm

To register, please visit  
<https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/wedding-anniversary-2023-registration-form/>

### **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



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## Pastor

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Deacon Don Crane

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Saints Peter & Paul	Saint Joseph
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Sacred Heart (Dallas)	Saint Stanislaus

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Jim Cunningham

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## Sacristan

Ben Berrini

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## Pastoral Council

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Harold Golomb      Joanne Brague

Lou Zuzelski      Steve McGough

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## Saints Peter & Paul Finance Committee

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