

**April 23, 2023**

**3rd Sunday of Easter**

## 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

Thursday: 8am—4pm

Friday: 8am—Noon

\*Closed daily Noon—12:30pm\*

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# 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 15 - 4:00pm:

230 people attended

140 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,999.00

Sunday, April 16 - 7:30am:

132 people attended

74 envelopes received

Offering \$1,593.00

Sunday, April 16 - 10:30am:

217 people attended

154 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,485.00

*Thank You for your Generosity.*



Third Sunday  
of Easter

# WORSHIP

## WE REMEMBER

### MASSES THIS WEEKEND

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

### DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	Apr 25	12:15pm	<b>Andrew &amp; Angela Katsock</b> by Family
Wednesday	Apr 26	12:15pm	<b>James Orzechowski</b> by Sister, Ann
Thursday	Apr 27	12:15pm	<b>Gerald Ritsick, Jr.</b> by Mom & Brothers
Friday	Apr 28	12:15pm	<b>Roseann Nestorick</b> by Mary Therese McCabe

### NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	April 29	4:00pm	<b>Gerald Ritsick, Jr.</b> by Mom & Brothers <b>Louise Yanoshak</b> by Family
Sunday	April 30	7:30am 10:30am	<b>Paula Wojcik</b> by Sharon <b>Ann Marie Wysocki Hicks</b> by Barbara Giomboni



**SANCTUARY CANDLE**  
**Stanley J. Neishel, Jr.**

**LADY OF THE LOURDES**  
**Joseph E. Canterini**

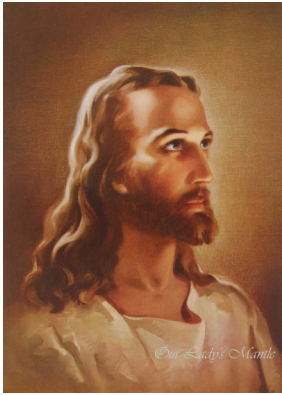
**HOLY FAMILY**  
**Mary Weiss**



# The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

April 23, 2023



*Lord Jesus,  
save us;  
show your great  
mercy to your  
people,  
as we look  
forward to our  
own resurrection,  
- have mercy on  
us,  
and protect us  
today from every  
evil.  
King of glory,  
source of our life,  
grant that,  
when you come  
again,  
- we may be one  
with you in  
glory.  
Amen*

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

### First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33

After the Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles, Peter preaches with great enthusiasm to both Jews and Christians. He recalls for them in vivid terms the miracles and wonders that Jesus performed.

### Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Peter makes reference to the Passover, when the Jews escaped from Egypt because the blood of the paschal lamb was shed. Now they are being saved from sin by the blood of Christ, the Lamb of the New Testament.

### Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Jesus reveals Himself to two disciples on the way to Emmaus. After explaining to them the passages in Scripture which referred to Him, Christ "took bread, broke it, and distributed it to them." Then they recognized Christ and their "hearts burned within them."

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

### Third Sunday of Easter April 23, 2023

**"...Conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning, realizing that you were ransomed from your futile conduct, handed on by your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ as of a spotless unblemished lamb."**

The first Christians received ongoing formation in their newfound faith. One method was to listen to the teachings found in the letters of Peter and Paul, offering words of encouragement and support. Familiarize yourself with this text of Peter, reminding us where we once were and what has been given us through the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. They, and we, were ransomed and saved by the blood of Jesus. We are still in Easter time.

Unfortunately we forget this. Even today we hear of people paying ransom to rescue family members from cartels in Latin America or gangs in Haiti. How fortunate that we have been rescued, as we pray for today's victims of violence and oppression.



# 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.



**Love. Grow. Serve.**

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Parish Office 570-825-6663

## WEEKLY READINGS

### Third Sunday of Easter

#### Sunday

Acts 2:14, 22-33;  
1 Pt 1:17-21;  
Lk 24:13-35

#### Monday

Acts 6:8-15;  
Jn 6:22-29

#### Tuesday

1 Pt 5:5b-14;  
Mk 16:15-20

#### Wednesday

Acts 8:1b-8;  
Jn 6:35-40

#### Thursday

Acts 8:26-40;  
Jn 6:44-51

#### Friday

Acts 9:1-20;  
Jn 6:52-59

#### Saturday

Acts 9:31-42;  
Jn 6:60-69

## April/May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23	24 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	25	26 Choir Practice 6:30pm	27	28 Treasures 10am-12pm	29
30	1 May Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	2	3 Choir Practice 6:30pm	4 May Crowning 6:30– Grotto outside Parish Center	5 Treasures 10am-12pm	6 First Holy Communion-12pm
7	8 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	9	10 Choir Practice 6:30pm	1 Parish Council 6:30– Parish Dining Hall	12 Treasures 10am-12pm	13
14	15 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	16	17 Choir Practice 6:30pm	18 Food Pantry Prep	19 Food Pantry Treasures 10am-12pm	20



**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

\$50     Patrick & Donna Malys

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.



## Faith Formation

### Dates for Sacraments

**First Holy Communion— May 6th-12pm**

**Confirmation— May 21st— 12pm**





# 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- June 3

Church's 100th Anniversary Celebration- June 25

Flea Market- August 5&6

Purse Bingo- October 8

Toy Bingo- November 12

**The Women's Society** invites ALL parishioners to join with them to honor our mother, Mary, during her special month of May.

On **Thursday, May 4th, at 6:30 PM**, members will recite the rosary and crown the Blessed Mother, in the grotto outside the parish center. Light refreshments will be served in the parish dining room following the ceremony.



## COMMUNITY

On **Tuesday, May 2 at 7:00 p.m.**, St. Joseph Mareello Parish, 237 William Street in Pittston, will host a performance by DUOVAU, a duo of Brazilian musicians, Levi Ramiro and Esdras Rodrigues, who will perform on Brazilian instruments which are similar to the guitar and violin. This will be our first time in several years welcoming musicians from another country and we hope you will come to enjoy their music. The performance will be held in the parish hall. The following **Sunday, May 7 at 2:00 p.m.**, the combined choirs of St. John the Evangelist and St. Joseph Mareello Parishes, under the direction of Michael Sowa and Brandon Jopling, will present a concert for the Easter season at St. John the Evangelist Church, 35 William Street in Pittston. All are invited to attend!

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)).

### 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

On the way to Emmaus Jesus appeared as a stranger to two of His disciples and spoke to them on the scriptures. That evening during dinner He took bread, said the blessing, broke it and gave it to them. (Luke 24:30) At once they recognized Him and He disappeared from their view. Knowing in their hearts it was Jesus, they returned to Jerusalem to tell the others.

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# Emmaus Biscuits



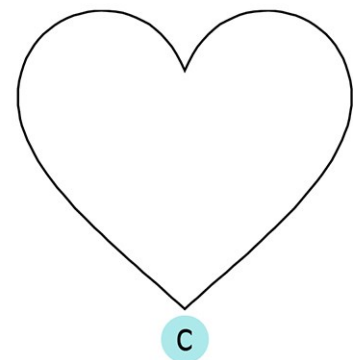
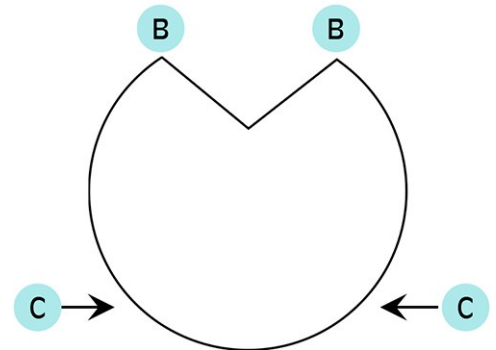
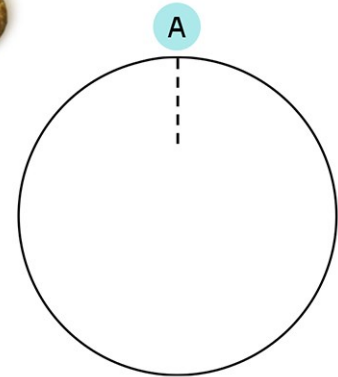
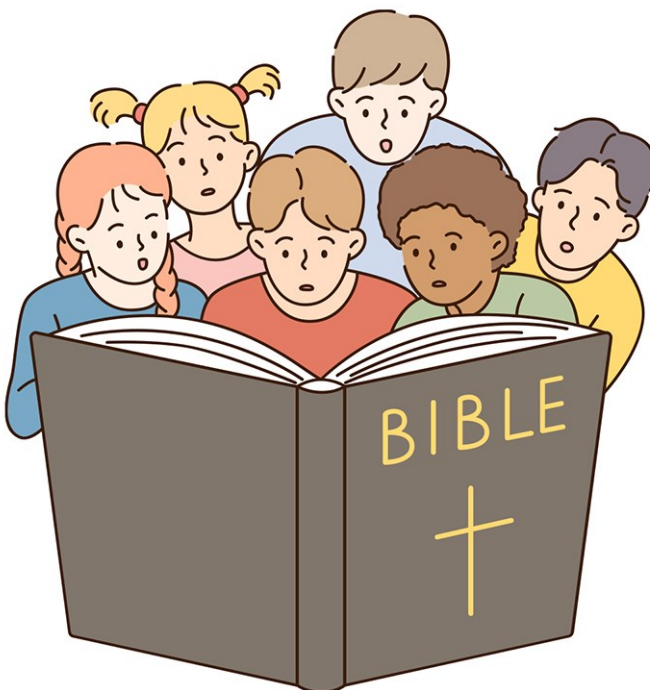
Use a roll of pop open biscuits (like Pillsbury).

Place round biscuits on a baking tray according to directions on box.

- A** With a plastic knife and help from an adult, put a cut into the top 1/3 of each biscuit and pull dough slightly apart to form a V.
- B** Press top of each side of the V to round out the top.
- C** Slightly pinch together lower half of biscuit and then tightly pinch bottom to form a heart (they do not have to be perfect).

Bake according to directions. Enjoy!

Have someone say the blessing  
and remember Jesus' love for us  
in the Breaking of the Bread.



## On the Road to Emmaus



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