

**March 9, 2025**

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

## Sunday Stewards

Saturday, Mar. 01 - 4:00pm:

241 people attended

154 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,499.00

Sunday, Mar. 02 - 7:30am:

105 people attended

70 envelopes received

Offering \$915.00

Sunday, Mar. 02 - 10:30am:

195 people attended

97 envelopes received

Offering: \$1,863.00

*Thank You for your Generosity.*

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of  
*Lent*

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

***\$1,742.00***



### Stations of the Cross

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

### The Light Is On For You

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)** will be on **Monday, March 10th** and continue **through April 14th** from **5:00pm to 7:00pm**. Please try to celebrate this sacrament during this time of Lent.

# WORSHIP

## WE REMEMBER

### MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	Mar 08	4:00pm	<b>Dorothy Sheraski</b> by Nieces & Nephews
Sunday	Mar 09	7:30am 10:30am	<b>Frank Hallas</b> by Mr. & Mrs. Ron Jescavage & Family <b>Clem Szczecinski</b> by Wife, Mary Ann

### DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	Mar 11	12:15pm	<b>Matthew Janerich</b> by Daughters, Teri & Joanne
Wednesday	Mar 12	12:15pm	<b>Robert Moss</b> by Whitey & Angie
Thursday	Mar 13	12:15pm	<b>Arlene Stella</b> by Janice, Tracey, & Kelly Canterini
Friday	Mar 14	12:15pm	<b>Ceil Toloczko</b> by Daughter, Sandy

### NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	Mar 15	4:00pm	<b>Lucille Hannon</b> by Wendy Vinsko
Sunday	Mar 16	7:30am 10:30am	<b>Andrew Katsock</b> by Wife <b>Joseph Ulichney</b> by Wife, Geri



**SANCTUARY CANDLE**  
**Hilda Kalinowski**

**LADY OF THE LOURDES**  
**Glazenski Family**



# The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

March 9, 2025

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

*Lord,  
as we enter this  
first week of  
our Lenten  
journey,  
guide us on the  
path that leads  
to you.*

*Fill our hearts  
with gratitude,  
patience,  
strength and  
peace.*

*Help us to  
grow closer to  
you this Lent  
through the  
practice of  
prayer.*

*In your name  
we pray,*

*Amen.*

### First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Moses discusses the power God has displayed in freeing his people from oppression and leading them to a rich land. He tells the people that they should make offerings to God to show their gratitude, then celebrate over the great things he has given them.

### Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13

Paul tells us that if we proclaim, "Jesus is Lord" and truly believe that God raised him from the dead, we will be saved. For God shows his mercy toward everyone who calls upon his name.

### Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Jesus fasted in the desert for forty days, then Satan appeared to him and tempted him to turn stone into bread. After Jesus refused, Satan promised him great powers if Jesus would worship him. Jesus replied that he would worship God and no one else. Then Satan tried to persuade Jesus to put God to the test, but again Jesus resisted his temptation.

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

### First Sunday of Lent March 9, 2025

**"What does the Scripture say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith we preach.) For if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.'... When the devil had finished all this temptation he left him, to await another opportunity."**

Our journey of Lent, a special time of spiritual renewal has begun. We can live this unique opportunity well, as it never more will return. Through our prayer, sacrifices and good works, we will walk the road of holiness. During this period, countless opportunities await us to deepen our relationship with Christ.

The word of Paul to Romans is a personal invitation to open the bible each day, select a passage, think about what it says, offer a prayer and live the word. With others, may it be a new and further step for our salvation. Why else did Jesus come?



# 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*

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. Most of us will decide on something to give up, many times a food or drink we enjoy. Did you also consider adding an action? This could be to complain less, perform more acts of kindness, or to truly listen to someone who needs help. Another action you could consider is to serve in one of our liturgical ministries. 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.**

For more information, please contact the Parish Office, who will connect you to the appropriate Ministry leader or check the bulletin for Ministry contacts.

## WEEKLY READINGS

### First Sunday of Lent

#### Sunday

Dt 26:4-10;  
Rom 10:8-13;  
Lk 4:1-13

#### 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

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25;  
Mt 7:7-12

#### Friday

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

#### Saturday

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

# 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**.

### 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 4pm-6pm & 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*

## 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

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.





**Saints Peter and Paul Church will hold a Night at the Races in  
Bernardine Hall on Saturday, March 15th.**

**Doors open at 5:30pm –Post Time is 7:00pm.**

Admission is \$10.00– and includes Food (Haluski, Ziti, Pierogies, Hot Dogs,  
Mac n Cheese, Chicken Fingers 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 and at the  
Parish Office.**

**We recommend you buy tickets in advance, as last year we sold out.**

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

**Spirits (for Basket of Cheer) & 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!**

**If anyone would like to sponsor a race for \$100, it would be greatly  
appreciated in order to cut down costs of the event.**



## March/April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>9</b> <b>Faith Formation-</b> <b>9-10am</b> <b>Children's Mass</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Confessions-</b> <b>5pm-7pm</b> Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Parish Council</b> <b>6:30pm-</b> <b>Parish Dining Hall</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Stations of the</b> <b>Cross--</b> <b>After 12:15 Mass &amp;</b> <b>5:30pm</b> Treasures- 10am-12pm	<b>15</b> <b>Night at the Races-</b> <b>Doors open at</b> <b>5:30pm--</b> <b>Races begin at 7pm</b>
<b>16</b> <b>Faith Formation-</b> <b>9-10am</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Confessions-</b> <b>5pm-7pm</b> Prayer Shawl 5pm Rosary 6pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Food Pantry Prep</b>	<b>21</b> <b>Stations of the</b> <b>Cross--</b> <b>After 12:15 Mass &amp;</b> <b>5:30pm</b> <b>Food Pantry</b> Treasures- 10am-12pm	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> <b>Faith Formation-</b> <b>9-10am</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Confessions-</b> <b>5pm-7pm</b> Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Stations of the</b> <b>Cross--</b> <b>After 12:15 Mass &amp;</b> <b>5:30pm</b> Treasures- 10am-12pm	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> <b>Faith Formation-</b> <b>9-10am</b>	<b>31</b> <b>Confessions-</b> <b>5pm-7pm</b> Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	<b>1</b> <b>April</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Women's Society</b> <b>6:30pm--</b> <b>Parish Dining Hall</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Stations of the</b> <b>Cross--</b> <b>After 12:15 Mass &amp;</b> <b>5:30pm</b> Treasures- 10am-12pm	<b>5</b>

## Save the Date

Night at the Races– March 15, 2025



# COMMUNITY

The Annual **Novena to St. Joseph** begins this Monday 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 Larry Toschi, O.S.J., internationally known theologian on St. Joseph. 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, Wednesday, March 19th, with a special Mass at Noon celebrated by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera. All are welcome!

## **ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST SELLING POTATO PANCAKES AND PIZZA**

**St. John the Evangelist Parish, 35 William Street in Pittston**, will hold food sales **each Friday in Lent as well as Good Friday (March 7 through April 18)**. This year, we will be selling Potato Pancakes at 3 for \$5.00 and your choice of take-and-heat Red Pizza or White Pizza with Broccoli for \$15.00 a tray. **Pickup will be from 3:30 to 6:00 PM each Friday** in the Msgr. Bendik Pastoral Center (entrance on Church Street). Please call the parish office at 570-654-0053 by Thursday of each week to place your orders.

## **St. Joseph Mareello Parish to host Big Prize Bingo**

St. Joseph Mareello Parish, **237 William Street in Pittston**, will hold their annual BIG PRIZE BINGO on **Sunday, March 30, with doors opening at 12:30pm and games beginning at 2pm**, in their Parish Hall. Prizes include home goods, outdoor items, purses and several CASH PRIZES. Tickets for this bingo will cost \$25 when purchased in advance or \$30 if purchased at the door (if tickets are still available). Bingo tickets include entrance and 20 regular games. Special games will be available for purchase, along with additional regular games, Bingo dabbers and other fun extras. Food and beverages will be available for purchase through our kitchen. Tickets are now available: please call the Parish Office at 570-654-6902 to reserve your tickets. We will reserve tables on a first-come, first-served basis for any PARTIES OF 8-10. Seating for parties less than 8 will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

SS. Anthony & Rocco and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parishes present : **Journey Into The Desert – a Three-Part Lenten Series with Dr. Matthew Breuninger**, on March 31(**BELOVEDNESS**), April 1 (**HEALING**) and April 2(**THE EUCHARIST**) at 7 PM each evening at St. Anthony Church, 208 Smith St., Dunmore. All are welcome to join us for three evenings of eucharistic praise and worship.

## First Sunday of Lent | Luke 4: 1-13

While Jesus was in the desert for forty days, He resisted temptation and was guarded by angels. Jesus kept His faith - His loyalty and allegiance to only God.

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For God commands  
the angels to guard  
you in all your ways.

*Like Jesus, whose  
faith was tested in  
the desert, let us  
also remain loyal  
to God as we:*

Follow  
our **FAITH** for  
 **40 DAYS**

# BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left,  
right, up, down or diagonally.

Following Baptism	F	O	L	L	O	W	I	N	G	D	I	F	S	H
Jordan Spirit	O	T	J	E	S	U	S	R	U	S	Y	A	T	A
Filled														
Jesus	R	O	S	E	R	L	T	B	A	P	T	I	S	M
Hungry														
Fasted	T	E	V	R	E	S	E	A	R	G	A	T	O	M
Desert														
Forty Days	Y	O	D	G	T	O	M	B	D	F	E	H	S	W
Angels														
Guarded	H	U	N	G	R	Y	P	D	E	R	E	F	F	O
Resisted														
Temptation	E	A	A	E	N	O	T	S	D	A	Y	S	A	R
Command														
Stone	F	I	M	L	D	N	A	D	R	O	J	A	S	S
Into														
Bread	P	W	M	R	U	N	T	I	R	I	P	S	T	H
Offered														
Kingdom	O	M	O	D	G	N	I	K	A	L	O	N	E	I
Power														
Demanded	W	L	C	I	N	T	O	F	I	L	L	E	D	P
Worship														
Faith (2)	E	L	D	E	M	A	N	D	E	D	A	E	R	B
Serve														
Lord														
Alone	R	E	S	I	S	T	E	D	E	S	E	R	T	T



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