

**March 16, 2025**

**Second 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. 08 - 4:00pm:

276 people attended

160 envelopes received

Offering: \$3,228.00

Sunday, Mar. 09 - 7:30am:

118 people attended

63 envelopes received

Offering \$2,165.50

Sunday, Mar. 09 - 10:30am:

203 people attended

108 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,178.00

*Thank You for your Generosity.*

If anyone would like to sponsor the Paschal candle which burns from this Easter until next Easter, it is available for sponsorship.

If interested, please call MaryAnn at the Parish Office at 570-825-6663.



## 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 15 4:00pm **Lucille Hannon** by Wendy Vinsko

Sunday Mar 16 7:30am **Andrew Katsock** by Wife  
10:30am **Joseph Ulichney** by Wife, Geri

### DAILY MASSES

Tuesday Mar 18 12:15pm **Dolores Korecki** by Korecki Family

Wednesday Mar 19 12:15pm **Joseph J. Hirko** by Tom & Jeanmarie Garman

Thursday Mar 20 12:15pm **Martha DeSabia** by Bill & Mary Catherine Check

Friday Mar 21 12:15pm **Edward E. Pugh** by Angie & Whitey

### NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Mar 22 4:00pm **Dorothy Luchetti** by Children

Sunday Mar 23 7:30am **Corrada Pascucci Angeli** by Charlotte & Linda Dominick  
10:30am **Joseph Gronkowski** by Wife, Children, & Grandchildren



**SANCTUARY CANDLE**  
**Vincent Mirigliani**

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

# The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

March 16, 2025

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

*Lord,*

*your  
commandment of  
love is so simple  
and so  
challenging.*

*Help me to let go  
of my pride,  
to be humble in  
my penance.*

*I want only to  
live the way you  
ask me to love,  
to love the way  
you ask me to  
live.*

*I ask this through  
your son, Jesus,  
who stands at my  
side  
today and  
always.*

*Amen*

### First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

God told Abram that he would give him the land of Egypt and his descendants would become a great people. Abram then made sacrifices to God, cutting them in half. A torch passed between the pieces, as a visible sign to Abram of God's promise.

### Second Reading: Philippians 3:17—4:1

Paul urges the Philippians to avoid becoming too interested in material possessions. He reminds them that their most important wealth is their faith in Jesus, which will lead them to eternal life.

### Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

Jesus took Peter, John and James to a mountain to pray. When his clothes grew incredibly white, Moses and Elijah appeared. They spoke of the scripture he was to fulfill. Then a cloud came down and a voice said, "This is my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to him." The disciples who had seen Jesus' glory did not disclose this experience to anyone until much later.

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

### Second Sunday of Lent March 16, 2025

**"Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem... As they were about to depart from him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good that we are here.'"**

How privileged for us to join the three apostles and two prophets, on that holy mountain. Peter spoke for us, and the father spoke for His Son. Moses and Elijah represented the Old Testament, the law and the prophets, and Jesus brings what was spoken to fulfillment. For this reason, Lent becomes our retreat to join in prayer and preparation for the Paschal Mystery.

If you were on that mountain what would you say to Jesus? As you listen to God speak, what is God asking you to do as you live this special season?

"This is my chosen one, listen to him". Ready to come down the mountain and continue your Lenten journey with Jesus?



# 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

### Second Sunday of Lent

#### Sunday

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18;  
Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1;  
Lk 9:28b-36

#### Monday

Dn 9:4b-10;  
Lk 6:36-38

#### Tuesday

Is 1:10, 16-20;  
Mt 23:1-12

#### Wednesday

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16;  
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22;  
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

#### Thursday

Jer 17:5-10;  
Lk 16:19-31

#### Friday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a;  
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

#### Saturday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20;  
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

# 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

\$30 Deborah Bronack

\$50 Elaine Felli

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.





## **Rectory, Set, Cook!**

Father Jack recently participated in the 2025 Rectory, Set, Cook competition and needs your help!  
Please consider donating so he can win the competition!

Every dollar is one vote. Let's help Father Jack get the most votes!

To watch the video, go onto Saints Peter and Paul website or Facebook page.

The link to the YouTube video is available to view, and there is also a link to donate to this fundraiser. Just click right on the link and it will take you to the page to donate towards Father Jack!

If you cannot access the link online, just type  
**<https://fundraise.givesmart.com/vf/2025PASTORCHEF/team/FrJackLambert>**  
into google or whatever web browser you use.

Thank you all for your help!

# March/April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16 <i>Faith Formation- 9-10am</i>	17 <b>Confessions- 5pm-7pm</b> Prayer Shawl 5pm Rosary 6pm	18	19	20 <i>Food Pantry Prep</i>	21 <b>Stations of the Cross- After 12:15 Mass &amp; 5:30pm</b> <b>Food Pantry</b> <i>Treasures- 10am-12pm</i>	22
23 <i>Faith Formation- 9-10am</i>	24 <b>Confessions- 5pm-7pm</b> Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	25	26	27	28 <b>Stations of the Cross- After 12:15 Mass &amp; 5:30pm</b> <i>Treasures- 10am-12pm</i>	29
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6 <i>Faith Formation- 9-10am</i>	7 <b>Confessions- 5pm-7pm</b> Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	8	9	10 <i>Parish Council 6:30pm- Parish Dining Hall</i>	11 <b>Stations of the Cross- After 12:15 Mass &amp; 5:30pm</b> <i>Treasures- 10am-12pm</i>	12





# COMMUNITY

**The Feast of St. Joseph** will be celebrated this **Wednesday, March 19th, with a special Solemn Mass at 12 Noon at the Oblates of St. Joseph Seminary Chapel, Route 315, Laflin.** Principal celebrant and homilist will be the Most Reverend Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton. A Mass will also be offered at 7:00 p.m. by Oblate Father Larry Toschi, O.S.J., preacher for this year's novena. The evening Mass will be celebrated in conjunction with the Road to Resurrection Lenten Mass series of the Greater Pittston Deanery.

## **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.

# < KID'S > KORNER

## Gospel Today

Second Sunday of Lent | Luke 9:28b-36

On the mountain, Simon-Peter, James and John saw Jesus transform to a dazzling bright light, like the rays of the sun!

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Upon seeing Jesus,  
Moses and Elijah,  
the apostles were  
filled with the light  
of faith.

*Let our eyes be  
open to the light  
of God's power  
and love as we:*

Follow  
our **FAITH** for  
40 DAYS

Find and write here the missing letters  
(from A to Z) not found in the sun...

answer: light

Unscramble the letters and fill in the blanks to complete  
the sentence below.

God is my \_\_\_\_\_ and salvation!

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