

March 30, 2025

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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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
as well as on the parish Facebook page.

Sunday Stewards

Saturday, Mar. 22 - 4:00pm:

270 people attended

159 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,867.00

Sunday, Mar. 23 - 7:30am:

127 people attended

73 envelopes received

Offering \$1,129.00

Sunday, Mar. 23 - 10:30am:

219 people attended

108 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,225.00

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 29	4:00pm	Edmund Suchocki by Suchocki Family
Sunday	Mar 30	7:30am 10:30am	Mary C. Kwak by Family Elizabeth Rose Lauro by Sister Annamarie Ceccoli & Family

DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	Apr 01	12:15pm	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph E. Canterini by Janice & Tracey Canterini
Wednesday	Apr 02	12:15pm	Joseph & Violet Mond by Daughter, Margaret
Thursday	Apr 03	12:15pm	Sean Kane by Kevin & Mickey Kane
Friday	Apr 04	12:15pm	Catherine Pascucci by Pat Stella

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	Apr 05	4:00pm	Margaret Janerich by Daughters, Teri & Joanne
Sunday	Apr 06	7:30am 10:30am	Marty OMalia by Sherry, Cindy, & Amie Vincent Miskewicz by Wife



SANCTUARY CANDLE
Canterini Family

The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

March 30, 2025

*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 Christ-ian.
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*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

Joshua and the Israelites celebrated Passover in Jericho. This was the first time they had eaten the produce of the promised land. After this, there was no more bread sent from heaven because they were able to eat the yield of the land.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Paul tells us that anyone living in Jesus is a new creation because God has reconciled with us through Christ. As an ambassador for Jesus, Paul implores that the Corinthians be reconciled to God through Jesus.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

The Pharisees grew disgusted with Jesus because of his compassion toward sinners. So Jesus told them a story of a son who squandered his inheritance. When a famine broke out, he returned home and asked his father to become a hired hand. His father instead welcomed him with a joyful celebration, just as God is overjoyed when a sinner returns to him.

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent March 30, 2025

"If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old order has passed away; now all is new. All this has been done by God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation... he has entrusted the message of reconciliation to us... We implore you in Christ's name: be reconciled to God."

Our Lent is half over. Paul teaches us what God has done. Now it's our turn. I can take a step to forge forgiveness of others. Ask God's help to do so. But now is the time to be sure that Lent means something in 2025. See that the Sacrament of Reconciliation allows us to be one with Him. Use it as His expression of love for you today. As we approach Holy Week soon we are not just to remember Jesus' saving work, but respond. Make a good confession, He is still waiting. Be aware that He will one day ask us to make an accounting of our lives. Prepare your resume now.

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 5th. 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

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday

Jos 5:9a, 10-12;
2 Cor 5:17-21;
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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

First Friday

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

First Saturday

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

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

\$125 Anonymous

In Memory of Bruce & Gino Marchetti

\$25 Joan Marchetti

In Memory of Anthony Wilk

\$100 Family

Reminder:

Food Pantry for April will be Friday, April 11th, 2025. The change of date is due to the 3rd Friday of the month being Good Friday. Please mark your calendars!

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.





Red Robin® will give

**20% OF FOOD SALES*
BACK TO**

SAINTS PETER & PAUL PLAINS

**Show this flyer or simply mention the fundraiser to
your server to have your sales counted.**

FUNDRAISER DETAILS

2020 Wilkes-Barre Marketplace, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

April 3, 2025 5PM - 9PM

If ordering online, please follow these instructions:

- 1** Start your order at redrobin.com/order and select the restaurant above.
- 2** In the menu, go to the category labeled "Fundraisers (To-Go Only)" and click on that item.
- 3** Click the "add" button, and then "add to bag."
- 4** Add your meal items and check out.
- 5** Arrive at Red Robin, come in, say hi, grab your food and be on your way! If your location has curbside pick-up, we can bring it to your car too!

*Donation based on all eligible net dine-in and to-go food sales only. Excludes sales from catering (at select locations), 3rd party ordering and delivery sites, alcohol, gift cards, retail, tax and gratuity. Offer void if flyer is distributed in or near the restaurant during fundraiser day & hours.

Red Robin





Move your favorite
pastor chefs up these
"collar-nary"
leaderboards
TODAY!

OUR LATEST FOOD FIGHT GOES HIGH-TECH WITH POTS + 'BOTS!



\$10 = 1 VOTE!



WHO: More brave Diocese of Scranton priests, or, as we like to call them, **PASTOR CHEFS**, plus special-guest and media chefs return to their kitchens with new recipes and new technology.

WHAT: Rectory, Set, Cook! IV: Teching it Up A Notch

WHEN: March 4, 2025, then throughout Lent, with Top Chefs and Top 10 named as of 5 p.m. April 10

WHERE: Any desktop, laptop or mobile device/cell phone

WHY: To feed the hungry and house the homeless within the Diocese of Scranton while also supporting our parishes.

HOW:

- 1 Click on the **OUR CHEFS** tab. On mobile devices, find this tab by scrolling down to the bottom of the page, past the sponsor logos, to see the pastor chef pages and view the videos.

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR THOSE USING PHONES:

If you cannot see the videos, click **VIEW**, then "Read More" (under the small rectangular image beneath "Donate to Vote") to reveal the **PLAY** key.

- 2 Click on a chef's (or team of chefs') page, select **DONATE NOW** and make at least a \$10 gift to cast one vote. Cast as many votes as you wish as often as you wish for as many chefs as you wish!

- 3 Watch your name appear on our donor walls and your pastor chefs/chefs' page! (Or check the anonymous option when donating.)



RECTORY, SET, COOK! 2025 FAQ



Q. HOW DO PEOPLE SEE THE 2025 COOKING VIDEOS AND VOTE?

A. 1. Visit dioceseofscranton.org, and click on the Rectory, Set, Cook! tile on the homepage.

2. Click on the OUR CHEFS tab. On mobile devices, find this tab by scrolling to the bottom of the page, past the sponsor logos, to see the pastor chef pages and view the videos.

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR THOSE USING PHONES: If you cannot see the videos, click VIEW, then "Read More" (under the small rectangular image beneath "Donate to Vote") to reveal the PLAY key.

3. Click on any pastor/team page to view the video, select DONATE NOW, and give at least \$10 to cast one or more votes.

4. Watch your name appear on our donor walls and your pastor chef's/chefs' page! (Or check the anonymous option.)

Q. CAN PEOPLE DONATE VIA CASH OR CHECK?

A. **YES!** You as a pastor chef, sous chef/team member or parish staffer/campaign helper have two options:

1. **Diocesan staff will do this for you. Simply ask donors to mail checks, made payable to Diocese of Scranton, to :**

Diocese of Scranton Chancery Building

Attn: Sandra Snyder / Rectory , Set, Cook!

300 Wyoming Ave.

Scranton, PA 18503

Donors should be sure to note the pastor chef team to whom they would like to credit their donation.

2. **A pastor chef, team member or parish staff member may use his or her own credit card OR a parish credit card to enter a donation** and pay himself, herself, or the parish back with the cash or check. **BUT, VERY IMPORTANT:** The person entering the donation **must list THE DONOR'S name, address, phone number, and email address.** This is to ensure the donor is properly credited online and in diocesan donor records, and that he/she receives a proper tax receipt. **PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE PARISH ADDRESS OR EMAIL ADDRESS IF YOU LACK DONOR INFORMATION. INSTEAD, CALL US FOR HELP AT 570-207-2250!**

Q. WHY DOES MY CAMPAIGN SEEM SO INACTIVE COMPARED TO SOME WHO ARE RAISING SO MUCH MONEY?

ALL of our pastor chefs and their team members are good, likable people! That's most important to remember! But the biggest vote-getters spread the word about their campaign and make sure as many people know about it as possible. They do one or, likely, several of the following things:

1. **They talk about their campaign at Mass**, either in the announcements or closing address. They make jokes at their own expense. They thank voters and potential voters for helping the cause! **THEY ASK FOR VOTES AND SUPPORT!**
2. **They use the distributed pre-made graphics** with QR codes (or design their own graphics or pitches) for **printed bulletins and parish and/or personal social media.**
3. **They send emails, texts, or letters to friends/family** letting them know they'd appreciate their vote. This can be done automatically from a pastor chef's campaign page, with pre-written copy (which can be edited to personalize) sent with one click! They often take advantage of other email lists or social media influencers to which or whom they have access. In other words, they also ask others to ask on their behalf - restaurants they frequent, groups to which they belong, etc.
4. They have fun with incentives and engagement. They raffle prizes among donors, for example, offering to serve their dish to X number of winners or chancing off a basket themed after their dish. A new idea we heard this year: a parish watch party! They organize an official video viewing, serve snacks, and ask for votes from all who attend. **THEY ASK, AND THEY RECEIVE!**

March/April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Faith Formation- 9-10am	31 Confessions- 5pm-7pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	1 April	2	3 Women's Society 6:30pm- Parish Dining Hall	4 Stations of the Cross- After 12:15 Mass & 5:30pm Treasures- 10am-12pm	5
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13 Palm Sunday Faith Formation- 9-10am	14 Confessions- 5pm-7pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	15	16	17 Holy Thursday- Mass 7pm	18 Good Friday- Service 12pm	19 Holy Saturday- Basket Blessing 12pm Easter Vigil 8pm
20 Easter Sunday	21	22	23	24	25 Treasures- 10am-12pm	26



COMMUNITY

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.

LENTEN HOLY HOUR WITH BISHOP BAMBERA

All of the faithful in the Diocese of Scranton are invited to a Lenten Holy Hour with the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, to commemorate the diocesan phase of the 2025 Holy Year of Hope. These gatherings will take place in each of the twelve deaneries of the Diocese of Scranton.

The Lenten Holy Hour for our deanery, the Wilkes-Barre Deanery, will take place on Monday, April 7 at 7:00 PM, at Saint Nicholas-Saint Mary Parish, 226 S. Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701.

A Jubilee Year is traditionally proclaimed by the Universal Church every 25 years. It is a particular year set aside to encourage the faithful to embark on pilgrimages, to repent of their sins and forgive the sins of others, and to renew a focus on the spiritual life.

The Jubilee Year 2025 will be centered on the theme "Pilgrims of Hope." As His Holiness, Pope Francis, so beautifully expressed it: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision."

Mark your calendars and plan on joining Bishop Bambera for this special Holy Year celebration.

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