

March 5, 2023

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
as well as on the parish Facebook page.

Sunday Stewards

Saturday, Feb 25 - 4:00pm:

253 people attended

145 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,771.00

Sunday, Feb 26 - 7:30am:

165 people attended

92 envelopes received

Offering \$1,583.00

Sunday, Feb 26 - 10:30am:

218 people attended

98 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,644.00

Thank You for your Generosity.

***The Second Collection
this weekend is for
Care and Education of Priests***

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card to the church. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a letter will be mailed to you with a personalized Commitment Card. Each and every one of you is a vital member of our parish community and we want to hear from you! This is an opportunity to **reflect upon and renew** your sacrificial commitment to support the mission of Saints Peter and Paul. For those who are able – there is an opportunity to make a one-time gift to the parish.

WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	Mar 04	4:00pm	Patrick Delasandro by Family Frank Glazenski by Wife, Camille
Sunday	Mar 05	7:30am 10:30am	Joseph Bronack by Delphine Biondi Joseph R. Gronkowski by Wife, Children, & Grandchildren

MASSES AT SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Tuesday	Mar 07	12:15pm	Joseph Ulichney by Wife & Children
Wednesday	Mar 08	12:15pm	Matthew Flannery by Dolores Dlugosh
Thursday	Mar 09	12:15pm	Randy Ledsome by Wife, Debra
Friday	Mar 10	12:15pm	Matthew Janerich by Daughters, Teri & Joanne

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES AT SAINTS PETER & PAUL

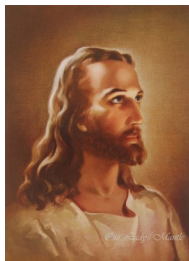
Saturday	Mar 11	4pm	Dorothy Sheraski by Nieces & Nephews
Sunday	Mar 12	7:30am 10:30am	Andrew A. Katsock, Jr. by Wife & Family Sadie Barkovitz by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Barkovitz & Mr. & Mrs. Mike Haydu



The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

March 5, 2023



*O Christ,
Son of God,
for our sake you
fasted forty days
and allowed
yourself to be
tempted.
Protect us so that
we may not be
led astray by any
temptation.
Since man does
not live by bread
alone,
nourish our souls
with the
heavenly food of
your Word;
through your
mercy,
O our God,
you are blessed
and live and
govern all things,
now and forever.

Amen.*

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

God calls Abraham to leave his family and people and go to a new land. God promises to make the people of this new nation great and to bless Abraham.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Paul, from his place of imprisonment in Rome, writes words of encouragement to Timothy, telling him that Christ is for them everlasting life.

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Wishing to reveal His glory to Peter, James and John, Jesus takes them to a mountain where he is transfigured before them. When Peter exclaims that he will build three tabernacles here in honor of Jesus, Moses and Elijah, a voice from above proclaims: "This is My beloved Son on whom My favor rests. Listen to him."

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

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"Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from Christ. He saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design, and the grace bestowed on us in Christ Jesus before time began."

We join the three chosen apostles with Jesus on the mountain, and Jesus shows himself, and with the three we too fix our eyes on Jesus alone. Our Lent this year calls us to that same holy life.

Pope Francis in his encyclical 'Rejoice and Be Glad' offers the path, the menu, the map, in response to the call to holiness. For us this is what we are being called to live. The model the Holy Father offers us is to live the beatitudes.

During this second week of Lent reread Matthew 5, pray over it and put what you find into practice.

WORD

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH –MARCH

Each month, a Ministry of the parish is highlighted. For March we will reflect on Lent

We are now in the season of Lent. For many of us, Lent is a time that something is “given up”. It could be a vice, a habit we are trying to break, or a particular food. But Lent could also mean a time for growth. This year, maybe try to participate in a Ministry. If you enjoy singing, attend choir practice. Become a Lector if you have the desire to read the Word of God to the parish at weekend Masses. If social service sounds interesting, volunteer or donate to our social service Ministries, such as Treasures and/or the Food Pantry. Saints Peter and Paul Parish has a number of Ministries that could always use the help and enthusiasm of our parish members. What begins as a Lenten promise just may turn into a lifetime of virtue!

Peter reads “As each one has received a gift use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace” (1 Peter 4:10). Please consider using your gift of faith to serve others.

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 –
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WEEKLY READINGS

Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday

Gn 12:1-4a;
2 Tm 1:8b-10;
Mt 17:1-9

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Jer 18:18-20;
Mt 20:17-28

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

Lent

“The annual observance of Lent is the special season for the ascent to the holy mountain of Easter. Through its twofold theme of repentance and baptism, the season of Lent disposes both the catechumens and the faithful to celebrate the paschal mystery. Catechumens are led to the sacraments of initiation by means of the rite of election, the scrutinies, and catechesis. The faithful, listening more intently to the word of God and devoting themselves to prayers, are prepared through a spirit of repentance to renew their baptismal promises (Ceremonial of Bishops, 249).

Lent runs from Ash Wednesday until the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, which then begins the Sacred Paschal Triduum.

The Light Is On For You

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will begin Monday, February 27, of the first week of Lent, and continue through March 27 of the fifth week of Lent, from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. Please try to celebrate this sacrament during this time of Lent.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction

The Wednesdays of Lent, March 8, 15, 22, & 29th, we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction at 5:30pm. Each Wednesday we will have a brief reflection on the Eucharist. Please try to join us in our journey to the heart of Christ.

Stations of the Cross

On Fridays of Lent, we will pray the Stations of the Cross immediately after 12:15 Mass. Additionally, we will pray the Stations at 5:30pm with Adoration and Benediction.



March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5	6 Confessions 5:30-7pm Rosary 6pm Treasures 5-7pm	7	8 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction 5:30pm Choir Practice 6:30pm	9 Parish Council 6:30-Parish Dining Hall	10 Stations after 12:15pm Mass & 5:30pm Treasures 10am-12pm	11
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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

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 **February** we will collect **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 **Winter clothing** for men, women, and children. Donations may be dropped off during business hours only. **Mondays 5pm-7pm & 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 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

\$30 Joan Marchetti
\$25 Patrick & Donna Malys

In Memory of Joseph Bronack

\$50 Carol & Michael Simonson
\$25 Patrick & Donna Malys

In Memory of Rita Augustine

\$25 Lance & Mary Jones

In Memory of Charles Obeid

\$50 Brace Place Orthodontics

In Memory of Christopher Cole

\$20 Anonymous

In Memory of Michael & Mark McGivney

\$25 Patrick & Connor McGivney

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.



OUR PARISH CEMETERIES

Beginning in April, our staff will be cleaning and doing maintenance of all our Parish's cemeteries. If you have any holiday decorations on the graves of your loved ones, and would like to keep them, please remove them **before March 1st**. Otherwise, they will be disposed of.

***We have also received phone calls about ground settling around multiple graves, creating holes. Be mindful that this is normal due to the nature of the ground thawing, and will be addressed as soon as the weather permits us to fix the holes correctly. Thank you for your patience as we survey all our cemeteries.

COMMUNITY

The Annual Novena to St. Joseph will begin next **Saturday, March 11th**, at the **Oblates of St. Joseph Chapel, Route 315, Laflin**, with Masses each day at **12 Noon and 7:00 p.m.** This year's Novena will be preached by Passionist Father Mark Ward, CP. Masses will be preceded by confessions and praying of the rosary, concluding with novena devotions. The Novena concludes on the Feast of St. Joseph, Monday, March 20th, at 12 Noon to be celebrated by Bishop Joseph Bambera.

LENTEN POTATO PANCAKE SALES AT ST. JOHN'S

St. John the Evangelist Parish, 35 William Street in Pittston, will be selling homemade **Potato Pancakes** on the Fridays of Lent except for St. Patrick's Day, March 17. Pancakes are 3 for \$5.00 with applesauce and sour cream available for an additional 50 cents each. Pre-orders and pre-payment only; orders must be placed by Thursday of each week by calling the parish office at 570-654-0053. Pick-up on Fridays (Feb. 24, Mar. 3, 10, 24 and 31) from 5-7 p.m. in the Pastoral Center auditorium entrance on Church Street.

A **Potato Pancake and Lenten Food Sale** will be held at **Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 215 Lackawanna Ave., Dupont, on Friday, March 17, from 11am to 6pm**. Homemade potato pancakes, halushki, butternut squash soup and lentil soup will be offered. \$20 a dozen for the potato pancakes.

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. 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 mountain Jesus is Transfigured and appears with Moses and Elijah, who in the old testament both remind the people to "Obey God". Jesus tells Peter, James and John to believe and obey Him and keep this vision a secret until the resurrection.

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Believe... Obey God

Find and write the missing letters not listed (from A to Z).

Z J F D
P Q Y K
C M A W X B
O V H G U R

Answer: Listen

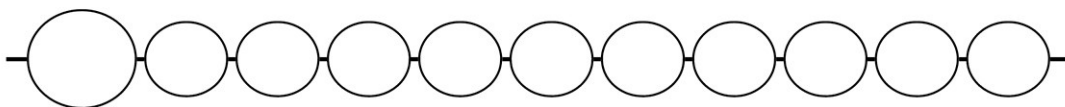
Unscramble the letters and fill in the blanks to complete the sentence below.

"This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.

_____ to him!" *Matthew 17:5*

The Second Sorrowful Mystery -
The Scouring at the Pillar

Think about this mystery before praying.
Jesus obeyed His Father and suffered for
our sins.



This week: Say an Our Father and color the large bead - say 10 Hail Mary's and color each small bead. End with the Glory Be to the Father. Tell Jesus you are sorry for your sins.

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