

March 19, 2023

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, March 11 - 4:00pm:

265 people attended

143 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,880.00

Sunday, March 12 - 7:30am:

106 people attended

80 envelopes received

Offering \$1,670.00

Sunday, March 12 - 10:30am:

221 people attended

112 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,667.00

Thank You for your Generosity.

Saints Peter & Paul Parish Triduum Schedule

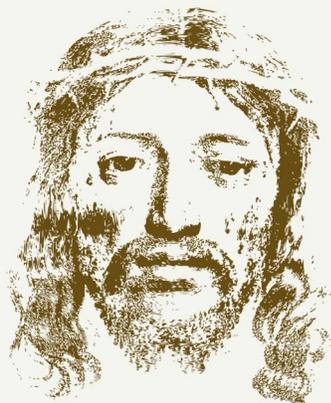
HOLY THURSDAY 7PM

church will be open until 10PM for private prayer

GOOD FRIDAY 12PM

HOLY SATURDAY - 8PM
EASTER VIGIL

EASTER SUNDAY 7:30AM
10:30AM



13 Hudson Road
Plains, PA 18705

Come and celebrate with us!

**The Second Collection
this weekend is for
Catholic Relief Services**

**FOURTH SUNDAY
OF
Lent**



WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	Mar 18	4:00pm	Dorothy Vearling by Husband
Sunday	Mar 19	7:30am	Eleanor Gall by Daughters
		10:30am	Louis Luchetti by Luchetti Children

DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	Mar 21	12:15pm	Matthew Flannery by Sister Mary Beth Makuch SSCM & Paul Makuch
Wednesday	Mar 22	12:15pm	Dorothy Luchetti by Chandra & James Galli Ford
Thursday	Mar 23	12:15pm	Helen & Stanley Stanski, Sr. by Family
Friday	Mar 24	12:15pm	Mr. & Mrs. John E. Bohn by Judy & Dave Nat & Family

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	Mar 25	4:00pm	Edmund Suchocki by Mary Suchocki & Family
Sunday	Mar 26	7:30am	Susan Kapinas by Husband, Tony
		10:30am	Gerald Ritsick, Sr. by Wife & Sons



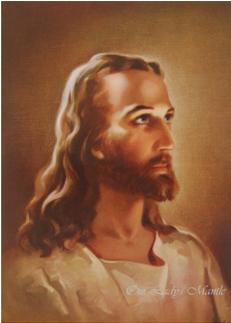
SANCTUARY CANDLE
Stephen Nestorick, Jr.

LADY OF THE LOURDES
Stanley J. Neishel, Jr.

The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

March 19, 2023



*Create in me a
clean heart, O
God,
and put a new
and right spirit
within me.
Do not cast me
away from your
presence,
and do not take
your holy spirit
from me.
Restore to me the
joy of your
salvation,
and sustain in
me a willing
spirit.
Amen*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

In seeking a King for the Israelites, Samuel traveled to Jesse of Bethlehem, who had seven sons. Commanded by God to ignore the elder sons, Samuel anointed the youngest, David.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Paul exhorts the Ephesians to live as “children of light” in goodness and truth and to avoid evil deeds “done in darkness.”

Gospel: John 9:1-41

Jesus performs the miracle of giving sight to the man born blind. Because Jesus performed this miracle on the Sabbath, the Pharisees called him a “sinner,” but the blind man said, “He is a prophet.” Jesus later reveals to the blind man that He is the Son of Man.

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent March 19, 2023

“Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart... The Lord said, ‘there, anoint him, for this is the one’, and from that day on, the spirit of the Lord rushed upon David.”

How significant as we reflect upon the choice of David by the Lord as the shepherd king. We know him well as the author of the psalms, the ancestor of St. Joseph. Chosen by the Lord, he was destined to turn an important page in the story of salvation.

Today, the Lord is looking into our hearts. He is not looking at appearances as ashes, devotions or other practices. Lent for us is a time to accept the choice that the Lord is making of **us** again today. He carefully looks into our hearts to see how well we are following His choice. Our task is to allow His choice to take root in us. Do not all of us wish to be included in His care for us?

This week, we can respond, as we answer a phone call, a text message, or door bell as a reminder of who is calling.

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.



Love. Grow. Serve.

Contact: Kathy Grinaway –
ministries@sspeterandpaulplains.com or
Parish Office 570-825-6663

WEEKLY READINGS

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a;
Eph 5:8-14;

Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday

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

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

Friday

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

Saturday

Is 7:10-14, 8:10;
Heb 10:4-10;
Lk 1:26-38

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 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/April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
19	20 Confessions 5:30-7pm Rosary 6pm Treasures 5-7pm	21	22 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction 5:30pm Choir Practice 6:30pm	23	24 Stations after 12:15pm Mass & 5:30pm Treasures 10am-12pm	25
26	27 Confessions 5:30-7pm Rosary 6pm TrePrayer Shawl 5pm asures 5-7pm	28	29 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction 5:30pm Choir Practice 6:30pm	30	31 Stations after 12:15pm Mass & 5:30pm Treasures 10am-12pm	1 April
2	3 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	4	5 Choir Practice 6:30pm	6	7 Office Closed	8
9	10 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	11	12 Choir Practice 6:30pm	13 Pastoral Council 6:30- Parish Dining Hall	14 Treasures 10am-12pm	15



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 **March** we will collect **canned vegetables**.

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

\$25 Kathleen Pilconis

In Memory of Rita Augustine

\$100 Mary Hurlbutt

\$50 Brooks Estates Residents’ Association

\$25 Kathleen Pilconis

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.



Thank You!

Thank you Schiel’s Family Market in Parsons for your very generous donation of \$380 worth of groceries for Saints Peter & Paul Food Pantry! Your generosity is very much appreciated.

COMMUNITY

The **Feast of St. Joseph** will be celebrated this **Monday, March 20th**, 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. Masses will also be celebrated at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Holy Redeemer High School is now hiring a Maintenance Staff member for Monday-Friday 7am-3pm. This full-time, salaried position includes benefits and a competitive salary. Send resume to:

Holy Redeemer High School

Attn: Doreen Dougherty

159 S. Pennsylvania Blvd.

Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701

Questions? Call 570-829-2424 or email ddougherty@holyredeemerhs.org

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.

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

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Gospel Today

Fourth Sunday of Lent | John 9:1-41 A man, born blind, was healed by Jesus. The blind beggar's eyes were opened to our world but also, more importantly to Jesus - the Light of the World. When the townspeople did not believe Jesus healed the blind man, Jesus asked him, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" *John 9:35* The man replied, "I do **believe**, Lord", and he worshiped Him. *John 9:39*

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Believe... Jesus is the light of the world

He shines the light of His love on us so we don't live in darkness or sin.

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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



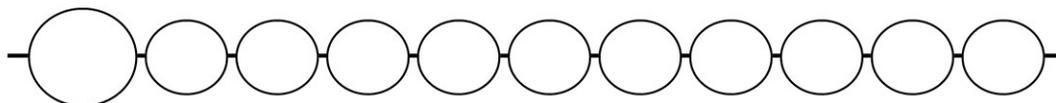
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| Life | Importantly |
| Heart | Jesus |
| Lent | Born |
| Love | Worshiped |
| Darkness | World |
| Believe | People |
| Man | Town |
| Light | Healed |
| Shine | Blind |
| Eyes | Lord |

J E S U S H E A R T B E S
 B D H E B E E L P H O L S
 E V O L O L Y S R G R W E
 L R A W P L M E B I N O N
 I M P O R T A N T L Y E K
 E S E R L M N I D E I P R
 V P S L Y O U H E F L N A
 E E R D W O R S H I P E D
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The Fourth Sorrowful Mystery - The Carrying of the Cross

Think about how Simon of Cyrene helped Jesus carry the cross.

The blind man is no longer living in the dark - he has new eyesight and in his heart a new life in Jesus, he says, "I do _____, Lord".



Some people call struggles or difficult life situations a "cross to bear". Believe that Jesus, the Light of the World, will help you like he helped & healed the blind man. How can you be like Jesus & help others?

This week: Say an Our Father and color the large bead - say 10 Hail Mary's and color each small bead. End with Glory Be to the Father.

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