

**February 25, 2024**

**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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Monday: 8am—4pm

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Wednesday: 8am—2pm

Thursday: 8am—4pm

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*\*Closed daily Noon—12:30pm\**

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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, Feb. 17 - 4:00pm:

194 people attended

129 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,709.00

Sunday, Feb. 18 - 7:30am:

117 people attended

77 envelopes received

Offering \$1,680.00

Sunday, Feb. 18 - 10:30am:

209 people attended

109 envelopes received

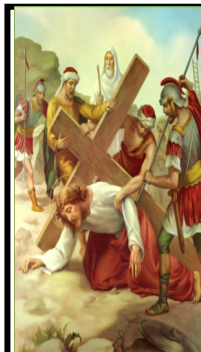
Offering: \$2,820.00

*Thank You for your Generosity.*

***The Second Collection next weekend  
will be for  
The Care and Education of Priests***

## The Light Is On For You

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be on **Monday, February 26th** and continue **through March 25th** from **5:00pm to 7:00pm**. Please try to celebrate this sacrament during this time of Lent.



## Stations of the Cross

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

# WORSHIP

## WE REMEMBER

### MASSES THIS WEEKEND

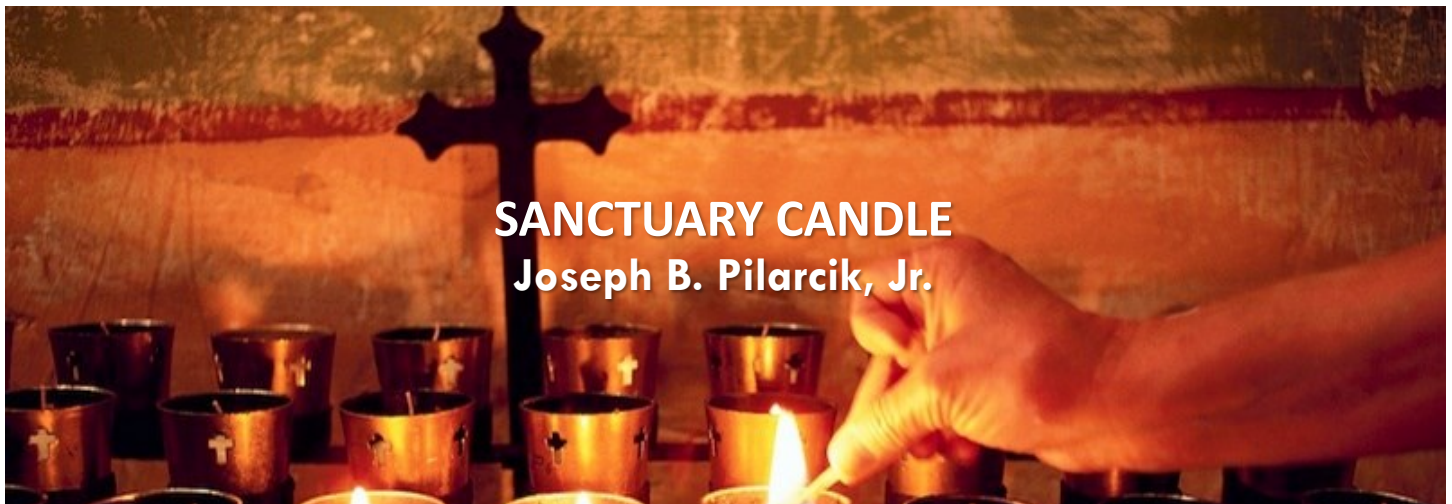
Saturday	Feb. 24	4:00pm	<b>Catherine Pascucci</b> by Bill & Nancy O'Donnell
Sunday	Feb. 25	7:30am 10:30am	<b>Peter Jastremski</b> by Daughters, Phyllis & Karen <b>Margaret Janerich</b> by Daughters, Terri & Joanne

### DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	Feb. 27	12:15pm	<b>Larry Martin</b> by Angie & Whitey
Wednesday	Feb. 28	12:15pm	<b>Ann &amp; Francis Wallace</b> by Daughter, Diane
Thursday	Feb. 29	12:15pm	<b>Josephine Serafin</b> by Richard Serafin
Friday	Mar. 01	12:15pm	<b>Thomas S. Youngblood</b> by Parents

### NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	Mar. 02	4:00pm	<b>Michael &amp; Mark McGivney</b> by Father, Patrick and Connor <b>Frank Glazenski</b> by Wife
Sunday	Mar. 03	7:30am 10:30am	<b>Joseph Ulichney</b> by Wife <b>Joseph R. Gronkowski</b> by Wife, Children & Grandchildren <b>Matthew Vinciarelli</b> by Kathryn Lambert



**SANCTUARY CANDLE**  
**Joseph B. Pilarcik, Jr.**

# The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

February 25, 2024

*God of Love,  
through this  
Lenten journey,  
purify my desires  
to serve you.  
Free me from  
any temptations  
to judge others,  
to place myself  
above others.  
Please let me  
surrender even  
my impatience  
with others,  
that with your  
love and your  
grace,  
I might be less  
and less absorbed  
with myself,  
and more and  
more full of the  
desire  
to follow you,  
in laying down  
my life  
according to  
your example.*

*Amen*

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

### First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

God ordered Abraham to take his beloved only son to Moriah and offer him as a sacrifice. Abraham built an altar and took out a knife to sacrifice his son Isaac. But God called out to him and told him of blessings that would be bestowed on him and his descendants because he had been willing to do what God had asked.

### Second Reading: Romans 8:31b-34

Paul reminds the people that God did not spare his only Son, but gave him up for the sake of all people. This proves God views us all as his children, and that no person can harm or condemn us because God will protect us.

### Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

Jesus led Peter, James and John up a high mountain, where he conversed with Elijah and Moses. A voice proclaimed 'This is my Son, my beloved. Listen to him.' Then Jesus was alone and warned them not to tell anyone what they had seen until he had risen from the dead.

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

### Second Sunday of Lent February 25, 2024

**"If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn? Christ Jesus it is who died – or rather, was raised – who is also at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us."**

Saint Paul was trying to convince the first Christians in Rome of God's concern for them and the saving work of Jesus as redeemer. We become blasé recalling the saving work of Christ in our behalf but fail to respond today for what He did for us on Calvary. That is why we need Lent.

With the chosen apostles on Tabor we are told to listen to God's beloved Son, and as we begin the second week of Lent, to see that I am alone with Jesus. What do I say and do?



# WORD

## MINISTRY OF THE MONTH –FEBRUARY

*Each month, a Ministry of the parish is highlighted.  
For February we will focus on love of neighbor and sacrifices*

This year Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day both fall on the same day- Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. While to some this may be seen to be an inconvenience, it is actually a blessing and an opportunity. A blessing because we will honor the Lord in love through the sacrifices of fasting and abstinence. It is an opportunity in that it gives us time to reflect on how love, sacrifice, and ministry within the church are intertwined. We love so many people in so many different ways- spouses, children, friends, and relatives, to name a few. But we are bound by God to love all creatures. "For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them"(Luke 6:32). Jesus fasted, even though He had been tempted by the devil, because of His love for us. In return, we not only fast on Ash Wednesday, but many of us make our own to fasts for the foods or objects we enjoy. This also is to honor God.

Now, we can take this love and the act of fasting and also perform it through church ministry. Donate the food you are not eating to the Food Pantry, or some of the extra clothing you have to Treasures. Sacrifice to God by attending mass every Sunday, or, if able, at one or more of the daily Masses each week at 12:15. Attend the Stations of the Cross. Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Become an usher or a lector. If you enjoy giving praise to God through song, consider this Lent signing up for the choir. These are just a few suggestions, and I am sure you can think of even more!

So you can see how love, sacrifice, and ministry are bound together. Pray on this, and you may discover much in your heart this Lenten season.

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.

## WEEKLY READINGS

### Second Sunday of Lent

#### Sunday

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18;  
Rom 8:31b-34;  
Mk 9:2-10

#### 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

#### First Friday

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

#### First Saturday

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

## February/March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 <i>Faith Formation</i> 9-10am	26 Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	27	28 <i>Choir Practice-</i> 6:30pm	29 <i>Night at the Races</i> <i>Meeting 6:30pm-</i> <i>Parish Dining Hall</i>	1 <i>March</i> Treasures 10am-12pm	2
3 <i>Faith Formation</i> 9-10am	4 Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	5	6 <i>Choir Practice-</i> 6:30pm	7 <i>Women's Society</i> 6:30pm– <i>Parish Center</i> <i>Dining Hall</i>	8 Treasures 10am-12pm	9
10 <i>Faith Formation</i> 9-10am	11 Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	12	13 <i>Choir Practice-</i> 6:30pm	14 <i>Parish Council</i> 6:30pm– <i>Parish Center</i> <i>Dining Hall</i>  <i>Food Pantry Prep</i>	15 <i>Food Pantry</i> Treasures 10am-12pm	16 <i>Night at the Races-</i> <i>Doors open at 6:00-</i> <i>Bernardine Hall</i>
17 <i>Faith Formation</i> 9-10am	18 Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	19	20 <i>Choir Practice-</i> 6:30pm	21	22 Treasures 10am-12pm	23

## Save the Dates

**Night at the Races - March 16th**

**Purse Bingo - April 21st**

# 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, pasta, & spaghetti sauce.**

### 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 at 155 Austin Ave in Parsons 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

### 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*

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

\$120    Anonymous

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 16th.**

**Doors open at 6:00pm –Post Time is 7:00pm.**

Admission is \$10.00– and includes Food (Haluski, Whimpies, Ziti, Pierogies, Hot  
Dogs, 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.**

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

Chips, Pretzels, Soda, Water, & 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!**

The next **meeting** for the **Night at the Races** will be held on  
Thursday, **February 29th, at 6:30pm** in  
The Parish Dining Hall.





## Pot of Gold Basket

Buy a horse for our **Night at the Races** to get an entry to win the **Pot of Gold Basket**.

(Basket includes liquor, cash, lottery tickets, and goodies). Receive one ticket for each horse you purchase. We will also have two additional door prizes (**two tickets for our upcoming Purse Bingo** in April, and a beautiful **Blest Cross and Prayer Shawl**) donated by the Saints Peter and Paul Counting Group and our Prayer Shawl Ministry.

## Purse Bingo

Date: April 21st

Tickets are now available

\$30 in Advance- \$40 at Door

Tickets can also be purchased on website.

If anyone would like to volunteer and be on the Purse Bingo Committee, please call the office and we will add your name to the list. We will call you if needed.

We would also greatly appreciate any monetary or basket donations.

## **OUR PARISH CEMETERIES**

Beginning in **March**, 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**

### **HOLY REDEEMER HIGH SCHOOL**

159 South Pennsylvania Blvd., Wilkes-Barre

### **SPRING OPEN HOUSE**

Join us for a school tour, meet our teachers, and become a ROYAL!!

**Saturday, March 9, 2024 from 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM**

Call to register @ 570-829-2424

[www.holyredeemerhs.org](http://www.holyredeemerhs.org)

**Gorzkie zale**, the traditional Polish-language Lenten devotion known as the “Bitter Lamentations,” will be held on **Sunday, March 17, at 3 pm in Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 215 Lackawanna Ave., Dupont**. The devotion is a sung reflection on the Passion of Christ and his Sorrowful Mother. Fr. Michael Drevitch, parochial vicar of Corpus Christi and St. Barbara Parishes, will be the guest homilist. A light reception will follow in the church hall. All are invited to attend.

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Harold Golomb	Joanne Brague
Lou Zuzelski	Steve McGough

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