

March 17, 2024

Fifth 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. 09 - 4:00pm:

257 people attended

150 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,742.00

Sunday, Mar. 10 - 7:30am:

101 people attended

80 envelopes received

Offering \$1,572.00

Sunday, Mar. 10 - 10:30am:

197 people attended

106 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,493.00

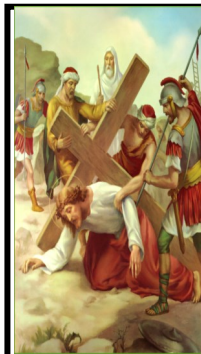
Thank You for your Generosity.

***The Second Collection last
weekend for
Catholic Relief Services
\$1,336.00***

The Light Is On For You

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
will be on **Monday, March 18th** and
Monday, 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	Mar 16	4:00pm	Joann & Leo Helinski by Joseph & John Helinski
Sunday	Mar. 17	7:30am 10:30am	Dolores Korecki by William Korecki Robert Kropiewnicki by Betty Jean Hession

DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	Mar. 19	12:15pm	Stanley Wilk by Robert Legg
Wednesday	Mar. 20	12:15pm	Delphine Wejkszner by Irene Keil & Family
Thursday	Mar. 21	12:15pm	Mr. & Mrs. Edward Klem & Sons by Emily Klem & Family
Friday	Mar. 22	12:15pm	Dorothy Luchetti by Joe & Margaret Wilk

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	Mar. 23	4:00pm	Mary J. Seasock by Scott & Valerie Seasock
Sunday	Mar. 24	7:30am 10:30am	Thomas Caffrey, Sr. by Wife, Son, & Cory Margaret & Joseph Biniek, Sr. by Janine, Joe, & Adam



SANCTUARY CANDLE
Patrick & Sara Delasandro

LADY OF THE LOURDES
Patrick & Sara Delasandro

The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

March 17, 2024

*My loving Lord,
it's so hard to love
the world
sometimes
and to love it the
way Jesus did
seems impossible.
Help me to be
inspired by his
love and
guided by his
example.
Most of all,
I want to accept
that I can't do it
alone,
and that trying is
an arrogance of
self-centeredness.
I need you, dear
God, to give me
support in this
journey.
Show me how to
unlock my heart
so that I am less
selfish.
Let me be less
fearful of the pain
and darkness
that will be
transformed by
you into Easter
joy.*

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Lord comforted his people, who were exiled to Babylon, by telling them of the new covenant he planned to make with them. The Lord declared he would write his law upon their hearts, and that he would forgive their evil and forget the sins they had committed in the past.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

Though God could have heeded his Son's prayers and spared him suffering, Jesus accepted his Father's will. Through his suffering, he learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation for all people.

Gospel: John 12:20-33

Jesus was afraid of the suffering he knew he must face. Yet he explained just as a grain of wheat must die to be harvested, he had to face his hour of suffering to glorify his Father's name. Jesus explained that once he was lifted from earth, he could draw all people to himself, lifting them to eternal life.

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent March 17, 2024

"Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip... and asked him, 'Sir, we would like to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew. Philip and Andrew went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.'"

If you asked someone 'would you like to see Jesus?', surely the reply would be 'Yes, but where can I find Him today?' The answer is clear, as we have Him present in the Blessed Sacrament, in the gift of grace and all the sacraments. The church is our sacrament of encounter with God.

How many people need us to be the Philip, the Andrew; to point out and bring them to Jesus. Jesus is present in the face of those in need, and we are to be the face of Jesus for them. May this be our task as our Lent will soon draw to a close.

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

March begins in the season of Lent and ends with Holy Week and Easter, commemorating the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is a time of the year when our faith is very important to us. Serving in one of our liturgical ministries is a way to deepen this faith. 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.

WEEKLY READINGS

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday

Jer 31:31-34;
Heb 5:7-9;
Jn 12:20-33

Monday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62
or
13:41c-62;
Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95;
Jn 8:31-42

Thursday

Gn 17:3-9;
Jn 8:51-59

Friday

Jer 20:10-13;
Jn 10:31-42

Saturday

Ez 37:21-28;
Jn 11:45-56

Saints Peter & Paul Parish

Easter Schedule

PALM SUNDAY

7:30AM

10:30AM

HOLY THURSDAY

7PM

church will be open until 10PM for private prayer

GOOD FRIDAY

12PM

**HOLY SATURDAY
BASKET BLESSING**

12PM

**HOLY SATURDAY -
EASTER VIGIL**

8PM

EASTER SUNDAY

7:30AM

10:30AM



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Come and celebrate with us!

March/April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
17 Faith Formation 9-10am	18 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	19	20 <i>Choir Practice-</i> 6:30pm	21	22 Treasures 10am-12pm	23
24 Palm Sunday Faith Formation 9-10am	25 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	26	27 <i>Choir Practice-</i> 6:30pm	28 Holy Thursday- Mass at 7pm	29 Good Friday service at 12:00 Office Closed	30 Basket Blessing- 12:00 Easter Vigil-8pm
31 Easter Sunday- Masses 7:30am and 10:30am	1 April Office Closed	2	3	4 Women's Society 6:30pm- Parish Center Dining Hall	5 Treasures 10am-12pm	6
7 Faith Formation 9-10am	8 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	9	10	11 Parish Council 6:30pm- Parish Center Dining Hall	12 Treasures 10am-12pm	13

Save the Dates

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 **March** we will collect **tuna, peanut butter, and canned meats.**

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 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

In memory of Zuzelski Family

\$200 Louis & Deborah Zuzelski

In memory of Chandler Family

\$200 Louis & Deborah Zuzelski

\$140 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.

Note:

The Food Pantry shelves are running low of almost everything because of the increase of families in need of food. We would appreciate anything you can donate as well as the items listed for the month of March.



Easter Crosses

Beautiful crosses made by our Counting Group will be sold after all Masses.

Get one before they are all gone!

Cost is \$20 each.

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.

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Gospel Today Fifth Sunday of Lent | John 12:20-33

In His final days, Jesus reminds us to follow Him. Jesus says, "My Father will honor the one who serves Me". John 12: 26

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds". John 12: 23-24

Give us New Life, O Lord.

My plan for Lent, one week at a time...

This week I will pray for _____

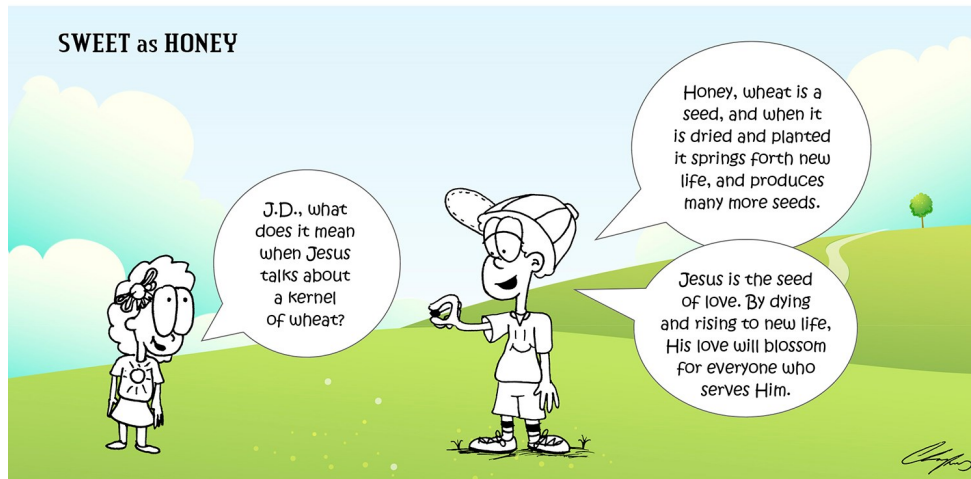
This week I will give up/do without _____

This week I will do this act of love/good deed _____

(Sundays optional)

Lent is almost over - next Sunday is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week.

SWEET as HONEY



COMMUNITY

The Feast of St. Joseph will be celebrated this **Tuesday, March 19th**, with a special **Solemn Mass at 7:00p.m. 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 on the Feast Day at 8:00 a.m. and 12 Noon.

Taizé Prayer Around the Cross will be celebrated on **Thursday, March 21st at 7PM at All Saints Parish, 66 Willow Street, Plymouth**. This form of prayer is a meditative style of communal prayer. Sung repetitive refrains create a gentle rhythm. The beauty of your voices united in song becomes a doorway to reflection and meditation. This particular prayer will focus on the Passion of Christ, with time to venerate the cross. Rob Yenkowski, the music director at King's College and The Cantores Christi Regis choir will be the ministers of music for this prayer. A freewill offering will be taken up at the end of the service to show appreciation for their time and ministry. All are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served in the Church basement after the program. This prayer will surely enhance your Lenten journey to Easter!

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