

**April 9, 2023**

**Easter Sunday**

## 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](http://www.sspeterandpaulplains.com)  
as well as on the parish Facebook page.

## Sunday Stewards

Saturday, April 01 - 4:00pm:

302 people attended

183 envelopes received

Offering: \$3,862.00

Sunday, April 02 - 7:30am:

130 people attended

81 envelopes received

Offering \$1,424.00

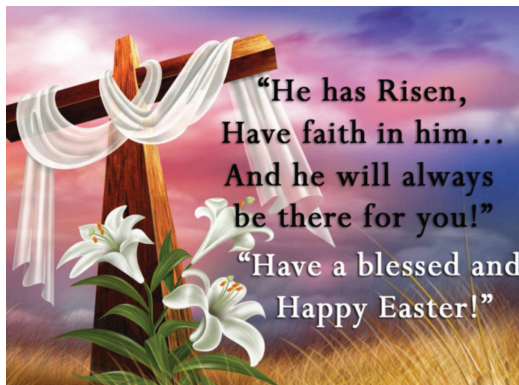
Sunday, April 02 - 10:30am:

274 people attended

133 envelopes received

Offering: \$3,599.00

*Thank You for your Generosity.*



*The Second Collection  
last weekend for  
Care and Education of Priests  
\$1,515.00*



## WE REMEMBER

## MASSSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday      Apr 08    8:00pm    **Holy Saturday Mass**

Sunday	Apr 09	7:30am	<b>Easter Sunday</b>
		10:30am	<b>Easter Sunday</b>

## DAILY MASSES

Tuesday Apr 11 12:15pm **Margaret Janerich** by Daughters, Teri & Joanne

Wednesday Apr 12 12:15pm **Joseph, Eva, & Joseph J. Canterini** by Janice, Tracey, & Kelly

Thursday Apr 13 12:15pm **Walter Chronowski** by Molly Lowe

Friday Apr 14 12:15pm **Gerald Ritsick, Sr. by Wife & Sons**

## NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday April 15 4:00pm **David Loiacono** by Ben & Francine Berrini

Sunday	April 16	7:30am	<b>Dolores Myers</b> by Don & Edie Prescavage
		10:30am	<b>Dorothy Luchetti</b> by Bernard Nerbecki





# The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

April 9, 2023

*God our Father,  
by raising Christ  
your Son you  
conquered the  
power of death  
and opened for us  
the way to  
eternal life.*

*Let our  
celebration today  
raise us up and  
renew our lives  
by the Spirit that  
is within us.*

*Grant this  
through our Lord  
Jesus Christ,  
your Son,  
who lives and  
reigns with you  
and the Holy  
Spirit,  
one God,  
for ever and  
ever.*

*Amen*

## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

### First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37 43

In this passage, Peter testifies that he and his followers saw the miracles performed by Christ, witnessed His death, and believe in His resurrection. Now they will proclaim to all that Christ is the Son of God.

### Second Reading: Colossians 3:1 4

Paul tells the Colossians that they will appear with Christ in glory. They should be mindful of things above rather than things on earth.

### Gospel: John 20:1 9

In vivid detail, John tells us that when Mary Magdalene visited Christ's tomb, the tomb was empty. She told the apostles, who ran to the tomb, and saw the "wrappings" on the ground. The disciple who entered first "saw and believed."

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

### Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord April 9, 2023

**"And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?'"**

How many different sources from the scriptures there are telling us of the resurrection and appearances of the Risen Lord. From the empty tomb, the visit to the upper room, or breakfast at the sea of Galilee, all reflect the personal experience and witness. The walk on the road to Emmaus is a summary of our own experience. Does the scriptures not 'burn within us?' Are we able to recognize the presence of the Lord in our own lives, especially in the Eucharist? When I attend mass do the words, taking the bread, breaking, blessing, and giving, reveal once again the real presence of Christ?

A blessed Easter for all.

# WORD

## MINISTRY OF THE MONTH –APRIL

*Each month, a Ministry of the parish is highlighted.  
For April we will reflect on the Easter season and the Ministry  
of God's love*

April begins with Palm Sunday, followed by Holy Week and Easter. During this time, we witness the meaning of love, when Jesus gave up His life for us. What better time to return that love and follow these words of Jesus, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:37-39).

Let us spend this month giving back the love to God that He gave to us. There are a number of liturgical ministries that give you the opportunity to serve God. Prayerfully consider being a part of one or more of them. Or show your love for your neighbor by donating or helping distribute clothing or food, or maybe crocheting prayer shawls. Loving your neighbor can be living the ministry of hospitality with something as simple as a smile, or hello, or holding a door open for someone who needs help. Whether through prayer, the works of a ministry, or being kind to others, we can demonstrate to Jesus that we love Him and each other. Jesus loves us. Let us spend time this month in acknowledgment by living the way He would want us to live.

If you are interested or need information on any of our ministries, please see the contact page in the bulletin for all ministry leaders or the contacts listed below.

Happy Easter!

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.**

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Parish Office 570-825-6663

## WEEKLY READINGS

### Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

#### Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43;  
Col 3:1-4 or  
1 Cor 5:6b-8;

Jn 20:1-9 or  
Mt 28:1-10 or, at an afternoon  
or

evening Mass, Lk 24:13-35

#### Monday

Acts 2:14, 22-33;  
Mt 28:8-15

#### Tuesday

Acts 2:36-41;  
Jn 20:11-18

#### Wednesday

Acts 3:1-10;  
Lk 24:13-35

#### Thursday

Acts 3:11-26;  
Lk 24:35-48

#### Friday

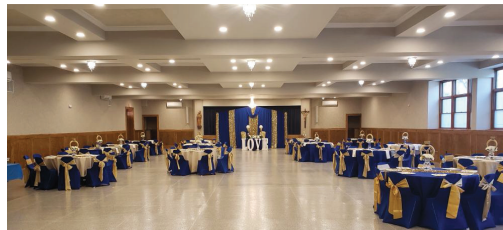
Acts 4:1-12;  
Jn 21:1-14

#### Saturday

Acts 4:13-21;  
Mk 16:9-15

## April/May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9	<b>10</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 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
16	<b>17</b> Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	18	19 Choir Practice 6:30pm	20 Food Pantry Prep	21 Food Pantry Treasures 10am-12pm	22
23	<b>24</b> Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	25	26 Choir Practice 6:30pm	27	28 Treasures 10am-12pm	29
30	<b>1 May</b> Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	2	3 Choir Practice 6:30pm	4 Women's Society 6:30-Parish Dining Hall	5 Treasures 10am-12pm	6



**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](mailto: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 **April** we will collect **canned fruit and 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 **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

\$110 Anonymous

### In Memory of Frank Tencza

\$25 Janice & George Kosik, Jr.

\$290 Friends & Family

### In Memory of Christopher Finnan

\$25 Norma Nardone

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.





# Flea Market

## ATTENTION SPRING CLEANERS

Do you have household items, holiday decorations, toys (no stuffed animals please), tools, in good working condition, jewelry, vinyl records, antiques & vintage items, handmade crafts, or collectables that you no longer can use and need a new home?

We ask that you consider saving them for the Saints Peter and Paul Flea Market coming this summer. Dates and times for drop off will be announced in the near future.

Please **NO** broken items, large furniture, (small items like lamps are accepted), gym equipment, clothing, computers, TV's, encyclopedias, or trophies.

Thank you in advance for helping to make our flea market a huge success!

## Save the Dates

Night at the Races- TBA

Church's 100th Anniversary Celebration- June 25

Flea Market- August 5&6

Purse Bingo- October 8

Toy Bingo- November 12



His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2023 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 4. The event includes a 2:30 PM mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception.

The registration deadline for this event is May 7, 2023. To register, please go to <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/wedding-anniversary-2023-registration-form/> or contact Bridget Guarnieri (570-207-2213 x 1133 or [familylife@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:familylife@dioceseofscranton.org)). Those celebrating couples who speak Spanish may contact Jose Flores (570-207-2213 x 1130 or [jflores@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:jflores@dioceseofscranton.org)).



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

With the Diocese of Scranton  
Sunday, June 4th 2023  
2:30pm

To register, please visit  
<https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/wedding-anniversary-2023-registration-form/>

### **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](http://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 Easter morning Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and found it empty. She hurried to get Peter and John. Peter entered first, and when John entered he "saw and believed."

He is alive!

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# Believe... Alleluia, Alleluia!

Choose a date and an Alpha and Omega... color the flame and choose a cross to color. Cut and glue all to the candle.

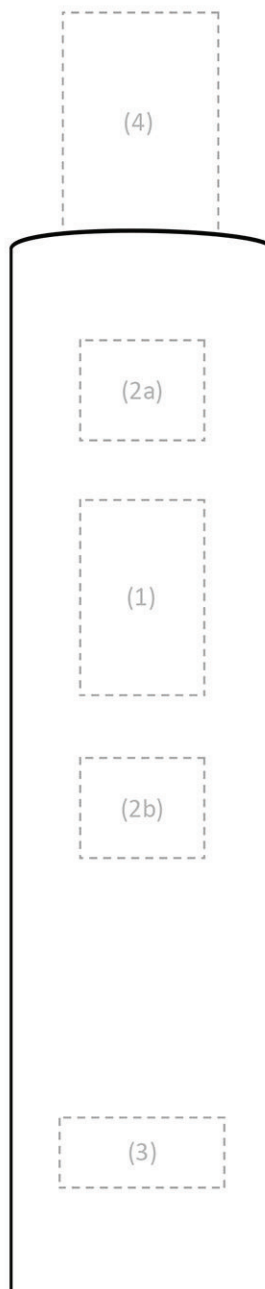
## The Paschal or Easter Candle



Each year at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, a new fire is built and blessed. From this fire, a new Paschal Candle is lit for the first time and will be used for one year. Candle designs vary, but they are always white, the largest in the worship space and contain certain symbols - a cross, the Alpha and Omega and the date. Let's design our own candle by choosing, coloring and gluing on the designs you like. *Do you see the Paschal Candle in your church?*

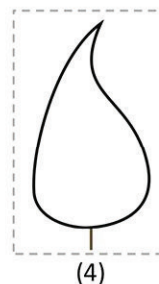
- (1) **THE CROSS** - Always the central symbol
- (2) **THE ALPHA AND OMEGA** - Tells us God is the beginning and the end
- (3) **THE CURRENT YEAR** - Says God is with us here and now
- (4) **THE FLAME** - Reminds us Jesus is the Light of the World
- (5) Use **RED** to make 5 points on the cross to represent the 5 wounds of Jesus

HAPPY &  
BLESSED  
EASTER  
TO ALL!



Pick one  
design from  
each group

A NEW  
CANDLE,  
A NEW  
LIFE



(1)

REJOICE,  
CHRIST IS ALIVE

(3)

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