



The Epiphany of the Lord

January 3, 2021

Saints Peter and Paul Church

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SAINT PETER AND SAINT PAUL, *PRAY FOR US!*

Parish Office Hours

Mon-Thurs. 9:30-3:30

GREEN PHASE LIMITED RE-OPENING OF SSPP CHURCH

**See Updates on Website
sspeterandpaulchurch.net**

***A reminder that the Sunday
Mass obligation remains sus-
pended and that vulnerable
individuals should remain at
home for their own safety.***

Parish Prayer Line Requests

Call Annette at 570-265-9691

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

SS. Peter & Paul Parish, a community of faith called by God to deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ, serves the Lord by sharing our time, talent and treasure. As disciples of Christ, we are called to bring Jesus Christ to ourselves and others: our children, the sick, the poor, the fallen away Catholics and those who need to hear God's message of unconditional love and forgiveness. SS. Peter & Paul Parish is a beacon of light rooted in Jesus Christ, passed on to his successor, our Holy Father the Pope, and is guided by our local bishop to build the Kingdom of God on Earth. It is our mission to shine the light of Jesus Christ in our world and to spiritually enrich the individual members of the parish as well as the larger community through word, worship, sacrament and service.

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To Attend Mass From Home

MASS TIMES - TV and Online

**SS Peter & Paul Church Saturday Vigil will be posted
on youtube: the link is at the top of our Web Page.**

Daily 8 AM, Noon, and 7 PM on EWTN television station

Sunday 8 AM and Noon on EWTN television station

Weekdays 12:10, 3:30 and 7 PM on CTW television; on website www.dioceseofscranton.org; and streaming on Diocesan Facebook, twitter, instagram, and youtube.

Saturday Vigil 4 pm on CTW television and Diocesan website www.dioceseofscranton.org; and streaming on Diocesan facebook, twitter, Instagram and youtube

Sunday 10 am on CTW and Diocesan website www.dioceseofscranton.org; and streaming on Diocesan Facebook, twitter, Instagram and youtube

Weekdays 9 AM livestream at TheDivineMercy.org Facebook page

Weekdays 7 pm in **Spanish** livestream at LaDivinaMisericordia (Official) facebook page



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

This year, each one of us has experienced plenty, and in so many different ways. Dealing with the COVID -19 pandemic and all its requirements, the recent snow blessing and its ramifications, added to our normal personal and family challenges – we can reflect and probably say that we have seen the good, the bad, and the ugly manifested in our lives this year.

However, we are not discouraged, even if we feel/act like lost sheep at times. Our celebration of Christmas, Christ's birthday, – Emmanuel - God is with us— reminds us that our God has taken us upon his shoulders and carries us through.

As we move through these uncertain times, we have confidence that as we bring Christ into our hearts, he brings, “Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love into our lives.” Enjoy the Christmas Season in the New Year.

Christmas Gifts to the Parish –

The 2021 Sunday readings, spiritual reading books, and calendars are on the table at the entrance to the church and also in the rectory. You are welcome to take personal copies and copies for family/friends. Parents with young children are welcome to a family hard covered book for the kids, “The Uproar in Bethlehem” by Michal Hudak – see Kathie DeWan as you enter church (copies of this book at limited.- the parish bought all they had left). Kathie also has a soft covered about the Saints for each age appropriate child.

Fr. Ed's homily handout concerning Catholic Traditions and another concerning what makes Catholic Families different is also available at the entrance to the church or in the rectory office – call 570-265-2113.

Thank You for your generosity

Once again the **Angel Tree Program** was a big success in our parish. Some family comments: “Love you so much! Thank You”, “Thank You so much. Merry Christmas!”, “Thank You. God bless you.” An agency organizer wrote “I would like to thank each of you very much for adopting a family. You gave a family a Christmas they would not have had otherwise. They are so grateful to you for the gift cards. We saw tears from many. God bless you all for taking part. Have a wonderful and Blessed Christmas.

Your generosity to the **2020 Diocesan Annual Appeal** continues to be outstanding. The parish community has responded by pledging \$25,100 or 80.9%. toward our parish goal of \$31K. 118 or 38% of the parish families have given or pledged a gift Thank You very much for your response and generosity in supporting various programs and people in the Diocese.

If you have not made a donation/pledge, to the 2020 Annual Appeal please prayerfully consider making a pledge and helping people in need in our Diocese. You can donate by mail-in envelope (entrance to the church), by phone **570-207-2250**, or by access to the Appeal website

annualappeal.org/donate-now/

Thanks for your concern, for your participation and for your generosity. All gifts, large or small, are needed and appreciated. Additionally, seventy-five percent (75%) of monies donated by the parish over our Annual Appeal goal is returned to the parish for its use/needs.

Above and Beyond:

Your generosity to the parish throughout the entire year, COVID-19 or non COVID-19 has helped us pay the bills, assist families and allow for parish programs and gatherings to expand. Thank you for your support in time, talent, and treasure.



Papal Intention for January 2021 - *Human Fraternity*

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship
'with our brothers and sisters of all other religions,
Praying for one another, open to all.

Mass Intentions Jan. 2—10

Solemnity & Weekend Masses only by Reservation

No reservation is needed for a weekday.

Sat. Vigil 5 pm: Alex Rabago (Sonia Huff)

Sunday 8:00 am: Our Parishioners

11:00 am: Ed Ulatowski

(Rosemary & Jim Hoffmann)

Mon. 8:30 am: Veronica M. Hollenback

(Thomas E. Hollenback)

Tues. 8:30 am: Joanne Smith (The Wolfe Family)

Wed. 8:30 am: Tom Elliott (Ed & Barbara Ulatowski)

Thursday: No Mass

Fri. 8:30 am: Rita Bustin (Pauline McSparrow)

Sat. Vigil 5 pm: John Snell (Michele Snell)

Sunday 8:00 am: Our Parishioners

11:00 am: Helen Elizabeth Barrett

(Bob & Ann Murphy)



A Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:

Lloyd Sullivan (Kathy & Mary Alice)

Christmas Flowers Added by

Arlene Nalisnick for Jim Nalisnick

Memorial Gifts

The parish is grateful for memorial gifts

Received: in memory of **Edmund Ulatowski**, from

Annette Beaumont, Marlene Kurilla, Arlene Nalisnick,

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Baum, and Cryo Technologies; and for **Del Stamer**

from M/M Edward Branish, M/M James Parks, Aggie

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Matuszewski, and Evan S. Williams, Jr.

RESERVATION FOR WEEKEND MASS

<https://tableagent.com/scranton/sts-peter-and-paul/>

Or call Kathleen 570-364-5996

ONLY between 12-3 PM; ONLY Thursday / Saturday

Ministers Jan. 3—10

Collections Mon. Jan. 4, 9:30 am: Team A

Altar Care January Chair: Eileen Hugo

Sat. Jan. 9: Sheri Jampo

Sophia Jampo, Kylie Lewis

Lectors Jan. 9: 5 PM: Patti Meredith

Jan. 10: 8 AM: Chris Sullivan

11 AM: Debbie West

Offertory December 20

Sunday Offering \$ 3.671

Aid to Education 92

Special Envelopes \$ 273

Thank you for your generosity.

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Second Collection

This weekend is for the Care & Education of Priests.

Next weekend will be for Aid to Education.

Retirement Fund for Religious

“We are conscious of the great generosity of the many benefactors who support the Retirement Fund for Religious each year,” says a Catholic sister. “Support from the fund has been a tremendous blessing to our retired sisters.”

Thank you for donating a total of \$201 to the recent collection for Religious Retirement.

Feast of the Epiphany

“Behold, magi from the East arrived . . . prostrated themselves and did him homage”

On this special Sunday of the Christmas Season, we will mark the lintels of the parish doors at the start of each Mass, with the symbols of Christ, the magi, and the new year number. Anyone interested in doing this in their homes is welcome to take home a plastic bag with what you will need at home, inside it – these bags will be at the entrance to the church, or at the rectory later.

Please let us keep in our prayers the parishioners of Epiphany Parish in Sayre, as they celebrate their parish feast day today. We also ask God to keep our parish safe and healthy in this New Year 2021.

It was nice ! It still is, this Christmas Season !

Sometimes we can take things for granted, until we do not have them. It was very nice to see how simply, and beautifully, the church was decorated for Christmas, and to realize just how much we have missed hearing music being played during the Mass. All of us are eager for that time in the future, when we may also be able to sing along as well. Many thanks to our wonderful musicians who played/sang for us at Christmas.

Our appreciation continues to those who had a hand in organizing and decorating the church – you did a great job! Shores Sisters were very grateful for our order of flowers — weren’t they beautifully bright and festive? And they were appropriately selected by Mary Kay Ward—just the right combination, thanks!



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PRAY
FOR THE SICK

VISION 2020

At the present time, the parishes throughout the Diocese of Scranton have been embarking, through discussion within Parish Pastoral Councils and Finances Councils, on planning for parish life in the years ahead. Deaneries have been working on a **Blueprint for the Future**. Bishop Bambera and I am asking for your input into this process. COVID-19 has forced restrictions on our ability to meet in person; however, Bishop Bambera has first, prepared a video presentation which can be accessed through the video link:

(<https://youtu.be/2XrioTR77Fw>)

Please take some time to listen to this presentation so that you can be informed about these discussions taking place in the Diocese and our Deanery (a Deanery is a subsection of parishes within the Diocese).

Our Western Pastoral Deanery comprises (besides Towanda): Sayre/Ridgebury; Canton/Troy//Ralston; Wyalusing/Meshoppen; Friendsville/Silver Lake; Montrose; Dushore/Eagles Mere/Mildred/Sugar Ridge.

Second, On Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 7 pm, Saints Peter and Paul Parish will host a **ZOOM meeting** for parishioners to listen and discuss how our parish can address the concerns and to make suggestions.

How To Join Our Parish Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82623877069?pwd=MVl4T1BMVHo3bEp1Wlg2ek1mRnR3QT09>

Meeting ID: 826 2387 7069

Passcode: 363626

It would be very helpful to listen to Bishop Bambera's video prior to our parish ZOOM meeting. If you have questions, please see Fr. Ed. Thank You!

Down the Road

Even in the midst of chaos, good prevails. With social distancing and quarantining, we have been restricted in opportunities to visit and share time with each other. Spiritual programs and social gatherings have been limited; however, we have found ways to stay in touch and to encourage one another—virtual activities have been fostered so that we can have interaction and involvement even though not able to travel and/or meet in person.

The parish is currently working to develop ZOOM meetings for spiritual and social enrichment in the months ahead (Lent will be here before you know it). Anyone interested in helping to organize and coordinate this with Father Ed is to contact him at the rectory 570-265-2113.. Thank you.

FORMED – A Great Spiritual Resource

I keep mentioning this resource because it really is good. FORMED even sends a weekly update on material that is being featured each week, and each day of that week. This is a really good resource to check out and use—and good for all ages.

To have access:

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| 1. Visit https://formed.org/signup | 4. Choose Saints Peter and Paul Parish |
| 2. Click on 'Create a New Account' | 5. Enter your name and email |
| 3. In the 'search' field, type 18848 | 6. Click "Sign Up." |

Now you can see and hear a host of programs, videos, books, music, you name it. This is a magnificent resource and opportunity for individuals and the whole family. The parish has a subscription to FORMED so **you pay** nothing and the whole family harvests a great deal. Try it and get the kids into it—it's well worth the effort.

After visiting the first time, all you need to do is sign in. Enjoy!