



*Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary time*



**July 12, 2020**

## **Saints Peter and Paul Church**

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**Pastor: Rev. Edward L. Michelini**

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

### **Parish Office Hours**

Closed: Please call or email

### **GREEN PHASE LIMITED RE-OPENING OF SSPP CHURCH**

**See Updates on Website  
[sspeterandpaulchurch.net](http://sspeterandpaulchurch.net)**

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

### **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.

### ***Parish Prayer Line Requests***

Call Annette at 570-265-9691

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### ***No Reason to Miss Mass***

### **MASS TIMES - TV and Online**

**SS Peter & Paul Church Saturday Vigil is now  
livestreamed for viewing—youtube link is on 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](http://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](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org); and streaming on Diocesan  
facebook, twitter, Instagram and youtube**

**Sunday 10 am on CTW and Diocesan website  
[www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org); and streaming on Diocesan  
Facebook, twitter, Instagram and youtube**

**Weekdays 9 AM livestream at [TheDivineMercy.org](http://TheDivineMercy.org) Facebook  
page**

**Weekdays 7 pm in **Spanish** livestream at [LaDivinaMisericordia](http://LaDivinaMisericordia)  
(Official) facebook page**

**Thus says the Lord:**

**"Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come  
down and do not return there till they have watered the  
earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one  
who sows, and bread to the one who eats, so shall my  
word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not  
return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end  
for which I sent it."**

**Isaiah 55: 10-11**

## **Annual Scranton Mass in Remembrance of Victims of Violent or Tragic Death - July 16, 2020**

The Diocese of Scranton is offering the annual Mass in remembrance of victims of violent or tragic death. This Mass is offered for the families and friends of those who have died in tragedy, especially through murder, suicide, and accident.

This year we also keep in our hearts those who lost their struggle with COVID-19.

The Mass is scheduled for Thursday, July 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in Saint Peter's Cathedral, 315 Wyoming Ave., Scranton. All persons who have lost a loved one through tragic and traumatic death are welcome to this liturgy; however, seating will be limited to 70 people. Please call the Office for Parish Life 570-207-2213 ext. 1102 to reserve a seat. This Mass will be televised on CTV.

We ask that the names of deceased loved ones are registered by July 13 on registration forms which are available on the Diocese of Scranton website,

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

All forms must be received **by July 13, 2020.**

## **96th Annual Solemn Novena to Saint Ann July 17-26, 2020**

The Annual Novena to St. Ann, held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Ann in Scranton, will be held this year; of course, restrictions due to the COVID-19 issues will be in place. For information about this year's Novena, visit:

[stannsmonasterybasilica.org](http://stannsmonasterybasilica.org)

OR at St. Ann Monastery Basilica Parish Facebook page.

CTV Coverage of the Masses will be broadcast at noon, 3:30 pm and 8 pm weekdays; and on Saturday & Sunday at 6 pm. The Closing Ceremony held on July 26 will air on Tuesday, July 28 at 8 pm and Wednesday, July 29 at 10 am.

## **Thankful for our kindness!**

During these pandemic months, parishioners in the parish have come forward to help others in the community to get through some difficult Pandemic times. The parish has given away, collectively, a substantial amount of money to businesses, organizations, and individuals. We are printing some of the responses that we have received. Thank you for your concern and generosity now and over the past years.

I am writing this note with sincere thanks for the gift you gave us. The donation was very needed and very much appreciated. Thank you very much and God Bless you.

Thank you so much for your most generous donation. We appreciate every customer who have been so supportive of our shop. We look forward to continue serving not only great coffee and food but the Hope we have in knowing Jesus, and spreading the Good News of that Hope.

Thank you very much for your generous donation. This gift is so wonderful at this uncertain time. WE are all in this together, but it will be the impartment of kindness that will see us through! Thank You!!

## **St. Agnes School**

**Teachers Needed:** St. Agnes School has openings for full-time Early Childhood Education and for Elementary Education teachers, and also for a part-time Pre-K Classroom Aide for the 2020-21 school year. For more information, including the hours, salary and benefits, please contact the school office at (570) 265-6803 or email [sa123@epix.net](mailto:sa123@epix.net). You may also stop by the school office between 8 am and 2 pm Monday-Friday. Substitute teachers are always needed and welcome. (no teaching degree necessary; clearances required for the substitutes).

## **Super Raffle**

You still have time to get at least one chance before the re-scheduled date for the drawing of the winning Super Raffle ticket on August 1, 2020..

Contact St. Agnes School 570-265-6809

8 am—2 pm Wednesday— Friday summer hours

## **Carpet Cleaning - July 22-23**

The church rugs will have their annual shampoo on Wednesday and Thursday, July 22-23, 2020. The cleaning will begin immediately after the morning 8:30 am Mass, Wednesday, with a drying-out period on Thursday.

Some modifications of the Mass schedule may be announced at weekday Masses that week.

## **Mass at French Asylum Sunday—July 26, 2020**

Fr. Ed has been invited to celebrate an outdoor Mass at French Asylum on Sunday July 26, 2020 at 1 pm in the afternoon. No reservations are necessary; however, if you think you might attend, Fr. Ed please see Fr. Ed since he might need some minor assistance from you. Tours and other activities are being planned for the weekend at French Asylum.

### **Mass Intentions July 11 — 19**

***\*Weekend Masses only by Reservation\****

*No reservation is needed for a weekday.*

**Saturday Vigil 5 pm:** Gary Raupers, Sr.  
(Mike & Lou Ann Kilmer)

**Sunday 8:00 am:** Jean Farley (Seibert Family)

**11:00 am:** Our Parishioners)

Mon. 8:30 am: Charles & Cathy Driscoll (Bob Herda)

Tues. 8:30 am: Peggy Miller  
(John & Mary Alice Demangone)

5:00 pm: Rita Bustin (Pat Benson)

Wed. 8:30 am: John Snell (Michele Snell)

Thursday: No Mass

Fri. 8:30 am: Joanne Bellinger

**Saturday Vigil 5 pm:** Our Parishioners

**Sunday 8:00 am:** John Snell (Joshua & Susan Kilmer)

**11:00 am:** Tom Fairchild  
(Mike & Lou Ann Kilmer)

### **Weekday Mass Change in July**

Beginning Monday, July 6, the normal weekday Masses will resume at 8:30 am M-T-W-F; with no Mass on Thursday. EXCEPT: No Mass on Monday, July 27. there will be a Mass Thursday, July 30 at 8:30 am.

There will be one additional Mass on Tuesdays, at 5 pm, during the month of July. Reservations are not necessary for the weekday Masses.

### **Parish Finance Council Meeting**

Meeting is scheduled for Monday July 20, 2020 at 3:30 pm in Grotto Hall. Please pick-up a copy of the various reports from Fr. Ed at your convenience. Thank You!

### **Confirmation – Monday July 20, 2020**

Our long-delayed Confirmation will take place on July 20. Please continue your prayers for our candidates: Lili Bride, Sara Burrowes, Lara Vega and Joey Weinman, as well as for their sponsors and families.

Parishioners interested in attending should see Fr. Ed to learn whether space is available. This sacrament is a wonderful moment for these young parishioners.

### **Celebrating This Week**

Tuesday, July 14: St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

Wednesday, Jul. 15: St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Thursday, July 16: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Saturday, July 18: St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

### **The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

At this time, anyone interested in going to Confession can call Fr. Ed at the parish office 570-265-2113 and make arrangements. For the time being, we need to figure out a way of maintaining “Social Distancing” and sanitizing if we return to the normal Reconciliation procedure.

### **\*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 July 18-19**

**Lectors:** B. Pyznar, B. Wywiorski, M. Pfeffer

**Collection Counter Mon. July 13:** C. Garden

### **Be Aware - The Church needs to be Sanitized Before / After @ Mass**

The church needs to be sanitized every time we celebrate Mass or someone uses the church. If you would like to assist for a brief time after Mass please volunteer to do so – you can contact Kathie DeWan in person or 570-265- 3231 to express your interest or intentions. **Thank You**

### **Offertory June 28, 2020**

Sunday Offering	\$ 3,087.000
Special Envelopes	\$ 382.00

***Thank you for your generosity.***

***Mailed- Delivered-Automatic Donations Appreciated***

This week is for Aid to Education.  
No 2nd Collection will be taken up next

**... from the Marriage Tip Jar**

**“Work as a Team.”**

**We Still DO**

### **Funeral Notice**

This past week, the parish was informed that Theresa Bloomer of Venice, Fla., formerly from Towanda, Pa., died a peaceful death on July 3, 2020. Theresa was married to Lt. Ed Bloomer and they were parishioners of Saints Peter and Paul Parish. Please keep Theresa and Ed and the Bloomer family in your prayers. Funeral services will be held in Florida and burial will be here in Towanda at a later date.



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### REQUEST FOR PARISH REGISTRATION FORM

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### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Art Badger; Nancy Barrett; Josie Beale; Gus Branish; Donna Brown; Carol Brubaker; Tom Burger; Angela Burke; Rosie Burlington; Chris Cole; Beth Coleman; Patricia Coleman; Jon Curtis; Monica Curtis; Margaret DeMarco; Patricia Dibble; Mary Theresa Dorsey; Rachel Dugan; Stephanie Duggan; George Emery; Helen Finlan; Christina Fleury; Sally Groff; Linda Hilscher; Eric Hodgdon; Evelyn Hoff; John Hoffman, Sr.; Billy Hollenback; Polly Karschner; Annette McClure; Deany McGarrigle; Mickey McGarrigle; Sharon Mahaffey; Nate Miller; Paul Moran; Charles Muchichko; Ethan Neuber; Irma O'Keefe; Jean Perry; Cindy Robinson; Mary Ann Schram; Eugenia Serpe; Pastor Rachel Stahle; Charmaine Stempel; Mackenzie Kempner Taylor; Ed and Barbara Ulatowski; Prairie Rose Upton; Barbara Westfall; Sharon Wilson; Joe Zak; and 5 Special Intentions.



**PRAY**  
FOR THE SICK



## Weekday and Sunday Mass—Precautions Remain —Changes of some days/times for July Weekdays

\***July 6: Weekdays:** Resume normal M-T-W-F at 8:30 am, no Mass Thursday; and  
Add Tuesday 5:00 pm

**Weekends:** Saturday 5 pm - Sunday 8 am - Sunday 11 am

**The Saturday 5 pm Vigil Mass will be taped and you can view this liturgy on Sunday at any time.**

You are able to view this Mass from the parish website – <https://sspeterandpaulchurch.net>

\*The top priority is personal and community health and safety. If you are sick, “Stay Home, Get medical advice and Get better.” If you are in a high risk category, or have underlying health issues, take extra precautions in interacting with others – in general stay home away from those who may be sick.

**Bishop Bambera has indicated that the obligation to attend a weekend Mass has been suspended until further notice.**

\* We are restricted to social distancing and 25% of occupancy, so we need to make reservations for each weekend Mass; no need to make a reservation for a weekday Mass. To make reservations go to:

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

and follow the directions by selecting a date and time, etc. for your reservation.

**OR**, if you are not computer savvy you can **CALL** Kathleen at 570-364-5996 **ONLY between 12-3 PM on Thursday or Saturday** and provide her with the date and number of people.

\* **Arrival:** The church will be open about 30 minutes prior to Mass. You need to wear a mask and to social distance at least six feet –use a wipe or hand sanitizer as appropriate. **The floor is marked with a green strip and a bow with flower at the pews designated for people to use.** If you would like to light a candle, please do so before Mass and please continue to social distance. Please use the bathroom only in an emergency.

\* **Communion:** Communion will be distributed at the end of Mass and you can immediately leave the Church. Please come forward using the side aisles to receive Holy Communion. Preferably receive Holy Communion by hand to avoid complications with possible contamination of the priest and others. Example: Receive communion in the hand, **(leave your hand flat so the priest can easily place it in your hand); DO NOT GRAB at the host**, stand in place and move the mask, and place the Host in your mouth before moving back down the center aisle – there will be plenty of time for you to do this.

\* **Departure:** Before departing, leave the kneelers down and the pink paper on the pew indicating that the pew was used. Please use the door or doors on your side of the church to exit. Those on the Baptismal side should use the doors in the center or Baptismal side; those on the tabernacle side should use the ramp door. If you are not able to manage stairs, please sit on the tabernacle side of the church. **We are asked to maintain social distancing (six foot separation) inside and outside the church.** Trash baskets are at the entrance doors of the church for anything you would like to discard. Take all your belongings with you.

\* **Donations:** The collection will NOT be taken up done in the normal manner, but donations can be made by placing your envelope(s) in the marked long palm branch boxes located by the inner entrance/exit doors to the church. There will be one box on each side as you exit/enter the church. Thank You!

\* **When you arrive at church everyone is required to wear a mask (unless a medical issue excludes one from wearing a mask), maintain social distancing, cover your mouth with a tissue or your sleeve, DO NOT use your hands, if you need to sneeze or cough.** Wash your hands often with soap and hot water for at least 20 seconds. The church needs to be sanitized before and after each Mass.



sower



seeds



birds



stones



sun



thorns



grow

# The Parable of the Sower



Matthew 13:3-9

Mark 4:3-9



Luke 8:5-8



Jesus got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And He said...

One day, a  went out to plant in his fields. As the  walked, some

 fell on the path. Some  came and ate the  that fell.

Some  fell on  where there was little dirt for them to grow. The


 sprouted right away but when the  rose, they burned and withered


because they had no roots. Some  fell among  and the  grew



up and choked the plants. But some  fell on rich dirt, started to 

and produced plenty of fruit. The  sown by the  that fall on the

path and are eaten by  are like people who hear God without

understanding and their faith is easily stolen. The  that grow among

 are like people whose faith is easily lost when life becomes rocky.

The  that grow among  are like people whose faith is choked by

riches. But the  that  in good dirt are like people who hear God