



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary time



July 19, 2020

Saints Peter and Paul Church

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Parish Office Hours

Closed: Please call or email

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.*

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 Sunday 8am Mass will be available
on youtube later in the day; find the link 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; and streaming on Diocesan
Facebook, twitter, instagram, and youtube.

Saturday Vigil 4 pm on CTW television and Diocesan website
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facebook, twitter, Instagram and youtube

Sunday 10 am on CTW and Diocesan website
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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

"Brothers and sisters:

The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings.

And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will"

Romans 8: 26-27

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. 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 on Wednesday- Friday (summer hours)



Papal Intention of July *Our Families*

We pray that today's families
may be accompanied with love,
respect and guidance.

Funeral Notice

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

Michael Mingos, who had resided at the Bradford County Manor, died July 10. A private service will be held later this month. Please keep the Mingos family in your prayers.

Our parishioner, Christian Morgan, passed away July 10. Please keep Ann and Emma (his mother and sister) in your prayers.

May these souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Lectio Divina: The 4 Steps of Lectio Divina or Prayerful Reading

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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

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.

St. Junipero Serra - July 1

Saint Junipero Serra, patron of vocations to church ministry and missionary to the Americas, established 21 missions throughout California and Mexico and aided the conversions of many natives of the New World to the Catholic Faith.

May Saint Junipero intercede in behalf of all those who are called to missionary work.

Mass Intentions July 18 — 26

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

No reservation is needed for a weekday.

Saturday Vigil 5 pm: Our Parishioners

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

11:00 am: Tom Fairchild

(Mike & Lou Ann Kilmer)

Mon. 8:30 am: David W. Brubaker (Carol Brubaker)

Tues. 8:30 am: Andoretta & George Girio

(Art & Eva Girio)

5:00 pm: Genevieve Gaia (Bob & Jackie Pyznar)

Wed. 8:00 am: Kate Snell (Ed & Barbara Ulatowski)

Thursday: No Mass

Fri. 8:30 am: Peggy Bustin Young (Mary Bustin)

Saturday Vigil 5 pm: Joe Lenox

(Mike & Rozanne Walsh)

Sunday 8:00 am: Our Parishioners

11:00 am: Al & Flo Planishek (Bill Bride Family)

Morning Mass at 8 AM Wednesday This Week

Carpet Cleaning - Wednesday, July 22, 2020

The church rugs will have their annual cleaning this Wednesday after Mass and dry out on Thursday.

NOTE: Mass on Wednesday will be celebrated at 8:00 am to allow the workers some extra time.

Thank you for your understanding.

Mass Changes the Following Week

Next Week, there will be no morning Mass on Monday, July 27; instead, there will be a Mass on Thursday at 8:30 am. Thanks for understanding.

Parish Finance Council Meeting Wednesday

Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 22, 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!

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, please see Fr. Ed since he might need some minor assistance. Tours and others activities are being planned each weekend at French Asylum.

Celebrating This Week

Monday, July 20: Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

Tuesday, July 21: Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday, Jul. 22: Saint Mary Magdalene

Thursday, July 23: Saint Bridget, Religious

Friday, July 24: Saint Sharbel Makhluf, Priest

Saturday, July 25: Saint James, Apostle

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 25-26

Lectors: R. Grimes, M. Tavani, T. Ondrey

Collection Counter Mon. July 20: K. Joyce

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 July 5, 2020

Sunday Offering	\$ 5,333.00
Care & Education of Priests	\$ 346.00
Special Envelopes	\$ 287.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Mailed- Delivered-Automatic Donations Appreciated

No second collection will be taken up this week.

Next weekend will be for Air Conditioning.

Eucharistic Adoration First Friday

Eucharistic Adoration will resume in August, with some modifications: Eucharistic Adoration will be observed in the main church from 9 am to 9 pm, on First Friday, August 7th.

Look for more information in next week's bulletin.

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.



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PRAY
FOR THE SICK

Confirmation

On Monday, July 20, 2020, four young members of our parish (Lili Bride, Sara Burrowes, Joey Weinman, Lara Vega) will be confirmed here at Saints Peter and Paul Church at 6 pm Mass. Please keep them, their parents, and sponsors, in your prayers.

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



The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are:

Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Piety, Knowledge, Fortitude, and Fear of the Lord.

Wisdom: The ability to see God in everyone and everything everywhere.

Understanding: The ability to comprehend that we are followers of Christ.

Counsel (Right Judgment): The ability to know right from wrong and to choose to do what is right.

Piety (Reverence): The ability to have deep respect for God and the Church.

Knowledge: The ability to understand the meaning of God.

Fortitude (Courage): The ability to overcome our fear and to stand up for what is right in the eyes of God.

Fear of the Lord (Wonder and Awe): The ability to be aware that God is all-powerful, all-loving, all-perfect.

The Fruits of the Holy Spirit are:

Self-Control, Faithfulness, Kindness, Goodness, Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, and Gentleness.

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.

We are truly humbled by your gift to us. God is so good! Thank you for your faithfulness to support life. We are still able to do our work. We do not receive government money and trust the Lord to supply our needs. Thank you for obeying an instrument God has used to bless us. Thank you during these crazy times!

I wish to extend my biggest thanks for your kind gesture. I greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness during this difficult time while so many are unable to work. I hope I can soon get back to work and your gift has made a difference. With many thanks.

We would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your generous check you gave during the COVID-19 pandemic. It was so kind and greatly appreciated. It certainly helped when we needed it most. Thank you!

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