



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary time



July 26, 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 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

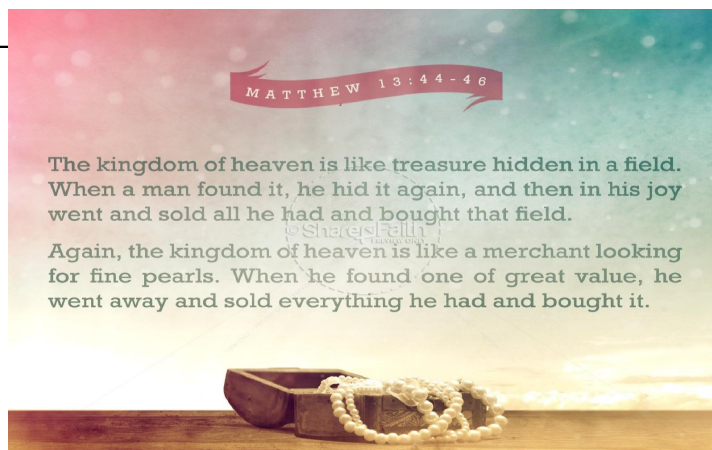
Weekdays 12:10, 3:30 and 7 PM on CTW television; on website
www.dioceseofscranton.org; and streaming on Diocesan
Facebook, twitter, instagram, and youtube.

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



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 Wednesday— Friday summer hours

Updates for St. Agnes Alumni

St. Agnes School alumni contact information is in the process of being updated.

Any parishioners who are parents, relatives, or friends of St. Agnes grads who no longer live in the Towanda area are asked to send their current names (maiden/married) and addresses to:

kddewan@hotmail.com or to Kathie DeWan,
111 Lundy Ave., Towanda, PA 18848.

... from the Marriage Tip Jar

"Communicate"



Confirmation

The parish community wishes to express a big "THANK YOU" to all who had any role in preparing the young people of our parish for their reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation this past Monday.

We thank Mrs. Marie Seibert for her work in organizing the Confirmation celebration and our CCD program; to Mrs. Carol Madill for providing the music; and to Anne Cowling, Jude Rabago, and Heidi Tavani for proclaiming the Confirmation readings. Thanks also to Jack Tavani for assisting at the altar.

The parish offers our heartfelt "CONGRATULATIONS" to and our prayers for each of those who received the Sacrament: Lilli Bride, Sara Burrowes, Lara Vega, and Joey Weinman; and their sponsors and parents.

May God continue to bless you and may you be true witnesses to his presence in the world through the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

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. Tours and others activities are being planned for each weekend.

Rosary Rally - Wednesday, July 29, 2020

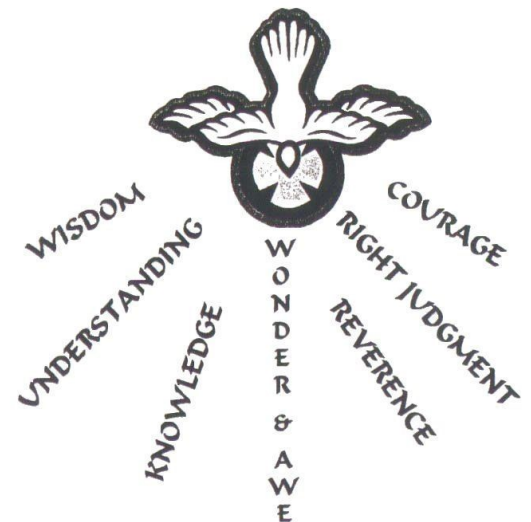
There will be a group of Catholics praying the rosary at the Vestal Abortion clinic on Wednesday July 29th from 9 to 10 am. There will be a car pool leaving the St. Peter and Paul Church parking lot at 8am sharp. If you are interested in going to this event, please contact Alex Piechocki (570-265-7547).

If unable to attend, please join us spiritually, and join your rosary to ours.

Word of Life

"Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together. ...That power to create a new life with God is at the heart of what spouses share with each other."

~ United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
"Married Love and the Gift of Life"



Mass Intentions July 25 - Aug. 2

Weekend Masses only by Reservation

No reservation is needed for a weekday.

Saturday Vigil 5 pm: Joe Lenox
(Mike & Rozanne Walsh)

Sunday 8:00 am: Our Parishioners

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

Monday: No Mass

Tues. 8:30 am: Greg Koss (Seibert Family)

5:00 pm: John Snell (Mike & Lou Ann Kilmer)

Wed. 8:30 am: Kathleen Ann Lenox Reider (Family of
Sandy, Pat, Deb, & John Lenox)

Thurs. 8:30 am: John T. Walsh (Mary Walsh)

Fri. 8:30 am: Jim & Rose Lenox

(Mike & Lou Ann Kilmer)

First Saturday 8:30 am: Mary Teresa Lenox Bailey

(Family)

Saturday Vigil 5 pm: Sharon Miller

(Robert & Eileen Hugo)

Sunday 8:00 am: Frances Williams (Seibert Family)

11:00 am: Our Parishioners

Weekday Mass Changes This Week

NO Mass on Monday, July 27. there WILL be a Mass

Thursday, July 30 at 8:30 am. Thanks for understanding.

*There WILL be 8:30 am First Saturday Mass August 1.

Reservations not necessary for any of these Masses.

Celebrating This Week

Sunday, Jul. 26: Saint Anne, Mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Grandmother of Jesus (see p. 6)

Wednesday, Jul. 29: Saint Martha

Thursday, July 30: Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Friday, July 31: Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Saturday, Aug. 1: Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Eucharistic Adoration Will Resume First Friday, August 7, with the Following Adjustments

Eucharistic Adoration will be held in August only on Friday, August, 7, 2020;

Adoration will be held in the main church beginning after morning Mass from 9 am until 9 pm.

1. You need to bring your own prayer guides or reading material and take it with you when you leave.
2. All need to follow the CDC recommendations, and maintain social distancing.
3. Prior to departing, please use a disinfecting wipe and sanitize the pew, kneeler, and surfaces you touched in the church; bring your own or use those available in the rear of the church.
4. We wish to have/schedule at least two people for each hour of adoration; however, more people are encouraged and welcome to come, each hour.
5. More people are encouraged to come for each hour.
6. A revised sign-up sheet will be available at the August 1 and 2 weekend Masses.

You may sign up at church next weekend, or call Rosemary Hoffmann at 570-265-7126, or email her at spicejar@epix.net.

Thank You!

Death of a Parishioner

The charity of your prayers is requested for the soul of Alex Rabago and for the consolation of his family.

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 Aug. 1-2

Lectors: M.A. Demangone, A. Leone, L. Young

Collection Counter Mon. July 27: M. Seibert

**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 12, 2020

Sunday Offering	\$ 3,486
Aid to Education	\$ 219
Special Envelopes	\$ 192

Thank you for your generosity.

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This week is for the Air Conditioning. Next week will be for Care & Education of Priests



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PRAY
FOR THE SICK

Thankful for our kindness!

During the 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.

It's hard to know the right words to say for such a large gift. "Thank You" doesn't seem like enough. Your letter and monetary gift blew us away! When the shutdown began, we prayed that God would provide not only for us, but for our employees and our vendors as well. God never disappoints! It's amazing how he provides and the depths of his resources. Thank you for sharing of your resources. Thank you for thinking of us and other local small businesses. Thank you for allowing God to use your church to spread his love. He is so good!

Thanks so much for your amazing support!

First of all, we would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for our most generous gift. These are trying times indeed. I guess all we can do is take it day by day, and pray that it ends soon, and that we all come out of it with the most precious commodity, our health. Even during the darkest times, there's always a bright spot somewhere. And that spot seems to be whenever there is a tragedy, be it a natural disaster or now the COVID-19 pandemic, it brings people together for the common cause, and we seem to put our differences behind us for a while. We are very grateful for the support of this community. With that being said, your gift will be distributed to our employees. It is a most generous gift, and I'm sure they will all be grateful as we are for this community and the church. Again, thank you very much.

Notice about the Bulletin

There have been some questions about our parish bulletin and the distribution of the bulletin during the Pandemic. Where are we? Well, the parish was instructed not to distribute bulletins because of the possibility of transmitting the virus. Therefore, the parish has continued each week to post the bulletin on our web page:

sspeterandpaulchurch.net

Press the "BULLETIN" tab at the top

Find the latest bulletin at the top of the list

Catch up on older bulletins below

We have sent the bulletin every week via e-mail to parishioners for whom we have their current e-mail address. If you do have working email and haven't heard from us, please update yours at the parish office at stppp@yahoo.com.

Some parishioners have indicated that they do not have internet service or do not use a computer — for these parishioners we have tried to send the bulletin by USPS about once each month. Keeping track of all of this and providing this is not always easy, and all may not be completed in a timely manner every week. There have also been some electronic delivery issues which we are trying to resolve. Please be patient with us.

The most convenient option is to access the bulletin any time you wish on our webpage; if you do not have computer access, ask a friend or relative to access and print a copy for you.

If you have any alternative option, please contact us at the parish office (5770-265-2113) and we will consider what can be done.

Thank You – Parish Support

During this past week, the parish Finance Council has met and reviewed the parish financial records for this past fiscal year (ending June 30, 2020). Considering the effects of the Pandemic, this report reveals the generosity and diligence of the parishioners of our parish. Because of government and health restrictions, the parish was not allowed to gather as usual to worship God as a parish community; however, parishioners recognized that the parish had bills to pay and commitments to fulfill. We thank you for mailing in your donations or making other arrangements in getting your donations to the parish office.

An additional "Thank You" goes out to the numerous people who have also given to the Covid-19 Pandemic Relief Fund in support of businesses, workers, families and individuals to help them deal with unexpected challenges. Some of their grateful responses can be read above.

Saint Anne - July 26

Anne was the mother of the Virgin Mary. No historical details are known about her life, however. Nor is she named or even mentioned in the Bible. She is first referred to in the apocryphal gospel of St. James, dating from the second century. The enormous popularity of the Virgin in the European Middle Ages (in part a manifestation of the wider chivalric attitude towards women) led naturally enough to an interest in her parents, Anne and Joachim, and magnified their importance.

Today Anne is still one of the saints most frequently seen in churches. She appears as a mature woman in the company of the girl Mary, commonly in the charming situation of teaching her to read from a book. She is sometimes also depicted with Mary and the child Jesus (occasionally also with the child John the Baptist), or with her husband, Joachim.

In the New World, Anne (like Joseph, Mary's husband) enjoyed, and enjoys, particular veneration in Quebec, Canada. This reflects the importance of family values in the pioneering communities of early New France. The world's largest shrine to her is in Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupre, Quebec.

~ SAINTS, A Visual Guide by Edward & Lorna Morning, p. 26



96th Annual Solemn Novena to Saint Anne Closing Mass in Scranton

Sunday, July 26, 2020

Closing Ceremony held on July 26 will air CTW on Tuesday, July 28 at 8 pm and Wednesday, July 29 at 10 am. More information at St. Ann Monastery Basilica Parish Facebook page or stannsmonasterybasilica.org

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St. Mother Teresa of Kalkata

Christ came to be Father's compassion to the world. Be kind in your actions.

Do not think that you are the only one who can do efficient work, work worth showing. This makes you harsh in our judgment of others who may not have the same talents.

Do your best and trust that others do their best.

The 2020 Census

The #2020Census affects your voice in government, the funding your community receives, and how your community plans for the future. #BeHeard #BePrepared #GetCounted at 2020census.gov.

If you have not yet been counted, you can respond online or over the phone:

in English (844-330—2020) or Spanish (844-468-2020)

or 12 other languages: <https://www.2020census.gov/en/ways-to-respond/responding-by-phone.html>

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