



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary time



July 5, 2020

Saints Peter and Paul Church

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

Parish Office Hours

Closed: Please call or email

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.*

July 2, 2020 Bishop Message
<https://youtu.be/MD12nRgpTHQ>

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.

*The Parish in the heart of the Endless Mountains
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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

"I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. . . .

We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies."

Romans 8: 18, 22

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

Summer hours: 8 am - 2 pm, Wednesday - Friday

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

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, at 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 also be televised on CTV.

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

www.dioceseofscranton.org.

All forms with names must be received by July 13.

Word of Life

"O God our creator . . . through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of Society."

~United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
"Prayer for Religious Liberty"

How Does Our Garden Grow?

Our Loving Savior
(the Sower)
has scattered the
seeds: His Word,
and His Grace,
abundantly
upon us all.



Let's Survey my Spiritual Garden



Is my life path so
barren, rocky or
untended that no seed
can take root there?

Am I parched for
the Living Water
that sustains
all life?



Do weeds and thorns
of any sins / bad habits
choke out and
smother the
Spirit of Life?



Let me nourish my spiritual life every day
with prayer, sacraments, sacrifice, and love.

Let God harvest my yield, the promise-
fulfilled Soul He intended for me to become.

Mass Intentions July 4 - 5

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

No reservation is needed for a weekday.

Saturday Vigil 5 pm: James J. Sullivan
(Marilyn Bonatti, Sharon Wilson, Pat McCracken)

Sunday 8:00 am: Our Parishioners

11:00 am: J. Ed Miller (Ed & Barbara Ulatowski)

Mon. 8:30 am: Marian Davidson & Rose Shaffer
(Family)

Tues. 8:30 am: David Buchholz (Lynn Buchholz)

5:00 pm: In Honor of Ed & Barbara Ulatowski
for their 60th Wedding Anniversary

Wed. 8:30 am: Eileen Daum (Brian & Michelle Emick)

Thursday: No Mass

Fri. 8:30 am: Jim Lenox (Sonia Huff)

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

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

11:00 am: Our Parishioners



A Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:

Tom A. Barrett

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.

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

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.

Celebrating This Week

Monday, July 6: St. Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr

Thursday, July 9: St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest and Companions, Martyrs

Saturday, July 11: St. Benedict, Abbott

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. At present we need to figure out a way of maintaining “Social Distancing” and sanitizing if we return to the normal Reconciliation procedure.

PARISH BULLETIN ADVERTISERS

We thank those businesses and individuals who have placed an ad in our parish bulletin. We ask parishioners to thank these individuals and to use these companies. This week we especially acknowledge:

JoAnne Kizer Real Estate

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Anyone wishing to advertise in the Parish Bulletin should contact the parish office 570-265-2113 or speak to Father Ed for more information—the pricing is very reasonable.

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

Be Aware - All Precautions Continue

Masks must be worn; **social distancing** must be maintained and seats assigned; **sanitizing** hands and area as needed. **Use side aisles** to go up to Holy Communion. Receiving in the hand preferred, adjust mask to consume the host and replace mask to depart down the center aisle and immediately exit the church through the side door on the same side as your seat. Leave the kneeler down and take all your belongings.

The church restroom should be used only for an emergency.

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 Very Much!

Ministers July 11-12

Lectors: P. Meredith, C Sullivan, A. Ondrey

Offertory June 21, 2020

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This week is for the Care & Education of Priests.

Next Weekend will be for Aid to Education.



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PRAY
FOR THE SICK



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

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July 1, 2020

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the calendar turns to July this week, it is hard to believe just how much has changed in our lives over the last four months. With summer now upon us, things may be gradually returning to normal in some ways – but the threat of COVID-19 is still very present in our communities.

With the virus surging in many parts of our country, we need to be more vigilant than ever in exercising precautionary measures to keep us all safe. While all parishes in the Diocese of Scranton are now able to hold in-person Masses, this is not the time for us to let down our guard. I want to thank you – our faithful people, as well as all of our pastors and parish life coordinators – for your continued patience in following all of the safety protocols in your parishes.

As a people of God, we always need to think about how our actions impact others. Maintaining proper social distancing and wearing face masks are vital in preventing the spread of this virus. They are also acts of charity, helping to safeguard our fellow parishioners, our community and ourselves. Right now, we do not have a vaccine for the coronavirus, but we do have something that is just as important: We have the ability to help keep each other safe.

I'm thankful that so many of you have stepped-up to help your parishes stay safe at this time. From volunteering to make sure people are properly welcomed and healthy – to sanitizing your church after Mass – each action is truly making a difference to protect those around us.

While our capacity for attendance might be temporarily limited – the love of God knows no limits. If nothing else, this difficult time has helped to emphasize to us how important the communal celebration of the Eucharist is.

While the Sunday obligation to attend Mass remains suspended at this time – you and I know very well that nothing can replace coming together as a faith-filled community for the shared celebration of the Eucharist. These past months have reminded us that for as challenging and difficult as the journey may have been, Jesus alone is our light, our hope and our strength.

This coming weekend, we'll listen to very familiar and encouraging words of Jesus from Saint Matthew's Gospel: *"Come unto Me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."* (Matthew 11:28)

We've all been burdened and stressed these last few months, haven't we? Yet, as always, we manage to find a hopeful way forward through the grace of God and Jesus' abiding presence in our lives. As we continue to re-gather as a local church week-by-week, may the Good News of Jesus be the message that we spread far and wide. It alone has the power to provide hope and to impart lasting peace to those who open their lives and hearts to Jesus.

You, your family and loved ones are always in my prayers. Please stay safe and well.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

† *Joseph C. Bambera*

Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.
Bishop of Scranton