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**June 14, 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

## **GREEN PHASE LIMITED RE-OPENING**

### **"Green Phase"**

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.*

**We Celebrate**

**First Holy Communion**

**This Weekend (see p. 2)**

***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 Mass**

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**<https://sspeterandpaulchurch.net>**

**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

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(Official) facebook page

**For my flesh is true food,  
And my blood is true drink.**

**Whoever eats my flesh**

**And drinks my blood**

**Remains in me and I in him.**

**John 6: 55-56**



## St. Agnes School

**BBQ-Yard Sale:** Thanks to all who purchased some barbecued chicken on Saturday, and/or attended the Yard Sale. It is greatly appreciated because all the proceeds are going to help purchase a new furnace system for the 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 [sal23@epix.net](mailto:sal23@epix.net). You may also stop by the school office between 8 am and 2 pm Monday-Friday.

The deadline for applications is June 30, 2020. Substitute teachers are always needed and welcome. (no teaching degree necessary; clearances required).

## College Graduates

Aaron Barry, who has graduated from Misericordia University, was accidentally omitted from last week's list of college Graduates.

**Congratulations, Aaron!**



## St. Mother Teresa of Kalkata

God made the world for the delight of human beings—if we could see His goodness everywhere, His concern for us, His awareness of our needs: the phone call we've waited for, the ride we are offered, the letter in the mail, just the little things He does for us throughout the day.

As we remember and notice His love for us, we just begin to fall in love with Him because He is so busy with us—you just can't resist Him. I believe there's no such thing as luck in life, it's God's love, it's His.



~Mother Teresa, A Simple Path

## The Sacrament of Reconciliation

At this time, anyone interested in going to Confession should call Father Ed at the parish office 570-265-2113 in order to make arrangements. At present, we need to figure out a way of maintaining "Social Distancing" during reception of this sacrament.

## CELEBRATION OF SACRAMENTS

### **First Holy Communion** **Sunday, June 14, 2020**

Please keep in your prayers the young members of our parish who are receiving First Holy Communion this Sunday:



Brayden Cox, Mary Kathleen Cullen,  
Patrick Greyson Homer, Alexander Johnson,  
Andrew Maghamez, Branson Merritt,  
Hudson Nash, Madelyn Nash and  
Mila Santiago.

We pray that these youth continue to grow in their faith and love of Jesus in this beautiful Sacrament of Himself.

### **Holy Orders**

**Saturday, June 27, 2020**

On that day, at **10:00 AM** in **St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton**, Bishop Bambera



will ordain Reverend Mr. Jonathan Kuhar, Reverend Mr. Kevin Miller, and Reverend Mr. Shawn Simchock to the Order of the Priesthood for service in the Diocese of Scranton. Because of the Coronavirus restrictions, unfortunately, attendance is limited to invited guests only.

The Ordination Mass will, however, be made available to all in several different ways, and the Bishop invites everyone to participate in this important Diocesan celebration. The Mass will be broadcast live on CTV—Catholic Television. It will also be livestreamed on the Diocese of Scranton website and made available through links on all Diocesan social media accounts, including Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, and Instagram.

### **Confirmation is Scheduled Next Month**

Our parish Confirmation Class will finally be able to receive this Sacrament, for which they and their families have been preparing for over two long years, on **Monday evening, July 20, 2020**. This will be a private Mass for only these candidates, their family and sponsor.

Please continue to keep these young people & their families in your prayers.

### **Mass Intentions June 13 - 21**

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

*No reservation is needed for a weekday.*

**\*Saturday Vigil 5 pm:** Adeline Rittell (Family)

**\*Sunday 8:00 am:** Sandy Fritsch (Seibert Family)

**11:00 am:** Father's Day Intentions

Mon., 8:30 am: Raymond, Rose, Mary and

Sister Merci McCarthy

Tues. 5:00 pm: Mary Theresa Lenox Bailey

(Thomas E. Hollenback)

Wed. 5:00 pm: John Snell (Michelle Snell)

Thursday: No Mass

Fri. 12:10 pm: In celebration of the 60th Wedding

Anniversary of John & Mary Alice Demangone

**\*Saturday Vigil 5 pm:** Joseph Lenox (the Ritsko Family)

**\*Sunday 8:00 am:** Father's Day Intentions

**11:00 am:** Our Parishioners

### **Father's Day**

Next Sunday is Father's Day. Congratulations, Dads, and make certain to pick-up your gift book from the parish. Enjoy the day and the year.

You are in our prayers.

### **Ministers June 20-21**

**Lectors:** P. Meredith, B. Wywiorski; T. Ondrey

All ministers other than lectors should watch for future announcements, or contact your group coordinator with any concerns or questions on your schedule.

### **Offertory May 31, 2020**

Sunday Offering \$ 3,724.00

Father's Day \$ 325.00

Special Envelopes \$ 860.00

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2nd Collection this weekend is for Aid to Education.

No second collection next weekend.

### **The Church needs to be Sanitized**

The church needs to be sanitized every single 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 at 570-265-3231 to express your intentions to help.

Thank you!

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

"Marriage doesn't need a boss;  
Compromise!"

**We Still  
DO**

## **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

***The Institution of the Eucharist.*** The lord, having loved those who were his own, loved them to the end. Knowing that the hour had come to leave this world and return to the Father, in the course of a meal he washed their feet and gave the commandment of love. In order to leave them a pledge of his love, in order never to depart from his own and to make them sharers in his Passover, he instituted the Eucharist as the memorial of his death and Resurrection, and commanded his apostles to celebrate it until his return; "thereby he constituted the priests of the New Testament."

The three synoptic Gospels and St. Paul have handed on to us the account of the institution of the Eucharist; St. John, for his part, reports the words of Jesus in the synagogue of Capernaum that prepare for the institution of the Eucharist: Christ calls himself the bread of life, come down from heaven.

... By celebrating the Last Supper with his apostles in the course of the Passover meal, Jesus gave the Jewish Passover its definitive meaning. Jesus' passing over to his father by his death and Resurrection, the new Passover, is anticipated in the Supper and celebrated in the Eucharist, which fulfills the Jewish Passover and anticipates the final Passover of the Church in the glory of the kingdom.

***"Do this in memory of me."*** The command of Jesus to repeat his actions and words "until he comes" does not only ask us to remember Jesus and what he did. It is directed at the liturgical celebration by the apostles and their successors, of the *memorial* of Christ, of his life, of his death, of his Resurrection, and of his intercession in the presence of the Father.

From the beginning the Church has been faithful to the Lord's command. ...

It was above all on "the first day of the week," Sunday, the day of Jesus' resurrection, that the Christians met "to break bread." From that time on down to our own day the celebration of the Eucharist has been continued so that today we encounter it everywhere in the Church with the same fundamental structure. It remains the center of the Church's life.

Thus from celebration to celebration, as they proclaim the Paschal mystery of Jesus "until he comes" the pilgrim People of God advanced, "following the narrow way of the cross," toward the heavenly banquet, when all the elect will be seated at the table of the kingdom.

~ Catechism of the Catholic Church. 1337-38; 1340-44



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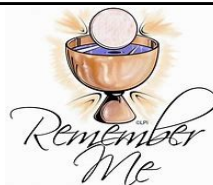
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### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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**PRAY**  
FOR THE SICK

## Weekday and Sunday Masses Resume - with Precautions, Changes

1. 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 – stay home away from those who may be sick.

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

2. **When you arrive at church, everyone is required to wear a mask (unless a medical issue excludes one from wearing a mask), to maintain social distancing; and to 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.
3. We are restricted to social distancing and 25% of occupancy so we need to make reservations for each weekend Mass not the weekday Masses. To make reservations go to <http://tableagent.com/scranton/sts-peter-and-paul/> and follow the directions by selecting a date and time, etc. to make the reservation.

**Or, if you are not computer savvy you can use a phone: CALL Kathleen 570-364-5996 ONLY on Thursday or Saturday between 12-3 pm and provide the date, time and number of people.**

### 4. Mass Schedule:

|                |                          |                 |
|----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Monday 8:30 am | Tuesday & Wednesday 5 pm | Friday 12:10 pm |
| Saturday 5 pm  | Sunday 8 am              | Sunday 11 am    |

**The Saturday 5pm 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>

5. **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.
6. **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 down the aisle – there will be plenty of time for you to do this.
7. **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 in exiting. 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.** Take all your belongings out with you; trash baskets are at the entrance doors of the church for anything you would like to discard.
8. **Donations:** The collection will NOT be taken up 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 to the church. There will be one on each side as you exit/enter the church. Thank You!

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## **Word of Life**

### **Fr. Frank Pavone: Norma McCorvey's conversion was not an act!**

You may have heard about a new controversial documentary about Norma McCorvey, the Jane Roe of Roe vs. Wade, the case that legalized abortion in the United States. This new documentary contradicts the testimony and witness of Norma as being pro-life, to the end of her life. Father. Pavone was a friend and spiritual guide to Norma for 22 years and received her into the Catholic Church in 1998. Please find the interesting first-hand information that Norma McCorvey DID NOT put on an act at [www.TheTruthAboutNorma.com](http://www.TheTruthAboutNorma.com)

## **The Future of Life Issues in America: An Educational Video Series on Elections**

One of the important priorities in the pro-life movement right now is the 2020 elections. **Priests for Life** is offering a video series called “How and Why to Vote Pro-Life.” These short videos will prepare us as voters to understand before voting the pro-life issues and the election process.

Learn all about it at [Election Videos.org](http://ElectionVideos.org).

“The essence of our identity is that we are created in God’s image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is **cherished**.”

~ USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities 2018-19 Respect Life Reflection

## **Thankful for your kindness!**

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

“Thank you so much for your thoughtful and generous gift. I am truly humbled that you took common courtesy to an uncommon level. This has been a challenging time, and we’re so appreciative and grateful for this gift. You have truly helped my family and me so much and I am eternally grateful!”

“Our business family is overwhelmed with your act of kindness! We greatly appreciate that you recognize the impact this pandemic has had on small businesses and their employees within our community. We will continue to push through this uncertain time with positive thoughts. We pray that everyone stays safe and that our community can continue to hold on. Again, we can’t thank you enough and look forward to passing this kindness on.”

“Just a short note to thank you and your parishioners for the gift received. It was appreciated very much. Again, thank you..”

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