



Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time † November 15, 2020

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

Parish Office Hours

Mon-Thurs. 9:30-3:30

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.*

Parish Prayer Line Requests

Call Annette at 570-265-9691

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
Serving Bradford County since 1841*

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

Concerning times and seasons, brothers and sisters,
you have no need for anything written to you. For
you know very well that the day of the Lord will come
like a thief at night . . . (when) sudden disaster
comes upon them . . . they will not escape.

But you, brothers and sisters. are not in darkness . . . for
all of you are children of the light and children of the day.

Therefore . . . let us not sleep as the rest do, but
let us stay alert and sober.

1 Thessalonians 5:1 . . . 6

2020 Diocesan Annual Appeal

The 2020 Annual Appeal is in full swing and we are very grateful for your generosity and response to the Diocesan Appeal and in so many other ways. An e-mail sent by the Appeal Office this week indicated that 66 (21.5%) families from our parish have given or pledged \$15,185.00 (49%) of our parish goal of \$31K. Again, Thank You very much for your generosity to the Diocesan Annual Appeal (DAA) and the needs throughout the Diocese.

Each year the parishioners of SSPP generously support the DAA in both giving and in percentage of donors. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge and helping people in need in our parish community and Diocese. If you did not receive an individual letter, please consider making a donation by phone : **570-207-2250** or by access to the Appeal website:

annualappeal.org/donate-now/

Thank you for your generosity and participation. All gifts, large or small, are MUCH needed and MUCH appreciated !

PARISH *Life*

The classes the Diocese offers are very beneficial, especially to young couples, to allow us to prepare for the hurdles and hardships that come with marriage but also the joys.

Joseph Petro



Joseph and Kimberly Petro with their pastor, Father Richard Fox, St. Patrick Parish, Scranton.

From Youth retreats to Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation, Men's and Women's Convocations to Catechesis Camp and Lay Ministry certifications, the actual cost to participants for programs offered by the Office for Parish Life is offset with funds from the Annual Appeal. For a complete list of offerings visit DioceseofScranton.org/parish-life.

2019 Diocese of Scranton
DIOCESAN
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SERVING IN *faith*
WITH HOPE
AND GRATITUDE

Help provide opportunities for our faithful to grow as Disciples of Christ...Give to the Annual Appeal

AnnualAppeal.org

P.S.: Next weekend, Nov. 21-22, will be the **Online Commitment Weekend** (formerly known as the "In-Pew Weekend) for your convenience, when you may pledge or pay online with your cellphone; envelopes may also be used next week. If using your own envelope, be sure to mark it "Diocesan Annual Appeal," with your name on it, before dropping it into the collection box.

You may also use the QR Code at the left to make your pledge, anytime.

Angel Tree: Christmas Joy for Families in Need

Our annual Angel Tree ready and waiting this weekend. Your generosity in prior years has always been remarkable; and the joy of selecting a special gift for a special someone is part of your reward. Unfortunately this year, wrapped gifts may not be used, because of the Pandemic; instead, only gift cards will be accepted: Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Burger King, Dollar General, Dandy Mini-Mart, Family Dollar, Hurley's, Label Shopper, Lowe's, McDonald's, Sheetz, Target, Tops, Wal-Mart, Wendy's.



GIFT CARDS MUST BE TURNED IN BY DEC. 6. If unable to bring gift cards to the church, seal them in an envelope with the dollar amount noted, & mail it to Kathleen DeWan, 111 Lundy Lane, or Sandra Kasenga, 331 York Ave., both in Towanda, 18848.

Help provide Christmas Joy for families in need.

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BOUND
TOGETHER
IN

Hope

Join us with a gift on

**APPEAL ONLINE COMMITMENT
WEEKEND**

November 21 & 22

**Support our Diocesan Ministries and Help
Our Parish Reach its Annual Appeal Goal**

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<https://annualappeal.org/donate-now/>

or

**Scan the QR Code
at Right**

**Using the Camera on
your Smartphone.**



Thank you for your kind generosity!

Mass Intentions Nov. 14—22

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

No reservation is needed for a weekday.

Sat. Vigil 5 pm: Our All Souls Intentions

Sunday 8:00 am: Jacqueline Esther Garcia-Vigil

11:00 am: Andrew J. Barrett

(Richard & Patricia Dorsey)

Mon. 8:30 am: Robert Doepker Family

(Marilyn Doepker)

Tues. 8:30 am: James R. Jones (Sharon Jones Wilson)

Wed. 8:30 am: Joseph Lenox (Hoffmann Family)

Thursday: No Mass

Fri. 8:30 am: Joanna Testa, Daniele, Regina Girio, &
Libby Girio (Art & Eva Girio)

Sat. Vigil 5 pm: Jim Nalisnick (Family)

Sunday 8:00 am: Dorothy LeStrange

(Robert & Eileen Hugo)

11:00 am: All Souls Intentions

Feast of Christ the King - Nov. 21-22

The feast of Christ the King will be celebrated next weekend, November 21-22, 2020. It will be the last Sunday of the liturgical year. The following weekend November 28-29, 2020, will be the First Sunday of Advent, and the beginning of the New Liturgical Year. We will be using the Gospel readings from Mark's Gospel this year.

2020-21 Sunday Readings — Sunday Missals

The 2020-21 Sunday Readings have arrived and are available in church or from the rectory. The new, navy blue, Sunday Missals are a gift to the parishioners of the parish to use during the coming liturgical year.

There should be enough so that anyone who wants one can take one and not have to worry about sharing it with your spouse. If you wish to give a copy to someone else, please wait a little bit (two weeks) so that all our parishioners can have an opportunity to get their copy. Last year we had extra copies so there should be plenty to go around. Thank you and enjoy!

The Sacraments:

At this time, anyone interested in going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation can call Fr. Ed at the parish office 570-265-2113 and make arrangements. He is available at the usual times, but it would be good that he know that you are coming so that "Social Distancing" and sanitizing can take place for each parishioner.

Thank you for your assistance.



St. Mother Teresa of Kalkata

When a poor person dies of hunger it has not happened because God did not take care of him or her. It has happened because neither you nor I wanted to give that person what he or she needed.

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 Nov. 16—22

Collections Mon. Nov. 16, 9:30 am: Team C

Altar Care Oct. Chair: Chris Bedford

Sat. 11/21 : Chris Bedford

Theresa Steele, Bonnie Russell

Lectors Nov. 11/21-22: Robert Grimes

Barbara Wywiorski, Mary Pfeffer

Altar Care Workers: Go to the recent schedule and mark June = November, and so on, through January. If you have any health concerns, or can't work on your date, please notify your monthly chairperson so that a substitute can be scheduled. Thank you.

Offertory November 1

Sunday Offering	\$ 3,824
All Saints	\$ 450
Care & Education of Priests	\$ 274
Special Envelopes	\$ 10

Thank you for your generosity.

Mailed- Delivered-Automatic Contributions Appreciated

Second Collection

This weekend will be for Aid to Education. Next week will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

The Diocesan Annual Appeal Online Giving Weekend is also Nov. 21-22 ((formerly called the "In-Pew" Weekend). You may also use an envelope if preferred, just make sure to mark what it is for, and whom it is from, and placing it into the collection box.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

40,000,000 (forty million) people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at: www.usccb.org/cchd/collection



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Matthew 25: 21-22

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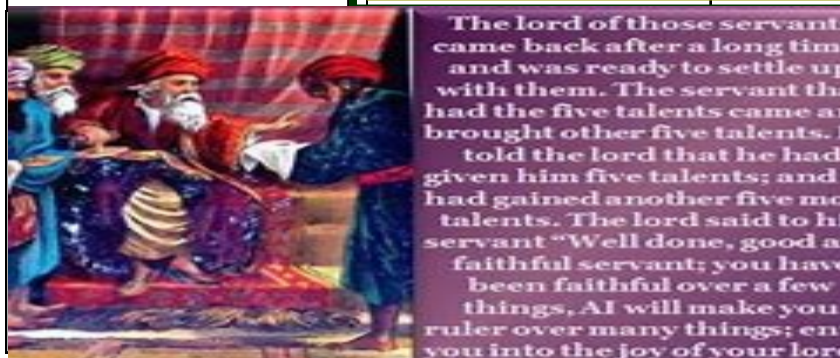
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CONCERNING CHRISTMAS CONCERNS

B.C. (Before Christmas): Thanksgiving Day, and A Happy New Year! And Preparing for Christmas

November 26 —Thanksgiving Day

Wow! Thanksgiving Day is within two weeks? It can't be so; where did the time go? There are many people and events that we can be very grateful for in our lives. Yes, we have challenges and struggles, but we know that God keeps His promises to us and never abandons us.

Knowing that we have only about 10 days to prepare for Thanksgiving, consider reflecting upon our blessings and the people to whom we are grateful. In addition to saying a prayer for them, reach out and also express that appreciation – if that person has passed away, consider doing something nice in their honor, for a someone else, even perhaps a total stranger.

Mass will be celebrated on **Thursday ,Thanksgiving morning** at 9:00 AM in the church. There will be a Friday morning Mass at 8:30am as usual; and later Friday morning, at 10 AM there will be a funeral Mass for Del Stamer.

Due to the COVID-19 virus, the Presbyterian Church has **cancelled** their customary Thanksgiving Dinner that day.

November 28-29: The **new liturgical year** begins. See articles on page 3 of this bulletin regarding the Season of Advent, the time or preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord; and about getting your copy of our new Sunday Missal which will have the readings for the upcoming NEW liturgical year.

December 12,, 2020 — Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe — the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe will fall on a Saturday this year. The Saturday evening liturgy will be the Vigil celebration of the Third Sunday in Advent. Plans are being organized to have a celebration after that Mass in the school gym, as well as a take home meal for those not able to attend – masks, sanitizing and social distancing in the gym will be required. Check next week's bulletin for more complete details and information about in-house and take-out reservations.

December 8 — Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, Dec. 7: 7 pm Mass

Tuesday, Dec. 8: 8:30 am Mass and 12:10 pm Mass

Christmas 2020 – Let's plan ahead

Masses scheduled at 4,6, and 10 PM Dec. 24, Christmas Eve; 10:00 AM Christmas Day

This year, because of the Pandemic, we will attempt to handle the Christmas Mass schedule using St. Agnes JFK Hall. In an effort to do this we ask that you tell us which Mass you and your family will attend and the number attending. Sheets are on the tables at the entrance to the church and you can also tell us using the computer reservation system <https://tableagent.com/scranton/sts-peter-and-paul/>

Please note that it is essential for the parish organizers to know your intentions due to all the work that is needed to make things work in this COVID-19 Pandemic period. If you can please indicate your plans for Christmas Mass as soon as possible – you will be able to change those plans later if needed.

Church Decorations Coordinator

Generally we take Church decorations and decorating for granted – “Oh, the church looked so nice!” “The flowers were beautiful and the banners and wall hangings were very appropriate and meaningful.” Yet, the reality of those comments underscores the commitment parishioners make to ensure that the Church is just right for the parish to praise God and enjoy the holiday seasons.

The parish would like to thank Mary Kay Ward for making certain that the church looked just right all these past years and for the organization she provided in getting this accomplished. For various reasons Mary Kay is no longer able to do what she had effectively done in the past, and the parish is in need of a person or persons who will take up the reigns. If you have an eye for decorating and would be interested in designing the decorating of the church please see or call Fr. Ed 570-265-2113 or Mary Kay 570-265-5299 ASAP.

Thanks Mary Kay, and thanks to the parish members for your help with this.