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November 22, 2020

Saints Peter and Paul Church

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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.

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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

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since death came through man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man.

For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order . . . For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

. . . so that God may be all in all.

1 Corinthians 15: 20-23, 25-26, 28

St. Agnes Students to Attend Blue Mass Tuesday

Students from St. Agnes School will be attending the Tuesday morning Mass here in the parish. This "Blue Mass" is offered in gratitude for the police, fire department, and first responders whom the rest of us depend on in time of need. We all pray for their continued safety and well-being.

APPEAL ONLINE COMMITMENT WEEKEND — NOVEMBER 21 & 22 —

www.annualappeal.org/donate-now/



Gifts of Any Amount Are Appreciated.
Diocese of Scranton
2020 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL
BOUND TOGETHER IN *Hope*

Catholic Campaign for Human Development Annual Collection Nov. 21-22

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins.

More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at: www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Special envelopes are in the church; be sure to include your name for contribution credit.

2020 Diocesan Annual Appeal Online / In-pew Weekend

The parish community is very grateful for your generosity and response to the 2020 Diocesan Appeal and in so many other ways. An e-mail sent this week by the Annual Appeal Office indicated that 91 (29.6%) families from our parish have given or pledged \$20,145 (65%) of our parish goal of \$31K. That is amazing! Thank You very much for your early response and generosity in supporting the specified programs in the Diocese.

If you have not made a donation/pledge, please prayerfully consider making a pledge, and thereby helping people in need in our parish community and Diocese. This weekend we will have an opportunity at Mass or on-line to make a pledge. 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/

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2020 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL
BOUND TOGETHER IN *Hope*

THIS IS APPEAL ONLINE COMMITMENT WEEKEND

Ends Sunday Night, November 22, 11:59 p.m.

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

Go to

<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. 21—29

Weekend Masses only by Reservation

No reservation is needed for a weekday.

Sat. Vigil 5 pm: Jim Nalisnick (Family)

Sunday 8:00 am: Dorothy LeStrange
(Robert & Eileen Hugo)

11:00 am: All Souls Intentions

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

Tues. 8:30 am: Rita E. Bustin (Mary F. Bustin &
School Mass / Blue Mass Patricia Benson)

Wed. 8:30 am: Charles Driscoll
(Ed & Barbara Ulatowski)

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday 9:00 am: Our Parishioners

Fri. 8:30 am: Richard Hallam
(Knights of Columbus Council 3915)

Sat. Vigil 5 pm: Our All Souls Intentions

Sunday 8:00 am: Kevin Barrett (Ron & Sue Gregus)

11:00 am: David W. Brubaker
(wife Carol & son Charles Brubaker)

Feast of Christ the King !

This weekend, we celebrate The Feast of Christ the King; it is the last Sunday of the liturgical year. Next weekend, November 28-29, will be the First Sunday of Advent, and the beginning of the New Liturgical Year.

In this upcoming new liturgical year, we will be using the Gospel readings from Mark's Gospel.

Books for 2020-21 Sunday Readings are Here Now

Copies of the new, 'navy blue,' 2020-21 Sunday Missals are available at the entrance to the church, or also at the rectory. You are welcome to take a personal copy. If you know of parishioners at home who would like one, ask them first, and then bring them one; or ask them to call the rectory 570-265-2113 to have one dropped off to them. This year the Gospel readings are taken from the Gospel of Mark – Cycle B. Enjoy!

After Advent begins, you are welcome to take copies for people that you know that are not parishioners – we just want to make certain that our own parishioners can get a copy before distributing any to others.

Thanksgiving Day - This Thursday, Nov. 26

There will be Mass Thursday morning at 9:00 am. This is a day to reflect upon the many blessings that we take for granted, most days, as well as those special blessings for which we are most grateful.

Let us spend some quiet moments this day, whether alone, or with family and/or friends, and reflect and remember that our loving Father first loved us, and provides to each of us all that is necessary.

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. 23—29

Collections Mon. Nov. 23, 9:30 am: Team A

Altar Care Oct. Chair: Chris Bedford

Sat. 11/28 : Eileen Farrell

Patti Meredith, Laurie Young

Lectors Nov. 11/28-29: Patti Meredith

Chris Sullivan, Karen Stroud

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 8

Sunday Offering	\$ 4,625
Cemeteries Upkeep	\$ 422
Special Envelopes	\$ 250

Thank you for your generosity.

Mailed- Delivered-Automatic Contributions Appreciated

Second Collection

This weekend we support the annual Catholic Campaign for Human Development. (see article on page 2). Special envelopes are available in the church; be sure to include your name on the envelope for contribution credit

This weekend is also The Diocesan Annual Appeal Online Giving Weekend (formerly called the "In-Pew" Weekend). You may also use an envelope if preferred, just make sure to mark "Diocesan Annual Appeal" and your name, and place in the collection box.

Next weekend we will take up the Christmas Flowers offering (Pink envelope).

Do You Use or Need Our Weekly Contribution Envelopes?

We need to know if you plan to use your box of Parish Contribution Envelopes in 2021; **if not, please** notify the parish office, so that the box numbers will then be re-assigned, and the boxes will be available in December.

Anyone who did not pick up their 2020 box, will NOT have a new one for 2021 unless you ask for a box. If you don't have a box now, and do want the convenience of weekly envelopes, please notify the parish office this week at 570-265-2113 or email stppp@yahoo.com. Thank you.

Let us Give Thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love is everlasting!



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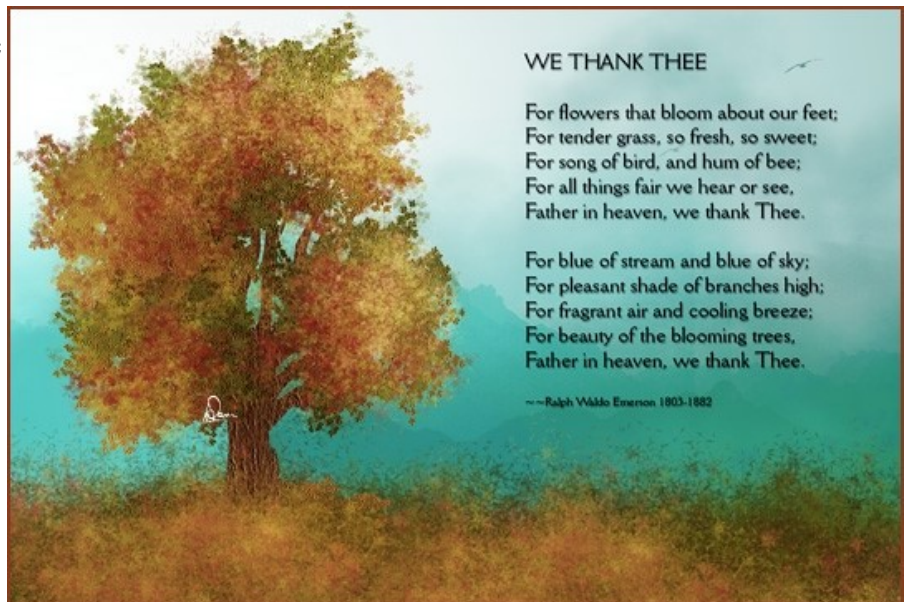
PRAY
FOR THE SICK

Happy Thanksgiving Day!

Even in the midst of the COVID pandemic there are many, many people, events and blessings that we can thank God for this year.

Thanksgiving Day Mass will be celebrated **Thursday morning** at 9am in the church.

There will be a Friday morning Mass at 8:30am; and later Friday morning, at 10:00 am there will be a funeral Mass for Del Stamer. Anyone planning to attend that funeral Mass should call the rectory 570-265-2113 indicating that you would like to be there.



Thanks to some Unsung Heroes!

There are many, many people in the parish who contribute not only in treasure, but also time and talent. Some of them we never hear about or even realize that this activity is being done. Reflecting on Thanksgiving Day, it came to mind that it might be good, on a monthly basis, to share some of these activities and names with the parish.

First: **Kathy Becker** - Altar linens (pacificators, finger towels, etc.). Week in and week out, month in and month out, year in and year out, Kathy picks up the linens—washes, irons and returns them to the sacristy— all this while maintaining her job in the nursing home and hospital.

Second: **Ambrose Brennan** – Cemetery grounds and maintenance (branch, tree removal, landscaping, fence repair and planning). For uncounted years, Ambrose has made it a point to not let the vegetation and trees take over the cemeteries and has enhanced the overall upkeep and appearance of the cemeteries, not only on James Street but also in the Ireland Cemetery.

Quietly, and with dedication, these two parishioners have offered their services to God by doing both the little and the big things to make our parish community thrive. Thank You Both very much for all that you do.

Christmas 2020 – look ahead

This year, because of the Pandemic, we will attempt to handle the Christmas Mass schedule using St. Agnes JFK Hall. In an effort to accomplish 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; you can also tell us by 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 can change plans later if needed.

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:

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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.

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 reins. 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 for your help with this.

Angel Tree: Christmas Joy for Families in Need - Please consider being an Angel this year to bring some Christmas joy to local families in need.

Your generosity in prior years has always been remarkable; but, because of the Pandemic this year, 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.

MUST BE TURNED IN BY DEC. 6.

If unable to bring gift cards to the church, place card with dollar amount noted in an envelope and mail to Kathleen DeWan, 111 Lundy Lane, or Sandra Kasenga, 331 York Ave., both in Towanda, PA 18848.



Letter from Bishop Bambera —Ordination of 8 Deacons in Diocese — November 28, 2020

Reverend and dear Father,

I will ordain eight men to the Order of Deacon in St. Peter's Cathedral on Saturday, November 28, 2020, at **the 10:00 A.M.** Mass for service as permanent deacons in the Diocese of Scranton. The eight men and parishes of residence are:

Eugene N. Blockus,	Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Lake Silkworth;
Joseph J. Chimola, Jr.,	St. Jude, Mountaintop;
John C. Jorda,	Gate of Heaven and Our Lady of Victory, Harveys Lake;
Peter J. Lemoncelli,	Basilica of St Ann, Scranton;
Joseph R. Marcellus,	St. Thomas More, Lake Ariel;
Gerard P. Pernot,	Nativity of Our Lord, Duryea;
Angel Luis Rivera,	St. Luke, Stroudsburg;
Joseph Sudano,	St. Nicholas, Wilkes-Barre.

Because of the current COVID-19 pandemic, actual attendance at the ordination Mass in the Cathedral is by invitation only. We are pleased to inform you, however, that the Rite will be broadcast live over CTV, as well as being available on YouTube and through the diocesan website.

These men to be ordained are currently in the fifth and last year of the diocesan Permanent Diaconate Formation Program, which they are scheduled to complete in May. A brief biography and a photo of each ordinand may be found in the November 19th edition of *The Catholic Light*.

Please join in prayer with these men as they begin to serve faithfully the people of our Diocese in the Order of Deacon.

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 palace for each parishioner.