



Third Sunday of Easter



April 18, 2021

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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.

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MASS TIMES - TV and Online

SS Peter & Paul Church Sunday Mass is available
as a u-tube video link posted on our website

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
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Sunday 10 am on CTW and Diocesan website
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Weekdays 9 AM livestream at TheDivineMercy.org Facebook
page

Weekdays 7 pm in Spanish livestream at LaDivinaMisericordia
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*While he was with them at table, he took bread,
said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them.*

*With that their eyes were opened
and they recognized him . . . ~ Luke 24: 30-31*

Pandemic News

Many of us are not certain who or what to believe now days about the COVID-19 virus. One thing for certain is that as soon as reports indicate that we are overcoming the virus, and that more people have received vaccines, we get another report stating that cases have increased in our county.

Tuesday's **Daily Review** headline stated that "Bradford County is at 'extremely high risk' of COVID-19 exposure." How each of us understand this may vary, because the article used the term 'exposure' and also stated that the Sayre zip code (18840) leads the county with 897 confirmed cases, and Athens (18810) is now at 557 confirmed cases. The reality is, that the virus is here in Bradford County, and many of us are terrified of any exposure.

How this virus infects a person is known, but also unknown. Let us keep doing everything possible trying to be safe: by avoiding situations in which there is a high degree of transmitting the disease; by following the CDC recommendation that we wear a mask; by maintaining social distance with anyone outside the household; and by washing with soap or sanitizing our hands frequently. It would also seem logical to think that if we stay away from Sayre and Athens, especially the hospital area, the exposure risk will be reduced.

2020 Diocesan Annual Appeal

We mentioned before that a letter from the Diocesan Annual Appeal office announced that SSPP parish has exceeded its parish goal for at least the tenth consecutive year. In it, Mr. Jim Bebla extends his thanks and appreciation on behalf of Bishop Bambera for our parish support all these years, and especially during this pandemic period.

At the Diocesan level, we are about 80% of our Diocesan goal to support the Appeal- funded Diocesan programs; any gift, small or large, can still help. Anyone who has not yet made a pledge/donation for the 2020 Annual Appeal is asked to take an envelope from the tables at the entrance to the church and either mail it in, or drop it into the donation box at the entrance to the church. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Last week, the parish received a letter from Bishop Bambera himself thanking the parish for exceeding our parish goal. The Bishop expressed that he was sincerely grateful to you parishioners, since your support is especially critical at this time as we respond to the increased need for services brought about by this pandemic.

Wedding Anniversary #25 or #50 in Year 2021 ?

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2021 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass, Sunday, June 6 at the Cathedral of St. Peter.

The Mass will begin at 2:30, and attendance will require advance reservation.

To register for the celebration, follow this link: <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/parish-life/community/marriage/enrichment/wedding-anniversary-mass-june-6-2021/>. For questions or concerns, or if there are issues registering online, please reach out to Jen Housel, Director for Community and Family Development. (jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org, or by phone to 570-207-2213 x 1104). Deadline is May 16.

From the Diocese: Notice to the Roman Catholic Faithful of the Diocese of Scranton

The Fraternite Notre Dame Community, since its acquisition of the former St. Mary of the Assumption Parish complex in South Scranton in 2020 . . . Describes itself as a Traditional Catholic Religious Order . . . that is not in union with the Pope. As such, it is not a legitimate religious order of the Catholic Church. The Faithful should not attend Masses . . . nor receive the sacraments provided by the Fraternite Notre Dame Community;...particularly regarding the sacraments of Confirmation and Marriage, these celebrations would not only be illicit, but also invalid.

Easter Flowers - after Easter

The Easter flowers in church are once again very nice. As the blossoms begin to fade, the plants will be looking for a new home. All of the bulbs and plants are perennials, so, if you are interested in some of these bulbs or plants for your home garden, please contact Fr. Ed 570-265-2113 ASAP and he will set them aside for pick-up – first come, first served. This is what is available: 20 Easter lilies, 4 hyacinths pots, and 1 blue hydrangea. Fr. Ed also has plenty of purple Dahlias to give away; dahlias need to be planted in Spring,, stored through winter, and replanted each year. Watch for a pick-up date to be announced later.

Help Wanted: Housekeeper and Maintenance Person

Two part-time positions are open in the parish: one for housecleaning the Rectory; the other is for general maintenance work on the buildings and grounds of the parish. Speak to Fr. Ed, or call / email the office: 570-265-2113 / stppp@yahoo.com.



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PRAY
FOR THE SICK

SAVE THE DATES

Upcoming Events = May = June = July = 2021

May 9: Mother's Day. We will celebrate all the special mothers in our lives. Also, it is the *Final day of Baby Bottle Campaign* for the Endless Mts. Pregnancy Care Center; donations to be placed in oversize "baby bottles" in rear of church. Pre-addressed envelopes available in rear of church if needed. If mailed directly to: Endless Mountains Pregnancy Care Center, P.O. Box #42, Canton PA 17724, please mark "SSPP Church" in memo area of your check.

The largest fund-raiser of the year, Baby Bottle Campaign enables EMPCC to provide free ultrasounds, baby clothes and maternity clothes to local clients. New parents are able to earn car seats and pack-n-plays through their Earn While You Learn parenting program.

May 22: First Holy Communion Saturday 10:00 am

May 23: Confirmation - Pentecost Sunday

May 29: 8th Annual Pound the Ground for Ultrasound — Race at Riverfront. Park in Sayre (benefits EMPCC; see above); more details about event on church bulletin board.

May 31: Memorial Day Mass to be celebrated in the SSPP Parish James Street Cemetery at 9:00 am if weather permits; otherwise, in the church; Refreshments afterward.

June 12 (Rain date June 19) The fish in the pond are "flipping out!" because **Fish-a-Rama is back this year!** Fish Friends News indicates that the fish want to be front and center THAT Saturday; and there will be plenty more surprises for the fishers themselves.

If your family wish to fish, please call the rectory 570-265-2113 or sign-up in the church with your phone number or email, and tell how many adults and how many kids will come.

We will leave the church parking lot at 9 am; after fishing and (of course) eating, plan to leave about noon.

June 20: Father's Day we will celebrate all the special fathers in our lives.

June 23: 27th Annual Golf Tournament at the Towanda Country Club to benefit the EMPCC (see above); further details are on bulletin board at church.

June 26-27: Parish Feast Day Weekend

Watch for future information and announcements.

July 25: French Azilum Mass (Sunday)

Afternoon time to be announced; historical setting of earliest Catholics settlement here.

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