

Saints Peter and Paul Church

106 Third Street - Towanda, Pennsylvania 18848-1798
Phone: 570-265-2113 FAX: 570-265-2114

E-mail: stppp@yahoo.com Website: sspeterandpaulchurch.net

Pastor: Rev. Edward L. Michelini

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 suspended 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

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 <u>www.dioceseofscranton.org</u>; 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 <u>TheDivineMercy.org</u> Facebook page

Weekdays 7 pm in Spanish livestream at <u>LaDivinaMisericordia</u> (Official) facebook page



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.

Mass Intentions Apr. 17 - 25 *Weekend Masses only by Reservation*

No reservation is needed for weekday Masses

Sat. Vigil 5:00 pm: Bruce Amato (Tama Family)

Sun. 8:00 am: William Misson

(Vince & Darlene Hudak)

11:00 am: Our Parishioners Mon. 8:30 am: Donna Wood

(Francis & Lucille Watkins)

Tues. 8:30 am: Anna Gerber (Fr. Ed)

Wed. 8:30 am: Barbara Ann Miller (Her Family)

Thursday: No Mass

Fri 8:30am: Mike Yanak (Barbara Wywiorski)

Sat. Vigil 5:00 pm: Our Parishioners Sun. 8:00 am: Edward & Theresa Bloomer

(Lee Ann Wolfe)

11:00 am: Robert Barrett

(Ed & Barbara Ulatowski)

First Communion Banner-Making

The First Communion students will make their banners this Sunday, April 18, at 2 pm in Grotto Hall.

Please keep these students, & the Confirmation candidates, their parents and sponsors, in your prayers as they prepare to receive these important sacraments.

Baptismal Congratulations

The parish welcomes both Bentley Flynn and his brother, Noah Flynn, upon their Baptisms on Easter Sunday.

Congratulations to each of you and to your parents, Nathan and Angela Flynn, and godparents Ed and Sue Flynn.

Update on the 2021 Diocesan Summer Seminarian

Fr. Ed has received word that the Diocese is assigning a summer seminarian to SSPP. At present we are awaiting word as to his name and when he will arrive. Please keep all the seminarians of our Diocese in our prayers and especially, for our coming summer seminarian.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations Good Shepherd Sunday

Sunday April 25, 2021 is the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations – Good Shepherd Sunday**. Please keep the seminarians of our Diocese in your prayers, and also those who are in formation for the Religious Life and Priesthood everywhere in the world.

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 Apr. 19—25

Collections Mon. Apr 19: 9:30 am: Team A
Altar Care April Chair: Chris Bedford
Sat. Apr. 24: Sandy Kasenga
Diane Ward
Becky Basse, Jean Reilly

Lectors

Sat. Apr. 24 5 PM: Mary Alice Demangone

Sun. Apr. 25 8 AM: Anne Leone 11 AM: Mike Miller

Offertory April 4

Good Friday / Holy Land	\$ 939
Sunday Offering	\$ 7,013
Easter	\$ 6,620
Easter Flowers	\$ 1,064
Care & Education of Priests	\$ 386
Special Envelopes	\$ 375

Thank you for your generosity.

Mailed- Delivered-Automatic Contributions Appreciated

Second Collection

This weekend is for Aid to Education; Mother's Day Envelopes will also be received. Next weekend will be for the annual Catholic Home Missions Appeal.

Catholic Home Missions

Next weekend, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this Appeal. More information can be found at

www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Easter Flowers Thanks

The parish is grateful for additional Easter Flower donations in memory of Ann Marshall & Albert Noiseux by Jason & Mary Lou Allis, for Pandemic Victims by K.T. Woods; and from Connie Gerrity.



Pope Francis Quote: Easter is the most important feast of our faith because it is the feast of our salvation, the feast of God's love for us.

April Prayer Intention: *Fundamental Rights:* We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes, and even in democracies in crisis.



1841-2016

SS Peter and Paul Church

OTTAVIANI OPTOMETRY

1932 GOLDEN MILE RD P.O. BOX 599 WYSOX PA 18854

55 MAIN ST P.O. BOX 505 WYALUSING, PA 18853

PHONE: 570-265-6816 PHONE: 570-746-1610



Bob Hugo 570-265-6615 106 River St., Towanda, PA

Auto * Home * Life * Fin. Services bob.hugo.bt7s@statefarm.com

You are witnesses

of these things.

Knights of Columbus

TOWANDA COUNCIL. No. 3915

7 Poplar St., Towanda PA 18848

Meetings 2nd Wednesdays at 7 pm

Contact: 570-265-2113

Jesus said:

CHRISTINA FLEURY Attorney

Elder Law & More

517 Main St. ~ Towanda 570.265.6000 www.ChristinaFleury.com

RICHARD M. FARLEY

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

521 MAIN STREET 570-265-4993 TOWANDA, PA 18848 FAX: 570-265-5996 E-mail: rmfarley@epix.net

JoAnne Kizer 📺



REAL ESTATE

MLS.

~ Luke 24: 48

570-268-7653 570-888-2202

~~Green's Auto Mart, Inc.~~

Quality Used Cars at a Fair Price

1503 Golden Mile Rd. Towanda PA

Greensautomart.com 570-265-AUTO(2886)

FAX 570-265-8149

BARRETT LAW OFFICES
Patrick J. Barrett, III
Attorney and Counselor at Law

507 West Pine Street 21 Troy St. - PO Box 157 Athens, PA 18810 Canton, PA 17724 570-888-037 570-673-5780 or 570-364-5799 patrick@barrettlawofficepa.com Fax: 570-673-5780 patbar.law@frontiernet.net



Before You Pay ~ See Rick or Ray

SS. PETER & PAUL CEMETERY

JAMES STREET - N. TOWANDA

2 AND 4 Grave Lots Available

Business Office: 106 Third St., Towarda PA 18848

570-265-2113



376 Leisure Drive Towanda, PA

Phone 570-265-7302

Fax 570-265-5065

A Community Funeral, Cremation, and Memorial Resource Service Owned & Operated by the Bowen Family Providing Professional Services that Respond to Personal Needs Complete Pre-Arranged Funeral Planning — Burial And Cremation Services

Out-Of-Town Receiving and Transfer Service, Monument Service www.bowenfuneralhomes.com

Bowen-Farr Funeral Home 570-258-3456

6 Gordon Farr St.—Ulster, Pa. 18850

Brandon B. Allis Funeral Director—Supervisor Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home Inc. 570-265-2272

217 York Ave., Towanda PA 18848

James A. Bowen Funeral Director, Owner / Supervisor BARBARA YANAK, O.D. DOCTOR OF OPTOMETRY



570-265-8135 16 Mix Ave. Towanda, PA

Leslie Wizelman

Certified Elder Law Attorney

Two Convenient Locations Wysox & Wyalusing

570-746-3844 www.lesliewizelman.com

If you would like to join our parish, contact: SS. Peter & Paul Church—106 Third St.—Towarda PA 18848 Call 570-265-2113 or email stppp@epix.net

REQUEST FOR PARISH REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Date Address City, Zip Phone

ST. AGNES SCHOOL

A Roman Catholic School of the Diocese of Scranton Pre-K (3 & 4 Years of Age) to Grade 6 Middle States Accredited

570-265-6803

102 Third Street Towanda PA 18848

www.edline.net/pages/StAgnes

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Art Badger; Nancy Barrett; Josie Beale; Gus Branish; Carol Brubaker; Tom Burger; Angela Burke; Beth Coleman; Patricia Coleman; Rita Cori; Jon Curtis; Monica Curtis; Berneda Daly; Margaret DeMarco; Patricia Dibble; Mary Theresa Dorsey; Rachel Dugan; Stephanie Duggan; Margaret Dunkle; George Emery; Helen Finlan; Christina Fleury; Sally Groff; Linda Hilscher; Eric John Hoffman, Sr.; Billy Hollenback; Hodgdon; Evelyn Hoff; Karschner; Annette McClure; Deany McGarrigle; Mickey McGarrigle; Sharon Mahaffey; Nate Miller; Gloria Minardo; Paul Moran; Charles Muchichko; Ethan Neuber; Noah Novickas; Irma O'Keeefe; Jean Perry; Cindy Robinson; Robert Murphy; Mary Ann Schram; Eugenia Serpe; Len Sharp; Theresa Sparrow; Pastor Rachel Stahle; Charmaine Stempel; Mackenzie Kempner Taylor; Noel Tramontana; Barbara Ulatowski; Prairie Rose Upton; Barbara Westfall; Sharon Wilson; Lani Wood; Joe Zak; and 6 Special Intentions.



SAVE THE DATES Upcoming Events = May = June = July = 2021

<u>May 9</u>: <u>Mother's Day</u>. 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
- <u>May 29</u>: <u>8th Annual Pound the Ground for Ultrasound</u>— Race at Riverfront. Park in Sayre (benefits EMPCC; see above); more details about event on church bulletin board.
- <u>May 31</u>: <u>Memorial Day</u> Mass to be celebrated in the SSPP Parish James Street Cemetery at 9:00 am if weather permits; otherwise, in the church; Refreshments afterward.
- <u>June 12</u> (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.
- <u>June 23</u>: **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.

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:

Barrett Law Offices
Patrick J. Barrett, III
Athens and Canton

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.