



Fourth Sunday of Easter



April 25, 2021

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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 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.

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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

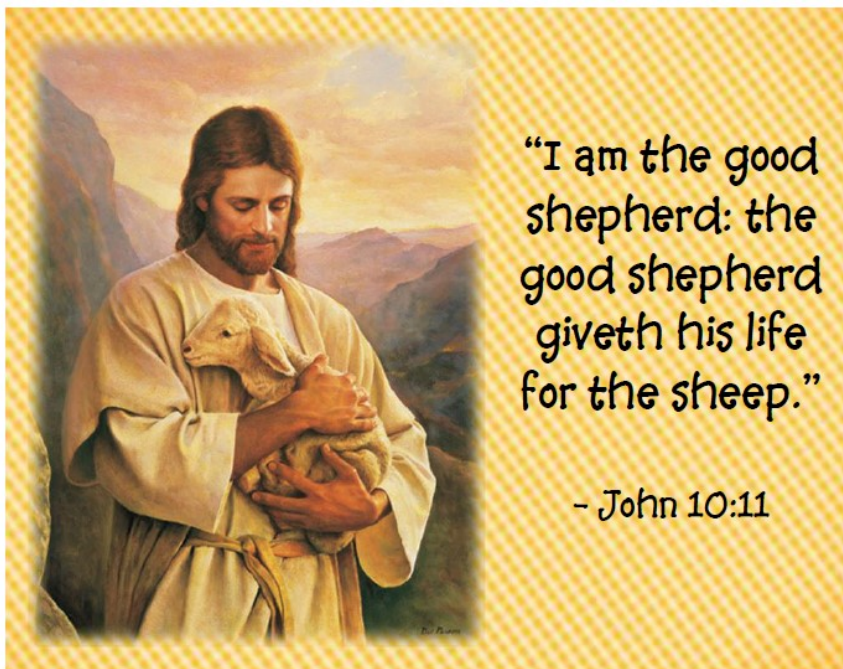
Weekdays 12:10, 3:30 and 7 PM on CTW television; on website www.dioceseofscranton.org; and streaming on Diocesan Facebook, twitter, instagram, and youtube.

Saturday Vigil 4 pm on CTW television and Diocesan website 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



Calendar Corrections

Last week's bulletin was incorrect for the following:

May 15: First Holy Communion

June 26-27: No Parish plans

May Calendar

May 6: Eucharistic Adoration 9am—7 pm

May 7: First Friday Mass 8:30

8 am-3 pm First Communion Retreat

May 12: Ascension vigil Mass 7:00 pm

May 13: Ascension Day Masses 8:30 am, 12:10 pm

May 14: First Communion Practice 6 pm

May 15: First Holy Communion 10 am

May 31: Memorial Day Mass 9 am

Easter Flowers

The Easter flowers in church are once again very nice this year. 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, 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 still available: 20 Easter lilies and plenty of purple Dahlias.

Dahlias need to be planted, stored and replanted each year. You will be notified when they are ready to pick up.



Memorial Day Mass

The parish is planning a Memorial Day Mass at the SSPP St. James Cemetery on Monday, May 31, 2021 at 9 am in the morning, weather permitting. In the event of rain, the Mass will be celebrated in the church. Refreshments will be available following the Mass at whichever location the Mass is.

Mass at French Asylum

As happened last summer, a Sunday Mass will again be celebrated by Fr. Ed on Sunday, July 25, 2021, in the early afternoon at French Asylum. More details will be provided later, but mark your calendars to come celebrate Mass and to enjoy an interesting and historical site in Bradford County (the first Catholic settlement).

Fish-A-Rama

Rumor has it that the fish in the country pond were upset that families from SSPP parish didn't go fishing last June, but now they are extremely excited about Fish-A-Rama being held on Saturday June 12, 2021, with a rain date of Saturday June 19, 2021. Fish news indicates that the fish want to be front and center and plenty of surprises for those who plan to go fishing. If your family is interested in participating, please call the rectory or sign-up in the church by giving your name, phone, e-mail and the number (Adults / Kids) coming. We will leave from the rectory parking lot at 9 am and fish / have something to eat and leave the pond about 12 noon.

25th, 50th Wedding Anniversary this year?

To register for this special celebration at the Scranton Cathedral, 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, 570-207-2213 x 1104)

Pandemic News

One thing for certain is that cases are increasing in our area. A **Daily Review** headline stated that "Bradford Co. at 'extremely high risk' of COVID-19 exposure." The article stated that the Sayre zip code (18840) leads the county with 897 confirmed cases and Athens (18810) is now at 557 confirmed cases. But, the virus is here in Towanda as well.

How this virus infects a person is really unknown. Please try to be safe in avoiding situations in which there is a high degree of transmitting the disease – the CDC recommends that we wear a mask, social distance, and wash or sanitize our hands frequently. Please be socially distant inside the church and also outside after leaving the church. Thanks !

EMPCC Baby Bottle Campaign – Pandemic Method Style

The SS Peter and Paul Parish's Baby Bottle Campaign for the EMPCC continues until Mother's Day. Place contributions into the oversized "baby bottles" in the back of the church, or mail directly to the Endless Mts. Pregnancy Care Center, PO Box # 42 Canton, Pa 17724. Please mark in the memo area 'SS Peter and Paul Parish' if you mail it in directly.



Mass Intentions Apr. 24— May 2

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

No reservation is needed for weekday Masses

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)

Mon. 8:30 am: Rita E. Bustin (Mary F. Bustin &

Patricia Benson)

Tues. 8:30 am: Steve Landy (Fr. Ed)

Wed. 8:30 am: John Wiegand (Sally Wiegand)

Thursday: No Mass

Fri 8:30am: Bob & Hilda Brenner (Bob & Bev)

First Saturday 8:30 am: Dan Bryington

(Tuesday p.m. Cursillo Group)

Sat. Vigil 5:00 pm: Our Parishioners

Sun. 8:00 am: Sister Gertrude (Seibert Family)

11:00 am: Frank Madden (Bob & Ann Murphy)

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Good Shepherd Sunday

This Sunday, April 25, 2021, is the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations** and **Good Shepherd Sunday**.

Please keep the seminarians of our Diocese in your prayers, and those who are in formation for the Religious Life and Priesthood in the world.

Materials have been set aside on the table at the entrance to the church concerning our call to a vocation in the Church. You are welcome and encouraged to take flyer, a prayer card and materials for children of various age groupings. Enjoy them!

Update on the 2021 Diocesan Summer Seminarian

Fr. Ed has received word that the Diocese is assigning a summer seminarian to SSPP Parish. At present, we are awaiting word as to the seminarian's name, and when he will arrive.

Please keep the seminarians of our Diocese in your prayers, and especially for the seminarian who will be assigned here this summer.

First Communion and Confirmation

Please keep in your prayers the youth of our parish who will be receiving First Holy Communion on May 15, 2021, and Confirmation on May 23, 2021. They have been preparing for each of these Sacraments for quite some time and are eager to progress in their Sacramental life. Also, keep their parents and respective sponsors in your prayers.

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. 26 - May 1

Collections Mon. Apr 26: 9:30 am: Team B

Altar Care May Chair: Mary Krill

Sat. May 1: Trudy Ventello

Gloria Nilsson, Nancy Foley

Lectors

Sat. May 1 5 PM: Sandy Kasenga

Sun. May 2 8 AM: Laura Steele

11 AM: Al Ondrey

Offertory April 11

Good Friday / Holy Land	\$ 949
Sunday Offering	\$ 3,023
Mother's Day	\$ 830
Special Envelopes	\$ 449

Thank you for your generosity.

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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.

Strengthening the Church at Home

Please support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Right now, over 40% of U.S. dioceses are considered mission territory because they are not able to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities.

Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the US. Prayerfully consider a generous gift to help. More information can be found at

www.usccb.org/home-missions.

For contribution credit, include your name or boxed envelope number with your donation.

Please keep in your Prayers

This past week, we celebrated funeral liturgies for Paul Elwell Kingsley and Mary Theresa Dorsey. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Please also keep in your prayers in a special way the following parishioners who are ill or recovering: George Emery, Bill Bride, Kate Bride, and Marilyn Doecker.



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Patricia Coleman; Rita Cori; Jon Curtis; Monica Curtis; Berneda Daly;
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Dr. Jorge Tramontana; Barbara Ulatowski; Prairie Rose Upton; Barbara West-
fall; Sharon Wilson; Lani Wood; Joe Zak; and 6 Special Intentions.



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