



Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord † April 4, 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 Saturday Vigil 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

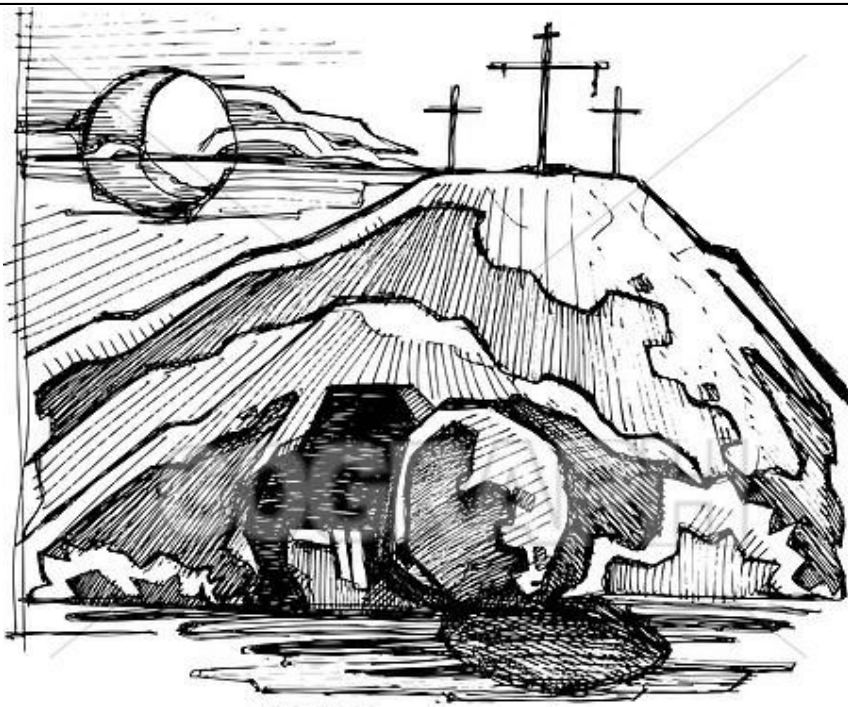
Weekdays 12:10, 3:30 and 7 PM on CTW television; on website www.dioceseofscranton.org; and streaming on Diocesan Facebook, twitter, instagram, and youtube.

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



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Happy, Happy Easter -

Thank God it is Easter! Our celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ has come at just the right time. Reflecting upon what has transpired in our lives, the country, and the world during this past year, it is magnificent to ponder and appreciate the hope and blessings that God provides for / to us. The Pandemic and the snowy, cold winter wanted to keep us in isolation and without hope; however, the Lenten season helped us to reflect upon what is of real meaning and value of our lives, and as Christians -- what is it that God has called us to be. So, now at Easter, we celebrate that God has given us the grace to overcome all kinds of worldly challenges and to live as a reflection of His Risen Presence.

Importantly and significantly, our SSPP Parish did not hibernate these many months, and even though we social-distanced, we continued to come. in-person and/or virtually, to hear His Word, and to praise Him for His marvelous works. Parishioners transferred His love for us into action toward our neighbors. Thankfully, you have assisted many in the community through your Pandemic generosity, your charity to the RICE BOWL program, and through your support of the many programs of the Diocesan Annual Appeal. In addition, your concern in word and in action for parishioners in the parish who are having personal struggles has been really genuine and appreciated. That Christ is indeed risen, is evident in your actions! We are indeed, Easter people!

May God continue to bless this parish of Saints Peter and Paul. Happy, Happy Easter! ~ Fr. Ed

Easter Sunday Masses + 1

To accommodate everyone who wants to attend Easter Sunday Mass, we have added an additional Mass at 9:30 am, with the usual 8 & 11 am times. Being limited to 25% of the capacity of the church even while wearing masks and social distancing, **all need to make a reservation at 570-265-2113** so as not to exceed these capacity requirements. If you find that are not going to attend after making a reservation, please call the parish office to tell us as soon as possible. Thanks!

Pandemic News

Not certain who or what to believe these days about the COVID-19 virus? One thing for certain is, that as soon as reports indicate that we are overcoming the virus because of vaccine distribution success, we get another report saying that rising case numbers are happening in an increasing number of states throughout our county. Let us try to keep on being safe: in avoiding situations in which there is a high degree of trans-

Positive Comments

At the beginning of Lent. the parish distributed several books for parishioners to use during their Lenten journey. Lots of these books were taken for personal use – we are thankful for this response, but even more so, Fr. Ed has been receiving unsolicited positive comments about these books. If you like the book that you are using, consider getting another copy, (we do have more of them) and pass it along to someone you know who may appreciate it. Tell them it's a gift from you and/or the parish.

Watch for another book coming soon: "I Thirst."

EMPCC Baby Bottle Campaign – Pandemic Method Style

SS Peter and Paul's Baby Bottle Campaign for the EMPCC begins Easter Sunday and will continue until Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9. There are no baby bottles to take home this year. You are asked to pick up a pre-addressed envelope or drop cash donations right into the oversized baby bottles in the back of the church. Return the envelopes with a check or bills to church or mail your check directly to the Endless Mountains Pregnancy Care Center. Endless Mountains 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.



The Baby Bottle Campaign is the largest fundraiser of the year for EMPCC. Through our contributions, EMPCC is able to offer 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 Class program.

EASTER - RESURRECTION

Mass Intentions Apr. 4 - 11

Weekend Masses only by Reservation

No reservation is needed for weekday morning.

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil : Sat. 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday 8:00 am; 9:30 am and 11:00 am

Mon. 8:30 am: John Snell (Michele Snell)

Tues. 8:30 am: John F. & Alice M. Grenell and
Margaret Hurley (Estate of Alice Grenell)

Wed. 8:30 am: John Petro (Parish)

Thursday: No Mass

Fri 8:30 am: Betty Barrett (Ed & Barbara Ulatowski)

Sat. Vigil 5:00 pm: Alice M. Grenell (Joan Grenell)

Sun. 8:00 am: Our Parishioners

11:00 am: For the Intentions of the Living
Relatives of Sonia Huff (Sonia Huff)



A Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:

Anne & Bill Sullivan (Family)

Summer 2021 Diocesan Seminarian—(maybe)

Fr. Ed has asked the Diocese to assign a seminarian to SSPP Parish for the summer months. At present, we are awaiting official confirmation that a seminarian will be assigned for this summer. Please keep the seminarians of our Diocese in your prayers, and especially for one to be assigned here this summer. More details to follow.

Return Your Rice Bowls

Two containers marked "Rice Bowls," to receive your Rice Bowls are in the church, located adjacent to the rear center-aisle pews.

Thank you for supporting this very worthwhile international food program. For contribution credit, include your name or envelope number on your box or envelope.

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

The work of the Parish Pastoral Council continues in spite of the Coronavirus Pandemic. In recent meetings, the PPC has been formulating, in conjunction with other parishes in the Deanery, our response to the Diocesan Blueprint 2020. This Blueprint plan recommends how the local church might adapt its ministries to anticipated demographic changes over the next decade, and beyond.

Traditionally at this time of the year, the parish solicits nominations for new council members. With many members of the parish remaining in exile because of pandemic, it is difficult to plan for nominations and selection that would achieve participation from all parishioners.

Given these circumstances, the PPC has sought the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and recently created a short list of parishioners to consider serving the parish as PPC members.

Please continue to pray to the Holy Spirit for His guidance, as we move forward to plan and implement for the needs of our parish in the years ahead. If you are approached by Fr. Ed or a member of the PPC, please be open to assisting the parish in the capacity of actively organizing and guiding the parish in the years ahead as a PPC member. "A Grateful, Thank You" to each and every parishioner, especially those who serve or have served on the PPC.

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. 5

Collections Mon. Apr 5: 9:30 am: Team B

Altar Care April Chair: Chris Bedford

Sat. Apr. 10: Eileen Farrell

Patti Meredith, Laurie Young

Lectors

Sat. Apr. 10 5 PM: Patti Meredith

Sun. Apr. 11 8 AM: Debbie West

11 AM: Karen Stroud

Offertory March 21

Sunday Offering	\$ 3,067
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 620
Easter Flowers	\$ 974
Special Envelopes	\$ 130

Thank you for your generosity.

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Second Collection

Easter; also Care & Education of Priests are received this weekend.. Rice Bowls should also be returned.

Next weekend: Mother's Day Envelopes.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS)

Thank you for your generous support of the recent Catholic Relief Services Collection and for helping **Jesus in disguise**: a total of \$620.

Your contributions make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections for more information on how to give.



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Psalm 138: 8

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