



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



July 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 resumes on
August 15, except for those
vulnerable individuals who
need to remain at home
for their own safety.*

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.

Parish Prayer Line Requests

Call Annette at 570-265-9691

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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
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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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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



Jesus Feeds 5,000 with 5 Loaves + 2 Fish

Read all about it in John 6: 1-15

Altar & Rosary Society Funeral Luncheon Ministry - Correction

In last week's bulletin, we commended and thanked all the members of our Altar & Rosary Society for providing funeral luncheons to families at their time of need; and we expressed special appreciation to Lucille Christini, who has now retired from coordinating this ministry after many years of dedicated service.

To take her place, a team of four persons will continue to coordinate the funeral luncheon ministry (some of whom were incorrectly identified last week). The corrected names of that team are: Nancy Foley, Mary Abell, Eileen Hugo, and Patti Meredith (with our apology for the error last week). We are grateful to them for all their past service, and commend them for continuing this ministry for the future.

Any parishioner who would like to help out with any future funeral luncheons (providing a food dish, setting up, serving, and/or cleanup) should contact Patti Meredith to be placed on their call list.

Eucharistic Adoration in August

Eucharistic Adoration will take place Friday, August 6, in the Church. It will begin at about 9 am, Immediately after the 8:30 am Mass and continue until 8 pm. Look for sign-up sheets next weekend to select an hour to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Questions? Call Rosemary Hoffmann at 570-265-7126.

July 25-31: National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week

Natural Family Planning (NFP) is the general title for the scientific, natural, and moral methods of family planning that can help married couples either achieve or postpone pregnancy.

NFP methods are based on the observation of the naturally occurring signs and symptoms of the fertile and infertile phases of a woman's menstrual cycle. No drugs, devices, or surgical procedures are used to avoid pregnancy.

*Since the methods of NFP respect the **love-giving** (unitive) and **life-giving** (procreative) nature of the conjugal act, they support God's design for married love!*

In July of each year, along with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, we celebrate **National Family Planning Awareness Week (July 25-31, 2021)**. To learn more, please visit the USCCB site: <https://www.usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/national-nfp-awareness-week> or our diocesan website: dioceseofscranton.org. Some of the resources offered include: Liturgy & Prayers; Church Teachings; More information and related resources for Natural Family Planning.

July 25-31: Troy Fair Week - Pro-Life Exhibit

If you plan to attend the fair this week, stop by the Pro-Life Booth being sponsored by the Bradford County Pennsylvanians for Human Life. While you enjoy their informative exhibit which illustrates stages of a baby's development, let them know that you're from SSPP Parish.

Chair Lift

A parishioner has available, an Acorn Superguide 130 Stair lift. Total length is 9' 6" in two sections. Everything is included and it is in very good condition. Contact 570-265-3920 if you are interested.

The 4 Steps of Lectio Divina or Prayerful Reading

Fr. Ed has been recommending this form of personal prayer at various times over the past several years. It is worth the effort, and most find that it changes our lives.

1. Lectio: Read a Scripture passage aloud slowly. Notice what phrase captures your attention and be attentive to its meaning. Silent pause.
2. Meditation: Read the passage aloud slowly again, reflecting on the passage, allowing God to speak to you through it. Silent pause.
3. Oratio: Read it aloud slowly a third time, allowing it to be your prayer or response to God's gift of insight to you. Silent pause.
4. Contemplatio: Read it aloud slowly a fourth time, now resting in God's word

Mass Intentions July 24 — Aug. 1

Sat. Vigil 5:00 pm: Frank Madden
(John & Mary Alice Demangone)
Sun. 8:00 am: Ed & Barbara Branish at their
62nd Wedding Anniversary
11:00 am: Grandparents and the Elderly
Mon. 8:30 am: Our Parishioners
Tues. 8:30 am: Rita Bustin (Mary Bustin, Pat Benson)
Wed. 8:30 am: Michael Yanyk (Barbara Wywiorski)
Thursday: No Mass
Fri. 8:30am: Shirley Homan
(Kathy, David & Rosemary)
Sat. Vigil 5:00 pm: Gertrude & Otto Schleichart
(George & Christine Dzus)
Sun. 8:00 am: Our Parishioners
11:00 am: John Borits (Jacob & Ben)



The Feast of Saints Anne and Joachim, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and grandparents of Jesus, is celebrated on July 26 (Monday this week). They are powerful intercessors for all married couples, expectant mothers, and married couples who are having difficulty conceiving, as well as for those who are aging*.

*Today the church celebrates, for the first time officially, Grandparents and The Aging; see details on page 5 of the bulletin.

This Sunday - Mass at French Azilum – July 25
A Sunday Mass is being celebrated by Fr. Ed this weekend at 1:00 PM at the French Azilum Historic Site. Come to Mass today, and enjoy the grounds at the site of the first Catholic community in the county.

Post-Pandemic Parish Socials

“Make a Taco” after 5 pm Mass Saturday, July 31.

Sign up today
(so we will have enough food next Saturday).
Lists are in on the table
in the rear of the church.

Ministers July 26— Aug. 1

Collections Mon. Jul 26, 9:30 am: Team C
Altar Care July Chair: Eileen Hugo
Sat. Jul. 31: Anne Cowling
Chris Sullivan

Lectors

Sat. Jul. 31 5 PM: Bob Pyznar
Sun. Aug 1 8 AM: Mike Miller
11 AM: Laurie Young

Offertory July 11

Sunday Offering	\$ 3,620
Aid to Education	\$ 402
Special Envelopes	\$ 190

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Second Collection

This week is for Air Conditioning; next weekend will be for the Care & Education of Priests.

Pope Francis's Prayer Intention:

July: Social Friendship:

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, that we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.



Faith and Prayer Program This Wednesday

Pope Quote: “During summer time, let us learn how to take a break, turn off the mobile phone to gaze into the eyes of others, cultivate silence, contemplate nature, regenerate ourselves in dialogue with God.”

In accord with these words of Pope Francis quoted above, take the opportunity this coming Wednesday evening and come to our parish program on Faith and Prayer. Our summertime Deacon, Marc Philips, will be offering information, ideas and some suggestions on growing in the faith and in the spiritual life. It is FREE and in the air-conditioned Grotto Hall, at 6:30 pm Wednesday, July 28th.

**“MAKE A TACO” JULY 31
IN GROTTA HALL AFTER 5:00 PM MASS**

AND

**“ICE CREAM SOCIAL” AUGUST 8
CHURCH PARKING LOT AFTER 11:00 AM MASS**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW. SIGN-UP
SHEETS ON TABLE IN BACK OF CHURCH**



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*They shall eat and
there shall be some
Left Over.*

2 Kings 4: 43

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PRAY
FOR THE SICK

First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly - This Sunday, July 25

Remember - Celebrate - Honor - Our Elders

Pope Francis has dedicated Sunday, July 25 as the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. The theme for this first celebration is "I am with you always," referring to the Gospel of Saint Matthew 28:20. Bishop Bambera will commemorate this Day at the 10:00 AM Mass in the Cathedral on July 25.

The 11 am Mass in our parish this Sunday will also be offered for Grandparents and the Elderly. In observance of this day, let us recognize the great treasure that grandparents and the elderly are for our families and our society! To live this day more fully on a personal level, we invite you to consider doing something special for the elderly in your family and community. Here are a few ideas to spark your thinking:

If you still have your grandparents, use this day to call them or to visit them.

If your children have the ability to spend time with their grandparents, encourage that beautiful opportunity to enjoy their presence and create memories for a lifetime.

If your parents are no longer here, pray together with your children for them, and tell them stories about them.

Share with the younger generations in your family about your grandparents and the moments lived with them and teach them the importance of respecting and valuing the elderly.

Check on any elderly in your community, and take the opportunity to visit them to make sure they are well or to simply spend time and hear their stories.

Pray, and Share, the prayer on the next page.

Legislative Action

– Please carefully, prayerfully, consider this information and the link: **NoTaxpayerAbortion.com**

The House Committee on Appropriations will be addressing the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (LHHS) appropriations bill, which currently excludes the 46-year-old Hyde Amendment and other longstanding, bipartisan provisions including the Weldon Amendment.

Eliminating these provisions **would force taxpayers to pay for elective abortions and force health care providers and professionals to perform and refer for abortion against their deeply-held beliefs, as well as force employers and insurers to cover and pay for abortion.**

Without the Hyde Amendment and Hyde-related policies, billions of taxpayer dollars could be used to pay for abortion in the United States and throughout the world. Eliminating the Weldon Amendment would be an egregious violation of conscience rights by forcing individuals and entities to perform, pay for, or otherwise participate in an abortion against their beliefs.

I encourage you to investigate this legislation, and I encourage you to take action to help ensure that the Hyde Amendment and all similar life-saving appropriations remain in place.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Pro-Life Activities is sponsoring a petition to legislators asking them to preserve the Hyde Amendment. You are encouraged to sign it at

NoTaxpayerAbortion.com

The Diocese of Scranton is sharing links to this petition via its social media platforms. Additional information is also located on the Diocese of Scranton website (dioceseofscranton.org) and this week's edition of The Catholic Light Newspaper.

Fr. Andrew Hvozdovic

The Bishop's office has announced that Fr. Andrew has been appointed the pastor of Gate of Heaven, Dallas/Our Lady of Victory, Harvey's Lake. Fr. Andrew has served at Epiphany parish here in Bradford County for more than 18 years and is the chair of the Deanery. He has been a frequent visitor to SSPP and has helped us many times. The parishioners of SSPP parish would like to extend a "Thank You" to Fr. Andrew and we wish him well in his new assignment.

PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

I thank You, Lord,
for the comfort of Your presence:
even in times of loneliness,
You are my hope and my confidence,
You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth!
I thank You for having given me a family
and for having blessed me with a long life.
I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty,
for the dreams that have already come true in my life and
for those that are still ahead of me.
I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me.
Increase, O Lord, my faith,
make me a channel of your peace,
teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me,
to never stop dreaming
and to tell of your wonders to new generations.
Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church,
that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth.
Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world,
that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed,
the poor consoled and wars ended.
Sustain me in weakness
and help me to live life to the full
in each moment that You give me,
in the certainty that you are with me every day,
even until the end of the age.
Amen.