



First Sunday of Advent



November 28, 2021

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SAINT PETER AND SAINT PAUL, PRAY FOR US!

Parish Office Hours

Mon-Thurs. 9:30-3:30

COVID PRECAUTIONS AT SSPP CHURCH

See Updates on Website
sspeterandpaulchurch.net

Sunday Mass Obligation Reinstated

Precautions Remain

Masks Recommended

Social Distance

Hand Wash/Sanitize

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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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

***And then
they will
see the
Son of
Man
coming in
a cloud
with
power and
great
glory.***



But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads, because your redemption is at hand.

Luke 21: 27-28

St. Agnes School

Nov. 24-30: Thanksgiving Break—no school

CCD

CCD Classes meet each Sunday morning in St. Agnes School between the Masses.

Nov. 28: No class on Thanksgiving Weekend.

2022 Sunday Missal & 2022 Calendar

The new Sunday Missal has arrived. Please pick up a copy for yourself; if you like, you can pick up a copy for a friend or relative. We should have enough to go around. Thank you!

Calendars for 2022 are now available; pick up a paper calendar and the refrigerator magnet too. We are grateful to Jim Bowen of Bowen Funeral Homes for this gift to the parish. Thanks very much, Jim, you are in our prayers. If you see Jim at some point, please offer him a “Thank You” for his generosity.

Looking ahead – Advent Season

Deanery Penance Services will be held again this Advent season on Sundays:

December 5, 2021	Canton	2 pm	Towanda	4 pm
December 12, 2021	Wyalusing	2 pm	Dushore	4 pm
December 19, 2021		Sayre 3 pm		

There will probably be 4-5 priests available at each of these services.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception — Wednesday - December 8, 2021 — Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil Mass	Tuesday, December 7, 2021	7:00 pm
Day Mass	Wednesday, December 8, 2021	8:30 am & 12:10 pm

Christmas – Saturday December 25, 2021

Christmas Eve Masses Friday: 4, 6, and 10 pm
Saturday Christmas Day Mass 10:00 am

Sunday – December 26, 2021

NO Vigil Mass on Saturday, Christmas Day
Sunday Masses 8 & 11 am

Mary, Mother of God – Saturday January 1, 2021

(not a Holy Day of obligation this year)

Vigil Mass Friday 4:00 pm
Saturday Mass 9:00 am

The Epiphany of the Lord – January 2, 2021

Saturday Jan. 1 Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Sunday, Jan. 2 Masses 8:00 & 11:00 am

Christmas Angel Tree

The parish Christmas Angel Tree program to assist families in need so that they can celebrate a little more joyful Christmas, starts this Sunday. As in the past, select an Angel from the tree and purchase what is needed for the individual or family.



Return the gift card and its “angel” to the church by Sunday December 12, 2021. Thank you: these families will thank you, and the parish thanks you for your care and generosity this season.

Ronald McDonald House, Danville

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your support and your recent thoughtful donation. Because of you, parents and the families of critically ill children are able to stay together and close to the care they need when they need it the most. Your contribution makes a difference in the lives of the children and families we serve every day, and we look forward to sharing more family stories with you. Together we can make a difference!

Thank You!

~ Renee Gerringer, Director of Donor Relations.

Endless Mountains Mission Center, Troy

We at the Endless Mountains Mission Center want to give you our deepest gratitude for choosing our mission to receive your very generous Grant!

Thank you for blessing our program. The money will be put to good use.

Blessings!

~ Staff & Guests at the EMMC

Mass Intentions Nov. 27—Dec. 5

Sat. Vigil 5:00 pm: Kevin Barrett (Ron & Sue Gregus)
 Sun. 8:00 am: Joanne Smith (Vega Family)
 11:00 am: Our Parishioners All Souls Intentions
 Mon. 8:30am: Intentions of Kathleen Kelly
 Tues. 8:30 am: Frank Madden (Barbara Ulatowski)
 Wed. 8:30 am: Paul Elwell Kingsley (Sherry Vargson)
 Thursday: No Mass
 Fri. 8:30am: Mary Serecsko (Mary Ann Hobbs)
 First Saturday 8:30 am: Rita Bustin (Mary Bustin & Pat Benson)
 Sat. Vigil 5:00 pm.: C. Wayne Davidson (Mary Kay Ward)
 Sun. 8:00 am: Our Parishioners
 11:00 am: Frances Verso (Anne Leone)



A Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:
 Charles Driscoll (Don & Sylvia Martin)

First Friday and Saturday

Dec. 3-4 this week are the First Friday & Saturday, with Mass at 8:30 am each day.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration will take place Friday from 9 am until 8 p. Please commit to one hour on the sign-up sheets in the back of the church this weekend.

If you can't commit an hour, please come and pray in the presence of the Holy Eucharistic at whatever time you are able. Jesus waits for you.

The Beginning of Advent

Over the past several weeks, we have heard the message to “Be Prepared,” in essence to set some time aside to reflect upon the past year from a spiritual perspective, to look forward with hope and gratitude, to be in relationship / communion with God the Father through Christ Jesus. Advent materials have been made available for our parish community to assist us in being prepared. I am suggesting that as a parish community we focus on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday evening—perhaps right after dinner—to spend some time as a family, a parish family, reading and reflecting about the meaning of Christmas and Christ's Second Coming at the End Times.

As we pray, realize that many others in our parish community are praying and reflecting at the same time as we are; whether we are one person or ten people, and a parish family, we are all together – just one of those days may go a long way for our children, ourselves and our family. May God bless our whole parish community.

2021 Diocesan Annual Appeal

Thank you for your generosity. As of November 22, 2021, 124 out of 298 SSPP families have pledged \$44,360 which exceeds our parish goal of \$31K – that's over 140% of our goal! Thank you for your continued support and generosity of the many programs the Diocese offers in helping others. Every gift/donation helps. If you have not made a pledge, please prayerfully consider making a pledge – envelopes are at the entrance to the church. A copy of the Diocese Newspaper, **The Catholic Light**, is regularly sent to every donor.

Ministers Nov. 29—Dec. 5

Collections

Mon. Nov. 28 Team C

Altar Care November Chair: Charlene Garden

Sat. Dec. 4: Julie Burrowes

Charlotte Burrowes, Edith Rabago

Minister of Hospitality:

Sat. Dec. 4: 5 PM: Mary Kay Ward

Sun. Dec. 5: 8 AM: Jerry Schram

11 AM: Kathie DeWan

Eucharistic Minister:

Sat. Dec. 4: 5 PM: Tom Finan

Sun. Dec. 5: 8 AM: Barb Grimes

11 AM: Pat Benson

Lector:

Sat. Dec 4: 5 PM: Bob Pynzar

Sat. Dec. 5: 8 AM: Laura Steele

11 AM: Mary Pfeffer

Offertory November 14

Sunday Offering	\$ 3,191
Aid to Education	\$ 362
Special Envelopes	\$ 170

Thank you for your generosity.

Mailed- Delivered-Automatic Contributions Appreciated

Second Collection

Pink Christmas Flower envelopes will be taken up this weekend. Next weekend will be for the Care & Education of Priests.



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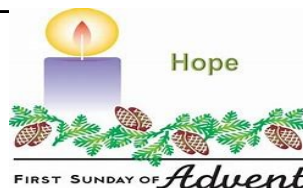
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