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July 13, 1836*

*Pastor: Rev. Matt Nycz*

MAY 16, 2021  
7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are a faith community of Roman Catholics who are united in Christ. Our lives are based on faith, hope and charity, guided by the Holy Spirit and sustained by the Sacraments.

Our mission is to help all people achieve salvation by spreading the message of God's love.

We strive to strengthen this effort by enriching ourselves through the Scriptures and the Sacraments. We share our faith by teaching, personal witness and works of charity.

## MASS TIMES

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY,  
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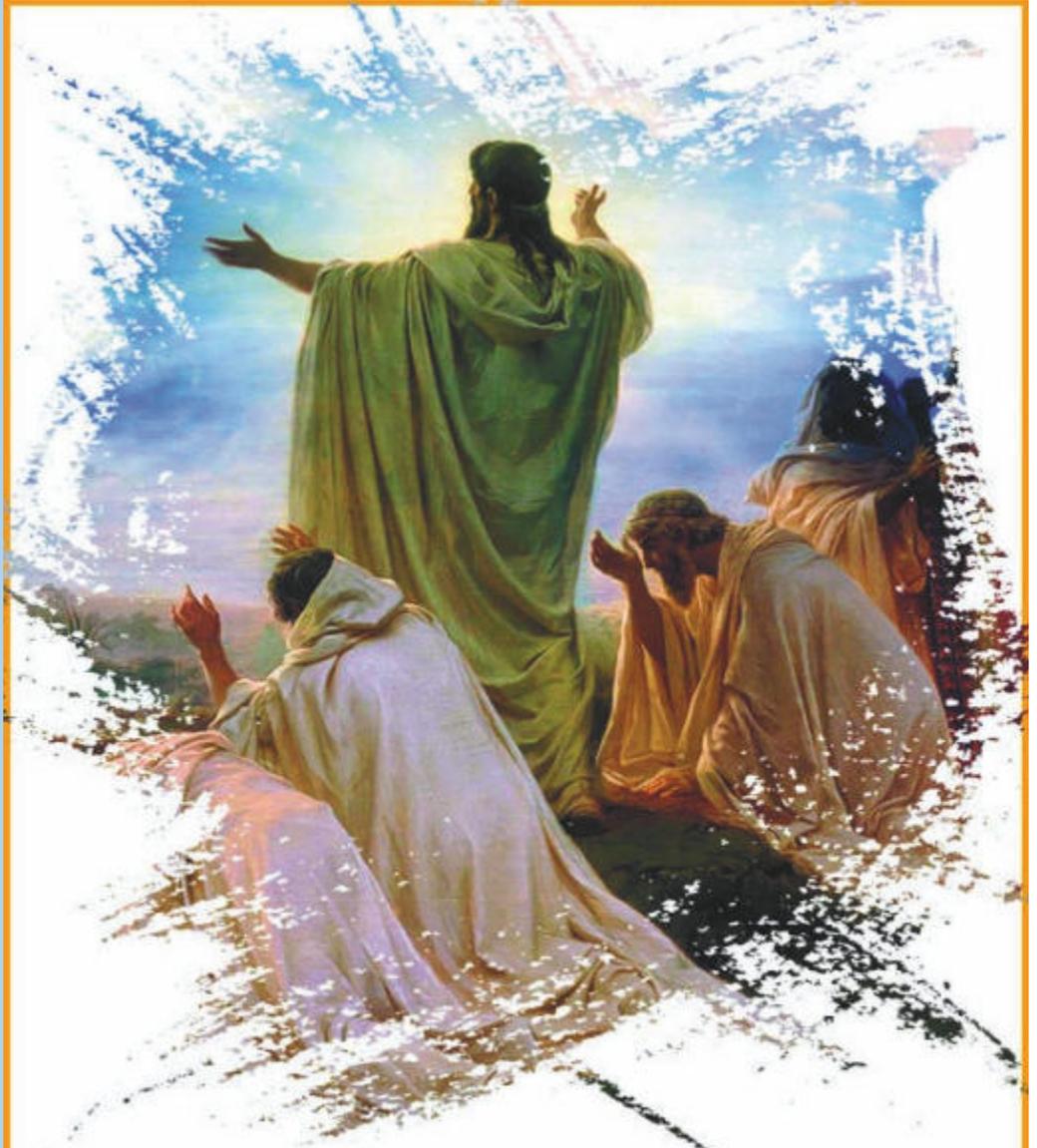
WEDNESDAY: 8AM & 5PM

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:30PM

SUNDAY: 9:30AM & 11:30AM

## CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY: 3-4PM  
OR BY APPOINTMENT



"YOUR WORD IS TRUTH." —JN 17:17

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



## Divine Mercy From The Diary of St. Faustina

August 5, 1935 The Feast of Our Lady of Mercy...I prepared for this feast with greater zeal than in previous years. On the morning of the feast itself, I experienced an inner struggle at the thought that I must leave this Congregation which enjoys such special protection from Mary. This struggle lasted through the meditation and through the first Mass as well. During the second Mass, I turned to our Holy Mother, telling Her that it was difficult for

me to separate myself from this Congregation... "which is under Your special protection, O Mary." Then I saw the Blessed Virgin, unspeakably beautiful. She came down from the altar to my kneeler, held me close to herself and said to me, "I am Mother to you all, thanks to the unfathomable mercy of God. Most pleasing to Me is that soul which faithfully carries out the will of God." She gave me to understand that I had faithfully fulfilled the will of God and had thus found favor in His eyes. "Be courageous. Do not fear apparent obstacles, but fix your gaze upon the Passion of My Son, and in this way you will be victorious. Diary 449)

**MY RESPONSE:** On this day honoring mothers, let us give thanks to our heavenly Mother for saying "Yes" to God's invitation to her, not only for being the Mother of Jesus, but our Mother as well.



*The Community of SS. Peter & Paul offers to pray for the following persons who have asked for our prayers in making them Whole again in Body, Mind and Spirit:*

Lori Allen, Carson Barnhart, Jim Boshart, Diane Butch, Linda Callan, Donald Day, Lois Dischinger, Deacon Charlie Esposito, Ron Fial, Eric Glinski, Inge Gooch, Debbie Grasso, Brian Greene, Theresa Hjalmarson, Riley Jenkins, Diane Johnston, Mark Johnston, Sara Kallai, Rose Miliotto, Paul J. Miller, Judy Perl, Olivia Reed, Ken Schlosser, Ruth Schlosser, Jackie Shapiro, Mary Ann Singer, Joseph Tomasi, Beverly Tomasi

*We will be happy to add a name to the prayer list upon request and permission from the person whose name will appear in this publication.*

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## A Note from the Pastor



Recently, Bishop Mike Fisher presented **St. Joseph the Worker Awards** to dozens of exceptional volunteer Catholics from various parishes of our Diocese. We are proud to honor **Bob and Joyce Grinewich** as the recipients of this year's award from Ss. Peter & Paul Parish. We are grateful for their exemplary volunteer ministry here. Bob & Joyce have been members of our parish for 28 years and

have spent countless hours donating their time, talent and treasure in multiple ministries throughout our parish, all served with a smile and a platter of love! Bob has kiddingly been "appointed" our "Essential" Volunteer and has graciously accepted the position!

By the acceptance of the St. Joseph Award, Bob & Joyce represent all the volunteers at our parish. We thank every one of our volunteers for the selfless sharing of their time, talent, and love.

**The Catholic Charities Appeal** continues with only a few more weeks to go. We thank all who have already contributed, and we encourage others to donate to this needy cause.

## A Note From The Seven Sisters Apostolate

Did you know that since the Vigil of the Feast of Christ the King, November 21st, 2020, our pastor, Fr. Matt Nycz, has been receiving special spiritual support with the offering of one holy hour for him every day of the week, Sunday through Saturday? This is thanks to the Seven Sisters Apostolate <https://sevensistersapostolate.org>, through which seven women have made a commitment to pray for Father Matt on a particular day of the week. Others participate by filling in as substitutes as needed. Whether you are a parishioner or a friend of the parish, all women are invited to prayerfully consider joining this prayer effort, from which Fr. Matt is very grateful for the graces he has been receiving. If you feel drawn to this prayer apostolate for Fr. Matt, you may contact Rosemaria at 698-8271, [recchia@protonmail.com](mailto:recchia@protonmail.com)



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## Parish Prayer Line

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### New Ministries at SSPP

Although many of our ministries have been suspended for the past year, we are hopeful that they will be meeting again this fall. We will continue to follow the Diocesan recommendations and continue to pray for the safe return of in- person gatherings. We have already been forming new ministries in anticipation of our return to “normalcy.”

The following two ministries are newly formed: **The Men of St. Joseph** plan to begin meeting in September, and the **Poor Widows of Saint Mary** is a ministry in which you participate from home.

### The Men of St. Joseph

Ss. Peter and Paul will be establishing a Men’s Group called “The Men of St. Joseph” this fall. The focus of the group is to assist men in becoming all that God desires them to be, modeling the virtues of St. Joseph. During this very challenging time in American history, God is calling all men to stand up and become the father, the husband, the friend, the son, the co-worker, the community member, and most importantly, the disciple of Christ that He desires them to be. Please discern joining this group which begins in September. We will be meeting bi-weekly on 2 Thursday evenings. More information is available by contacting Mark Duguay at (716) 208-4706 or by email at mgdugay@gmail.com.

### Poor Widows of Saint Mary

Deacon James Waggoner died in the fall of 2020 in Kenmore, NY. His wife Elizabeth recently started the Poor Widows of Saint Mary Prayer Ministry to assist widows and widowers in their widowed state of life.

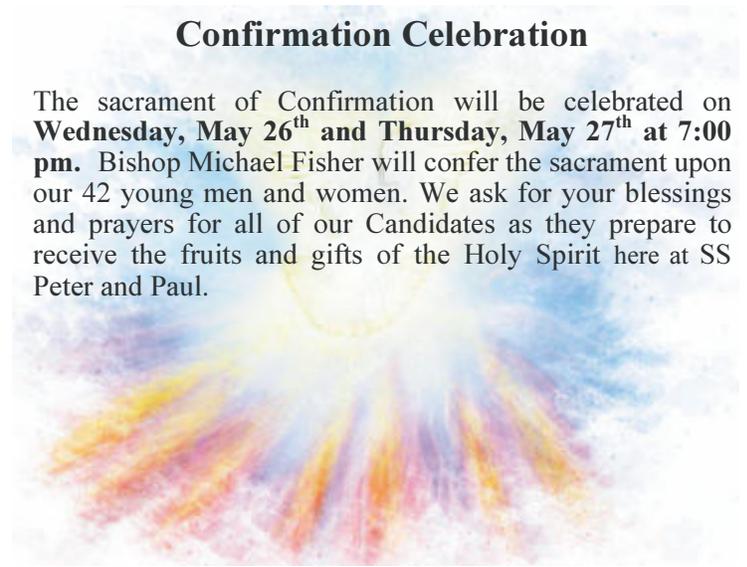
The mission statement is: With the graces of Saint Mary, Our Patroness, we seek to assist in the growth of personal holiness while embracing the widowed state of life.

Here’s how the ministry works: When you join this ministry, you will be sent unique monthly prayer reflections on a beautifully calligraphied parchment paper, which you will pray on your own and enjoy a private healing and reflection time. There are no group meetings to attend; you will participate in the privacy of your own home and at your convenience. All you holy virgins and widows: pray for us! If you are interested in receiving this ministry, please fill out the attached form and place it in the collection basket or drop it off in the Parish Office. If you have any questions, you may call the Parish Office at 632-2559.

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### Confirmation Celebration

The sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on **Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.** Bishop Michael Fisher will confer the sacrament upon our 42 young men and women. We ask for your blessings and prayers for all of our Candidates as they prepare to receive the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit here at SS Peter and Paul.



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The **Catholic Charities 2021 Appeal** continues. To date, we reached 89% of this year’s total parish goal of \$89,000. Thank you to all who already contributed to this extraordinary ongoing ministry to help the needy. It is possible to donate

online at <https://www.ccnny.org/donation>. Please remember to include our parish code number “0516” (SSPP in Williamsville) with any new contributions so we get proper credit for it.

**“Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”** Jesus calls us to help and love our neighbors, especially those who are most vulnerable and struggling. Catholic Charities of Buffalo offers several basic and emergency services, such as food, rehousing, medications and clothing. Your donation to the **2021 Appeal** today can help ensure that the hungry have food, the naked have clothing and the homeless have shelter. If you have already given this year, thank you! **Give the gift of HOPE for all seasons.** Make a secure online donation at [www.ccnny.org/donation](http://www.ccnny.org/donation).

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# THIS WEEK AT SAINTS PETER & PAUL

## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, May 15, Vigil of The 7th Sunday of Easter

4:30pm Gerry DeSimone by Rosemary Murphy

### The 7th Sunday of Easter, May 16

9:30am The sick & troubled who seek Divine Help through the intercession of Blessed Frederick Ozanam by The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

11:30am David Bubar by Carol Setter

### Monday, May 17

12:05pm Dolores E. Czora by Agnes Czora & Family

### Tuesday, May 18, St. John I, Pope & Martyr

12:05pm Gerry DeSimone by Barbara & Alan Blackburn

### Wednesday, May 19

12:05pm Peter Raczynski by Bev, Joe & McKenzie

5:00pm Sandy Andrews by Dave & Kathy Carlson

### Thursday, May 20, St. Bernardine of Siena. Priest

12:05pm Deceased Members of The Blanco Family by Estate

### Friday, May 21, St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

12:05pm Parishioners of SSPP, living & deceased by Pastor

### Saturday, May 22, Vigil of Pentecost Sunday

4:30pm Jim Morris by Corrine & George Klein

### Pentecost Sunday, May 23

9:30am Dorothy Kalota by Mark Kalota & Family

11:30am Dan Rogers by The Lamancuso Family

## Readings for Sunday, May 23, 2021

Acts 2:1-11

1Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Galatians 5:16-25

John 20:19-23



## The Sanctuary Lamp

Peter Raczynski

By

Bev, Joe & McKenzie

*The Sanctuary Lamp is located by the Altar of Reposition, near the Tabernacle. If you are interested in lighting the Sanctuary Lamp, please call the Parish Office at 632-2559. The lamp will be lit for an entire week in memory of your loved one or for your special intentions.*

## SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISM:** Parents should contact the Parish Office *before* the birth of their child to make arrangements. Sponsors (godparents) must be practicing Catholics, be confirmed, and be able to provide a Letter of Recommendation from their own pastor. Baptisms will be scheduled once the letters of recommendation have been received. **Adult Baptism** may occur only after completion of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.).

**PENANCE:** Confessions are offered Saturdays from 3:00pm to 4:00pm. Other times by appointment.

**MATRIMONY:** Contact the Parish Office immediately upon deciding to marry (or at least 9 months prior to the anticipated wedding.) Couples who were previously married cannot marry in the Catholic Church without a Declaration of Nullity or Annulment Decree from a diocesan tribunal.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK** which is normally offered every Friday after the 12:05pm mass has been temporarily suspended. Other times can be scheduled by appointment by calling the Parish Office at 632-2559.

**SPONSORS:** Church law requires that sponsors for the sacraments be practicing Catholics, at least 16 years of age, and have received the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. Letters of Recommendation will only be issued for registered parishioners who regularly attend mass and support the life and mission of the parish. Married persons must have been wedded in a ceremony recognized by the Catholic Church.

## Parish Office Hours:

**In Person:**  
**Monday-Friday**  
**9am to 12pm & 1pm-3pm**

**Phone Hours:**  
**Monday-Friday**  
**9am to 4pm**  
**632-2559**

## Please Note:

**The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, May 21st.**

## Church Contributions

### Monthly Totals

April 2021—\$40,659

April 2020—\$38,524

### Fiscal Year To Date

9/2020-4/2021- \$319,706

9/2019-4/2020- \$311,042

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