

Saints Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic Church
1140 Johnston Drive
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18017
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Parish News & Corona Virus Update

Dear Members of our Parish Family:

We hope and pray that you and your family are healthy and safe during this challenging time. We eagerly anticipate the resumption of our normal routines in the very near future. Your presence in church has been greatly missed!

Please read the following updates so that you may plan accordingly:

- **Palm Sunday, Holy Week Services, the Easter Divine Liturgy, and future Liturgical Services** in church have been suspended through Thursday, April 30, 2020 as per directive of Bishop Burnette. Updates will be continuously posted on the parish website.
- A copy of Bishop Burnette's updated letter to the faithful is posted on our website for review.
- Blessing of Easter Foods in the church hall have been canceled.
- The Easter Bake Sale has been postponed. It will be rescheduled in the near future when safety permits.
- **Live Streaming:** There are options for you to view and pray the Holy Week Services, the Easter Divine Liturgy, and future Liturgical Services until we reconnect in the near future.
- **Our Parish is "Live Streaming" on Palm Sunday at 10:00 a.m. and throughout Holy Week.** You will be able to view our liturgical services live and online directly from our church. **Sunday liturgical celebrations** will be Live Streamed at **10:00 a.m.** You will find updates, scheduling changes, and alternate postings on the parish website. You will also find alternate viewing opportunities on the Official Website for the Eparchy of Passaic.
- **Holy Week and Easter Live Streaming Schedule:**

Good Friday:	2:00 p.m.
Holy Saturday:	4:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday:	10:00 a.m.
- **Sunday Divine Liturgies: 10:00 a.m.**

How To Access Live Streaming

1. **Go Online and paste the following in your web browser:**
<https://m.facebook.com/SaintsPeterandPaulBethlehemPA/>
2. Scroll down page to: "Saints Peter and Paul is Live"
3. Select: Video and View
4. If you are unable to view at the scheduled time, you can access the "videos" tab and view at a later date.
5. **The Official Website for the Eparchy of Passaic.**
www.eparchyofpassaic.com, also provides updates and posts alternative live streaming options for liturgical services from our sister parishes. You can view the liturgical celebrations in the comfort of your home. You are cordially invited to view them. To access all available liturgical opportunities on the Eparchy of Passaic website follow these simple instructions:
 - a. Go to www.eparchyofpassaic.com
 - b. Go to "Live Stream List" on the top right of the home page.
 - c. Select: Live Stream List.
 - d. Choose the specific parish that you wish to live stream.
 - e. Dates and times of liturgical celebrations are posted for review.
6. **How To Support Your Parish in Unprecedented Times:** Please be mindful that our parishes still require donations and tithes in order to meet her financial obligations. Expenses, salaries, and financial obligations remain a constant whether in good or challenging times. The required income needed to operate a parish plant has come to a standstill in most cases. This reality has placed an incredible burden upon our parishes. Thus, please do your best, if possible, to continuously financially support your parish. Your weekly contributions are necessary whether you attend or not. You are encouraged to mail your weekly offerings directly to your parish if actual attendance is not permitted. Your kindness and generosity is appreciated as always!

Please consult our church website for updates. You should adopt a habit to check it frequently. Feel free to contact the parish office should you have any additional questions or concerns. **Our parish website is:**
saintspeterpaulbethlehempa.org

Please care for your loved ones, our children, and especially the elderly who are very susceptible to the virus. We must do everything within our skillset to live the faith that we have embraced. We must continue to care for each other daily during this challenging period. Pray frequently for divine intervention and God's healing touch! We will get through this together!

God's blessings always,
Father Peter