



**ST. PETER & ST. PAUL  
UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
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*Leaders of the Apostles and teachers of the world, pray to the Master of all to grant peace to the world and great mercy to our souls.*

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Cell Phone 646-256-6360  
-The Weekly Messenger-  
March 8, 2026**

**Web Site: [www.stspucc.org](http://www.stspucc.org)**

**Third Sunday of Great Lent**

**EPISTLE: Hebrews 1:10 - 2:3 GOSPEL: Mark: 2:1-12**

**DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE:**

**WEEKDAYS:** By request until further notice.

**SUNDAY:** 8:30 AM (Ukr.) & 10:00 AM (Eng.)  
**Confessions are heard before each Divine Liturgy: Sunday 8:00AM to 8:30AM and 9:30AM to 10:00AM**

**Religious Education:**

Sunday Morning from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM.  
Call Audrey Sokol 203-924-1184 for more information.

**Preservation** – Please use the form in church vestibule, mail it to the church or bring it to the Church Hall Office or Fr. Peter Shyshka.

**Address/Name Change/New Phone Number:**  
Please come to the Church Hall Office to update this info.

**Returned checks** are subject to a **\$35.00 fee per check.**

**Bulletin Notices** – Notices for the bulletin must be **in writing by Wednesday @ 6PM** to be included in that week's bulletin.

**Parish Council** meets **last Sunday of the month after the 10AM Liturgy in the Church Hall.**

**Rectory Office Hours** - By Appointment until further notice.

**Baptism:** Arrangements for baptism are to be made in person at the Parish Office. Please call the Rectory for an appointment.

**Marriage:** Arrangements for marriage are to be made at least **6 months prior** to the Wedding date. Please call the Rectory for an appointment.

**Sick Calls** – To arrange for Sacraments for the elderly and sick at home, please call the Rectory or Fr. Peter Shyshka.  
***Please advise the Rectory of any hospitalization.***

**Estate planning** – Remember Sts. Peter & Paul Church in your Will.

**Stewardship** - "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10). All Catholics, should give generous support—time, money, prayers, and personal service according to their circumstances—to parish and diocesan programs and to the universal Church

**Special Share in the Eucharist \*- Bread & Wine**  
Offered for a week, month, or year. Donations: one week - \$20.00  
Donors/intentions will be listed.

Please come to the Church Hall Office or see **Fr. Peter Shyshka**  
**Eternal Light** \*- Offered to light for a week \$10.00.

Please come to the Church Hall Office or see **Fr. Peter Shyshka**  
**Virgin Mary Lamp and Sacred Heart Lamp**\*- Offered to light for a week is 10.00 each. Please come to the Church Hall Office or see **Fr. Peter Shyshka**

**All start on Monday to Sunday.**

***\*Offering must be made when dates are reserved on a first-come, first served basis.***

**\*\*\*Recitation of the Rosary with Jennifer Walker\*\*\*** – **Sunday Morning between the 8:30 AM and 10:00 AM Liturgies.**

**\*\*\*\*Please Note \*\*\*\***

Liturgy Offerings, Sorokousty,  
Mother's Day, Father's Day  
Checks must be made out to

Fr. Peter Shyshka; **not the Church!** Thank You...





A Welcome to St. Peter and St. Paul Parish to all who are worshipping with us today. If you are over twenty-one years of age and have not yet registered, have moved or will be moving, or have a new telephone number, please fill out the form below. Each household must be registered at St. Peter and St. Paul and every adult receives a set of stewardship envelopes. Registration also entails annual dues to the parish. If a parishioner is not registered, it is difficult for church authorities to issue him or her a sponsor certificate, reference, or any other certification.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Tone Six: We exult in Your cross, O Christ, \* and we sing the glory of Your resurrection. \* For You are God and we have no other Lord but You.**

**LITURGIES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

3/08	Sunday	8:30 AM 10:00 AM	<b>Veneration of the Holy Cross</b> <b>+ John and Anna Garbera Malinak requested by Ann Malinak</b> ***Recitation of the Rosary*** <b>Health &amp; Blessings for all Parishioners</b>
3/09	Monday	No Liturgy	
3/10	Tuesday	No Liturgy	
3/11	Wednesday	6:00 PM	<b>Stations of the Cross: English</b>
3/12	Thursday	No Liturgy	
3/13	Friday	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	<b>+Profil, Effie, Michael, Peter, William, John, Mary Lechus – Foundation Liturgy</b> <b>Stations of the Cross (Ukrainian)</b>
3/14	Saturday	10:00 AM	<b>SOROKOUSTY</b> <b>Prayers for our Beloved Deceased</b>
03/15	Sunday	8:30 AM 10:00 AM	***Recitation of the Rosary*** <b>Health &amp; Blessings for all Parishioners</b>  <b>+Peter Lypen Requested by Luba Lypen and Family</b>

BREAD & WINE		<i>In Loving Memory of +Stephanie Strumello by Son Stephen Strumello</i>
ETERNAL LIGHT		<i>Good Health &amp; God's Blessings for Wasyl Sembrat by Wife Jaroslawa &amp; Family</i>
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP		<i>In Loving Memory of +Anna Kofla &amp; +Teodora Garan by Wasyl &amp; Jaroslawa Sembrat &amp; Family</i>
SACRED HEART of JESUS LAMP		<i>In Loving Memory of +Teodora Garan by The Dytko Family</i>

<b>BREAD &amp; WINE OFFERING RESERVED DATES</b>	<b>ETERNAL LIGHT LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES</b> 3/30/26-4/5/26 4/13/26-4/19/26 <u>4/27/26-5/10/26</u>	<b>BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES</b> 3/16/26-3/22/26 <u>4/6/26-4/19/26</u> 5/4/26-5/10/26 5/18/26-5/24/26	<b>SACRED HEART OF JESUS LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES</b> 3/16/26-3/22/26 3/30/26-4/5/26 4/27/26-5/3/26
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**PRAYER FOR OUR NATION:** Lord, we pray for peace and unity in our nation today. Keep us in peace, O Christ our God, under the protection of your Holy Cross; save us from our enemies, visible and invisible, that we may glorify You with thanksgiving, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. We pray that You would inspire this nation to be a nation under God. Give us your hope. Give us your peace. Amen. The Light of God ~ surround us. The Love of God ~ enfold us. The Power of God ~ protect us. The Presence of God ~ watch over us. The Mind of God ~ Guide us. The Law of God ~ direct us. Wherever we are God ~ be our strength.



**PRAY FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE AND THE WORLD: MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS, THROUGH THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL, SPREAD YOUR OMOPHOR ~ WE IMPORE YOUR PROTECTION OVER UKRAINE AND BEG THAT**

**YOU INTERCEDE WITH OUR LORD TO GRANT PEACE.**

**PRAYER FOR THE DELIVERANCE OF UKRAINE IN TIME OF INVASION:** O Lord God of powers, and God of our salvation, O God, who alone work wonders: look down with mercy and compassion on Your humble servants, and out of love for mankind hearken and have mercy on us and on the land of Ukraine. For, behold, enemies have once more gathered together, in order to cause division and enmity. But You who know all things, understand that they have risen up righteously, and that it will be impossible to oppose their multitudes unless You show us Your help. Therefore, we who are sinful and unworthy pray unto You in repentance and with tears: Help us, O God, our Savior, and deliver the land of Ukraine for the sake of the glory of Your Name, that the enemy may not to say: "Their God has forsaken them, and there is none to deliver and save them." But let every nation understand that You are our God, and we Your people are always protected under Your dominion.

...Food for Thought...

“Occupy your mind with good thoughts, or the enemy will fill them with bad ones.  
Unoccupied, they cannot be.”  
-St. Thomas More

“Age is a high price to pay for maturity.”  
-Playwright Tom Stoppard



Reminder for our Students and their Parents:

**Upcoming Classes:** March 8, 2026; March 22, 2026

9:00 A.M. in the Church Hall. 10:00 A.M. Liturgy immediately following the class.

Thank you!

Ms. Sokol, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Fusco, ... and Father Peter.

PARISH COUNCIL  
Monthly Meeting  
*March 29, 2026*



Next Monthly Meeting of St. Peter & St. Paul Board of Directors

**Sunday, March 29, 2026**  
**Following the 10:00 A.M. Liturgy**

All Parishioners in Good Standing are invited to attend.  
Refreshments will be served!



## **Please Help Our Church and Our Earth!**

As a fundraiser for our Church, we will be collecting bottles and cans each week. A blue recycling bin has been placed on the right side of the garage for you to drop them off. Please consider donating them!

Your participation is making this a successful endeavor!

Proceeds from the Week Ending February 28, 2026: \$0.00  
Total Collected to Date: \$1,499.00 (truly amazing!)

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### **...Continuing Education with Father Peter...**

**Cantoring 101:** Cancelled until after Easter Sunday or until Further Notice.

**Bible Study:** Cancelled until after Easter Sunday or until Further Notice.

**Further Notice:** the rumor heard one night at the Rectory is that beginning after Easter Sunday, Father Peter may hold the Cantoring 101 and Bible Study classes on alternating Sundays, immediately following the 10:00 AM Liturgy, instead of Friday evenings.

...along with a Coffee Social for all who attend if someone is willing to make a pot of coffee and bring in some baked treats...

Please watch The Messenger for updates...

**Donations** were recently received from...

Father Peter - \$100.00 – for the Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

Mayor Francis & Paula Tyszka - \$50.00 – Church Fund

Many thanks to Father Peter and Mayor & Mrs. Tyszka for their generous donations!!

**Welcome!** We are happy to welcome new parishioners (and soon to be newlywed couple!) Taras Pashchak and Mariah Pabon of Salem, CT to our Parish Family!

Taras & Mariah are no strangers to our Parish Community, as Taras has served and continues to serve as an outstanding Backup and Substitute Cantor for the Liturgies over the past several years.

We are glad to have them as new members of our Parish Family and we wish them success and many happy years together! Mno Haya Lita!!

**“Spring Forward”**: Daylight Savings Time began early this morning! Did you remember to turn your clocks one hour forward last night...or did you come to Church today thinking it was still standard time, and you found out that the Liturgy was over?

Even though we all lost an hour of sleep last night, the daylight will be getting longer at night and maybe Spring is not too far away...

**Community Commemoration in Solidarity with Ukraine:** Thanks to Father Peter, Linda Fusco, The Yevshan Ukrainian Vocal Ensemble, Ansonia Mayor Francis Tyszka, Derby Mayor Joseph DiMartino, and everyone who attended the service, we raised \$2,483. for Aid for Ukraine, which will be used to help needy families and soldiers suffering from the damage caused by the Russian invasion of Ukraine, which has been raging for four years.

Please keep praying for an end to this terrible, tragic war...

**Community Commemoration in Solidarity with Ukraine**  
**Friday, February 27, 2026**



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St. Peter & St. Paul Church  
Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner



**SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026**

**ADULTS: \$25.00      CHILDREN 5-10: \$10.00**

**TAKE OUT AVAILABLE**

**Our Fundraising Committee will be hosting a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on March 15, 2026 in the Church Hall following the 10:00am Liturgy.**

**Menu: Corned beef and cabbage, carrots, potatoes, rye bread and beverages.**

**We ask that you please bring a dessert.**

**Monetary Donations for food items are greatly appreciated!**

**FOR TICKETS PLEASE SEE:**

Donna Wright

Jaroslawa Sembrat

Scott Walker

**No tickets will be sold after March 13<sup>th</sup>!**

# Easter Paska Bake Sale

Orders can be placed for Easter Paska.

Place your order by filling out the form below and return it to the box at ramp entrance to church.

Payment should be made with your order in an envelope.

Last day for orders is Sunday, March 22, 2026.

Orders may be picked up ONLY on Sunday, March 29, 2026 after Divine Liturgy.

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE CLEARLY SPECIFY IF "with RAISINS"

	PRICE	Plain	w/Raisins	Sub-Total
Large:	\$15.00	_____	_____	_____
Medium:	\$12.00	_____	_____	_____
Children:	\$6.00	_____	_____	_____

**TOTAL DUE:** \_\_\_\_\_



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