



**ST. PETER & ST. PAUL  
UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
105 CLIFTON AVENUE  
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Rectory Phone 203-734-3895  
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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.*

**Very Rev. Peter Shyshka, Pastor  
Cell Phone 646-256-6360  
-The Weekly Messenger-  
May 3, 2026**

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

**Sunday of the Samaritan Woman  
EPISTLE: Acts 11-19-26 GOSPEL: John: 4:5-42**

**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.

**\*\*\*\*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...

**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.





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 Two: When the Lord came to the well of Jacob, \*the Samaritan woman entreated Him, saying:\* Give me the water of faith, O Giver of life, \* that I may obtain the waters of baptism, joy and salvation.\* O Lord, glory to You!**

**LITURGIES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

5/03	Sunday	8:30 AM  10:00 AM	<b>+Maria and +Peter Gebuza requested by Jaroslawa Sembrat, Family and Stephan Gebuza</b>  *** Recitation of the Rosary***  <b>Health &amp; Blessings for all Parishioners</b>
5/04	Monday	No Liturgy	
5/05	Tuesday	No Liturgy	
5/06	Wednesday	No Liturgy	
5/06	Thursday	No Liturgy	
5/07	Friday	No Liturgy	
5/08	Saturday	10:00 AM	<b>+ Stephania and Szymon Gebuza requested by Lisa and Michael Warycha</b>
5/09	Sunday	8:30 AM  10:00 AM	<b>Health &amp; Blessings for all Parishioners</b>  *** Recitation of the Rosary***  <b>For All Living and Deceased Mothers</b>

Bread and Wine		<i>In Loving Memory of +Edward Strumello by Son Stephen Strumello</i>
ETERNAL LIGHT		<i>In Loving Memory of +Antoinette "Toni" Jaskilka by Robert Jaskilka</i>
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP		<i>In Loving Memory of +Peter Symochko by John &amp; Helen Zanowiak &amp; Family</i>
SACRED HEART of JESUS LAMP		<i>In Loving Memory of +Stefania &amp; +Szymon Gebuza by Lisa &amp; Michael Warycha &amp; Family</i>

<b>BREAD &amp; WINE OFFERING RESERVED DATES</b> 5/11/26-5/17/26 6/22/26-6/28/26	<b>ETERNAL LIGHT LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES</b> <u>6/22/26-7/5/26</u>	<b>BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES</b> <u>5/11/26-6/28/26</u> 7/6/26-7/12/26	<b>SACRED HEART OF JESUS LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES</b> 7/6/26-7/12/26
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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.



**PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE AND THE WORLD: MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS, THROUGH THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL, SPREAD YOUR OMOPHOR ~ WE IMPLOR 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...

“Put your heart at His feet. It is the gift He loves most.”  
-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

“Don’t go around saying the world owes you a living.  
The world owes you nothing. It was here first.”  
-Author Mark Twain



Reminder for our Students and their Parents:

**Upcoming Classes:** May 17, 2026; May 31, 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  
*May 31, 2026*



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

**May 31, 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!

We are very grateful for the time and effort of Mary Barbin, who continues to make this a successful endeavor!

Proceeds from the Week Ending April 25, 2026: \$16.00!

Total Collected to Date: \$1,705.00 (truly amazing!)

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

**Bible Study**: Friday evening, May 8, 2026, beginning at 6:00 P.M. in the Church Hall.

**Cantoring 101**: Friday evening, May 15, 2026, beginning at 6:00 P.M. in the Church Hall.

Please watch The Messenger for updates...

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

Michael & Jolanta Kowal – Church Fund – In Loving Memory of + Edwin O'Doy: \$25.00.

Shelton Library Board (Plumb Memorial Library) – Preservation Fund – In Loving Memory of +Wasył Sembrat: \$100.00.

Many thanks to Mike & Jola and the Shelton Library Board for your generous donations!

**Rest in Peace**: Your prayers are requested for +**Julia Gyba**, who fell asleep in The Lord on Thursday, April 23, 2026, at age 95.

The Duchynski-Cherko Funeral Home in Yonkers, NY handled the arrangements.

May she rest in peace...



### **May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**The annual May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a holy event for Catholics to honor the Queenship of Mary, the Mother of God and our Heavenly Mother.**

**This beautiful parish tradition will be held Today, May 3, 2026, at the 10am Divine Liturgy.**

**All the girls and young ladies of our parish family are invited to participate.**

**Please register with Mrs. Susan Monks via email: [shsmonks@hotmail.com](mailto:shsmonks@hotmail.com) or text: (203) 257-2089.**

**Participants are asked to wear a dress, preferably in blue, and report 15 minutes early to fasten crowns on their heads, receive flowers and line up.**

**The honor of performing the crowning this year is bestowed upon:**

**Miss Talia Platosz**

**\*\*Congratulations, Talia!!\*\***

**A reception will be held immediately following the Liturgy in the Church Hall.**

**All parishioners are invited to attend!**



**...We think Spring is finally here, it's time to start planting flowers and gardening, but keep your snow shovel handy for another few weeks just in case....**

# United for Ukraine: *A Night of Music & Hope*



## BENEFIT CONCERT & FUNDRAISER

Friday, June 5, 2026 • 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Thrive 55+, 102 Newtown Rd, Groton, CT

Join us for an evening of Ukrainian music, culture, and community featuring passionate Ukrainian performers in family friendly concert with universal appeal!

### Featuring Ukrainian Performers:

- **Kateryna Diachenko** – Celebrated vocalist sharing traditional Ukrainian songs and stories
- **Liubomyr Chermak & Igor Yuziúk** (*Nashi*)  
Pop duo from *Nashi* bringing a modern sound
- **Yevshan** – Premier vocal ensemble blending tradition and national identity









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