

Parish of Saints Peter and Paul

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Office Hours

Saturday and Sunday
by appointment

Saints Peter and Paul

Monday through Friday 8am-4pm
Office closed daily Noon—12:30pm

Saint Benedict

Monday through Friday 8am-2pm

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday

4pm—Saints Peter and Paul

5:30pm—Saint Benedict

Sunday

8am—Saint Benedict

10am—Saints Peter and Paul

Confession

By appointment anytime

Saints Peter and Paul

Daily 6:30am-6:45am
Saturday 3pm-3:30pm

Saint Benedict

after the 5:30pm Mass

Eucharist Adoration at Saints Peter and Paul - First Friday of every month—Noon till 3pm

First Saturday Rosary at Saint Benedict—First Saturday of every month at 4:45pm

Working Together to Build the Kingdom of God



Sunday Stewards
Saints Peter and Paul Parish

1229 Families receive envelopes

December 23 403 attended the 4pm Mass
266 Families used their envelopes and offered \$4,047

December 24 323 attended the 10am Mass
169 Families used their envelopes and offered \$3,854

Tithe from

435 Families was \$7,901

Christmas Offering \$19,297

December 30 312 attended the 4pm Mass
180 Families used their envelopes and offered \$3,694

December 31 306 attended the 10am Mass
213 Families used their envelopes and offered \$4,708

Tithe from

393 Families was \$8,402

New Years Offering \$1,231

No Festival Collection

309 Families Contributed \$18,160 to date.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Goal \$70,000 Raised to Date \$44,577

Saint Benedict Parish

560 Families receive envelopes

December 23 171 attended the 5:30pm Mass
152 Families used their envelopes and offered \$3,895

December 24 attended the 8am Mass
65 Families used their envelopes and offered \$2,115

Tithe from

217 Families was \$6,011

Christmas Offering \$8,056

December 30 110 attended the 5:30pm Mass
83 Families used their envelopes and offered \$2,230

December 31 130 attended the 8am Mass
40 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,083

Tithe from

123 Families was \$3,313

New Years Offering \$207

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Goal \$22,000 Raised to Date \$13,295

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL LOTTERY

12-25	#867	Kathy Alu
12-26	#554	Vaughn Rudloff
12-27	#549	Erin Deceo
12-28	#463	Gerald Cross
12-29	#375	Matthew Vinciarelli
12-30	#790	Andrew Kosmach
12-31	#107	Betty Tkach

Congratulations to all !!!

The Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Monday

Is 55:1-11 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday

1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday

1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1,; Mk 2:13-17

Saints Peter and Paul & Saint Benedict

In January Edge and Life Teen Youth Groups will start call Nina for more information at the Faith Formation Center 570-825-6663 ext 3-then 1.

The Sunday Good News

Saint Benedict & Saints Peter & Paul

January 7, 2017



*For those who seek a Savior
we lead them to the Stable
To the One who was born
To bring freedom
Forgiveness
Liberty
For those who
seek Assurance
we lead them to the Light
To the One who opens eyes
to understanding
God's Word
Truth
For those who seek
Forgiveness
We lead them to a Grace
beyond comprehension
To wholeness
Healing
Peace*

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Isaiah speaks poetically of the coming of the Lord. He describes how "darkness covers the earth" but light and glory appear over God's chosen people.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Paul tells the Ephesians that the Jews and Gentiles are now co-heirs of the promises God has made. He explains that both groups are now member of one body through Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus' birth, three astrologers from the east came to Jerusalem and inquired about the newborn king of the Jews. King Herod became greatly angered, and asked the astrologers to bring him more information about the child once they had found him, so that he too could pay homage to the infant. However, Herod's true plan was to kill Jesus. The wise men were warned in a dream not to return to him and they took a different route to return home.

His Word Today *by Rev. William J. Reilly* The Epiphany of the Lord

"You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, ...it was not made known to people in other generations as it now has been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel."

We hear the story of the visitors from the east, the magi, remember the three gifts and the guidance of the star. But St. Paul offers us something more for our consideration. God in His goodness has sent His Son, for the salvation of all people. Paul explained it clearly, as revealed now.

The 'now' in our time tells us the same awesome and meaningful message. We are 1) Coheirs—something special is offered to us. 2) Members of the same body—we belong to the Lord and His church, a holy people and 3) copartners, called to do our part as Missionary Disciples.

These gifts have been given to us for our benefit, to be treasured and used for the building of His kingdom.

Saints Peter and Paul Parish

Sanctuary Candle

George & Mary Magda & Family

Holy Family Votive

Special Intention

Saint Benedict Parish

Sanctuary Candle

Sophie & Nicholas Barna

We are Called to Serve...

"Do you understand what I just did for you? You address me as 'Teacher' and 'Lord' and fittingly enough, for that is what I am. But if I washed your feet—I who am Teacher and Lord—then you must wash each other's feet. What I just did was to give an example: as I have done, so you must do."
(John 12:2-15)

Saint Benedict's Loaves and Fishes Program

For the month of **January** will be collecting **Hot Chocolate Mix**. This program benefits St. Vincent de Paul in Wilkes-Barre.

Saints Peter and Paul Food Pantry

Anyone in the Plains, Miners Mills area in need of food can contact Pauline at 570-592-6798 to register. Food is distributed to the community on the third Friday of every month. **Non perishable** food donations are always accepted, place in the basket in the Vestibule of the Church.

Saints Peter and Paul's Treasure is accepting clean, gently used or new clothing. Our biggest need is men's and women's casual clothing. All children's and teen clothing – casual and dressy! Clothes can be dropped off at the Parish Center during business hours. Receipts available on the bulletin board.

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambara, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton and the Office Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2018 to a **Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass** on Sunday, June 10. The event includes a 2:30pm Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address should be made through the parish office.

Please call the parish office to register.

We Remember

A Communion Service will be held at Saints Peter and Paul at 7am Monday—Friday

Masses at Saint Benedict this week

T	1-9	8am	James Brice (A) by Kathy & Stanley Makuck Mary Ann Bonita by Diane Collieran
W	1-10	8am	Gerald Deginon by Keith Russin Claire Macarelli by Alice Gothro
Th	1-11	8am	Frances Hrab by Georgetti Family Joseph Potorski by Bill Stavishak
F	1-12	8am	Lorraine Nancy Burcicki by Esther Paratore & Son, George Patrick Kelly Jr. by Cathy Wolfe

Weekend Mass Schedule Saints Peter & Paul

S	1-13	4pm	John & Eleanor Binker by Genevieve Figel
S	1-14	10am	Living/Deceased Parishioners

Weekend Mass Schedule Saint Benedict

S	1-13	5:30pm	William McDermott Sr. & William McDermott, Jr. by Family
	1-14	8am	Helen Lavix by Lorraine Prevuznak & Family

Circle of Prayer

Many of us need the prayers of a faith community.

To request prayers for your intention, or to join the circle of prayer contact Mary Jo

In Appreciation—*Christmas helps us to realize how blessed we are in many ways and to see people in our lives for whose presence we are filled with gratitude. Saints Peter and Paul Parish is blessed to have many volunteers: people who share their time and talents for the good of the parish and for the building up of the Kingdom of God. They minister at liturgy, sing in the choir, decorate the church, serve on committees, belong to societies, visit the homebound, count the collection, work on fundraisers, teach Faith Formation, and do various other things for the church. Our parish could not function without all of these people sharing their gifts. We are all most grateful to them for all that they do. Please pray for our volunteers and consider becoming one of them in 2018!!*

To all ADULTS from both Saints Peter and Paul and Saint Benedict who volunteer, and your spouse, you are invited to the **Parish Appreciation Dinner** to be held on Sunday, January 14th in Bernardine Hall. BYOB (beer and soda will be provided) Doors open at 4pm and dinner will begin at 5pm. Please call the Parish Office (570) 825-6663 extension 2 then 1 and leave your name and the number of people attending. Please RSVP by Monday, January 7th.

Parish Weekly Activities
January 8— January 25

Day	Date	Time	Activity	Building	Location
Sun.	1-7	9am	Faith Formation	Faith Formation Center	Classrooms
Mon.	1-8	5pm 5pm 6pm 6:30pm 7pm	Prayer Shawl Quilting Treasures Rosary Faith Sharing	Parish Center Parish Center Parish Center Parish Center Parish Center	Dining Room 2 nd Floor Back Porch Prayer Room 2 nd Floor
Tues.	1-9	9am	Quilting	Parish Center	2 nd Floor
Thurs.	1-11	9am 6:30pm	Quilting Parish Council	Parish Center Parish Center	2nd Floor Dining Room
Fri.	1-12	9am	Treasures	Parish Center	Parish Center
Sun.	1-14	9am 4pm	Faith Formation Appreciation Dinner	Faith Formation Center Faith Formation Center	Classrooms Bernardine Hall

Memorial Donations

Saints Peter and Paul Church

\$100 Ernani M. Pagliarini
\$25 In Memory of Jeffrey Strouse
by Rickey and Esther Strouse

Saints Peter and Paul Food Pantry

\$650 Anonymous
\$500 Plains Lions Club
\$250 Italian American Citizens Club
\$100 In Memory of Edward Suchoski Sr.
by Christine Zuba
\$100 Sandra & Rebecca Harowicz
\$75 Joseph & Deborah Bronack
\$75 Stephen & Marilyn Novak
\$50 In Memory of Joseph Biniek by Skaff Family
\$50 In Memory of Lebrao & Lena Felli
by Rick & Diane Melvin
\$50 In Memory of Anthony Wilk by Family
\$50 Virginia & Vincent Zdanowicz
\$25 In Memory of Ella Sullivan by Jean Ornoski
\$20 Elizabeth Kupstas
\$10 Karen Werner

We thank all who have made memorial and free-will donation. May God bless you for your generosity. We will keep your intentions and love ones in our prayers.

Council of Catholic Women of Saint Benedict

Mark your calendar for our monthly meeting this Monday, January 8th at 6:30pm in the Church Hall. We warmly welcome new members to join us on Monday!

What Goes Up Must Come Down

With the Holiday Season coming to a close, the decoration in **Saint Benedict Parish** must be taken down. So please join us on **Sunday, January 14 after the 8am Mass** to undecorate the church and store the decorations for next year. **REMEMBER, once again many hands will make light work!**

Sock for the Sock The last time Saint Benedict's hosted the homeless men's shelter (Mother Teresa's Haven) they learned they have a need for socks. To help with their need there will be a **BIG RED CHRISTMAS STOCKING BOX** in the back of the church. Donation's of new men's socks (black or white) would be appreciated. Saint Benedict's Parish will be hosting the homeless men's shelter the week Jan. 22 through Jan. 29, 2018.

Altus for Women Winter Read-Along Are you looking for something meaningful and exciting to do during the cold winter months? Do you like to connect with other women? Are you looking for a good book to read? If you answered yes to any on those questions, then the Altus Winter Read Along is for you. Wondering what the Read-along is? It's a FREE Altus book club! So, you purchase & read the book, and join the private online discussion forum at www.altusforwomen.com or ...discuss the book in person in a local Altus group or with a friend or... start a local Altus Group yourself; don't worry we can help you get started. MY SISTERS THE SAINTS by Colleen Carrol Campbell has been chosen for the first read. For questions & to sign up go to www.altusforwomen.com.

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Calendar of Events

Jan. 15		CTV Special: "Our Faith, Our Diocese"
Jan. 25	12:10pm	Christian Unity Prayer
Feb. 1		Catholic Light: "Catholic Education"
Feb. 12		CTV Special: "Our Faith, Our Diocese" "Catholic Education"
Feb. 18	3pm	RICA Rite of Election Cathedral of Saint Peter
Feb. 22		Catholic Light: "Ecumenism and Interfaith Relations"
Feb. 25	10am	Developmental Disabilities Mass Cathedral of Saint Peter
Mar. 1		Premiere of WVIA-TV Documentary Celebrating the 150 th Anniversary of the Diocese of Scranton with a documentary and interviews
Mar. 3	3pm	Diocesan-wide Day of Community Service
Mar. 4		150th Anniversary Commemoration of the Founding of the Diocese of Scranton Pontifical Mass at Cathedral

Envelopes for 2018 for Saint Benedict are available for pick up in the Church Hall. Please direct any question to Denise in the office at 570-822-8871.

Community Happenings

VIRTUS Protecting God's Children Program, is scheduled for Wednesday, January 10, beginning at 6pm at the Catholic Youth Center (CYC), Wilkes-Barre. Complete details can be found on the diocesan website.

Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church, Soup for Souls Sale will take place on Jan 11. Soup of the month is Clam Chowder. Pickup from 4pm to 6pm. Cost is \$8. Pre orders appreciated. Call 570-825-6370

The Annual Respect Life Mass, will be at Saint Faustina Parish, Hanover St. Nanticoke, Sunday, Jan. 14 at the 11am Mass. Prayer intentions during the Mass will be for a greater respect of all Human Life and an end to abortion.

March for Life Bus going to Washington, Fri., Jan. 19th, interested contact Christopher at 570-824-5621.

“By our Baptism, I firmly believe that we are called to servant leadership here in the Diocese of Scranton. We are called to a servant leadership that helps us to transform our hurting world through compassion, solidarity, justice, and love.”

From Bishop Bambera's pastoral letter,
Wounded and Loved: Regathering the Scattered

Mission Statement

As members of Saints Peter and Paul,
we have as our mission the sharing of our
faith and our talents.

We proclaim the Word of God through
compassion for our community and sharing of our
treasures as Disciples of Christ

Mission Statement

Saint Benedict

Building a Catholic Community where all are
welcome, respected, needed and appreciated;
where we incorporate and share the word of
God in our daily lives and the lives of others.”



Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (Childline) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically.

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska at 570-862-7551 or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V. G., at 570-207-2269