### Parish of Saints Peter and Paul

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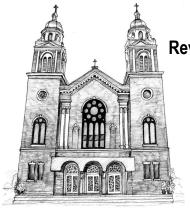
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# Parish of Saint Benedict

155 Austin Ave Wilkes-Barre, PA 18705 Parish Web: www.stbenedictwb.org



# Reverend John C. Lambert, M.S.W. Pastor

email: pastor@sspeterandpaulplains.com

> **Deacon Don Crane Permanent Deacon**



# Office Hours Saturday and Sunday by appointment

### Saints Peter and Paul/Saint Benedict

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

### Weekend Mass Schedule Saturday

4pm—Saints Peter and Paul 5:30pm—Saint Benedict

### Sunday

7:30am—Saints Peter & Paul 10am—Saints Peter and Paul 11:30am—Saint Benedict

### **Confession**By appointment anytime

### Saints Peter and Paul Daily 6:30am-6:45am

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

### Saint Benedict after the 5:30pm Mass

### Welcome

To all who are tired and need rest; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are friendless and need friendship; to all who are discouraged and need hope; to all who are homeless and need sheltering love; and to all who sin and need a Savior; and to whomsoever will, the Parishes of Saints Peter and Paul and St. Benedict open wide their doors in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ

**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

1068 Families receive envelopes

**Jan. 12** 291 attended the 4pm Mass

198 Families used their envelopes and offered \$3,265

Jan. 13 120 attended the 7:30am Mass

86 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,815

235 attended the 10am Mass

111 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,986

Tithe from

395 Families was \$7,066

Bernardine Bucks \$448

The Second Collection this weekend will be for

Bernardine Bucks

Next week's Collection will be for

Bernardine Bucks

Please be generous!!!

### Stewardship

God has entrusted us with many gifts: Time, Talent & Treasure. We hope and pray that all members will share their gifts, and continue to share the Good News of Jesus with all people.

### SAINTS PETER AND PAUL LOTTERY

Jan 7	#316	Joe Shea
Jan 8	#392	Jim Walker
Jan.9	#768	Kelly Richards
Jan. 10	#064	Kay Lambert
Jan. 11	#639	Michelle NewDeck
Jan. 12	#162	Joseph Urban
Jan. 13	#250	Nancy Fedor

Congratulations to all!!!!

### Saint Benedict Parish

429 Families receive envelopes

**Jan. 12** 115 attended the 5:30pm Mass 102 Families used their envelopes and offered \$2,501

Jan. 13 97 attended the 11:30am Mass

78 Families used their envelopes and offered \$2,087

Tithe from

180 Families was \$4,588

Thank you for your continued generous Support!

### Saints Peter and Paul and Saint Benedict Staff

Diana Pehala, Parish Secretary & Cemeteries
Mary Ann Gottlieb, Parish Secretary
Nina Cinti, Faith Formation Coordinator
Michael Lambert, Maintenance
Greg Day, Maintenance
Chuck Unice, Festival Choir Director, Organist
Tom Zurla, Organist
Jill Fiedorczyk, Organist
Gina Macaravage, Organist
Ben Berrini, Sacristan
Dave Loiacono, Ministers Scheduler
Paul Muczynski, Ushers

Nathan Smith, Altar Servers

### Bernardine Hall Renovation Fund

The Bernardine Sisters gave 104 years of service as teachers to the children of Saints Peter and Paul Parish. In 2015 the former cafeteria was renamed **Bernardine Hall** in their honor. It has been many years since any work has been done. For the next 3 years we will be focusing on sprucing it up and making the necessary repairs. (Lighting, heating, electrical, air and a cosmetic face lift) Please consider joining together to make this possible. Money can be sent in at any time throughout the next three years to fund this project.

To date we have received contributions from 198 families in the amount of \$40,163

Don't miss out on being a part of this endeavor!!!

### **Blessed Are The Meek**

If you browse the Internet for the work "meek" you will likely find countless links to indicate that meekness is not the same as weakness. The very fact that this occurs so often in an internet search tells us that in our day and time the two, unfortunately, are often equated. Meekness is a characteristic of Jesus who encourages those who are burdened to come to him for rest, saying, "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart" (Matthew 11:29). His meekness also is noted later in Matthew's Gospel (21:5) when the evangelist quotes the prophet Zechariah as Jesus enters Jerusalem: "Behold, your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass." Lest we are tempted to think this is only Matthew's viewpoint, Jesus is also described by Paul as gentle (2Corinthians 10:1), using the same root word in Greek (praus) that is used in the third beatitude, "Blessed are the meek." Followers of Jesus, the meek one, are counseled to be characterized by meekness or gentleness. Believers in Ephesus are urged to live in a manner worthy of their calling, "with all humility and gentleness" (Ephesians 4:2). Similar encouragement is offered to the church in Colossae who are to clothe themselves in humility and gentleness, among other virtues (Colossians 3:12). In Galatians 5:23, meekness is one of the nine aspects of the fruit of the Spirit in the lives of believers. So, what is meekness really? We can peel away what it is not fairly easily. It is not being mild mannered, timid and cowering or fearful; Jesus knew when to thunder with words of justice and stand for himself and his Father against those who questioned him or tried to trip him up. He was not timid or weak at all. To be meek is to recognize that power is not about using force but about standing in truth and in love. To be meek is to be considerate and caring in one's dealings with others. To be meek is to acknowledge one's place as a child of God, filled with dignity but not with pridefulness. Meekness is not a personal trait that we see within ourselves and bolsters our self understanding. Meekness helps us to navigate our relationships with others. It shows up when we interact with people around us, when we determine how to treat others, and when we have a clear understanding of our relationship with God who both loves us and challenges us to put away a false sense of pride. Most scholars acknowledge that the first beatitude that blesses the "poor" or "poor in spirit" is closely associated with this third beatitude about being meek. In fact, there is an undeniable likeness between the beatitudes in Matthew 5:4, "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land" and Psalm 37:11 where we read, "The meek shall inherit the land" (New Revised Standard Version). What is the "land" that the meek shall inherit? In its original context in Psalm 37, the land or the earth referred to the land promised to Abraham and his descendants. Often the object of greed, and the territory for war with neighboring nations, this land had boundaries. The land that the meek will inherit in the beatitudes has no boundaries because it reference the kingdom of heaven, that kingdom that is among us though not yet experienced in its fullness. If we are to count ourselves among the blessed because we are meek, we have to be willing to think differently about power and about kingdoms. We have to be willing to acknowledge that the power God wields in the world through us is not about superiority or might or cleverness. God's power is about strength in weakness. God's kingdom is about simplicity and making room in our hearts for the treasurers that really matter. Meek is not to bow our heads in self doubt or false modesty but to stand tall and allow God's claim on our lives to transform us and the world in which we live.

### Word

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Sunday

Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

#### Monday

Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22

### Tuesday

Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28

### Wednesday

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6

#### **Thursday**

Heb 7:25—8:6; Mk 3:7-12

### **Friday**

Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18

### Saturday

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 3:20-21

# Saints Peter and Paul and Saint Benedict

Holy Communion will take place Saturday, May 4 at noon

Confirmation will take place Sunday, June 9 at 5pm.

# The Sunday Good News

Saint Benedict & Saints Peter & Paul

January 20, 2019



First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

Isaiah prophesizes that Jerusalem will again be held in high esteem by God. He states that all nations will witness its glory. He compares a groom's joy toward his bride to the joy that God will feel toward Jerusalem.

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Paul discusses the different gifts and talents bestowed upon different individuals. He explains that each individual receives various talents so that everyone can contribute something to society.

### Gospel: John 2:1-11

Jesus and Mary attended a wedding where Mary informed Jesus that there was no more wine. At first he said it did not concern him, but then he turned several jugs of water into wine. His disciples were also present, and believed in him more strongly after they witnessed the first sign of glory he revealed to them.

Gracious Father, we pray to you for your Holy Catholic Church, Fill it with your truth. Keep it in your peace. Where it is corrupt, reform it. Where it is in error. correct it. Where it is right, defend it. Where it is in want, provide for it. Where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

Amen

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 20, 2019

"There was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding...the mother of Jesus told him 'they have no wine.' His mother said to the servers, 'Do whatever he tells you.'...and his disciples began to believe in him."

It is easy to remember the first miracle as told by John. Like all weddings there was an invitation, and they were present. A near crisis caused Mary to intervene. She directed the difficult moment to be converted into a miracle, instructing the waiters what to do. Using what was at hand, water and jars enabled Jesus to transform the situation. The result was a newfound belief for those who accompanied Him to the wedding.

We too are invited to be with Jesus at the Eucharistic banquet. Jesus directs us 'do this in memory of me' and our own faith is strengthened and renewed by His presence. Mary knows the crises in our lives, of family, injustice, illness. Although the words spoken by Mary in the scriptures are the last we read, she too speaks to us 'do whatever he tells you.' Her presence and intervention or intercession in our behalf still has meaning 'pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen.'

# Worship

### We Remember

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

### **Masses at Saint Benedict this week**

Tuesday	1-22	8am	Ruth Simonson by Maria Agostini
			For the Unborn by Maureen Roughsedge
Wednesday	1-23	8am	Gerald James Barkovitz by Bruno Ferretti Jr.
			Margaret Larkin by Pokrifka Family
Thursday	1-24	8am	Leona J. Wincek (A) by Marlene & John Grassi
			Rosalie Splendido by Family
Friday	1-25	8am	Ernest Zalaffi Sr. by Atty Anthony Lupas
			Jeanette Dominic by Richard Loomis
			Weekend Mass Schedule Saints Peter & Paul
Saturday	1-26	4pm	Harold Golomb (A) by Betty Ann Parri
Sunday	1-27	7:30am	Stanley Szustak by Mr. & Mrs. Adam Sawicki
		10am	Dorothy Nestorick by Mary Ann, Paul & Gabrielle
			Weekend Mass Schedule Saint Benedict
Saturday	1-26	5:30pm	Genevieve Nudo by Parri Family
Sunday	1-27	11:30am	Living and Deceased Parishioners



### **Saints Peter and Paul Parish**

**Sanctuary Candle** 

John & Helen Zius

Floral Arrangement

Beth Bonn

**Lady of Lourdes** 

Pagnotti Family

**Holy Family Votive** 

Beth Bonn

### Service

### 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

Can Vegetables.

### 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 Treasures is accepting new or gently used fall and winter clothing for men, women and children. Shoes and purses in excellent condition as well. Treasures strives to maintain current style trends and clean quality clothing. Thank you for your continued support.

**2018 Tax Statements** are now available. Call the Parish if you would like to receive one.

### Saints Peter and Paul and Saint Benedict Ministries

Pauline Makowski, Food Pantry
Janet Soller, Quilting
Mary Jo Marek, Prayer Shawl
Laura Rudloff, Treasures
Irene Martin, Women's Society of Saints Peter and Paul
Barbara Zirnhelt, Council of Catholic Women
Kathy Grinaway, Hospitality
Donna Mansfield, Hospitality

#### Mother Teresa's Haven...

A temporary shelter for homeless men will be our guest again. We will host the men next Monday, January 28 and conclude on Sunday, February 3 (Super Bowl Sunday). The men will sleep in the Church Hall of Saint Benedict using cots provided by the program. As with their past stays, our united parishes will provide an evening meal for all seven nights. Showers and other personal care will also be provided. However, the men could use fresh underwear after a shower. Donations of men's boxer style underwear and tee shirts (size medium; large and x-large) and socks would be very helpful. Donations of water, soda, iced tea, lemonade; cans or 2 liter bottles would be good. Anyone interested in preparing/providing an evening meal and/or donating snacks is asked to contact Barb Zirnhelt at 570-823-1491. Cash donations to buy personal care items are also acceptable, plain envelope in collection basket marked Homeless Shelter, checks payable to Deacon Don Crane. Any other questions contact Deacon Don at 570-762-7542.



### 2019 Lent To Go Calendar

Let us do the cooking and contribute to a good cause!!!

March 8—Nino's Famous Pizza

March 22—Haluski & Clam Chowder

March 29—Potato Pancakes

April 5—Baked Fish Dinner

April 12—Potato Pancakes

Complete menus and pricing details to follow.

All proceeds go directly to Bernardine Hall renovations.



#### The Cookbooks have arrived.

If you have not picked yours up yet, please stop by the Parish Office during Office Hours.

### January/February Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
20	21 Office Closed in observance of Martin Luther King	Quilting 9am Chess Club 6:30pm	23	Quilting 9am Finance 6:30pm	25 Treasures 9am	26
27	28 Quilting 5pm Treasures 6pm Rosary 6:30pm Faith Sharing 7pm	29 Quilting 9am Chess Club 6:30pm	30	31 Quilting 9am	1 Treasures 9am	2
3	4 Quilting 5pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 6pm Rosary 6:30pm Faith Sharing 7pm	5 Quilting 9am Chess Club 6:30pm	6	7 Quilting 9am	8 Treasures 9am	9
10	11 Quilting 5pm Treasures 6pm Rosary 6:30pm Faith Sharing 7pm	12 Quilting 9am Chess Club 6:30pm	13	14 Quilting 9am	15 Treasures 9am	16

### Mark Your Calendars....Saturday, February 23

We will be making Pierogi for the upcoming Lenten Season. Please plan to attend, many hands make light work. All are needed (including men). We will start at 9am, lunch will be provided for all who come.

Saint Benedict Envelopes for 2019 are available in back of church. Anyone who has not donated or contributed to the parish in the last year were not issued envelopes for the coming year. Any questions can be directed to the Parish Office during Office Hours.

Saints Peter and Paul Children's Envelopes are in the Vestibule of the church. If you would like your child to receive envelopes call the office during office hours.

### **Parish Cemeteries**

Available plots in each of our Parish Cemeteries (Saints Peter and Paul, Sacred Heart, and St. Francis) for purchase.

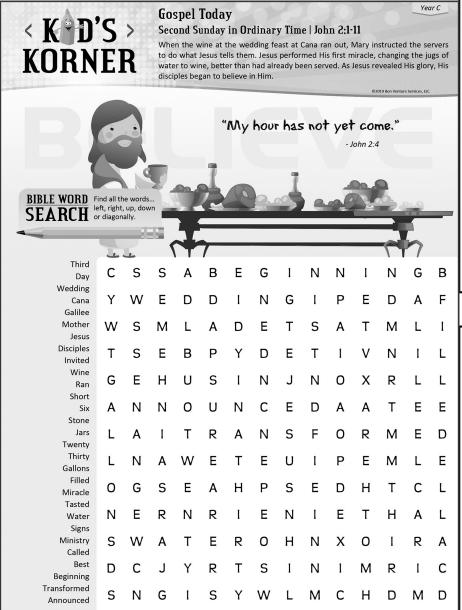
For information contact the Parish Office.

### Saints Peter and Paul Finance Committee

Don Prescavage, Chairman
Ben Berrini, Vice Chairman
Charlotte Dominick, Secretary
Gerald Cross, Capital Budget Chairman
Maryann Kropiewnicki, Revenue Coordinator
Tony Dente, On-Line Giving Coordinator
Cheryl Woloski, Internal Audit and
Compliance
Tracy Schooley, Human Resources

### Saint Benedict Finance Committee

Steve Yenchak, Chairman Tom Kozerski Jodi Gunari Ed Yencha



Every donation counts !!!

If you have not yet pledged,
please....

Help us reach our Annual Appeal Parísh Goal!

### Saints Peter and Paul is at 42.5%

We are grateful to the 197 parishioners who supported the 2018 Annual Appeal to date. If you have not yet given your support, please:

- Call the Development Office at 570-207-2250 to make a pledge or give a gift by credit card
- Mail a check to the Diocesan Appeal Office at 300 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, Pa 18503 or
- Give online at www.DioceseofScranton.org

Our parish is reimbursed 75% for any gifts made to the Appeal in excess of our Appeal

Every donation counts !!!

If you have not yet pledged,
please....

Help us reach our Annual Appeal Parísh Goal!

### Saint Benedict is at 37.2%

We are grateful to the 85 parishioners who supported the 2018 Annual Appeal to date. If you have not yet given your support, please:

- Call the Development Office at 570-207-2250 to make a pledge or give a gift by credit card
- Mail a check to the Diocesan Appeal Office at 300 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, Pa 18503 or
- Give online at www.DioceseofScranton.org

Our parish is reimbursed 75% for any gifts made to the Appeal in excess of our Appeal goal.

### **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, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, 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 child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement.

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 victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well being. As such, information 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

The Pastoral Council at Saint Benedict's Parish is looking for your input to help form the Parish Pastoral Plan. Beginning in January 2019, several small groups of parish members will be formed so that we can ask some questions and hear what people have to say about our parish today and as we look to our future. You are Very Important to us and your perspective will help to guide us. More information on the specific groups and sign-up sheets will be coming out soon. Please consider joining one of these groups as we work together to keep our parish engaged in Word, Worship, Service and Community.

We want to Listen to You!!!!



# Community Happenings

St. Leo's Altar & Rosary/St. Ann's Society Annual Piggie Dinner will be held on Sunday, January 20 from noon to 3pm in the Church Hall at 33 Manhattan St. Ashley. Tickets are \$10 and will be sold before and after Mass January 19 and at the door.

Holy Redeemer High School Grade 8 Placement/Scholarship Test Results Night and Registration Night for incoming Freshmen will be held on January 23 at 7pm in the Auditorium (snow date Jan. 24). Appointments for class scheduling for new students for the 2019-2020 school year will be held on February 7, 11 and 12 from 3-6pm. Call Holy Redeemer High School's Guidance Department at 570-829-2424 to set an appointment.

Wyoming Area Catholic School will have an Open House on Sunday, January 27 from noon to 2pm. We have limited openings in our Pre-K through 8 Grade classes. Mrs. Eileen Rishcoff, Principal and the faculty and staff invite you to come to the Open House and tour the school to see what a Catholic Education has to offer your child. Call the School Office for more information 570-654-7982. Come and "Catch our Spirit" To "kick-off" our Open House and Catholic School Week, we will have Mass at 11am on Sunday, January 27th in the School Auditorium. All are welcome to celebrate this liturgy with our WACS family.

VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children for Adults Program will be held on Sunday, January 27 at 12:30pm at Saint John the Evangelist Parish, 35 William Street, Pittston. Sessions will take place in the Rectory. To register, please contact the Parish Office at 570-654-0053.

St. Andre Bessette Parish in Wilkes-Barre will sponsor a Night at the Races on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at the St. Mary's Byzantine Social Hall, 522 Madison St., W-B. Doors open at 6pm and races begin at 7pm. Admission price is \$5. Food and beverages will be served. Must be twenty one years of age to attend. To purchase horses, admission tickets or for additional information call the Parish Office at 570-823-4988. Tickets will be available beginning Feb. 2.



### OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

#### DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

300 WYOMING AVENUE SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA 18503-1279

November 8, 2018

Dear Friends,

I wrote to you in August and pledged that I would do all that I can to restore your trust in the Church and to provide a safe environment for your children. This continues to be my priority.

This week, we announced our Independent Survivors Compensation Program, which I believe is another step along the path towards healing for survivors. I believe wholeheartedly that survivors deserve to have their voice heard. They deserve recognition of their pain and suffering. It is our responsibility to offer a solution of our own.

Several weeks ago, Pennsylvania's Bishops announced support of such a program, which was recently discussed but not enacted by the Pennsylvania Grand Assembly. We are therefore moving forward and offering this Program for survivors. Participation in the Program by survivors is entirely voluntary.

The Program will be administered by Kenneth Feinberg and Camille Biros, two leading experts in mediation and alternative dispute resolution. They will oversee the claim process and will have absolute autonomy in determining compensation for survivors. This firm has managed a number of high-profile compensation programs nationwide, including similar programs started by five Catholic Dioceses in New York. This Program will review cases quickly and efficiently to provide compensation to survivors, so they can continue along the path towards healing.

There will also be an Independent Oversight Committee to oversee the implementation and administration of the Program. To be clear, the Diocese will have no authority over this committee.

It is important for you to know that parish and school assets, as well as contributions and bequests from parishioners and donations to the Diocesan Annual Appeal, will not be used to fund the Program. Rather, we will use available reserves and will sell assets and borrow money as needed. We will strive to maintain our core mission to serve the local community. Our commitment to the people of the Diocese of Scranton remains true.

The Diocese continues to refine the Program so that it better serves survivors. Further details concerning the Program will be made available in the near future, including a website for survivors to obtain information and claim forms.

Thank you for your attention. Please continue to pray for survivors, their families and the community at large.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

† Joseph C. Bambera

Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.

Bishop of Scranton

"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.

#### **Pastoral Council Members**

### Saints Peter and Paul

Kathy Grinaway, Chairperson
Harold Golomb, Jr, Vice Chairperson
JoAnn Chukinas, Secretary
Gerald Cross
Barbara Gubbiotti
Steven McGough
James Susek

### Saint Benedict

Donna Mansfield, Chairperson
Debby Zuzelski, Secretary
Joanne Brague
Jack Keeley
Lou Zuzelski