

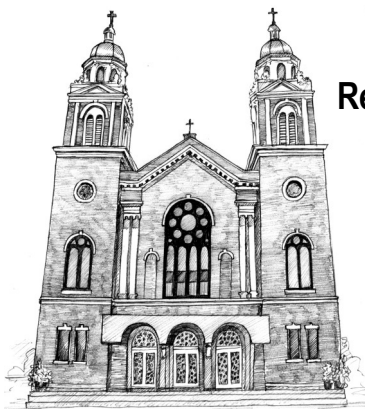
Parish of Saints Peter and Paul

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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

Parish of Saint Benedict

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



Confession
By appointment anytime

Saints Peter and Paul
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

1039 Families receive envelopes

Jan. 26 305 attended the 4pm Mass
216 Families used their envelopes and offered \$5,304

Jan. 27 139 attended the 7:30am Mass
100 Families used their envelopes and offered \$2,285

267 attended the 10am Mass

120 Families used their envelopes and offered \$2,848

Tithe from

436 Families was \$10,437

Bernardine Bucks \$474

The Second Collection this weekend will be for

Care and Education of the Priest

Next week's Collection will be for

Bernardine Hall

Please be generous!!!

Saint Benedict Parish

429 Families receive envelopes

Jan. 26 129 attended the 5:30pm Mass
88 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,529

Jan. 27 97 attended the 11:30am Mass
98 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,966

Tithe from

186 Families was \$3,495

Thank you for your continued generous Support!

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 21	#109	Chief Joe Coyne
Jan 22	#625	L. Matous
Jan.23	#899	Saints Peter and Paul
Jan. 24	#578	Lilly & Mary Nesbit
Jan. 25	#648	Len Hrobak
Jan. 26	#276	Kathie Miles
Jan. 27	#885	Rose Anne Jones
Seller winners Tom Merlie/\$50 and Irene Keil /\$10		

Congratulations to all!!!!

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 **207** families in the amount of **\$44,178**

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

Blessed are They Who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness

"Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied." -

Jesus knows what it means to hunger. After his baptism by John, he undertook a 40-day fast in the wilderness, where, it can be safely said, water would also have been quite scarce. There, the devil tempted him to appease his hunger miraculously. Jesus' response to the tempter is an excellent opening for reflecting on the fourth beatitude of the Sermon on the Mount: "It is written: 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God'" (Matthew 4:4). The Gospel of John, unlike Matthew, Mark or Luke, makes no mention of Jesus' temptation, but John tells us that not even his disciples could tempt Jesus to eat if it meant interrupting his mission. When his disciples find him at the well with the Samaritan woman, they are certain he must be hungry and needs to eat: "The disciples urged him, 'Rabbi, eat.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat of which you do not know.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Could someone have brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work'" (John 4:31-34). Physical hunger is one of the most compelling needs a human or any other creature can ever experience. When severe hunger afflicts an entire region it is called a famine, and famine is such a dreaded reality that the book of Revelation names it as one of the principal powers of death and Hades (6:8). There is, however, a danger of having too much to eat. Americans, more than any others, face the challenge of having their lives shortened by too much food, rather than too little. But there is also a spiritual danger. Like the wealthy man in Jesus' parable who didn't think he needed God because his barns were full (Luke 12:16-21), when our stomachs are always full do we cease to concern ourselves about what's in, or not in, our souls? It is those of us who are well fed who are in most need of fasting as a spiritual exercise. Physical hunger, when deliberately accepted in order to remind ourselves of a greater, higher need, can awaken the hunger for righteousness. It can also awaken us to the needs of those whose lives are threatened by a lack of food. Hunger for righteousness is a hunger for a more just distribution of the world's goods. This becomes clearer when we examine the meaning of "righteousness." For many of us, righteousness is often understood as a synonym for holiness. Righteousness as holiness would then have very strong religious connotations. A righteous person might be said to live a "godly" life, avoiding immorality and exhibiting commitment to frequent worship and prayer. But holiness is not the best synonym for righteousness. Holiness, in its biblical context, means to be set apart for God in some special way. In both the Old and New Testaments, the word most commonly translated into English as "righteous" can also be correctly translated as "just." Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness are not so much seeking to be known for their holiness as they are yearning for the flourishing of justice. But what about the promise that they will be satisfied? It is commonly assumed that the promised state of blessedness is the reward of heaven. There can be no question that to enter heaven will be a blessed reward, but the hunger for righteousness Jesus speaks of is a plea for righteousness—justice—to abound in this world. This has always been the desire of God's prophets, "Let justice descend, you heavens, like dew from above, like gentle rain let the clouds drop it down. Let the earth open and salvation bud forth; let righteousness spring up with them!" A just world! What a bold promise! As with all the beatitudes, this is not just a promise, but a directive. Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness must be always seeking to bring it about.

Word

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19;
1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or
13:4-13; Lk 4:21-30

Monday

Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday

Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15;
Mk 6:1-6

Thursday

Heb 12:18-19, 21-24;
Mk 6:7-13

Friday

Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21;
Mk 6:30-34

Faith Formation

Saints Peter and Paul and Saint Benedict

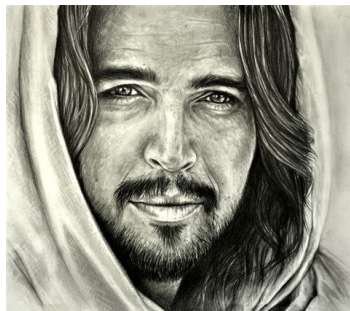
Holy Communion will take
place Saturday, May 4 at noon

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

The Sunday Good News

Saint Benedict & Saints Peter & Paul

February 3, 2019



*We may come to you,
for you have counted
us as your children.*

*Our hearts
long to come to you,
our God and Savior.
May your Word
bless us and restore us.*

*Give us
courageous hearts
to bear the distress
of our times.*

*Let a light
arise in our days
so that people
care about your will.*

*Then the need
on earth
shall come to an end,
your name shall be honored,
and your will be done
Lord God,
you alone are our help.*

*Be merciful to us.
Stretch out your hand
so that all people
may turn to you
and
to your commandments,
and your will
may be done on earth .
Amen*

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

God tells Jeremiah that he was chosen to be a prophet to the nations before he had even been born. He also promises him strength and protection, providing Jeremiah does as God asks.

Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13

Paul discusses the importance of love and claims that one who possesses any gift, but lacks love, has nothing. He explains that true love never fails, although knowledge or other talents can fail to endure in the same manner. Paul says that three things last: "faith, hope, and love, the greatest of these being love."

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

Jesus spoke in the synagogue at Nazareth, at first appealing to all who were present. But he knew that they would be expecting him to do the things he had already done in other towns. He reminded them of other prophets who had preached and gained acceptance in foreign places instead of their home towns. This angered the people, who expelled him from town.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 3, 2019

"When the people in the synagogue heard this they were filled with fury. They rose up and drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong. But Jesus passed through their midst... They will fight against you but not prevail over you, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord."

The call of the prophet Jeremiah and the prophetic voice of Jesus can be the source of comfort, as well as concern. A prophet is sometimes described as one who comforts the disturbed and disturbs the comfortable. Surely the mission of the Old Testament prophet and the challenge of Jesus can arouse anxiety or produce a calm, as He with us to deliver us.

The word of God is designed to help us discern how we can grow in our Christian lives, to know the Lord better, to love Him in the most trying circumstance, and to serve Him in the most vulnerable and marginalized.

We do not have to look far to discover where this challenge can be put into action. We so admire those who seemingly give of themselves for the good of others. Remember when a wealthy admirer told a Missionary of Charity that he wouldn't dress the wound of a suffering leper for a million dollars. The Sister replied 'I wouldn't either.'

Worship

We Remember

A Communion Service will not be held at Saint Benedict 's this week

Masses at Saints Peter and Paul this week

Tuesday	2-5	7am	Edward Stachurski by Mr. & Mrs. John Woloski Marie Kilgallon by Estate
Wednesday	2-6	7am	Edward Zuba by Lillian & Nicholas Barna Rosalie Splendido by Family
Thursday	2-7	7am	Edward Johnson by Patrick Delasandro Joanna A. Shemo by Gary & Barbara Williams
Friday	2-8	7am	Antoinette Adesso by Carlo Odesso & Family Kathleen McDermott by Marty Straub

Weekend Mass Schedule Saints Peter & Paul

Saturday	2-9	4pm	John & Eleanor Binker by Stanley & Michalene Zurek
Sunday	2-10	7:30am 10am	Bertha Baganski by Peggy & Tony Casagrande Andrew Hiedix by Andy Lazar

Weekend Mass Schedule Saint Benedict

Saturday	2-9	5:30pm	Anne Giovannini by Bernie Gayoski
Sunday	2-9	11:30am	Living and Deceased Parishioners

Saints Peter and Paul Parish

Sanctuary Candle

Harold Golomb

Lady of Lourdes

Harold Golomb

Holy Family Votive

Harold Golomb

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 **February** will be collecting **Pasta**.

Saints Peter and Paul Food Pantry

Anyone in the Plains, Miners Mills and Parsons 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.

Word of Life

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you".
Jeremiah 1:5

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 Zirnheld, Council of Catholic Women
Kathy Grinaway, Hospitality
Donna Mansfield, Hospitality



Indulge yourself before Lent begins!!

The Women's Society of Saints Peter and Paul will be taking orders for Krispy Kreme Donuts in the church vestibule before and after the Masses on February 16/17 and February 23/24. Cost for one dozen freshly baked original glazed donuts is \$8. payable at the time of your order. Donuts will be delivered on March 2/3 (the weekend before Ash Wednesday) just in time for a last splurge. When ordering be sure to specify if you will pick up Saturday or Sunday.

Thanks to all who donated or helped with the Homeless Men this past week. The donations were very generous and greatly appreciated by all who received them. God bless you and your families for your thoughtfulness.

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.

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.

February Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4 Quilting 5pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 6pm Rosary 6:30pm Council of Catholic Women 6:30 pm 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 Food Prep 9am	15 Treasures 9am Food Pantry 9am	16 Donut orders being taken at Mass
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24	25 Quilting 5pm Treasures 6pm Rosary 6:30pm Faith Sharing 7pm	26 Quilting 9am Chess Club 6:30pm	27	28 Quilting 9am Finance 6:30pm	1	2 Donut pick-up

Circle of Prayer

Many of us need the prayers of a praying faith community. To request prayers or to join our circle of prayer please contact Mary Jo Marek at

570-825-6969.

Rosary Repair

Parishioners who have rosaries in need of repair can call Len Kalinoski at 570-829-1864.

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 Yenchak

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.

Parish Cemeteries

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

For information contact the Parish Office.

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Gospel Today

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Luke 4:21-30

After reading from the prophet Isaiah, Jesus told the people in the synagogue He was the One sent by God to fulfill, or make true, the scripture. Jesus was recognized as the ordinary son of Joseph the Carpenter, who was raised among them, and not seen as a prophet. Jesus would not perform special miracles for them and the angry group chased Him out of town.

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"Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place."

Luke 4:24

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.

Isaiah	R	N	S	C	A	R	P	E	N	T	E	R	P	Y
Today	S	O	C	E	I	S	A	I	A	H	G	S	A	D
Scripture	P	S	R	D	Y	A	D	O	T	N	R	W	F	E
Reading	O	H	I	G	H	L	Y	P	I	L	A	H	U	T
Passage	K	O	P	H	W	A	R	R	V	E	C	A	L	P
Fulfilled	E	S	T	P	O	J	A	O	E	G	I	M	F	E
Hearing	G	E	U	E	R	E	N	P	P	N	O	A	I	C
Amazed	A	C	R	S	H	S	I	H	E	I	U	Z	L	C
Spoke	S	H	E	O	K	U	D	E	S	D	S	E	L	A
Highly	S	A	I	J	A	S	R	T	O	A	N	D	E	N
Gracious	A	S	Y	N	A	G	O	G	U	E	S	W	D	U
Words	P	E	O	P	L	E	E	S	D	R	O	W	O	K
Recognized	F	D	E	Z	I	N	G	O	C	E	R	A	N	T
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Jesus														
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Visiting the Sick Several members of Saints Peter and Paul Parish visit various nursing homes. If you have a family member from the parish in one of the local nursing homes and would like us to visit them please call the Parish Office with their information.

Every donation counts !!!
If you have not yet pledged,
please....

Help us reach our Annual Appeal Parish 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 Parish 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:

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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

Do You Want to Know More About the Annulment Process?

In the Diocese of Scranton, the annulment process is now more “user friendly” than you might expect, and there is no longer a processing fee. Please contact your pastor or the Diocesan Tribunal Office 570-207-2246 to begin a conversation. It is possible to get clear answers to these questions and to renew your connection with the Church.

Maine Source's Give Back Program.

This program allows our parish to earn 5% of all purchase made by our participating members. To participate in this program just fill out a sheet located in the vestibule and give it to a cashier next time you shop at MaineSource. If you are not familiar with MaineSource which is located in Forty Fort, they are a large size grocery store/party warehouse that offers small and large quantity Items at affordable prices. When shopping at MaineSource you will find savings on your items while helping the parish by our receiving a percentage of the purchase amount back. There are no membership cards or fees required to shop.

Proceeds from this project have benefited the Saints Peter and Paul Food Pantry. Please consider using Maine Source for your food needs and tell them your from Saints Peter and Paul Church!!!

Community Happenings

St. Anthony/St. George Church Superbowl Food Sale will be held on Feb 2/3. Available is Revello's 12 cut Par-Baked (Gluten free upon request) for \$15 and a quart of Chili with or without beans. Pick up times are Feb 2 from noon to 3pm and Feb. 3 from 11am to 1pm. To place an order call Lisa Thomas at 570-507-4193.

Holy Redeemer High School will hold registration for the 2019-2020 School Year. Appointments for class scheduling are available February 7, 11 and 12 from 3 to 6pm. Call today for an appointment or to arrange for a day to shadow a student. Guidance Department 570-829-2424.

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.

The Holy Name Society of St. Ignatius Loyola Parish will sponsor its Annual Night at the Races on Saturday, March 30th in Colan Hall. Doors open at 6pm. Admission is free and seating is first come-first serve basis—no reserved seating. Food and refreshments are ALL included. Horses will be able to be purchased before and during the event. This is an adult only event. Please come out and support our society and the Church and have fun with your neighbors and parishioners. In anyone wishes to sponsor a race (\$25) or donate prizes, or bake treats, please call Tom Havrilak at 570-287-7768.



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

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Harold Golomb, Jr, Vice Chairperson
JoAnn Chukinas, Secretary
Gerald Cross
Barbara Gubbiotti
Steven McGough
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Saint Benedict

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