

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

January 27 332 attended the 4pm Mass
237 Families used their envelopes and offered \$4,550

January 28 347 attended the 10am Mass
223 Families used their envelopes and offered \$5,470

Tithe from
679 Families was \$10,020

No Festival Collection

309 Families Contributed \$18,160 to date.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Goal \$70,000 Raised to Date \$48,509

Saint Benedict Parish

560 Families receive envelopes

January 27 130 attended the 5:30pm Mass
101 Families used their envelopes and offered \$2,779

January 28 194 attended the 8am Mass
68 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,467

Tithe from
169 Families was \$4,246.69

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Goal \$22,000 Raised to Date \$14,555

*Thank you for your continued generous
Support of our parishes!*

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL LOTTERY

1-22	#753	Eleanor Hallas
1-23	#712	Debbie Wychock
1-24	#130	Paul Binker Jr.
1-25	#386	Carl Covert
1-26	#936	Robert & Michaeline Wozniak.
1-27	#018	Sandy Kuhar
1-28	#571	Alice Krommes

Congratulations to all !!!

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

Monday

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday

1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday

1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30

Friday

1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday

1 Kgs 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10

Saints Peter and Paul & Saint Benedict

*Anyone interested in Edge and Life Teen Youth Groups call Nina
at the Faith Formation Center 570-825-6663 ext 3-then 1.*

The Sunday Good News

Saint Benedict & Saints Peter & Paul

February 4, 2017

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

In this passage, Job laments the drudgery and pain all people sometimes experience in life. He talks of troubled days and restless nights. But he does mention that the days move along swiftly, which can remind us that our time here on earth is quite limited and should be well spent.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Paul explains to the Corinthians that he has no choice, but must preach the gospel. He tells of making himself all things to all people, in order to save some of them. He reminds them that he does this willingly, in the hope of sharing in the blessings of the gospel.

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Jesus cured Simon and Andrew's mother of a fever, then others with illnesses or demons came to see him. He cured those who were ill, and cast out the demons of the others. Then he went off and prayed alone until his followers sought him out. Jesus and his disciples then moved on to other villages to proclaim the good news.

His Word Today *by Rev. William J. Reilly*

"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said: 'Everyone is looking for you.' He said to them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come'. So he went into their synagogues preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee."

Jesus the healer, Jesus the pray-er, Jesus the preacher and teacher. A few verses capture His ministry and message that He offers. Fast forward and the need is the same: 'everyone is looking for you.'

Many are looking for fame, comfort, riches, but not for what Jesus has brought. We are called to help them find the Lord who means so much to us. Who is it that has fallen away from the church? They are still loved by the Lord. Who do I know caught in a bad habit, a vice, or depression? They are still loved by the Lord.

What they need is someone who looked for the Lord, has found Him and wishes to share that same positive experience with them. As I live my conviction and faith, I bring Him to them, and they to Him.

As we begin this New Year may we open our ears to hear the message, our hearts to carry it out, and discover ways the Lord wishes to use us to do His ministry.

*Lord,
make me an instrument
of Thy peace;
where there is hatred,
let me sow love;
where there is injury,
pardon;
where there is doubt,
faith;
where there is despair,
hope;
where there is darkness,
light;
and where there is
sadness, joy.*

*O Divine Master,
grant that I may not
so much seek to be
consoled as to console;
to be loved, as to love;
for it is in giving
that we receive,
it is in pardoning
that we are pardoned.*

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 **Sugar and Sweeteners**. 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 donation are always accepted, place in the basket in the Vestibule of the Church.

Saints Peter and Paul's Treasure would like to thank you for all your donations. We have been able to provide winter clothing to many families and shelters because of your generosity.

Council of Catholic Women Mark your calendar for our monthly meeting on Monday, February 5th at 6:30pm in the church hall. We warmly welcome new members to join us on Monday!



BAKE SALE sponsored by
Saints Benedict's Council of Catholic Women

will take place on Sat., February 10th and Sun., February 11th in the church hall. Baked items will be for sale before and after the weekend Masses. (5:30pm & 8am) Anyone interested in baking or donating a monetary contribution are asked to contact Barb at 570-823-1491. Thank you!

We Remember

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

Masses at Saint Benedict this week

T	2-6	8am	Florence Baczmarga by Husband & Children Mary Ann Bonita by Donna Amato
W	1-31	8am	Josephine Rock by Jean & Bob Prushinski Jacqueline Marut by Husband
Th	2-1	8am	Antoinette Adesso by Husband, Children & Grandchildren Frank Krokos, Sr. by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Wozniak
F	2-2	8am	Stella Cubulski by Lory & Mark Pataky Charles Jim Beccaris by Mark & Maureen Umphred

Weekend Mass Schedule Saints Peter & Paul

S	2-3	4pm	Living/Deceased Parishioners
S	2-4	10am	Celia Katsak (A) by Husband & Children

Weekend Mass Schedule Saint Benedict

S	2-3	5:30pm	Bill McDermott Jr. by Anne Horan
	2-4	8am	Dave Kilgallon by Bernadette Warren & Family

Parenting Pointers Ground Hog Day. Legend has it that these cute furry critters can predict the weather. Talk with your kids about what kind of weather they like best. If they are old enough, discuss climate change and how we humans can reduce our carbon footprint.

Marriage Moments "They brought to [Jesus] all who were ill...and He cured many who were sick." (Mark 1:32-34) This is the season of sickness. Some people like to be pampered when they are sick. Others like to be left alone. What comforts your beloved when they don't feel well?

Saints Peter and Paul Parish

Sanctuary Candle

Paul Binker

Holy Family Votive

Joseph & Josephine Grucella

Floral Arrangement Saints Peter and Paul

*Health and Blessings
Matthew Sloan Langdon*

Saint Benedict Parish

Sanctuary Candle

Special Intention

Parish Weekly Activities			February 4— February 11		
<i>Day</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Building</i>	<i>Location</i>
Sun.	2-4	9am	Faith Formation	Faith Formation Center	Classrooms
Mon.	2-5	5pm	Quilting	Parish Center	2 nd Floor
		5pm	Prayer Shawl	Parish Center	Dining Room
		6pm	Treasures	Parish Center	Back Porch
		6:30pm	Rosary	Parish Center	Prayer Room
		7pm	Faith Sharing	Parish Center	2 nd Floor
Tues.	2-6	9am	Quilting	Parish Center	2 nd Floor
Wed.	2-7	7pm	Festival Choir	Church	Choir Loft
Thurs.	2-8	9am	Quilting	Parish Center	2nd Floor
		6:30pm	Family Choir	Church	Choir Loft
Fri.	2-9	9am	Treasures	Parish Center	Parish Center
Sat.	2-10	5pm	Donut Pick-Up	Church	Vestibule
Sun.	2-4	9am	Faith Formation	Faith Formation Center	Classrooms
		11am	Donut Pick-Up	Church	Vestibule

Easter Fundraiser with Bakery Delite

You can order your delicious Easter Baked Goods directly from the church and pick them up on Holy Saturday, March 31 from 1-3pm in Bernardine Hall. The church will receive a percentage of the sales. All donations received will go to the Bernardine Hall renovation fund! Order and payment are **due by March 3, 2018**. Questions contact Nina at the Faith Formation Office 570-825-6663-3 then 1. Want to order? Place your order in the collection basket, or send into the church office. Please include your name and phone number.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

_____ Apple Pie \$12 \$_____

_____ Chocolate/Peanut Butter Pie \$15 \$_____

_____ Pumpkin Pie \$12 \$_____

_____ Nut Roll \$8 \$_____

_____ Poppy Seed Roll \$8 \$_____

_____ Paska Bread (Plain) \$7 \$_____

_____ Paska Bread (Raisin) \$7 \$_____

Total _____ Items

Amount Enclosed \$_____

The Women's Society of Saints Peter and Paul

will sponsor a **Lenten Retreat** on Saturday, March 10 from 9am to 3pm at the Parish Center. Cost is \$25 a person. Coffee and Danish will be served upon arrival and lunch will be provided. Msgr. Grimalia will be the guest speaker. Confession will be heard followed by Mass. To register call Betty Jean Hession at 570-822-9448 or Mary Jo Marek at 570-825-6969. RSVP by March 2nd.



Meals on Wheels is

desperate need of drivers and runners to deliver a hot meal and a light supper to area's elderly and physically handicapped. Meals on Wheels (MoW) provides this service Monday through Friday with the delivery of meals starting between 8am and 8:30am. If you are an early riser and can spare an hour or two of your time a week, please contact Louise Smith at 570-655-0135.



**His Excellency,
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.



Calendar of Events

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

Community Happenings

Register for the 2018-19 School Year at Holy Redeemer High School Appointments for class scheduling are available on Feb. 8, 12, & 13 from 3-6pm. Call today for an appointment or to arrange for a day to shadow a student. Call the Guidance Department at 570-829-2424.

Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Soup for the Soul for February 8. Soup of the month is Piggie Soup. Pickup time 8am to 6pm. Cost is \$8. Pre orders are appreciated. For more information call 570-825-6370.

St. Nicholas Church is hosting their 53rd Annual "German Nite" on Saturday, February 10. Doors open at 6pm. Food served from 6:15-7:15pm. Music by "Schutzengiggles" from 7:30-10:30pm. Advance tickets only, cost is \$30 per person. For tickets call the church rectory at 570-823-7736.

St. Andrew Parish is holding a Pre-Lenten "Piggie" Dinner on Sunday, February 11 in the church hall, 318 Parrish St. from noon to 4pm or until they are sold out. The dinner will consist of three piggies, honey glazed carrots, mashed potatoes, roll, beverage and dessert. The cost is \$12 which includes the dinner and a complimentary bountiful basket chance ticket. Tickets at the door. Take out available.

St. Andre Bessette Parish will sponsor an Ash Wednesday Fish Dinner on February 14 at Father Zolcinski Hall, 668 N. Main St. Dinners will be from 4-6pm including take-outs. Cost is \$9. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Call Mary at 570-823-4988. Proceeds benefit Parish Social Justice Ministry.

Howard Gospel Choir fundraiser held at F.M.Kirby Center on Saturday, February 17. Showtime is 7pm. Doors open at 5:30pm. Reserved Seating. Tickets are \$10 (\$5per ticket benefits St. Vincent dePaul Kitchen). Tickets available at the Kirby Box Office, W-B, or the Diocese of Scranton Chancery, Scranton.

A Lenten Concert, "I Thirst" which is the Crucifixion Story through music and scripture quotes. presented by Tatiana "Tajce" Cameron will be held on Sunday, February 25, at 3pm at St. Ann's Basilica. No admission charge, however, a free will collection will be taken.

“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.”

The Festival Choir of Saints Peter and Paul and Saints Benedict Parish will resume practice on Wednesday, January 31st at 7pm. Anyone who feels that they are able to carry a tune is invited to join. We will be practicing for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Additionally, we are honored to have a special guest celebrant for Divine Mercy Sunday. Keep the date open!

I am happy to announce that Our Festival Choir will be under the direction of Chuck Unice. Chuck is known to us all so please join me in welcoming him to his new position.

Thanks and God Bless

Father Jack

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