

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

Feb. 16 321 attended the 4pm Mass
177 Families used their envelopes and offered \$4,471

Feb. 17 131 attended the 7:30am Mass
77 Families used their envelopes and offered \$2,134

269 attended the 10am Mass

99 Families used their envelopes and offered \$2,535

Tithe from

353 Families was \$9,140

Diocesan Annual Appeal \$549

The Second Collection this weekend will be for
Bernardine Hall

Next week's Collection will be for
Care and Education of Priest

Please be generous!!!

Saint Benedict Parish

429 Families receive envelopes

Feb. 16 136 attended the 5:30pm Mass
103 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,950

Feb. 17 105 attended the 11:30am Mass
77 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,416

Tithe from

180 Families was \$3,366

Diocesan Annual Appeal \$84

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

Feb. 11	#419	Anthony Rubin
Feb. 12	#854	Charlie & Holden Bronack
Feb. 13	#291	Stanley Stanski
Feb. 14	#029	Stella Szyanski
Feb. 15	#453	Saints Peter & Paul
Feb. 16	#791	Saints Peter & Paul
Feb. 17	#049	Susan Such

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 the Peacemakers, For They Will be Called Children of God.”

Perhaps it is easier to identify “not peace” than to nail down the meaning of “peace”. War is not peace; anxiety is not peace; holding grudges is not peace. The list could go on and on. We feel it in our guts when we are not at peace, not at one with the world around us and within us, and not at one with our God. There is a sense of fear or “dis-ease” or even loss. Still, we have not identified peace. In Hebrew, the original language of most of the Old Testament, the word translated as peace is “shalom.” Along with justice and truth, shalom is to be a hallmark of God’s people. In these virtues, we find a reflection of the very nature of God. Shalom is well-being, tranquility, at-oneness or wholeness. The prophet Isaiah (9:5-6) spoke of a time when the “Prince of Peace” would rule over a vast and forever peaceful domain. As with much in our biblical tradition, this is a now-and-not-yet reality. As Christians we believe the Prince of Peace was born in a manger, walked the roads and trails of Israel inviting listeners into the peaceable and just kingdom, then was put to death and rose from death to seal this promise. And yet we live in a world that has, for centuries, valued external displays of power, crippling one’s enemies and brandishing weapons meant to cause destruction. Where is this peace that was promised? This unity with God and others that gives witness to the power of God’s kingdom? The words of Jesus, proclaimed in Matthew’s Gospel, shockingly tells us that this peace is still among us, this peace is within us, and this peace is what the world still needs. Blessed are the peacemakers! We are to be that peace of God in the world. The word translated as peacemaker in Matthew 5:9 is a combination of two Greek words, the word for peace and the verb “to make” or “to do.” It carries the connotation of working and some even translate it as a peace worker, another way of reminding us that peace is something that requires effort. But what kind of effort? First and foremost, we acknowledge that peace is a gift that God offers us. In his letter to the Colossians (1:20), Paul seems to be quoting what might have been an early Christian hymn when he says that Christ’s mission was to reconcile all things to God, “making peace by the blood of his cross.” Our first effort, then, is the work of receiving this costly gift and allowing it to take root in us. We consider what in us resists the peace Christ offers, what messages negate its value, and what cultural standards diminish the peace of Christ. We wed ourselves to desiring God’s will. This is a work of surrender but also of purposeful understanding of the gift Christ offers over and over through the Gospel accounts, “Peace be with you.” Peace also requires an effort of imagination and resolve. In Ephesians 2:14-22, we read that Christ is our peace, abolishing the wall that separates the spirit and the flesh, that which wishes to do God’s will and all that resists it. Can we allow ourselves to imagine such reconciling forces at work in our world? Can we move from imagining this kind of wholeness to acting in such a way as to bring it about? This reconciling ministry of Christ and his followers turns strangers and sojourners into “fellow citizens with the holy ones and members of the household of God” (Ephesians 2:19). In the Sermon of the Mount, using this same language of intimacy, Jesus says that peacemakers will be called children of God. Will peacemakers be our calling card? Will we choose our words so that they counter the violence so prevalent in our culture? Will we hold our religious and civil leaders to the norm of promoting peace and reconciliation, and then also examine our own hearts to root out whatever is not peace? In today’s world, Jesus’ simple words promoting peacemaking may sound naïve or even ridiculous. Maybe we are to risk doing the hard work of choosing peace and promoting wholeness, trusting God’s grace will work in us.

Word

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13,
22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49;
Lk 6:27-38

Monday

Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday

Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday

Sir 4:11-19; Mk 9:38-40

Thursday

Sir 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50

First Friday

Sir 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12

First Saturday

Sir 17:1-15; Mk 10:13-16

Faith Formation

Saints Peter and Paul and Saint Benedict

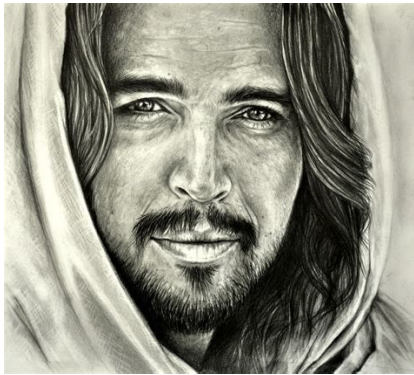
Holy Communion will take
place Saturday, May 4 at noon

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

The Sunday Good News

Saint Benedict & Saints Peter & Paul

February 24, 2019



*Dear God,
give me courage,
for perhaps
I lack it more
than anything else.
I need courage
before men
against their threats and
against their seductions.
I need courage
to bear unkindness,
mockery, contradiction.
I need courage
to fight
against the devil,
against terrors and troubles,
temptations, attractions,
darkness and false lights,
against tears, depression,
and above all fear.
I need Your help, dear God.
Strengthen me
with Your love
and Your grace.
Console me with
Your blessed Presence
and grant me
the courage to persevere
until I am with You
forever in heaven.*

First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Saul wanted to harm David and went into the desert to locate him. David and his companion Abishai visited Saul and his troops while they slept. Abishai wanted to kill Saul, but David would not allow it, as he refused to kill the Lord's anointed.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Paul portrays Adam as the first physical man and Jesus as the first man to give us our spirituality. One man was formed from dust, the other sent down from heaven. Just as we resemble the first being physically, we should model ourselves after Jesus spiritually.

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Jesus explains that loving only people who love us is no great achievement. He also reminds us that doing a favor for someone while expecting something in return is not what he asks of us. Instead, we should emulate God by being compassionate and non-judgmental, even towards individuals who hate and mistreat us.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 24, 2019

"But love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful... Stop judging... stop condemning, forgive and you will be forgiven."

If we wished to choose one word to describe the ministry of Pope Francis, it would be 'mercy.' His writings reflect this teaching of Jesus in the beatitudes. He proclaimed a holy year of mercy. He constantly is extending the compassionate hand of Jesus to the poor and marginalized.

Luke's teaching asks us to consider what seems so difficult. Love enemies, give without expecting a return, be concerned for ungrateful and those so distant from the gospel.

When driving and someone cuts you off, pray for him. If you are offended by someone's remark, chalk it up to a bad day and don't brood over it. Don't live the expression 'I don't get mad, I just get even.' Spend a moment discerning who might be an 'enemy' and seek a way to open the door to friendship, by prayer, a smile, or another sign of peace.

Worship

We Remember

A Communion Service will be held at Saint Benedict at 8am

Masses at Saints Peter and Paul this week

Monday	2-25	7am	Communion Service
Tuesday	2-26	7am	Margaret Janerich by Daughters Robert Schuster by John Gardzalla Sr.
Wednesday	2-27	7am	Emily Chrzanowski by Gardjulis Family Anthony Sincavage by Lucy Bilski
Thursday	2-28	7am	Ruth Simonson by Family John O'Hara by Mr. & Mrs. Walter Wanek
Friday	3-1	7am	John & Mary Ann Krulack by Kim, John & Michelle Virginia Cumino by Albert & JoAnn Bartoletti

Weekend Mass Schedule Saints Peter & Paul

Saturday	3-2	4pm	Josephine Mastrini by Diane & Bill Zelinski
Sunday	3-3	7:30am 10am	Bernard Witczak (A) by Witczak Family Josephine Serafin by Mr. & Mrs. Stankiewicz

Weekend Mass Schedule Saint Benedict

Saturday	3-2	5:30pm	Vincent Scavone by Harold & Anne Cawley
Sunday	3-3	11:30am	Living and Deceased Parishioners

Ash Wednesday, March 6

7am Mass—Saints Peter and Paul

8am Mass—Saint Benedict

12:15pm Mass—Saints Peter and Paul

5:30pm—Service at both Saints Peter and Paul and Saint Benedict

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent

12:15pm & 6:30pm—Saints Peter and Paul

7pm—Saint Benedict

Saints Peter and Paul Parish

Sanctuary Candle

Grace & Michael Mack

Lady of Lourdes

Ed Blazejewski

Holy Family Votive

Ruth Simonson

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 **March** will be collecting **Canned Vegetables**.

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.

The Art Party Place will join us for another night of painting. On Friday, March 15 starting at 6pm we will gather in the Dining Room of the Parish Center. Register online and pick the painting of your choice. (any painting in the gallery can be done) Bring a drink and a snack to be shared and join us for some artistic fun!!!!

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

St. Joseph Table is a centuries old Sicilian tradition celebrated on March 19, the feast of St. Joseph. Sicilians have a special devotion to St. Joseph, Mary's husband, Jesus' foster father, provider and protector of the Holy Family, Patron of Carpenters and Workers, and model and patron of every human family and of the Universal Church. According to tradition, a long and devastating drought during the Middle Ages in Sicily caused a severe famine. In their starvation and suffering, they offered novenas of prayers to Saint Joseph asking for rain. They were rewarded with abundant rain and a rich harvest. Following the harvest, landlords and farmers prepared a solemn feast in honor of Saint Joseph. Besides the religious celebration in every town and village, families prepared a gigantic altar-table filled with every kind of food, fancy pastry, flowers and decorations. Standing in the center of the Table was the statue of St. Joseph. The guest of honor at the dinner were the poor and needy people of the town. This was the organizers' way to share their blessing, and to honor and thank St. Joseph.

St. Joseph Church traditionally held the Saint Joseph table which consisted of home made soups, bread and salad. We continue their tradition here at Saints Peter and Paul and invite all parishioners to get involved. We ask anyone wishing to make a pot of soup to fill out the form below and return it to the Parish Office as soon as possible. Or to simply call Diana or Maryann with your selection. The soups can be brought to the center on March 19 during Office Hours (bring in crockpot if possible). The dinner will begin at 5pm and all are invited to attend. A free will donation will be taken and donated to the Food Pantry as our way of sharing our blessings with those less fortunate. Please plan to attend or help out with this Lenten project. Thank you in advance for all who participate.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Type of Soup _____

February/March Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24 Donut orders being taken at Mass	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 Treasures 9am	2 Donut pick-up Bake Sale at St. Benedict's Lottery will be sold
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10 Lottery will be sold	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 Pastoral Council 6:30pm	15 Treasures 9am Food Pantry 9am The Art Party 6pm	16 Lottery will be sold after Mass
17 Lottery will be sold	18 Quilting 5pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 6pm Rosary 6:30pm Faith Sharing 7pm	19 Quilting 9am Saint Joseph Table 5pm Chess Club 6:30pm	20	21 Quilting 9am Women's Society 6:30pm	22 Treasures 9am- Lent to Go—Haluski	23 Lottery will be sold

Saints Peter & Paul Spring Lottery Tickets

Awards will begin April 1st thru June 30th

Prizes are \$25 Monday through Sat. \$100 on Sun.

\$300 April 21 - Easter

May 30 - Ascension of the Lord

June 9 - Pentecost Sunday

Cost \$10. Help us sell the tickets and have a chance to win \$50 (25) or \$10 (10) If you wish to have a specific number, please call the office. Tickets will be sold in Church starting March 2/3.

Winners match the PA Lottery Pick 3 Evening Drawing

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.

Council of Catholic Women will hold their annual Bake Sale on March 2/3 at the Masses. Get your fill of home-baked goodies before Lent.

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

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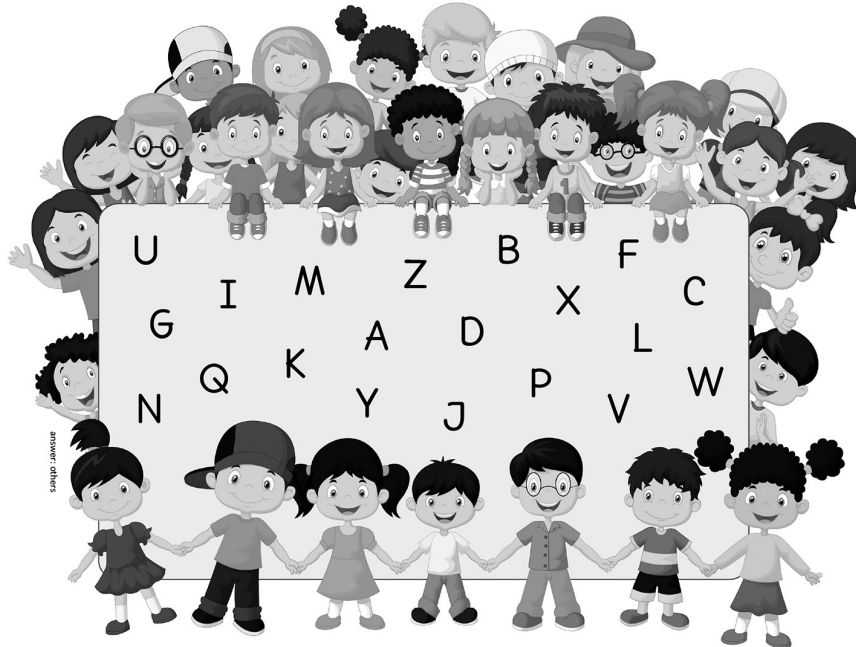
Gospel Today

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time | Luke 6:27-38

Jesus wants us to show love, kindness, respect and generosity to everyone. He tells us, "Do to others as you would have them do to you."

Year C

Find and write
the missing letters
(from A to Z) not
found below...



Unscramble the letters and fill in the blanks to complete the sentence below.

"Do to _____ as you would have them do to you."

LUKE 6:31

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

Help us reach our Annual Appeal Parish
Goal!

**Saints Peter and Paul is at
44%**

We are grateful to the 205 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
38%**

We are grateful to the 83 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.

The Council of Catholic Women will be visiting the nursing homes for Easter. If you have a relative residing in one, please call Barbara at 570-823-1491 or put their name, the name and phone number of the nursing home in an envelope and place in collection basket.

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 Women Society invites all women of both parishes, as well as their friends and family members to a Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 30th from 9am to 3pm in the Parish Center. Deacon Bill Behm, Parish Life Coordinator of St. Andrew's Church, Wilkes-Barre and his wife, Jean will be the moderators. The theme of the retreat is "The Last Seven Words of Jesus." Cost is \$25 per person. Coffee and pastries will be served upon arrival and lunch will be provided. To register call Irene Martin at 570-825-4464 before March 23rd.

Community Happenings

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.

St. Nicholas Church in Wilkes-Barre is hosting their 54th Annual "German Nite" on Saturday, March 2nd. Doors open at 6pm. Food served from 6:15-7:15pm and includes beer and soft drinks. Music by "Schutzengiggles" from 7:30-10:30pm. \$30 per person, advance tickets only. For tickets call the church at 570-823-7736.

St. Andre Bessette Parish in Wilkes-Barre will sponsor a Fish Dinner on Ash Wednesday, March 6 at Father Zolcinski Hall, 668 North Main Street. Dinners will be served from 4-6pm including takeouts. Cost is \$10 Tickets must be purchased in advance at 570-823-4988.

The Holy Name Society of St. Leo's /Holy Rosary, 33 Manhattan St. Ashley, will hold Lenten Lunches. Potato pancake batter will be available at \$6 per container on Ash Wednesday. Place orders at 570-825-6669. The full menu will be available on the Fridays of Lent beginning March 8. Kitchen opens at noon offering clam chowder, cream of mushroom soup, haluski, potato pirohy, tuna hoagies, a weekly special, soda, water and coffee. Potato pancakes starting Wed., March 15.

Saint Maria Goretti will hold it's Homemade Pasta and Sausage Dinner on Sunday, March 10, noon to 5pm with take-out until 4pm. Includes salad, beverage, dessert, bread and butter. Children 5 and under eat in for free. Donation are \$12.



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

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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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JoAnn Chukinas, Secretary
Gerald Cross
Barbara Gubbiotti
Steven McGough
James Susek

Saint Benedict

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