

# Parish of Saints Peter and Paul

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# Parish of Saint Benedict

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**Deacon Don Crane**



## 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

**February 24**      330 attended the 4pm Mass  
215 Families used their envelopes and offered \$4,026

**February 25**      318 attended the 10am Mass  
231 Families used their envelopes and offered \$3,982

*Tithe from*  
446 Families was \$8,008

### **Saint Benedict Parish**

560 Families receive envelopes

**February 24**      144 attended the 5:30pm Mass  
120 Families used their envelopes and offered \$2,198

**February 25**      127 attended the 8am Mass  
62 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,593

*Tithe from*  
271 Families was \$3,791

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

### **SAINTS PETER AND PAUL LOTTERY**

2-19	#478	Maria Mattei
2-20	#133	Chief Joe Coyne
2-21	#230	F. Santarelli
2-22	#915	Candice Berrini
2-23	#615	Stella Szymanski
2-24	#973	Tom Tkach
2-25	#659	Isabel Elick

*Congratulations to all !!!*

### **Third Sunday of Lent**

#### **Sunday**

Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

#### **Monday**

2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30

#### **Tuesday**

Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35

#### **Wednesday**

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

#### **Thursday**

Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

#### **Friday**

Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

#### **Saturday**

Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

### **All Confessions at Saints Peter and Paul. *The Light is On For You***

Confessions Monday from 5-7pm and  
Saturdays of Lent from 1-3:30pm.

### **Stations of the Cross**

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

6:30pm

Fridays in Lent

### **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

March 4, 2018

## The Season of Lent



*Lord,  
during this  
Lenten Season,  
nourish me  
with Your Word of life  
and make me  
one with You  
in love and prayer.*

*Fill my heart  
with Your Love  
and keep me  
faithful to the  
Gospel of Christ.  
Give me the grace  
to rise above  
my human weakness.  
Give me  
new life  
by Your Sacraments,  
especially the Mass.*

### First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Through Moses, God passed on the commandments he wished all people to follow. He tells us not to worship idols or take the name of the Lord in vain. All the laws God gave to us, if followed, would ensure that we could live in peace and harmony with one another as he had planned.

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Paul tells the Corinthians that Christ is the power and the wisdom of God. Although they claimed to possess wisdom, "God's folly is wiser than men, and his weakness is more powerful than men."

### Gospel: John 2:13-25

Jesus went to the temple of Jerusalem to find merchants there selling sheep and doves. He knocked over their tables and drove the animals away. The merchants asked him for a sign that he was authorized to do this. He told them to "destroy this temple (referring to his body) and in three days I will raise it up." The merchants misunderstood, and did not believe he could rebuild in three days what had taken nearly 50 years to build. Still many believed in him, after seeing the miracles he had performed.

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

#### Third Sunday of Lent March 4, 2018

**"Brothers and sisters: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to the grace in which we stand and we boast in hope of the glory of God... 'If you knew the gift of God.'"**

One of the most dangerous liabilities in our lives is found in the area of presumption. So many things are taken for granted. Don't let that happen this Lent. We have been gifted with faith allowing us to experience great peace. Through this gift we have a strong relationship with God and a loving relationship with others. God's grace, His very life which flows and fills us, is a gift offered over and over through the sacraments. Ask for it.

Besides being an unmerited gift of God, it is something offered, but must be accepted. It is hard to receive a gift if my hands are closed or formed into a fist. I begin this third week of Lent, opening my hands and heart to the gift of God's grace that He is offering me today. Reach out for it. Like the Samaritan woman, I want to discover this great gift in my life. Perhaps as I shake someone's hand this week, or reach for a doorknob, I will remember to reach out and ask for God's amazing grace.

## 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 **coffee**. 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 is

accepting clean, gently used or new clothing. Our biggest need is children and men's clothing. Clothes can be dropped off at the Parish Center during business hours. Receipts available on the bulletin board.

**The Women's Society** is sponsoring a bus trip to **Sights and Sounds** in Lancaster to see **"Jesus"** on Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. The cost is \$115 for adults and \$60 for children, includes the Martz bus, grand smorgasbord lunch at Hershey Fam Restaurant, ticket for 3pm show and bus driver gratuity. There will be time for shopping at the Hershey Farm Boutiques. Reservations may be made by calling Irene Martin at 570-825-4464. Payment is required at the time of reservation. No reservations will be accepted after July 15<sup>th</sup>. Tickets to "Jesus" are in great demand.

## We Remember

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

### Masses at Saint Benedict this week

T	3-6	8am	<b>Mary Ann Pizzella (A)</b> by Rizzitano's <b>Leonard Loomis</b> by Dad
W	3-7	8am	<b>Edward Bednar</b> by Mr. & Mrs. John Lavan Jr. <b>Barr Gartley</b> by Sally Maxell
Th	3-8	8am	<b>Irma Ribacchi</b> by Dorothy Guili <b>Margaret Cunningham</b> by Joe Zawatsky
F	3-9	8am	<b>Joseph Matticks</b> by Catherine & Nicholas Rusenko <b>Helen Wolczyk</b> by Dulsky Family

### Weekend Mass Schedule Saints Peter & Paul

S	3-10	4pm	<b>Rosemary Kuzminski</b> by Carol Kosek
S	3-11	10am	<b>Living/Deceased Parishioners</b>

### Weekend Mass Schedule Saint Benedict

S	3-10	5:30pm	<b>Leo Schuster</b> by Colleen & Herb Newhart
	3-11	8am	<b>Joseph Ornoski</b> by Mary Ellen & Lou Dominic

Several members of SS 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 so that we can put them on our list

**Council of Catholic Women** will meet on this Monday, March 5 at 6:30pm in the church hall. All women are welcome!!!

**The First Annual Catholic Women's Conference of the Diocese of Scranton** will be held on Sat. June 23, from 8am-4pm in the Byron Complex, The University of Scranton. For more information or to register dioceseof-scranton.org/catholic-womens-conference.

### Saints Peter and Paul Parish

#### Sanctuary Candle

*Sara & Patrick Delasandro*

#### Lady of Lourdes Votive

*Sara & Patrick Delasandro*

#### Holy Family Votive

*Fred Spagnuolo*

### Saint Benedict Parish

#### Sanctuary Candle

*Special Intention*

## Parish Weekly Activities

**March 4—March 11**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Location</b>
Sun.	3-4	9am	Faith Formation	Faith Formation Center	Classrooms
Mon.	3-5	5pm	Quilting	Parish Center	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
		<b>5pm</b>	<b>Prayer Shawl</b>	<b>Parish Center</b>	<b>Dining Room</b>
		<b>5-7pm</b>	<b>Confessions</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Confessional</b>
		6pm	Treasures	Parish Center	Back Porch
		6:30pm	Rosary	Parish Center	Prayer Room
		7pm	Faith Sharing	Parish Center	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
Tues.	3-6	9am	Quilting	Parish Center	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
Wed.	3-7	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Festival Choir</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Choir Loft</b>
Thurs.	3-8	9am	Quilting	Parish Center	2nd Floor
		<b>6pm</b>	<b>Family Choir</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Choir Loft</b>
Fri.	3-9	9am	Treasures	Parish Center	Parish Center
		<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Stations</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Church</b>
Sat.	3-10	<b>9-3pm</b>	<b>Women's Retreat</b>	<b>Parish Center</b>	<b>Dining Room</b>
		<b>1-3:30pm</b>	<b>Confessions</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Confessional</b>
Sun.	3-11	9am	Faith Formation	Faith Formation Center	Classrooms

Don't forget about the *Women's Society Cookbook*. Get your recipes ready. Forms can be found on the table in the vestibule near the Lady of the Lourdes. For more information call Nina at 570-825-6663 ext. 3 then 1.

### **Lenten Dinner Take Out/March 16**

Pick up time 5-7pm

Linguini & White Clam Sauce—\$12

Side Salad (lettuce, cucumbers, tomatoes) - \$4

Ranch or Italian Dressing

French Onion—\$4/pint

Cream of Potato Soup—\$4/pint or \$8/quart

All proceeds go directly to  
Bernardine Hall renovations.

Drop off at Office or in Collection Basket

**Catholic Men's Conference "Be A Man: Christ is Here, Come and See"** will take place May 5 at King's College, Scandlon Physical Education Center. Eucharistic Adoration with Rosary at 6am; Registration/Continental Breakfast at 7am. Conference main program 8-3pm. Register online at [www.beamanconference.com](http://www.beamanconference.com) or 570-207-2213.

### **Lenten Dinner Take Out/March 23**

Pick up time 5-7pm

Fish Dinner

Baked Fish, Scalloped Potatoes

Green Beans & Applesauce

\$15

All proceeds go directly to  
Bernardine Hall renovations.

Drop off at Office or in Collection Basket

### **Lent To-Go Order Form—Due by March 12**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Linguini Dinners \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Salads: \_\_\_\_\_ (circle) Ranch Italian

Number of French Onion Soups \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Potato Soups \_\_\_\_\_ Pint \_\_\_\_\_ Quart

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Pick up Time on March 16 \_\_\_\_\_

### **Lent To-Go Order Form—Due by March 19**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Dinners: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Pick up Time on March 23 \_\_\_\_\_

Checks payable to Saints Peter and Paul Church

### Saints Peter & Paul Spring Lottery Tickets

Awards will begin April 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>  
Prizes are \$25 Monday through Sat, \$100 on Sun.

\$300 on April 1 — Easter, May 20 - Pentecost and  
June 29—Feast of Saints Peter and Paul

Cost \$10. Anyone selling 25 or more will be entered into the  
\$50 Sellers drawing and  
10 or more into the \$10 Sellers drawing.

**Plains Senior Citizens** will meet Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at  
St. Dominic Church Hall, 155 Austin Avenue in the Parson  
section of Wilkes-Barre. For further information please  
contact Michael Boncheck at 570-823-2871.



### Calendar of Events

- Mar. 12 CTV Special "Our Faith, Our  
Diocese" "Ecumenism and  
Interfaith Relations"
- Mar. 27 4pm Chrism Mass  
Cathedral of Saint Peter
- Mar. 29 Catholic Light:  
"Role of Laity/Clergy Leaders:"

**Little Sisters of the Poor St. Patrick's Day Celebration and Dinner** on Sunday, March 11 at Holy Family Residence, 2500 Adams Ave, Scranton. The event will begin with Mass at 11am followed by dinner from 12-4pm in the auditorium. The menu includes ham and cabbage with potatoes and carrots, rolls and butter, vanilla ice cream with mint or chocolate syrup and beverage. Entertainment will follow. Tickets are \$12/ Adults and \$6/child. Tickets can be purchased by calling 570-343-4065 or at the door.

### Community Happenings

**Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church**, will hold Soup for the Souls Sale on March 8. Soup of the month is Vegetable Beef. Pickup time is 8am to 6pm. Cost is \$8. Pre orders are appreciated. For more information call, 570-825-6370.

**The Annual Solemn Novena to St. Joseph**, will begin on Saturday, March 10 at the Oblates of St. Joseph Chapel, Route 315. Masses are celebrated daily at 11am and 7pm followed by Novena prayers and individual blessing with the first class relic of St Joseph Marelo. Each Novena Mass is preceded by an opportunity for confessions and recitation of the Holy Rosary. The Fest will be celebrated on Monday, March 19 with Mass at 11am. His Excellency, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will be the principal celebrant and homilist.

**Catholic Choral Society** will present their annual Lenten Concerts. The first concert will be on Sunday March 11 at 3pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 116 Hughes St. Swoyersville and the second on Sunday, March 18 at 3pm at the Forest City Historical Museum. Concerts open to public. There will be a good will offering.

**The Catholic Charismatic Renewal** will hold a Mass with Prayers for Healing on Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at St. Mary's Church, 714 Hawthorne St., Avoca. Rosary will be recited at 6:30pm with prayers for healing. Refreshments will be served. Please come and join in the celebration of the Love of God.

**King's College Reginas' 2018 Penny Auction** will be held on Sunday, March 18 from 2-4pm. The auction will be held in the Snyder Room, Sheehy Farmer Center. \$2 admission includes refreshments. Household goods, gift baskets, gift certificates and much more! 50/50 drawing and door prizes. Proceeds benefit local students through The Reverend Clement J. Podskoch C.S.A.C. Scholarship.

**The Holy Name Society of St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Parish** will hold its ham and kielbasa bingo on Sunday, March 18 in the church hall. Doors open at noon, games start at 1pm. Admission is \$5 and includes baby cards. Specials and door prizes will be offered. The kitchen will be open. Soups, haluski, hot dogs & more!

**VIRTUS** will be held on March 19 at Misericordia University, Dallas. Session will take place in Mercy Hall, Room 200. To register and for directions, please contact Dr. Steve Broskoske at 570-674-6761 or sbroskos@misericordia.edu.



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

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

### **Mission Statement**

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

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

### **Mission Statement**

Saint Benedict

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



### **Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor**

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

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