

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

March 9 343 attended the 4pm Mass
225 Families used their envelopes and offered \$4,691

March 10 96 attended the 7:30am Mass
67 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,670

213 attended the 10am Mass

97 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,764

Tithe from

389 Families was \$8,125

Bernardine Bucks \$426

Ash Wednesday \$2,146

The Second Collection this weekend will be for

Bernardine Bucks

Next week's Collection will be for

Bernardine Bucks

Please be generous!!!

Saint Benedict Parish

429 Families receive envelopes

March 9 125 attended the 5:30pm Mass
93 Families used their envelopes and offered \$2,863

March 10 83 attended the 11:30am Mass
80 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,892

Tithe from

173 Families was \$4,755

Care and Education \$291

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

March 4	#659	Chief Joe Coyne
March 5	#837	James Cirko
March 6	#380	Caroline Yencha
March 7	#087	Johanna Casey
March 8	#196	Marie Brennan
March 9	#543	Bob Kaleta
March 10	#952	Sylvia Waskiewicz

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 **212** families in the amount of **\$44,927**

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

Word

A Time for Remembering

*"I remember the days of old, I think about all your deeds,
I meditate on the works of your hands." Psalm 143:5*

Lent is a time for remembering. It is the time to reflect and ask ourselves what we would be if God had closed his doors to us. What would we be without his mercy that never tires of forgiving us and always gives us the chance to begin anew? Lent is the time to ask ourselves where we would be without the help of so many people who in a thousand quiet ways have stretched out their hands and in very concrete ways given us hope and enabled us to make a new beginning? Lent is the time to open our hearts to the breath of the One capable of turning our dust into humanity. It is not the time to rend our garments before the evil all around us, but instead to make room in our life for all the good we are able to do. It is a time to set aside everything that isolates us, encloses us and paralyzes us.

What experience of God's love has most encouraged me to make a new beginning this Lent?

Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

Monday

Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22;

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday

Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday

Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

Friday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Visit the Holy Land This September

Father Jack is planning a trip, see him if you are interested



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.

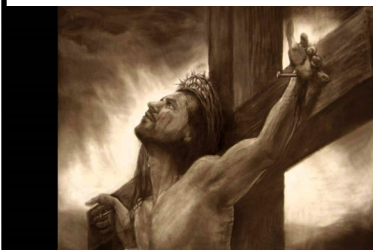


The Sunday Good News

Saint Benedict & Saints Peter & Paul

March 17, 2019

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



*All praise be yours,
God our Creator,
as we wait
in joyful hope for the
flowering of justice
and the fullness of peace.
By our weekly fasting
and prayer,
cast out
the spirit of war,
of fear and mistrust,
and make us grow
hungry
for human kindness,
thirsty
for solidarity
with all the people
of your dear earth.
May all our prayer,
our fasting,
and our deeds
be done
in the name of Jesus.
Amen*

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

God told Abram that he would give him the land of Egypt and his descendants would become a great people. Abram then made sacrifices to God, cutting them in half. A torch passed between the pieces, as a visible sign to Abram of God's promise.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17—4:1

Paul urges the Philippians to avoid becoming too interested in material possessions. He reminds them that their most important wealth is their faith in Jesus, which will lead them to eternal life.

Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

Jesus took Peter, John and James to a mountain to pray. When his clothes grew incredibly white, Moses and Elijah appeared. They spoke of the scripture he was to fulfill. Then a cloud came down and a voice said, "This is my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to him." The disciples who had seen Jesus' glory did not disclose this experience to anyone until much later.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Second Sunday of Lent March 17, 2019

"Brothers and sisters, join with others in being witnesses of me, and observe those who conduct themselves according to the model you have in us... but our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ."

Saint Paul had no trouble in encouraging others to follow his example, clearly saying 'do as I do, and do as I say.' Many would hesitate to offer such a directive.

The mount of transfiguration and Paul's witness can assist us in our commitment to Christ and the church, especially in these moments of scandal and discouragement. Paul knew what he was about and invited others to be part of his mission.

His invitation is extended to us, as we join with Peter, James, and John, to experience the love of the Father and His affirmation of His Son. We descend from the mountain aware of God's love and our ongoing journey to Calvary and resurrection.

Worship

We Remember

A Communion Service will be held on Monday at Saints Peter and Paul this week.

Masses at Saint Benedict this week

Tuesday	3-19	8am	Bernadine Bohn by Judy, Dave Dj & Jackie Nat Josephine Mindzek by Family
Wednesday	3-20	8am	Mary Seasock by Mr. & Mrs. Scott Seasock Mary Loomis by Husband
Thursday	3-21	8am	Antoinette Adesso by Car Odesso & Family Rosalie Splendido by Family
Friday	3-22	8am	Edward Bednar by Dolores Yesavida Agnes Zuber by Colleen Sweeney

Weekend Mass Schedule Saints Peter & Paul

Saturday	3-23	4pm	<i>Graduation Blessing</i> Lizzy Breznay by Family
Sunday	3-24	7:30am	Julia Pugh by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Naperski
		10am	Joseph Gronkowski by Wife & Children

Weekend Mass Schedule Saint Benedict

Saturday	3-23	5:30pm	Dorothy Oley by Parish
Sunday	3-24	11:30am	Living and Deceased Parishioners

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent
12:15pm —Saints Peter and Paul
7pm—Saint Benedict

The Light is on for You

Every Monday evening during Lent in
Saints Peter and Paul Church
5:30pm-7pm

Holy Thursday

April 18th

Saints Peter and Paul

Services - 7pm
Night Prayer - 10pm

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 14
Regular Schedule

Good Friday

April 19th
Saints Peter and Paul
Morning Prayer - 9am
Services - 1pm

Basket Blessing

April 20th

Saints Peter and Paul—Noon
Saint Benedict—1pm

Holy Saturday

April 20th

Saints Peter and Paul

Saints Peter and Paul Parish

Sanctuary Candle

Joseph & Julia Oley

Holy Family Votive

Edward & Elizabeth Glazenski

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 spring and summer 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.

St. Joseph Table will take place on this Tuesday, March 19th starting at 5pm. Anyone making soups can drop off at the Parish Office during the afternoon hours. A free will donation will be taken and donated to the Food Pantry as our way of sharing our blessings with those less fortunate.

All are welcome, hope to see you there!!!

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

Memorial Donation The following donations/memorials have recently been given to our parishes

Saints Peter and Paul Food Pantry

\$100 Anonymous

In Memory of Viola Rubbico

\$100 Penneastern Engineers LLC

\$50 George Sincavage

\$50 Michele & Armand Lepore

\$50 Eugene & Flora Boccolini

\$50 Catherine Rouse

\$25 Doris & Barry Romanowski

\$100 In Memory of Rose Walkowiak

by Joe & Lynn Marie Mocion

\$100 In Memory of Ann Marie Harrity

by US Probation Office

\$25 In Memory of Georgia Murray by Catherine Bonita

We thank all who have made memorial and free-will donations. May God bless you for your generosity. We will keep your intentions and loved ones in our prayers.

Upcoming Events - Save the Date!!!

Breakthrough Cinemark—April 7

Ravioli Making - April 27

Lions Spaghetti Dinner—April 30

First Holy Communion—May 4

Memorial Day Service - May 27

Confirmation—June 9

Stewardship Ministry Fair - September 7



Treasures, is Getting A New Home!!!

We are moving into the first floor in Benedict House (formerly the rectory at Saint Benedict). We will be reopened as soon as possible to service all of Plains, Parsons and Miners Mills areas. Hours to shop and drop off clothing will be Monday evenings from 6pm to 8pm and Friday mornings from 9am until noon. Stop by and check it out. Check the bulletin for the opening time!!!!

March/April Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
17 Lottery will be sold	18 Quilting 5pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Rosary 6:30pm Faith Sharing 7pm	19 Quilting 9am Saint Joseph Table 5pm Chess Club 6:30pm	20 Festival Choir 7pm	21 Quilting 9am Women's Society 6:30pm	22 Lent to Go—Haluski	23 Lottery will be sold
24 Lottery will be sold	25 Quilting 5pm Rosary 6:30pm Faith Sharing 7pm	26 Quilting 9am Chess Club 6:30pm Evening Reflection K of C—7pm	27 Festival Choir 7pm	28 Quilting 9am Finance 6pm	29 Lent to Go—Potato Pancakes	30 Women's Retreat 9am Lottery will be sold
31 Lottery will be sold	1 Quilting 5pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Rosary 6:30pm Faith Sharing 7pm Council of Catholic Women 6:30pm	2 Quilting 9am Chess Club 6:30pm	3 Festival Choir 7pm	4 Quilting 9am	5 Lent to Go—Fish	6
7 Breakthrough @Cinemark 1pm	8 Quilting 5pm Rosary 6:30pm Faith Sharing 7pm	9 Quilting 9am Chess Club 6:30pm	10 Festival Choir 7pm	11 Pastoral Council 6:30pm	12 Lent to Go—Potato Pancakes	13 Easter Egg Hunt 3pm

Are you a Crafter? Saints Peter and Paul joined with JoAnn Fabrics in a Non-Profit program. Make a purchase at JoAnn's and they'll give a percentage of your sale in credit to us. The proceeds will help the quilting group purchase material for the Annual Quilt Bingo. Pick up a JoAnn Plus card located in the back of the church and have them scan it each time you make a purchase. Thank you for all your help!!!!

An Evening of Reflection sponsored by the Wilkes-Barre Council 302 Knights of Columbus will be held on Tuesday, March 26 at 7pm in the Church Hall of Saint Benedict. Guest speaker will be Deacon Don Crane. Refreshments will be served. Open to all who would like to attend. Hope to see you there!!!!

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 and lunch will be provided. To register call Irene at 570-825-4464 before March 23rd.

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

Parish Cemeteries

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

For information contact the Parish Office.

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Gospel Today

Second Sunday of Lent | Luke 9:28b-36

On the mountain, Simon-Peter, James and John saw Jesus transform to a dazzling bright light, like the rays of the sun!

Year C

Upon seeing Jesus, Moses and Elijah, the apostles were filled with the light of faith.



Find and write here the missing letters not found in the sun...

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

Let our eyes be open to the light of God's power and love as we FOLLOW OUR FAITH FOR 40 DAYS.

God is my _____ and salvation!



Saints Peter and Paul

Annual Egg Hunt

will be held Saturday,

April 13th at 3pm in the Convent

Gardens. *across from the church*

Children afterwards are invited to a special Children's Mass where we will have additional treats & the Easter Bunny! All children of the parishes aged Pre-K-6th grade are invited. In case of inclement weather, the hunt will be held in Bernardine Hall.

Breakthrough @ Cinemark

A movie about a woman whose son drowns and is dead for almost 1 hr., the devastated mother begins to pray for a miracle and gets one when her son suddenly comes back to life. Grateful for this odd defying miracle her steadfast faith inspires those around her to continue to believe.

If we get 65 people to attend we will have a private viewing of the movie. In addition, a small popcorn and a small drink will be included in the price of \$20 admission. And a small donation will be given to Saints Peter and Paul Food Pantry. All interested in participating are asked to call the office at 570-825-6663.

Marriage Moments The Spring Equinox is Wed., March 20. What does this have to do with marriage? Well, since "equinox" is rooted in equality (the date that we have nearly equal light and dark) connect this with the tradition of spring cleaning. Consider cleaning together for an equal amount of time this week.

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

Community Happenings

Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Hanover Township, will hold a Fish Fry on Friday, March 22 from 3-7pm in the Church Hall. Meal is \$9 and includes fish, macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, stewed tomatoes and applesauce. There will be a child's mac & cheese dinner for \$2. For tickets or more information call or text 610-844-2382.

Choral Society Lenten Concerts will take place on Sunday, March 24 at 3pm at St. Patrick Church, 1403 Jackson St. Scranton and on Sunday, March 31 at 3pm at the First Congregational Church of Harford. The concerts are open to the public free of charge. A good will offering will be taken up.

The Reginas of Kings College will hold their annual Penny Auction on Sunday, March 24 from 2-4pm. The auction will be held in the Sheehy Farmer Center third floor. There is plenty of free parking on the campus grounds. Many beautiful prizes that have been donated by local businesses will be auctioned off. Tickets are \$2 and can be purchased at the door. Doors open at 1:30pm. Cost of ticket also includes light refreshments or you may prefer to bring your own treat. There will also be door prizes and a 50/50 drawing. All proceeds go to assist a local student through the Rev. Clement J. Podskoch Scholarship Fund.

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. Food and refreshments are ALL included. Horses will be able to be purchased before and during the event. This is an adult only event. If anyone wishes to sponsor a race (\$25) or donate prizes, or bake treats, please call Tom Havrilak at 570-287-7768.

Ladies of Mary Society of Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Buttonwood, are having a Pysanky Easter Egg Decorating Workshop on Saturday, March 30 at noon and Sunday, March 31 at 2pm. Cost is \$25 per person. Take home kits available for \$20. All supplies are provided, step by step instructions through the process, no experience necessary, food and beverage available for purchase. The event is BYOB. RSVP by March 11 by calling Nichole at 570-574-4453.

Twilight Bingo will be held on Sat., March 30 at 7pm in Immaculate Conception Church Hall, 601 Luzerne Ave., West Pittston. Ticket are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. (there will be 14 games with admission, 6 specials with additional cost) Prizes include Amazon Echo, 3 Tier Air Fryer/Oven, 10" Amazon Fire Tablet, Bose SoundLink Speakers and more!!! Cash prizes for specials

Designer Purse Bingo will be held at St. Maria Goretti on Saturday, April 6. Doors open at 11am and games begin at 1pm. Pre-sale admission is \$20 and \$25 at the door. Includes 20 games, extra games may be purchased. Food available.



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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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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