

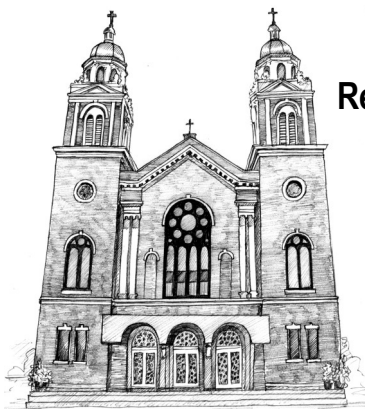
# Parish of Saints Peter and Paul

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**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](http://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 16** 309 attended the 4pm Mass  
221 Families used their envelopes and offered \$5,497

**March 17** 123 attended the 7:30am Mass  
70 Families used their envelopes and offered \$2,329

301 attended the 10am Mass

111 Families used their envelopes and offered \$3,518

*Tithe from*

402 Families was \$11,344

Bernardine Bucks \$510

*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 16** 130 attended the 5:30pm Mass  
115 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,548

**March 17** 82 attended the 11:30am Mass  
74 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,679

*Tithe from*

189 Families was \$3,227

*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 11	#852	Anna Mattei
March 12	#942	R. Saya
March 13	#455	Bernadine Benkoski
March 14	#472	Al Deller
March 15	#890	Jean Curtis
March 16	#166	Kathleen Pilconis
March 17	#676	Saints Peter and Paul

*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 to Choose*

*"No one can serve two masters; for a servant will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other."*

*Matthew 6:24*

*Jesus encourages his disciples to be faithful stewards of the goods that he has given us, even the earthly goods, but without "overdoing things" as if everything, even our salvation, depended only on us. This evangelical attitude requires a clear choice because "You cannot serve God and wealth." Either the Lord, or fascinating but illusory idols. This choice that we are called to make then has an impact on many of our actions, plans and commitments. It means choosing to act very clearly and to continually renew, because the temptation to reduce everything to money, pleasure and power is relentless. There are so many such temptations. While honoring these idols leads to tangible albeit fleeting results, choosing God and his kingdom does not always immediately bear fruit. It is a decision one takes in hope and which leaves the complete fulfillment to God. Christian hope is extended to the future fulfillment of God's promise and does not stop in the face of difficulty, because it is founded on God's faithfulness, which never fails. God is steadfast, a faithful father, a faithful friend and a faithful ally.*

*What most helps me to choose God and not wealth as my focus for living?*

### **Third Sunday of Lent**

#### **Sunday**

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

#### **Monday**

Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

#### **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

### **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

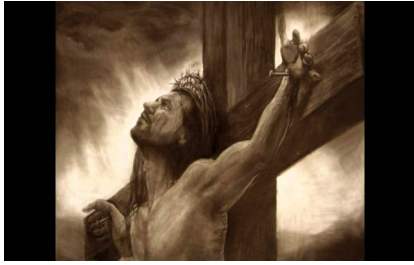
Confirmation will take place Sunday, June 9 at 5pm.



# The Sunday Good News

Saint Benedict & Saints Peter & Paul

March 24, 2019



*Kind Maker of the world,  
O hear the fervent Prayer,  
with many a tear  
Poured forth by all the penitent  
Who keep this holy fast of Lent  
Each heart is manifest to thee;  
Thou knowest our infirmity;  
Now we repent,  
and seek thy face;  
Grant unto us  
thy pardoning grace.*

*Spare us, O Lord, who now confess  
Our sins and all our wickedness,  
And, for the glory of thy Name  
Our weakened souls  
to health reclaim.*

*Give us the discipline that springs  
From abstinence  
in outward things  
With inward fasting, so that we  
In heart and soul  
may dwell with thee.*

*Grant, O thou blessed Trinity,  
Grant, O unchanging Unity,  
That this our fast of forty days  
May work our profit and thy  
praise.*

## First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

Moses came upon a burning bush, when God called out to him. God told Moses that he had seen the suffering of his people in Egypt, and intended to lead them from their captors to a land of milk and honey. Moses asked what he should say if the Israelites should ask what God wished to be called. God replied, "I am who am."

## Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Paul describes how the people were led into the desert by Moses, yet many of them were struck down by God. He warns that this should serve as an example not to give in to wicked desires or we may suffer the same downfall.

## Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Jesus says that an individual's misfortune does not mean that their sins were greater than someone else's. He warns that without repenting, all sinners will meet the same end. He tells of a barren fig tree whose owner planned to cut it down. But a servant offered to give it special care for one year, and destroy it should it remain barren. This symbolizes God's patience toward us.

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

### Third Sunday of Lent March 24, 2019

*"There an angel of the Lord appeared to Moses in fire flaming out of a bush. As he looked upon it he was surprised to see that the bush, though burning, was not consumed. So Moses decided, 'I must go over to see this remarkable sight, and see why the bush was not burned.' God called out to him from the bush, 'Moses, Moses'. He answered, 'Here I am'. God said, 'Come no nearer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground.'"*

The unexpected meeting of Moses with the Lord in the burning bush, reveals how God comes to us in a variety of forms, at different times, and in different places. Wondering who was present to record the 'conversation', we too are having our names called out in our Lenten journey. We too, like Moses, respond with a 'here I am.'

God had a plan to use Moses. He also has a plan for us. Our lent becomes a special moment to discern and discover God's plan for me in 2019. He calls and wishes to use us. How? That's His plan.

You don't have to remove your sandals for where you are standing now is holy ground. Unlike Moses, the Lord is calling us to come nearer on our journey with Jesus to Calvary.

## We Remember

# Worship

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

## Masses at Saints Peter and Paul this week

Monday	3-25	7am	<b>Communion Service</b>
Tuesday	3-26	7am	<b>Pagnotti Family</b> by Pagnotti Family <b>Rudolph F. Ciprich</b> by Monica Lessard
Wednesday	3-27	7am	<b>Swantko &amp; Sivilich Families</b> by Family <b>Patricia Kompinski</b> by Patricia Austin
Thursday	3-28	7am	<b>Helen &amp; Stanley Stanski</b> by Bernadine <b>Leonard Loomis</b> by Richard Loomis
Friday	3-29	7am	<b>Bernard &amp; Mary Orzechowski</b> by Daughter, Ann <b>Robert J. Schuster</b> by Bob & Mitchell & Family

## Weekend Mass Schedule Saints Peter & Paul

Saturday	3-30	4pm	<b>Rosemary Kuzminski</b> by Kim & Michelle Krulack
Sunday	3-31	7:30am	<b>Padegomus &amp; Kaniecki Families</b> by Margaret Mond
		10am	<b>Grace &amp; Michael Mack</b> by Cathy Mack

## Weekend Mass Schedule Saint Benedict

Saturday	3-30	5:30pm	<b>Adeline Van Scoy</b> by Emily Peterlin
Sunday	3-31	11:30am	<b>Living and Deceased Parishioners</b>

## 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 18<sup>th</sup>

Saints Peter and Paul

Services - 7pm  
Night Prayer - 10pm

### Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 14  
Regular Schedule

### Good Friday

April 19<sup>th</sup>  
Saints Peter and Paul  
Morning Prayer - 9am  
Services - 1pm

### Basket Blessing

April 20<sup>th</sup>

Saints Peter and Paul—Noon  
Saint Benedict—1pm

### Holy Saturday

April 20<sup>th</sup>  
8pm

Saints Peter and Paul

## Saints Peter and Paul Parish Sanctuary Candle

*Swantko & Sivilich Families*

### Lady of Lourdes

*Tomasetti Family*

## Saint Benedict Parish Sanctuary Candle

*Sophia Barna*

### Holy Family Votive

*Joe Segeda*



# 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.



**Treasures**, moved into the first floor in Benedict House (formerly the rectory at Saint Benedict) Hours to shop and drop off clothing will be Monday evenings from 6pm to 8pm and Friday mornings from 10am until noon. **Treasure will reopen April 1st!!!**

### 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 Zirnhelt, Council of Catholic Women  
Kathy Grinaway, Hospitality  
Donna Mansfield, Hospitality



### New Tradition — Ravioli

A meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 27 at 6pm for anyone interested in planning the production of the Raviolis.

Saints Peter and Paul will be making Ravioli on Saturday, April 27 starting at 9am.

No experience necessary, will be shown!!!

Can use help from everyone,  
(Men, women and children alike).

Pre order will be taken (form to be inserted at a later date).



### Saints Peter and Paul Annual Egg Hunt

will be held Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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

## March/April Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24 <b>Lottery will be sold</b>	25 Quilting 5pm Rosary 6:30pm Faith Sharing 7pm	26 Quilting 9am Chess Club 6:30pm <b>Evening Reflection K of C—7pm</b>	27 <b>Festival Choir 7pm</b>	28 Quilting 9am <b>Finance 6pm</b>	29 <b>Lent to Go— Potato Pancakes</b>	30 <b>Women's Retreat 9am Lottery will be sold</b>
31 <b>Lottery will be sold</b>	1 Quilting 5pm <b>Prayer Shawl 5pm</b> Rosary 6:30pm Faith Sharing 7pm <b>Council of Catholic Women 6:30pm</b>	2 Quilting 9am Chess Club 6:30pm	3 <b>Festival Choir 7pm</b>	4 Quilting 9am	5 <b>Lent to Go—Fish</b>	6
7 <b>Breakthrough @Cinemark 1pm</b>	8 Quilting 5pm Rosary 6:30pm Faith Sharing 7pm	9 Quilting 9am Chess Club 6:30pm	10 <b>Festival Choir 7pm</b>	11 <b>Food Pantry Prep Pastoral Council 6:30pm</b>	12 <b>Food Pantry 9am Lent to Go— Potato Pancakes</b>	13 <b>Easter Egg Hunt 3pm</b>
14 <b>Palm Sunday</b>	15 Quilting 5pm <b>Prayer Shawl 5pm</b> Rosary 6:30pm Faith Sharing 7pm	16 Quilting 9am Chess Club 6:30pm	17 <b>Festival Choir 7pm</b>	18 <b>Holy Thursday</b>	19 <b>Good Friday Office Closed</b>	20 <b>Holy Saturday</b>



### **Pasta Dinner**

Help Plains Lions Feed the Children by filling the Food Pantries of Plains

Tuesday, April 30, 2019 from 4:30-7pm

in Saints Peter and Paul Bernardine Hall. Eat In or Take Outs available. For tickets call 570-824-6323. Price for Adults is \$8 Children under 12—\$5 and free to children under 5.

*HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE !!!!*



### **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.

**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!!!!

### **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

Third Sunday of Lent | Luke 13:1-9

The parable uses a barren fruit tree to help us understand God's patience and love for His creation. Given the proper nurturing, unfruitful people can again become pleasing to God.

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This tree has no fruit. It can be home to birds & animals, but it is capable of so much more! It just needs to be nurtured.

*Nurture: to feed, nourish, train, educate, cultivate*



Jesus believes in us, is willing to give us another chance. We need to say we are sorry for not always doing the best we can.

Thank Jesus for His forgiveness & faith in us as we

**FOLLOW OUR FAITH FOR 40 DAYS.**

**Draw fruit and leaves on the tree.**

**Add any fruit that would be good to eat.**

Example: apples, oranges, peaches, pears, figs. Don't forget to add a bird to the nest!

Now the tree represents people — ready to share & give good things to others. **What can people give others that trees can't give?** Example: a hug

## Parenting Pointers

We're in the middle of Lent. How has abstaining from something (meat, deserts, gossip, etc.) or doing something extra strengthened you? Has it made any difference yet? Ask your kids how their Lenten commitment is going? It's not too late to refresh, renew and reboot. *Susan Vogt*

## Rosary Repair

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

## Marriage Moments

There are many messages to be understood in the story of the Woman at the Well (John 4:5-42) - the role of women, the importance of hydration, what qualifies a person as a true husband, the woman being sent as a disciple to proclaim the Christ... Pick one and discuss it together.

## 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

**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.

**Gozkie Zale**, a traditional Polish Bitter Lamentations, will be held Sunday, April 7 at 3pm at Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church, 420 Main Road, Buttonwood. The parish community invites everyone to this Lenten Service. A light reception will follow in the church hall. For further information or directions call 570-823-6242

**Bold Choices Retreat** (Finding Your Passion and Living It Fully) Join us for a young adult (18-35) retreat at Saint Gabriel's Retreat Center, Clarks Summit April 12-13. The 24 hour retreat includes presentations and interactive sessions on prayer, making choices based in faith, finding your passion, the art of discernment, small group discussion & more. Cost is \$65. For more information and/or to register, visit [vocations.dioceseofscranton.org](http://vocations.dioceseofscranton.org) or call 570-207-1452.

**The Ladies of Charity of the Diocese of Scranton** cordially invites all women to join them at the Annual Day of Enrollment, April 27th at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, W-B, as they serve those in need of material and spiritual assistance. Just one hour a month can make a big difference in the lives of so many and you will find great satisfaction in doing God's Will. Doors open at 10, confessions will be 10:15-10:45, Rosary will be recited at 10:30am. Luncheon will follow Liturgy. For more information call Barb at 570-474-5531.



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

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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**

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