

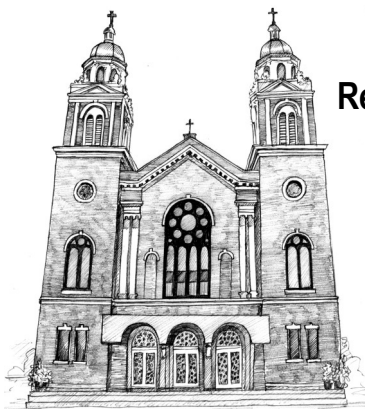
Parish of Saints Peter and Paul

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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 30 322 attended the 4pm Mass
207 Families used their envelopes and offered \$4,000.

March 31 120 attended the 7:30am Mass
92 Families used their envelopes and offered 1,639

257 attended the 10am Mass

148 Families used their envelopes and offered \$3,029

Tithe from

447 Families was \$8,668

Catholic Relief Services \$627

The Second Collection this weekend at SsPP will be for
Care and Education of Priest

Next week's Collection at SsPP will be for

Bernardine Bucks

Please be generous!!!

Saint Benedict Parish

429 Families receive envelopes

March 30 131 attended the 5:30pm Mass
80 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,657

March 31 107 attended the 11:30am Mass
90 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,231

Tithe from

170 Families was \$ 2,888

Catholic Relief Services \$156

Thank you for your continued generous Support !

Online Giving is now available for your convenience.
Forms can be found in the vestibule of both churches.

Please fill out , attach a VOIDED CHECK
and return to the parish Office to sign up.

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 25	#301	Ernest Bettelli
March 26	#621	Michael Szymansky
March 27	#746	Sandra Molitoris
March 28	#747	Mia Wanyo
March 29	#798	Michael Bedrin
March 30	#894	Kevin O'Connor
March 31	#766	Kathy Vinciarelli

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 **218** families in the amount of **\$45,465**.

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

Word

A Time to Be Forgiveness

"We had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found."

Luke 15:32

Jesus' parable of the prodigal son and the loving father presents the true face of God, who with open arms deals with sinners with tenderness and compassion. The parable manifests the infinite love of God who enfolds in a close embrace the son who has been found. The path to return home is the path of hope and new life. God always expects us to resume our journey, awaiting us with patience, seeing us when we are still a long way off, running to meet us, embracing us, kissing us, forgiving us. That is how God our Father is. God's forgiveness cancels the past and regenerates us in love. When God embraces us, God forgives us and forgets the past. When we convert and let ourselves be re-encountered by God, reproach and sternness do not await us, because God saves and welcomes us home again with joy and prepares a feast. This fills us with a great hope because there is no sin into which we may have fallen, from which, with the grace of God, we cannot rise up again. There is never a person who can't be recovered. No one is irrecoverable because God never stops wanting our good—even when we sin!

When have I most experienced God's forgiveness and loving mercy?

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday

Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14;
Jn 8:1-11

Monday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30,
33-62 or 13:41c-62;
Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday

Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn
8:31-42

Thursday

Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday

Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday

Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56



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

April 7, 2019

The
Season
of
Lent



*Loving Father,
help me
to live a simple
and noble life.
Grant
that I may have
the blessedness
that comes through peace,
and escape
the misery
that comes from cruelty
and untruth.
Through my life
may what I reap
show
that I have been careful
in choosing
and cultivating
what I have sown.
Amen*

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

God says not to remember the events from long ago, but to focus on the things he plans to do next. He also claims he will again help his chosen people when they need him.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14

Paul describes knowledge of Jesus as more important than knowledge of the Old Law. He wishes to share in the power of Jesus' resurrection, and speaks of concentrating on the finish line of the race with salvation as the prize to be won.

Gospel: John 8:1-11

Jesus preached forgiveness of sin, but in the old law those accused of adultery were to be stoned. So the Pharisees tried to trap Jesus and brought a woman accused of adultery to him, asking him what he would do to her. Jesus asked that one without sin cast the first stone, and then all of the elders left. Jesus told the woman that he did not condemn her, but warned her to avoid such sin in the future.

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent April 7, 2019

"I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him... but I continue my pursuit in hope that I may possess it, since I have indeed been taken possession of by Christ Jesus."

We measure so many things in life under the banner of profit and loss. I look for a bargain, I go out of my way when something is on sale, even when I don't need it. How shocking it is as I read Paul, as he speaks of rubbish what many consider of great value.

Paul teaches us that what really matters is knowledge of Christ Jesus, not just knowing about Him, but having a personal relationship with Him. There is nothing as important as knowing Jesus, His great love for me, and His redeeming sacrifice, as we draw closer to Holy Week. May we make an extra effort to be freed from possessions and be possessed by Him.

Worship

We Remember

A Communion Service will be held at Saint Benedict this week.

Masses at Saints Peter and Paul this week

Monday	4-9	7am	Communion Service
Tuesday	4-9	7am	James Brice by Nancy & Bill O'Donnell Carlo Adesso by Gloria Flynn
Wednesday	4-10	7am	Margaret Janerich by Daughters Stephen Mirowski by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Ornoski
Thursday	4-11	7am	Lena Spagnuolo by Mary Drew Bill McDermott by McDermott Family
Friday	4-12	7am	Binker Family by Mary Drew Joan S. Reese by Joseph Davis

Weekend Mass Schedule Saints Peter & Paul

Saturday	4-13	4pm	Julia Oley (A) by Bob & Fran Toole
Sunday	4-14	7:30am 10am	Deborah & Richard Pokrifka by Mr. & Mrs. Scott Seasock Alex & Anna Waskie by David & Mary Ann Yonki

Weekend Mass Schedule Saint Benedict

Saturday	4-13	5:30pm	Mary Seasock by Mr. & Mrs. Scott Seasock
Sunday	4-14	11:30am	Joseph & Violet Mond by Daughter



Palm Sunday
Sunday, April 14
Regular Schedule



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

Holy Thursday
April 18th

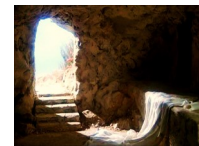
Saints Peter and Paul
Services - 7pm
Night Prayer - 10pm



Basket Blessing
April 20th
Saints Peter and Paul—Noon
Saint Benedict—1pm



Holy Saturday
April 20th
8pm
Saints Peter and Paul



Easter Sunday
April 21st
Regular Sunday Schedule

Saints Peter and Paul Parish

Lady of Lourdes

Edward & Mary Mido

Sanctuary Candle

Joseph E. Canterini

Holy Family Votive

Joseph 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

For the month of *April* will be collecting **Canned Soups**.

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.

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

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent

12:15pm —Saints Peter and Paul

7pm—Saint Benedict

The Light is on for You

Monday evenings April 8 & 15

Saints Peter and Paul Church

5:30pm-7pm

Upcoming Events - Save the Date!!!

Lions Spaghetti Dinner—April 30

First Holy Communion—May 4

Memorial Day Service - May 27

Confirmation—June 9

Stewardship Ministry Fair - September 7



Saints Peter and Paul & St. Benedict's Annual Egg

Hunt will be held Sat, April 13th at 3pm in the Convent Gardens. *across from the Saints Peter & Paul church* Children afterwards are invited to a special Children's Mass @ 4pm where we will have additional treats & the Easter Bunny! Children of the parishes aged Pre-K-6th grade are invited. In case of inclement weather, the hunt will be held in Bernardine Hall. Interested in donating money or candy, please see the office or drop in basket.



Ravioli Making will be made on Sat., April 27 starting at 9am. No experience necessary, will be shown!!! Can use help from everyone, (Men, women and children alike). Anyone who wishes to pre-order please use the form below and submit payment to office.

Ravioli Pre Order Form

Name: _____

Phone: _____

No of Dozens _____

x \$15.00 per dozen

\$ _____ enclosed

April Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7	8 Quilting 5pm Prayer Shawl 5pm <i>Treasures 6pm</i> Rosary 6:30pm Faith Sharing 7pm	9 Quilting 9am Chess Club 6:30pm	10 Festival Choir 7pm	11 Quilting 9am Food Pantry Prep Pastoral Council 6:30pm	12 <i>Treasures 10am</i> Food Pantry 9am Lent to Go— Potato Pancakes Palm Pick up 3-5	13 Easter Egg Hunt 3pm <i>Palm Pick up 3-6:30</i>
14 Palm Sunday	15 Quilting 5pm Prayer Shawl 5pm <i>Treasures 6pm</i> Rosary 6:30pm Faith Sharing 7pm	16 Quilting 9am Chess Club 6:30pm	17 Festival Choir 7pm	18 Holy Thursday Office closes at Noon	19 Good Friday Office Closed	20 Holy Saturday
21 Easter Sunday	22 Office Closed	23 Quilting 9am Chess Club 6:30pm	24 Festival Choir 7pm	25 Quilting 9am	26 <i>Treasures 10am</i>	27 Ravioli Making 9am
28 Divine Mercy Sunday	29 Quilting 5pm Prayer Shawl 5pm <i>Treasures 6pm</i> Rosary 6:30pm	30 Quilting 9am Chess Club 6:30pm Spaghetti Diner 4:30-7pm	1	2 Quilting 9am	3 <i>Treasures 10am</i>	4

Circle of Prayer

Many of us need the prayers of a
praying faith community. To request
prayers or to join our circle of prayer
please contact Mary Jo Marek at

570-825-6969.



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.

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.

Saints Peter and Paul Finance Committee

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Charlotte Dominick, Secretary
Gerald Cross, Capital Budget Chairman
Maryann Kropiewnicki, Revenue Coordinator
Tony Dente, On-Line Giving Coordinator
Cheryl Woloski, Internal Audit and
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Tracy Schooley, Human Resources

Saint Benedict Finance Committee

Steve Yenchak, Chairman
Tom Kozerski
Jodi Gunari
Ed Yenchak

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Gospel Today
Fifth Sunday of Lent | John 8:1-11

The gospel reminds us to think about our own behaviors and not talk about the faults or sins of people in our community.

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Love, mercy and forgiveness

are shown to the woman in the gospel - let's practice being more like Jesus, and **forgive** anyone who has hurt or wronged us, as we: **FOLLOW OUR FAITH FOR 40 DAYS.**



Write the letters below that are missing from the milkshake...

Unscramble the letters and fill in the blank below to finish the lesson for today.

Jesus asks us to

one another.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month
Ten tips for protecting children and offering outreach to Victims/Survivors.

1. Sexual abuse is about the victim.

Many people are affected by abuse but the individual most Impacted is the victim who has suffered a violation of trust that can affect his or her entire life.

2. The residual effects of having been abused can last a lifetime.

The sense of violation goes deep into a person's psyche and feelings of anger, shame, hurt and betrayal can build long after the abuse has taken place. Those who have been abused can heal, but it often takes time, therapy, and the support of loved ones.

3. No one has the right to have access to children

No one, no matter who they are, has an automatic right to be around children who are in the care of the Church without proper screening and without following the rules.

4. Common Sense is not all that common.

Diocese, schools, parishes and especially families, must educate themselves and others on how to protect children.

5. Child Sexual abuse can be prevented.

It is critical to build safety barriers around children and young people to keep them from harm—such as protective

guardians, codes of conduct, background evaluations, policies and procedures and safety training programs.

6. **Feeling heard leads toward healing.** *Relief from hurt and anger often comes when one feels heard, when one's pain and concerns are taken seriously, and a victim/survivor's suffering, pain and anger are acknowledged.*
7. **You cannot always predict who will be an abuser.** *Experience shows that most abuse is committed by someone who has gained the trust of a victim/survivor and his/her family.*
8. **There are behavioral warning signs of child abusers.** *Some abusers isolate a potential victim by giving him or her undue attention or lavish gifts, others allow young people to participate in activities which their parents or guardians would not approve, such as watching pornography, drinking alcohol, using drugs and excessive touching, such as wrestling and tickling.*
9. **People can be taught to identify grooming behavior.** *Grooming behaviors are the actions which abusers take to project the image that they are kind, generous, caring people, while their intent is to lure a minor into an inappropriate relationship. Offenders can be patient and may groom their victim, his or her family, or community for years.*
10. **Background checks are important.** *Background checks in churches, schools and other organizations keep predators away from children both because they scare off some predators and because they uncover past actions which should ban an adult from working or volunteering with children.*

Community Happenings

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 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.

Saint Ignatius's Mary's Ministry is hosting a trip to the Pines Dinner Theatre in Allentown for the matinee performance of "Rock Around the Clock" on Thursday, June 27. Head back to the malt shop and relive the days of juke boxes, bobby socks, soda fountains and that glorious music. Departing from St. Ann's Chapel parking lot at 10:30am for the luncheon and matinee performance. Return about 5:30pm. Contact Elaine at 570-288-3564, ASAP for menu, details and to reserve your seat. Cost is \$85. Checks made payable to St. Ignatius Loyola (memo Pines). Deadline is April 24.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Community/Share Group The Diocese of Scranton is happy to announce a Community/Share Group opportunity in the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre area for couples who have participated in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. The purpose of the Group is to provide ongoing support for marital relationship and family life. The Group meets regularly, usually on a monthly basis. A presentation is given, followed by a 10/10 and optional sharing. The meeting ends with a prayer, socializing and refreshments. Please call or email Joanie Walsh at 719-339-9970 or joaniewalsh528@hotmail.com with questions or to express interest.

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



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

Saints Peter and Paul

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