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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

1204 Families receive envelopes

March 31 369 attended the 8pm Mass

91 Families used their envelopes and offered \$2,205

April 1 331 attended the 8am Mass

142 Families used their envelopes and offered \$2,645

April 1 578 attended the 10am Mass

191 Families used their envelopes and offered \$3,560

Tithe from

424 Families was \$8,410

Holy Thursday \$2,135

Holy Lands (Good Friday) \$1,296

Easter \$15,420

Saint Benedict Parish

560 Families receive envelopes

April 1 208 attended the 8am Mass

111 Families used their envelopes and offered \$2,222

April 1 230 attended the 10 am Mass

77 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,466

Tithe from

188 Families was \$3,688

Holy Thursday \$1,103

Holy Lands (Good Friday) \$428

Easter \$5,475

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

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL LOTTERY

3-26	#156	Michael Wanyo
3-27	#851	Mary Jo Marek
3-28	#629	Michael Pehala
3-29	#648	Chief Joe Coyne
3-30	#430	Larry Waxmonski
3-31	#978	Rob Sax
4-1	#064	Food Pantry—Sheehans

Congratulations to all !!!

Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Sunday

Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

Monday

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

Tuesday

Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday

Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday

Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

Friday

Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday

Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21

Saints Peter and Paul & Saint Benedict

Last Day of Faith Formation is April 29, 2018

The month of April is designated as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" It is a time for celebrating the joy of parenthood. In recognition of this event, we offer daily suggestions for activities that can enhance the parent/child bond.

April 8	Visit your church
April 9	Read a book together
April 10	Recognize a child's accomplishment
April 11	Put a note in your child's book bag
April 12	Teach your child a new sport
April 13	Ask your child to teach you something new
April 14	Watch a favorite movie
April 15	Teach your child a new prayer

The Sunday Good News

Saint Benedict & Saints Peter & Paul

April 8, 2018



*O Most Trinity!
As many times as I breathe,
as many times
as my heart beats,
as many times
as my blood pulsates
through my body,
so many thousands times
do I want to glorify
Your mercy.*

*I want to be
completely transformed
into Your mercy
and to be
Your living reflection,
O Lord.*

*May the greatest
of all divine attributes,
that of Your
unfathomable mercy,
pass through my heart
and soul to my neighbor.*

*Help me, O Lord,
that my eyes
may be merciful,
so that I may never suspect
or judge from appearances,
but look for what
is beautiful
in my neighbors' soul and
come to their rescue.*

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

This passage describes the actions of the first community of Christians. They were of "one heart and one mind." They had no rich or poor among them, for they shared all necessary items with one another.

Second Reading: I John 5:1-6

John explains that we become God's children by believing in Jesus. When we love God and concern ourselves only with pleasing God, our faith is strong enough to conquer the evil in our world.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Jesus appeared to the disciples despite locked doors, breathed on them so that they could receive the Holy Spirit, and gave them the power to forgive sins in his name. Thomas, who was not present, refused to believe without seeing Jesus for himself. Jesus appeared again when Thomas was present, and told him, "Blest are they who have not seen and have believed."

His Word Today by Rev. William J. Reilly

Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)

April 8, 2018

"In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey His commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith...Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'"

One day a sign outside a church read 'God gave us commandments, they are not suggestions.' As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, we are well aware of the Lord's desire to give us His peace, to offer us His mercy. There are two requirements for this to happen, 1. We ask for His gift of peace and pardon and 2. We acknowledge our dependence upon the Lord to be so blessed.

The ten commandments of Exodus were the requirement of the covenant. The great commandment of Jesus, love of God and neighbor allows me to focus more clearly on what I need to do. In both cases I must act. The question 'how well am I doing?' is answered when I look at the beatitudes of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount to discover that I am poor in spirit, meek, humble, working for justice, being a peacebuilder. Yes, love the children of God and keep His commandments.

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 **April** will be collecting **Peanut Butter**. 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 turning 1! Thank you to our Parish Families for your donations and support. We look forward to another year of serving our community. Please stop by Treasures Monday evening, 6-8pm or Friday mornings 9-noon. Come Celebrate our Anniversary month with us!

The Heritage Knights of Columbus Council of Greater Pittston—President John F. Kennedy #372—presents The Opioid Fact Forum. The event will take place on Thursday, April 19th at the Pittston Memorial Library from 6:30 to 8pm. Carmen Ambrosino, a Drug and Alcohol Specialist for 4 decades will moderate. Panelists will include Carol Coolbaugh, Community Education Advocate and mother who will discuss the loss of her son. Judge Michael Vough will take you through a day in his Court room. Coroner William Lisman will present his all too frequent role as the final destination for those afflicted with Opioids. The goal of this forum is to present information on what happens to families of faith when Opioids are abused. This impactful, hard hitting event is FREE and light refreshments will be served. Mark your calendar, April 19th, 6:30 to 8pm.

Mass Intentions

We Remember

A Communion Service will be held at Saint Benedict at 8am Tuesday—Friday

Masses at Saints Peter and Paul this week

M	4-9	7am	Communion Service
T	4-10	7am	Communion Service
W	4-11	7am	Communion Service
Th	4-12	7am	Communion Service
F	4-13	7am	Mary Orzechowski by Daughter, Ann & Son, Jim Bernadine Zula Macijczak by Warren Family

Weekend Mass Schedule Saints Peter & Paul

S	4-14	4pm	Pisack & Cantor Families
	4-15	10am	Living/Deceased Parishioners

Weekend Mass Schedule Saint Benedict

S	4-14	5:30pm	Mary Ann Dechman by Kim Zurla
	4-15	8am	Barry Kresge by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Sax

Don't forget about the **Saints Peter and Paul Parish Cookbook**. Get your recipes ready. Forms can be found on the table in the vestibule. For more information call Nina at 570-825-6663 ext. 3 then 1.

Save the Date—Upcoming Parish Events

Saints Peter and Paul in Bernardine Hall

Sunday, September 16—First Annual Purse Bingo 1pm
Sunday, October 7—Annual Quilt Bingo 1pm
Saturday, December 22—Christmas Cookie Sale 2pm
more information will be in future bulletins

Saints Peter and Paul Parish

Sanctuary Candle

Julia & Joseph Oley & Sons

Holy Family Votive

Edward Johnson

Saint Benedict Parish

Sanctuary Candle

Joseph Ornoski

Parish Weekly Activities

April 8—April 15

Day	Date	Time	Activity	Building	Location
Sun.	4-8	9am 12:30pm	Faith Formation Divine Mercy	Faith Formation Center Church	Classrooms Church
Mon.	4-9	5pm 5pm 6pm 6:30pm 7pm	Quilting Prayer Shawl Treasures Rosary Faith Sharing	Parish Center Parish Center Parish Center Parish Center Parish Center	2 nd Floor Dining Room Parish Center Prayer Room 2 nd Floor
Tues.	4-10	9am	Quilting	Parish Center	2 nd Floor
Thurs.	4-12	9am	Quilting	Parish Center	2nd Floor
Fri	4-13	9am	Treasures	Parish Center	Parish Center
Sun.	4-15	9am	Faith Formation	Faith Formation Center	Classrooms

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 8, 2018

Begins at 12:30 with

Confessions, prayers and Rosary

before the Divine Mercy Image



Divine Mercy Mass at 1:30pm

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski D.D. Celebrant

Bishop of Springfield

(The home of The National Shrine of the Divine Mercy)



Calendar of Events

April 9-12	Diocesan Clergy Convocation
April 17 7pm	Bishop's Youth Award Mass Cathedral of Saint Peter
April 18 10am	Regional School's Mass St. John Neumann System, St. Boniface
April 19 7pm	Bishop's Youth Award Mass Cathedral of Saint Peter
April 21 4pm	Diocesan Catholic School Alumni Mass Cathedral of Saint Peter
April 22 5pm	World Day of Prayer for Vocations St. Joseph the Worker Parish , Church of the Annunciation
April 25 5pm	Celebration of Confirmation Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (Dunmore)
May 3 5pm	Celebration of Confirmation Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace
May 5	Diocese of Scranton Men's Conference King's College

Meetings Held at Saint Benedict's Church Hall

Mon, April 9th - Council of Catholic Women 6:30pm
Wed, April 18th - Plains Senior Citizens Noon
Thus, April 19th - Parson/MinersMill CrimeWatch 6pm

Memorial Donations to Saints Benedict

In Memory of Robert Kompinski
\$70 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Kompinski
\$10 Mr. Leonard Carlin

*Thanks to all who helped
provide the food for the Lenten Dinners
and to all who supported the dinners !!!*

Mother's Day Craft Sunday, April 29

After Faith Formation child/children will attend the 10am Mass and then go to Bernardine Hall for an activity Cost is \$10 per child. Pick up children at 1pm. Children pre-K to 6th grade are welcome. \$10 includes drink, snack, lunch & craft supplies. Call Nina at 570-825-6663, 3 then 1 to register

Community Happenings

Holy Redeemer High School announces its Art Show, Spring Concert and Senior Waltz on Sat., April 14 and Sun, April 15 in McCarthy Auditorium. Art Show begins at 6pm and Concert/Waltz at 7pm. Ticket donation adults \$5 Senior Citizens/Student \$3

VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children for Adults Program will take place on April 19 at King's College Campus. To register email [stephenlamendola @kings.edu](mailto:stephenlamendola@kings.edu)

Amazing Grace Retreat at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Brodheadsville on Sat., April 21 from 9-2:30pm. Free will offering—bring your own lunch.

The Little Sisters of the Poor are sponsoring a bus trip to Sights & Sound Theatre to see "Jesus" on Tuesday, May 15. The bus will leave at 7:30am from Holy Family Residence, 2500 Adams Ave, Scranton, and return to the residence at 7pm. The cost is \$105 per person which includes transportation via a video bus with an onboard restroom, light refreshments served on the bus and a balcony section ticket. All guest must be able to walk from the parking lot to the theatre. To make reservations please call Jackie Galvin at 570-343-4065 by Tuesday, April 17.

The Wyoming Valley Barbershop Harmony Chorus will present, "Radio Time Machine", Sat, May 19th at the Kirby Center for Creative Arts on the Campus of Wyoming Seminary, Kingston. Doors open at 6:45pm; preshow at 7pm; show at 7:30pm General admission \$15 for tickets call 570-285-4810 or Jim -570-822-9756.

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 dioceseofscranton.org/catholic-womens-conference.

“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