Parish of Saints Peter and Paul

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Office Hours Saturday and Sunday by appointment

Saints Peter and Paul/Saint Benedict Monday through Friday 8am-4pm Office closed daily Noon—12:30pm

Reverend John C. Lambert, M.S.W. Pastor

email: pastor@sspeterandpaulplains.com

> Deacon Don Crane Permanent Deacon

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

Welcome



Confession By appointment anytime

Saints Peter and Paul Daily 6:30am-6:45am Saturday 3pm-3:30pm

Saint Benedict after the 5:30pm Mass

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

Parish of Saint Benedict

155 Austin Ave Wilkes-Barre, PA 18705 Parish Web: <u>www.stbenedictwb.org</u>

Sunday Stewards

<u>Saints Peter and Paul Parish</u>

1039 Families receive envelopes

April 6293 attended the 4pm Mass205 Families used their envelopes and offered \$2,469April 7112 attended the 7:30am Mass90 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,559261 attended the 10am Mass

137 Families used their envelopes and offered \$2,366 Tithe from

432 Families was \$6,394 Care and Education of Priest \$1,021

The Second Collection this weekend at SsPP will be for **Bernardine Bucks** Next week's Collection at SsPP will be for **Bernardine Bucks** Please be generous!!!

<u>Saint Benedict Parish</u>

429 Families receive envelopes April 6 131 attended the 5:30pm Mass 101 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,722 April 7 107 attended the 11:30am Mass 96 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,567 Tithe from 197 Families was \$3,289 Care and Education of Priest \$299

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.

Bernardine Hall Renovation Fund

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

April 1	#744 Saints Peter and Paul				
April 2	#647	Pat Wychock			
April 3	#350	Courtney Bedrin			
April 4	#258	Mary Drew			
April 5	#029	Nancy Forbes			
April 6	#981	Matthew Jones			
April 7	#602	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

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 Follow Jesus

"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me." Luke 9:23

Holy week begins with the festive procession with olive branches as all the people welcome Jesus. But this week continues to the mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection. But what does living Holy Week mean to us? What does following Jesus on his journey to Calvary on his way to the cross and the resurrection mean? In his earthly mission Jesus walked the roads of the holy land. He called 12 regular people to stay with him, to share his journey and to continue his mission. He chose them from among the people full of faith in God's promises. He spoke to all without distinction: the great and the lowly, the rich young man and the poor widow, the powerful and the weak. He brought God's mercy and forgiveness. He healed, comforted, understood, gave hope, brought to all the presence of God who cares for every man and every woman, fust as a good father and a good mother care for each one of their children. God does not wait for us to go to him but it is he who moves towards us, without calculation, without quantification. That is what God is like. God always takes the first step, God comes towards us.

What cross might Jesus be asking me to take up now in my life?

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Sunday

Lk 19:28-40; ls 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14— 23:56 or 23:1-49

Monday

Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday

ls 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday

Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday

Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14;

1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday

ls 52:13—53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday

Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26 -31a; Gn 22:1-18 or

22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ex 14:15—15:1; Is 54:5-14;

ls 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32— 4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28;

Rom 6:3-11; Lk 24:1-12



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 14, 2019



Lord God, *I give you thanks* for you are good and your mercy is endless. Here I stand at the start of this holy week This week in which your church remembers Jesus' passion and death And I am distracted by many things *Turn my eyes* now to the One who comes in your name The one who opens the gates of righteousness *Open my eyes that I may* see him coming And may praise him with a pure heart And may walk in the way of his suffering And share in his resurrection.

Amen

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Isaiah describes an individual who had been taught by God to reach out to others. He also describes this individual's willingness to be beaten and spit upon, secure that with God's help, he will not be disgraced.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Paul discusses how Jesus did not declare equality with God, but took on human form. He humbled himself enough to accept dying on the cross. God in turn exalted him and wants us to respect Jesus' name and worship him.

Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56

Luke gives a detailed account of Jesus' last supper with the apostles, where Jesus tells them he will soon suffer in fulfillment of God's will. Then Jesus prayed that he might be spared if it suited God's will. After Judas betrayed Jesus, he was arrested. Although Pilate did not think Jesus was guilty of a crime, he gave in to the will of the people, and sentenced Jesus to death on a cross. Then Jesus was crucified and his body laid in a new tomb.

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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord April 14, 2019

"Go into the village opposite you, and as you enter it you will find a colt tethered on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. And if anyone should ask you, 'Why are you untying it?' you will answer, 'The Master has need of it.'"

The events of Holy Week are so well known to us. Beginning today they unfold before us again. We solemnly bring the prayers, sacrifices and good works of Lent to their conclusion. The days before us, the triduum, reliving the paschal mystery, are more than tradition. The Christ, crucified and rejected is real for us today. Jesus' directive to the two disciples is directed to us.

If anyone asks why you are living this Holy Week, the answer is the same: 'The Master has need of it.' Our loving God is not asking us simply to recall or remember, but challenges us to discover the passion of Christ in our own time. As He was led through the streets to Calvary, many saw and continued business as usual. Others perhaps thought that that criminal was getting what he deserved. This is because they do not know Christ.

For us believers, the tragedy of the Via Dolorsa leads to Calvary, to be followed by the joy of resurrection. This is not a week of failure, but eventual victory. The passion and death of Christ leads to the glorious resurrection. May the words of the gospel express the wish of Jesus for us this week. May it be our mantra: 'the Master has need of us.' May this be a special week of prayer and devotion.

Worship We Remember

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

Monday	4-15	8am	Communion Service
Tuesday	4-16	8am	Joseph Miller by Jack & Dolores Miller
			Padegomus & Koniecki Families by Margaret Mond
Wednesday	4-17	8am	Helen Kaminski (A) by Colleen Garvey
			Rosalie Splendido by Family



		Mass	es held at Saints Peter and Paul Church
Thursday	4-18	7pm 10pm	Thursday of the Lord's Supper Night Prayer
Friday	4-19	9am 1pm	Morning Prayer The Passion & Death of Our Lord
Saturday	4-20	8pm	The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night
Sunday	4-21	7:30am 10am	Special Intention Special Intention
Sunday	4-21	11:30am	Easter Sunday at Saint Benedict Special Intention



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



Divine Mercy Sunday, April 28 1pm Rosary & Confession 2pm Mass 3pm Chaplet

Lady of Lourdes Joseph Canterini Sanctuary Candle Paul Binker

Saints Peter and Paul Parish

Holy Family Votive Roger S. Caparoni

Service

The Light is on for You

Monday evenings April 15 Saints Peter and Paul Church 5:30pm-7pm

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

Saints Peter and Paul Food Pantry

- \$200 Anonymous
- \$100 Sandra & Rebecca Harowicz
- \$25 Joseph & Deborah Bronack
- \$25 Elizabeth Segeda
- \$10 Elizabeth Kupstas
- \$50 In Memory of Joan Reese by Joe & Debbie Bronack
- \$25 In Memory of Raymond Fedor by Ronald & Emily Klem

\$20 In Memory of Helen Tomasetti by Daughters & Family

In Memory of Delores Boline

- \$250 Dr. Peter Tucker
- \$100 Urology of Central Pa
- \$50 Elena & Michael Farrell

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!!!

First Holy Communion-May 4

Memorial Day Service - May 27

Confirmation—June 9

Stewardship Ministry Fair - September 7



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/May Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 Treasures 10am	27 Ravioli Making 9am
28 Divine Mercy Sunday	29 Quilting 5pm Prayer Shawl 5pm <i>Treasures 6pm</i> Rosary 6:30pm Faith Sharing 7pm	30 Quilting 9am Chess Club 6:30pm Spaghetti Diner 4:30-7pm	1 Festival Choir 7pm	2 Quilting 9am	3 Treasures 10am	4 Communion - Noon
5	6 Quilting 5pm Prayer Shawl 5pm <i>Treasures 6pm</i> Rosary 6:30pm <i>CCW 6:30PM</i> Faith Sharing 7pm	7 Quilting 9am Chess Club 6:30pm	8	9 Quilting 9am Pastoral Council 6:30pm	10 Treasures 10am	11



To the Parents of our Young Children, May We Suggest...Relax! God put the wiggle in the children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome! Sit toward the front where

it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what is going on at the altar. They tire of seeing the backs of others' heads. Quietly explain the parts of the Mass and actions of the priest, altar servers, choir etc.... Sing the hymns, pray and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you. If you have to leave Mass with your child, feel free to do so but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me." Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.

To the Members of Our Parish The presence of children is a gift to the Church and they are a reminder that our parish is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

Parish Cemeteries Plots are available 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.

Pasta Dinner

Help Plains Lions Feed the Children by filling the Food Pantries of Plains. Tues-

day, 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.

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

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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.

The Parish Life Council of St. Andre Bessette Parish, Wilkes-Barre will sponsor an Easter Brunch the Sunday after Easter on April 28 at Father Zolcinski Hall, 668 North Main St. Brunch will be served from 9am to 1pm. Cost is \$5. The menu will feature eggs, bacon, kielbasa, apple fritters, and home fries. Tickets must be purchased in advance. For tickets call Mary at 570-823-4988.



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



DIOCESE OF SCRANTON 300 WYOMING AVENUE SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA 18503-1279

November 8, 2018

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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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Saint Benedict

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