Parish of Saints Peter and Paul

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Saints Peter and Paul/Saint Benedict Office Hours Monday 8am-7pm Tuesday 8am-4pm Wednesday 8am-7pm Thursday 8am-4pm Friday 8am-Noon

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 envelopesApril 13346 attended the 4pm Mass215 Families used their envelopes and offered \$3,326April 14147 attended the 7:30am Mass118 Families used their envelopes and offered \$2,105350 attended the 10am Mass149 Families used their envelopes and offered \$2,335Tithe from482 Families was \$7766

Bernardine Bucks \$641

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

Saint Benedict Parish

429 Families receive envelopes April 13 168 attended the 5:30pm Mass 102 Families used their envelopes and offered \$ 2,805 April 14 140 attended the 11:30am Mass 99 Families used their envelopes and offered \$2,709 Tithe from 201 Families was \$5,514

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 8	#939	RJ Serafin				
April 9	# 517	Kathy Kuse				
April 10	# 451	Jackie Everhart				
April 11	#084	Saints Peter & Paul				
April 12	#621	Jane Biniek				
April 13	#452	Tom Salvaggio				
April 14	#498	Saints Peter & 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 235 families in the amount of \$46,135

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

Word

A Time for New Life

"Go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen."

Matthew 28:7

We feel as if this invitation is also directed to us to announce to the men and women of our times this message of joy and hope because Jesus who was crucified, is raised. Death no longer has the last word. The tomb does not have the last word. Life does! This is our certainty. In light of this event which constitutes the true and real news of history and the cosmos, we are called to be new men and women in accordance with the Spirit, confirming the value of life. We will be men and women of resurrection, men and women of life, if in the midst of the events that afflict the world today, in the midst of worldliness which distances us from God, we will know how the universal desire for peace and the hope for an environment free from degradation. These are common and human signs, which if supported and kept alive by faith in the risen Lord, acquire a power that is well beyond our abilities. And this is so because Christ is alive and working in history through his Holy Spirit. He redeems our shortcomings and reaches each human heart and gives back hope to whomever is oppressed and suffering.

How have I most experienced Christ alive and working in me and my life now through his Holy Spirit?

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8;

Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or, at an afternoon or

evening Mass, Lk 24:13-35

Monday Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48

Friday Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15



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.



Saint Benedict & Saints Peter & Paul



Lord God, You loved this world so much. That you gave your one and only Son, That we might be called your children too. Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday, everyday. Let us have hearts of thankfulness For your sacrifice. Let us have eyes that look upon Your grace and rejoice in our salvation. Help us to walk in that mighty grace and tell your good news to the world. All for your glory do we pray, Lord. Amen

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Peter discusses Jesus' life of preaching and healing. Jesus was crucified, and then he rose up and was seen by his chosen witnesses. Peter also mentions the importance of all the disciples bearing witness to what they saw, so that many people would believe in Jesus, and have their sins forgiven through him.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Paul asserts that we must pay attention to higher realms rather than earthly concerns. Our life is not yet completely known to us, until Christ appears and we are raised to glory in him.

Gospel: John 20:1-9

When Mary Magdalene discovered Jesus' tomb was open, she told Simon Peter and another disciple. They ran to the tomb and Peter went inside. He found the burial wrappings on the ground, with the head covering separate from the rest. The other disciple came in and they believed what they saw, although until then they had not understood the Scripture's message of Jesus' resurrection.

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

"Brothers and sisters: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory."

The day of victory and triumph, bringing great joy and peace. We have visited the empty tomb, and ask with the anxious apostles, 'where is He?'. 'We were hoping...' As Easter people our hopes are not dashed, but we hear reports of the Risen Christ in the upper room, on the road to Emmaus, in the garden and at the shores of the sea. He is not hidden.

We as believers look for the Lord too. Look within, as He lives and lives in us. Today may we recognize His presence through the life of grace. May we acknowledge His presence in others. May we bring that presence to those who are slow to believe. May we adore that presence in the Eucharist.

Don't let His life remain hidden, but through living your faith reveal that presence to others.

Worship We Remember

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

Masses at Saints Peter and Paul this week

Monday	4-22	7am	Communion Service
Tuesday	4-23	7am	Thelma & Charles Mendola by Charles Mendola, Caroline & Joseph Guzenski
			Charlotte Partash by Kim & Bj Mushinsky
Wednesday	4-24	7am	Joseph S. Wincek Sr. (A) by John & Marlene Grassi
			Mary Loomis by Richard Loomis
Thursday	4-25	7am	William Jones by Family
			Anne Wittman by Brady & Schroeder
Friday	4-26	7am	Parise Family by Patricia Walsh
		1pm	Margaret Larkin by Ron & Carol Werner & Family
		We	eekend Masses at Saints Peter and Paul
Saturday	4-27	4pm	James Orzechowski by Sister, Ann
Sunday	4-28	7:30am	Elizabeth Hines by Michelle & Teresa Luchetti
		10am	Walter Burko by Wife
			Weekend Masses at Saint Benedict
Saturday	4-27	5:30pm	Josephine Guresh by Randy Savage
Sunday	4-28	11:30am	Living and Deceased Parishioners



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

New Office Hours

Monday - 8am - 7pm Tuesday - 8am - 4pm Wednesday - 8am - 7pm Thursday - 8am - 4pm Friday - 8am to noon

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

Albert Vannucchi Sr.

Saint Benedict Parish Sanctuary Candle Mary Godlewski

Holy Family Votive Erald Biondi



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 vou 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.



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).

Thank You to all the cooks and all who supported the Lenten Dinners. They were delicious!!!!! Looking forward to next year's!!!!

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



Time to freshen up our Parish Cemeteries. Please remove all out-of-season decorations for the summer. Memorial Day Service will take

place on Monday, May 27 at 10am at Sacred Heart Cemetery for all our deceased members. Please join us !!!!

Upcoming Events - Save the Date!!!

First Holy Communion-May 4 Memorial Day Service - May 27

Confirmation—June 9

Ice Cream Social - To be announced

Stewardship Ministry Fair - September 7

Fall Lottery - Sept 7—September 29

Pierogi Making - September 21

Annual Quilt Bingo - October 24

Senior Dinner - November 3

Annual Purse Bingo - November 10

Ministry Sign Up - November 23

Winter Lottery - December 7

Santa Brunch - November 30

Toy Bingo - December 1

Bus Trip to New York - To be announced

Cookie Sale - December 21

Other events may be added, keep checking the bulletin for updates

April/May Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	tivities y Thursday Friday 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
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
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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.				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 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		
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.			Tony Dente, On-Line Giving Coordinator Cheryl Woloski, Internal Audit and Compliance Tracy Schooley, Human Resources			
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.				Saint Benedict Finance Committee Steve Yenchak, Chairman Tom Kozerski Jodi Gunari Ed Yencha		



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

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.

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.



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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