

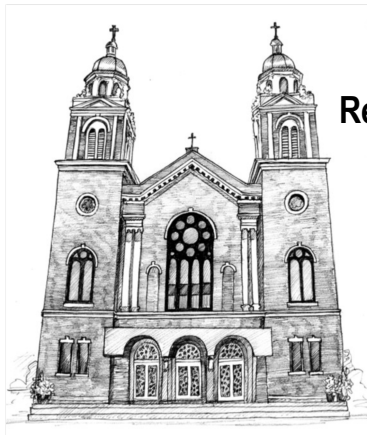
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Saints Peter and Paul/Saint Benedict

Monday 8am—7pm
Tuesday 8am—4pm
Wednesday 8am—7pm
Thursday 8am—4pm
Friday 8am—12 Noon

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

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

April 20 339 attended the 8pm Mass
 83 Families used their envelopes and offered \$2,601.

April 21 307 attended the 7:30am Mass
 104 Families used their envelopes and offered \$2,859.

548 attended the 10am Mass
 185 Families used their envelopes and offered \$5,489.

Tithe from
 372 Families was \$10,969.
 Bernardine Bucks \$730
 Holy Thursday \$267
 Good Friday \$371
 Easter \$ 13,033.

The Second Collection this weekend at SsPP will be for
Catholic Home Mission
 Next week's Collection at SsPP will be for
Care and Education of Priests
 Please be generous!!!

Saint Benedict Parish

429 Families receive envelopes

April 21 212 attended the 11:30am Mass
 132 Families used their envelopes and offered \$3,514.

Tithe from
 132 Families was \$3,514.
 Holy Thursday \$252
 Good Friday \$234
 Easter \$4,398.

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

April 15	#235	C. J. Byrne
April 16	#352	Joseph Urban
April 17	#229	Saints Peter and Paul
April 18	#193	Joseph Kropiewnicki
April 19	#158	Saints Peter and Paul
April 20	#266	Salus
April 21	#634	Joseph Urban

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 **235** families in the amount of **\$46,205**

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

Word

God's word invites us to encounter God

Fifty years ago, on Oct. 11, 1962, Pope John XXIII opened the Second Vatican Council, saying in his remarks, "The whole of history and of life hinges on the person of Jesus Christ." As we use this anniversary to mark the beginning of a Year of Faith, called for by Pope Benedict XVI, we do so as part of a larger effort known as the new evangelization. This effort, our pope tells us, is not a formula but first and foremost a "profound experience of God." This, then, is a season for renewed conversion to the Lord. This is a time our Church is giving us to focus our efforts to reach out not just to those who do not know the Lord, but to those of us who have known him and grown weary or cold in responding in faith. We are being given an opportunity to warm our hearts in word and sacrament (Luke 24:26-32). Giving attention to Abraham, Sarah, Mary and the woman at the well will help us consider the variety of faithful ways that we might respond to God's call. Considering how God is pictured walking in the Garden of Eden or speaking through the prophets or listening to our honest prayers will remind us of the personal ways we experience God in the course of our lifetimes. And in countless ways, we will be reminded of the value of the community of faith in nurturing one another along the way. There are many ways to celebrate this year, and many ways to educate ourselves throughout this time. Perhaps, however, there is no better way to cultivate a culture of witness than to revisit the sacred texts that serve as our foundation. In this letter to the church in Rome, St. Paul the Evangelist reminds his listeners that all who call upon the Lord will be saved. He goes on to remind them of the duty of believers in this work of salvation: "But how can they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how can they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone to preach? And how can people preach unless they are sent?...Faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ" (Romans 10:14-15, 17). Our challenge in this year is to set aside time to read and pray with the words of Scripture. Join a Bible study group, spend time in daily personal Bible reading, use writings such as this to stir your imagination and deepen your commitment to grow in your relationship with God. The late Bishop Charles Buswell, formerly of Pueblo, Colo., was present at Vatican II, and joined with a group of U.S. bishops in a study group preparing the document on Scripture. He said of the experience, "I came to an understanding of the beauty and of the power of God's word that I had never had before. I began to see in the holy Scripture the actual presence of the Lord. I began to realize that while pondering this word, the power of God and of his love would sink deep into my mind and heart to transform me into the kind of person my Christian vocation called me to be." In this year of Faith, we too can discover the beauty and power of God's transformative word. Like Bishop Buswell, we can become witnesses once again to the God we encounter there.

Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Sunday

Acts 5:12-16; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

Monday

Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21 or, for the Memorial,

Gn 1:26-2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Mt 13:54-58

Thursday

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

First Friday

1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14

First Saturday

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



Faith Formation

Saints Peter and Paul and Saint Benedict

Holy Communion practice will be on Monday, April 29th
from 6-7pm in the Church.

Confirmation practice will be on Wednesday, June 5th at 6pm.



The Sunday Good News

Saint Benedict & Saints Peter & Paul

April 28, 2019



*Dear Father in heaven,
you show us the way of life;
in your presence is fullness
of joy,
and at your right hand is
delight forever.
In your presence we want
to rejoice together as your
children,
under your protection.
May we become firm in
every part of our life on
earth.
Grant that soon something
of your kingdom,
of your heaven,
may encircle us like a
blessing,
enabling us to fight on in
joy and exultation.
We entrust ourselves to
you, our faithful and loving
God, and we thank you.
Amen*

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 5:12-16

The people held the apostles in great esteem and brought sick people to them to be healed. Although some were afraid to be known, the number of Jesus' followers continued to grow steadily.

Second Reading: Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

John depicts a vision of lamp-stands of gold and one like the Son of Man in a robe with a sash of gold. This apparition told John he had nothing to fear and then described himself as one who was dead but now lived again. He then instructed John to record any other visions he might have.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Jesus appeared to the disciples and breathed on them saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit." He gives them the power to forgive people's sins or hold them accountable. Thomas, who was not present, refused to believe Jesus had appeared until he came to them once more. Jesus told Thomas to believe and added, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

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

Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)
April 28, 2019

"Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles. They were all together in Solomon's portico. None of the others dared to join them, but the people esteemed them. Yet more than ever, believers in the Lord, great numbers of men and women, were added to them."

The story of the early church, as related in the Acts of the Apostles, not only records what happened, but motivates us today, to continue the apostolic work. We sometimes fail to see that our hands are the hands of the apostles, or even the hands of Christ working in our world today. Do you remember the story of the reconstructed chapel destroyed by bombs in Europe? American GIs restored almost everything, but a shattered statue of the Sacred Heart lacked fingers and hands. They wisely placed a sign in front of the icon reading 'I have no hands but yours.'

We are the hands of the Lord, because we are baptized, missionary disciples. A kind word, a gracious invitation, a gentle reminder of the love of Jesus to one who is hurting or lonely, can restore the church in the heart of someone. Reach out! Today, the Spirit of God asks us to hit the streets and find those seeking, waiting and yearning for God's gift.



Worship

We Remember

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

Masses at Saint Benedict this week

Tuesday	4-30	8am	Stanis Kunicki by Jeanne & Bruce Stine Mary Godlewski by Family
Wednesday	5-1	8am	Stanley Szustak by Dr. & Mrs. Nicholas Giodano Dolores Korecki (A) by Korecki family
Thursday	5-2	8am	Helen Lock (A) by Joseph Lock Mae & Charles Ward by Family
Friday	5-3	8am	Andrew Hiedix by James & Katherine Best Valdmir & Gertrude Corecki by Family

Weekend Mass Schedule Saints Peter & Paul

Saturday	5-4	4pm	Susan Seprish & Diane Kowalski by Parents
Sunday	5-5	7:30am	Edward & Elizabeth Glazenski by Stan & Elizabeth Miskiewicz & Family
		10am	Pearl Woloski by Woloski Family
		2pm	Divine Mercy- Special Intention

Weekend Mass Schedule Saint Benedict

Saturday	5-4	5:30pm	Rosalie Splendido by Family
Sunday	5-5	11:30am	Living and Deceased Parishioners



*Holy Communion
Saturday, May 4th
Noon.*

*Confirmation
Sunday, June 9th
5pm.*



Saints Peter and Paul Parish Sanctuary Candle

Albert & Mary Vannucchi



Holy Family Votive
Lena & Fred Spagnuolo

Lady of Lourdes
Lena & Fred Spagnuolo

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 *May* will be collecting **Spaghetti sauce and pasta.**

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.

Mother's Day Cards are available in the vestibule of the Church. If you wish to remember your mother or relatives in the Mother's Day Masses, you can obtain the card for living mothers (on the table in the back of the Church and side entrance), place the envelope in the collection basket, or bring it to the Parish Center during office hours.

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 Office Hours

Starting May 6, 2019

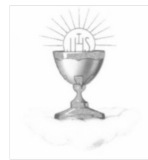
Monday - 8am - 7pm

Tuesday - 8am - 4pm

Wednesday - 8am - 7pm

Thursday - 8am - 4pm

Friday - 8am to noon



*The following children
will receive
First Communion*



Alyanna Mia Amigon

Samantha Jane Maciolek

Blake Dunsmuir

James Patrick McKeown

Delaney Grace Dukes

Lauren Elizabeth Minnick

Sophia Louise Emmanuel

Blake Pekarski

John Richard Gdovin

Nicholas Pokrifka

Robert Francis Geiser

Cayden Joseph Richards

Konnor Jacob Gordon

Sierra Lynn Rosengrant

Connor Michael Grosz

Michael Shovlin

Nickolas Carl Hannon

Aubrey Lynn Smith

Isabella Hope Lamonica

Kayla Ann Yetter

Please keep them and their families in your prayers

Upcoming Events - Save the Date!!!

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

April/May Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 <i>Treasures 10am</i>	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 Festival Choir 7pm	9 Quilting 9am Pastoral Council 6:30pm	10 <i>Treasures 10am</i>	11
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19	20 Quilting 5pm Prayer Shawl 5pm <i>Treasures 6pm</i> Rosary 6:30pm Faith Sharing 7pm	21 Quilting 9am Chess Club 6:30pm	22 Festival Choir 7pm	23 Quilting 9am Finance 6:30pm	24 <i>Treasures 10am</i>	25

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. Tickets available in office.

Spring is Here !!!!

Time to freshen up our Parish Cemeteries. Please remove all unsightly 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 !!!!

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.



Saints Peter and Paul Finance Committee

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Tracy Schooley, Human Resources
Saint Benedict Finance Committee
Steve Yenchak, Chairman
Tom Kozerski
Jodi Gunari
Ed Yenchak

KID'S KORNER

Gospel Today

Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy) | John 20:19-31

When Jesus appeared to His disciples the first and second times following His Resurrection, He was merciful. He offered them peace, kindness, love and forgiveness.

Year C

The Second Sunday of Easter (the week after Easter) is always Divine Mercy Sunday as requested by Jesus to St. Faustina. Today's gospel message introduces the Sacrament of Penance and forgiveness.



BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.

forgiveness

love

kindness

peace

Appearance

Evening	M	E	S	S	I	A	H	B	T	I	F	G	E	S	A
First	S	E	E	I	N	G	S	H	O	W	I	N	G	P	P
Week	M	O	C	F	O	R	G	I	V	E	R	I	R	I	P
Rabbouni	A	D	O	U	B	T	I	N	G	E	S	H	B	R	E
Said	N	T	N	E	S	E	R	P	A	N	T	C	R	I	A
Peace	Y	H	D	E	V	E	I	L	E	B	S	U	E	T	R
Father	G	O	V	U	P	O	N	H	O	L	Y	O	A	N	A
Sent	N	M	W	J	E	W	U	N	W	R	I	T	T	E	N
Breathed	I	A	P	E	R	F	O	R	M	E	D	H	H	S	C
Upon	N	S	G	S	E	P	B	U	F	A	T	H	E	R	E
Receive	E	L	U	U	T	K	B	C	N	S	A	I	D	D	I
Holy	V	T	I	S	I	V	A	G	N	D	E	C	A	E	P
Spirit	E	V	I	E	C	E	R	O	T	E	S	I	N	S	E
Forgive															
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Performed															
Showing															
Jesus															
Messiah															

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.

- 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.*
- 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.*
- 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.*
- 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.*
- 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

Holy Family Parish, 828 Main Street, Sugar Notch will hold their annual Spring Derby Day Night at the Races on Saturday, May 4th. Doors will open at 5:00pm, dinner is at 5:30 and post time is at 6:30. A four-star buffet is free with horse donation of \$10 (dessert and beverages included). Menu will feature delicious homemade favorite items. To sponsor a horse please call the rectory at 570-822-8983. Horses will also be available at the door.

St. Andrew's Church, 316 Parrish Street, Wilkes-Barre, invites you to join them in prayer for all those who have been affected by a struggle with addiction. There will be a Mass with Reception to follow. Contact Katy Windels at 570-207-2213 ext. 1101 for more information or if you would like to participate in the liturgy.

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

300 WYOMING AVENUE
SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA 18503-1279

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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