

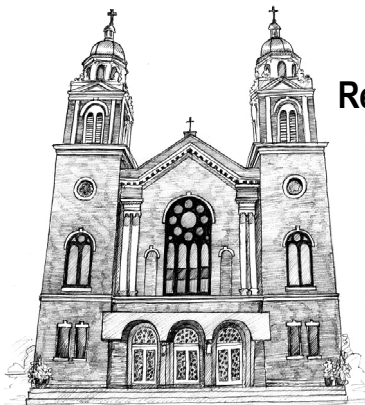
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Saints Peter and Paul/Saint Benedict

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 27 301 attended the 4pm Mass
181 Families used their envelopes and offered \$3,264

April 28 126 attended the 7:30am Mass
82 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,699

213 attended the 10am Mass

117 Families used their envelopes and offered \$3,436

Tithe from

380 Families was \$8,399

Catholic Home Mission \$1,160

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

Next week's Collection at SsPP will be for

Bernardine Bucks

Please be generous!!!

Saint Benedict Parish

429 Families receive envelopes

April 27 102 attended the 5:30pm Mass
102 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,640

April 28 77 attended the 11:30am Mass
72 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,773

Tithe from

176 Families was \$3,413

“During the period of Lent, the bulletin contained weekly literature with details of stewardship, the identifying and giving of our time, talent, and treasures to grow a stronger parish community. We continue on our journey through stewardship in more detail. For the next few months, there will be bulletin inserts targeting specific areas of stewardship with practical guidelines to being a good steward, in addition to personal reflection questions. Please take a few minutes to read and reflect on these each week. By doing so, we grow in gratitude of God and all He has given us.”

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 22	#220	Irene Mangan
April 23	#236	Irene Keil
April 24	#896	Janice Weaver
April 25	#076	Janine Valkos
April 26	#567	Barb Gilgallon
April 27	#190	Bernadine
April 28	#204	Mike McGinley

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

To Live for Jesus is to Follow Jesus

The first half of this story tells of a miraculous catch of fish. It is similar to a story as told in Luke 5:1-11 as part of the call of the disciples. In both stories we see the disciples, having fished all night and caught nothing. We see Jesus telling the disciples at dawn to cast their nets. As experienced fishermen, the disciples know that fish are most easily caught in the quiet of the night, not the hustle and bustle of the beginning of day. Yet the disciples listen to Jesus and catch an abundance of fish. We see Jesus inviting the disciples to follow him. In this post-resurrection telling, this story can be seen as an updated call. Now that Jesus is risen, the call is different. They have a better sense of the ministry and what it means to follow and serve Jesus without Jesus being physically present with them. Instead of being taught by Jesus, they are now called to teach and to live into what they have been taught. This is a new phase of their call and ministry.

Recognizing Jesus

For everyone, in the stories of Jesus seeing his disciples after the resurrection, several times we see Jesus having conversations with his disciples without them recognizing him— at least not right away. They don't recognize him until he does something familiar. For Mary, it was when Jesus called her name. For the disciples on the Road to Emmaus in Luke's Gospel, it was when Jesus broke the bread as he had done on the night of the Last Supper. And for Peter, James, and John, it was when Jesus led them to this miraculous catch. Sometimes we are so preoccupied, we miss the movement of Jesus that is right in front of us. Maybe it is because he doesn't look the way we think he would. Maybe it is because we don't expect to see him work. We don't always recognize Jesus, but Jesus knows how to make himself familiar to his disciples. It isn't the same for everyone, but he knows us so well that it can be custom-made.

Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

Monday

Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday

Acts 7:51—8:1a; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday

Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday

Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

Friday

Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday

Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

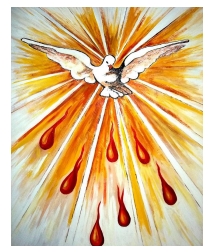


Faith Formation

Saints Peter and Paul and Saint Benedict

Confirmation will be held on June 9, 2019 at 5:00

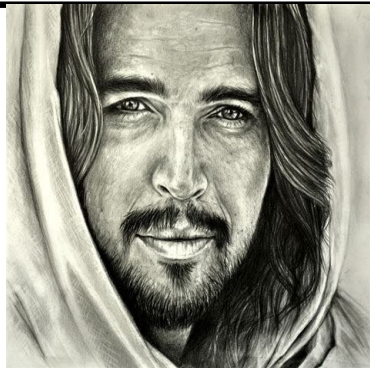
Confirmation practice will be on Wednesday, June 5th at 6pm.



The Sunday Good News

Saint Benedict & Saints Peter & Paul

May 5, 2019



Dear Lord,

*I pray this morning that I
will surrender my spirit
completely to You.*

*Use me as You please in
anything that you want.
I pray that you give me
opportunities to show
people how much You
mean to me, Your simple
servant.*

*Give me discretion to
know what to say and how
to say it, to honor You,
Lord.*

*Make me bold enough that
I may proclaim salvation
with cheerfulness and joy.
I am forever grateful for
the cross Your Son Jesus
died on for us. I pray that I
can proclaim it in a
contagious way today.*

*Teach me, Lord, this
morning to be brave to
grab opportunities as
they come my way.
Amen*

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

The high priest chastised Peter and the other apostles for continuing to preach when they had been ordered to stop. Peter replied he would rather obey God than men, considering God's power even over death. They are again warned to stop speaking of Jesus, and then freed.

Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

John had a vision of many angels and all the living creatures of the world gathered around a throne. The angels cried out that the slain Lamb was worthy of receiving power, glory and praise. Then every creature on earth called out praise to God and the Lamb, and the elders fell down and worshipped.

Gospel: John 21:1-19

Jesus appeared to the disciples for the third time since his resurrection while they were fishing. They hadn't caught anything, and then Jesus advised them to cast their net from the other side of the boat. When they did this, they caught a great number of fish. Jesus then asked Peter three times, "Do you love me?" When Peter said he did, Jesus asked him to tend and feed his sheep.

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

Third Sunday of Easter May 5, 2019

"But Peter and the apostles said in reply, 'We must obey God rather than men. The God of our ancestors raised Jesus, though you had him killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as leader and savior to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins. We are witnesses of these things, as is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'"

When people wonder how to get started in learning about the Catholic Church, or to read the bible, the clearest answer is found in this or any other sermon of St. Peter and St. Paul in the Acts of the Apostles. These teachings from the bible introduce us to Jesus Christ and His saving mission. Because of my encounter with Jesus through the announcement of Peter, I am moved to learn more as He accompanies me.

The talks summarize what is most important – Jesus is Savior, He died and rose, and has been glorified. I suggest that you look at similar teachings, which will provide the foundation of this great time of Easter. Look at the Acts of the Apostles chapter 2,3,4,9,19. These are called the kerygm, or the announcing sermons of Peter and Paul.



Worship We Remember

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

Masses at Saints Peter and Paul this week

Monday	5-6	7am	Communion Service
Tuesday	5-7	7am	Zajackowski & Polachek Families by Tony & Stella Szymanski Ward Korecki by Gartley family
Wednesday	5-8	7am	Glazenski & Miskiewicz Families by Stan & Elizabeth Miskiewicz & family Anthony Bartoletti by Joe & Jackie Merrit
Thursday	5-9	7am	James & Nora Gavin by Gavin family Sterling T. Sprau Jr. by Paula & Randy Nichols
Friday	5-10	7am	Irene Cardoni by Susan Benedetti John J. McGowan by Columbus & Rossi families

Weekend Masses at Saints Peter and Paul

Saturday	5-11	4pm	Mother's Day
Sunday	5-12	7:30am	Mother's Day
		10am	Mother's Day

Weekend Masses at Saint Benedict

Saturday	5-11	5:30pm	Mother's Day
Sunday	5-12	11:30am	Mother's Day

Confirmation Sunday, June 9th 5pm.



Have you ever thought about teaching Faith Formation to the next generation of Catholics? We are looking for a few volunteers to join us for the 2019-2020 school year as both teachers and as aides or substitutes. We'll provide the training! Please email Nina at faithformation@sspeterandpaulplains.com or call 570-825-6663

Saints Peter and Paul Parish **Sanctuary Candle**

Paul Binker

Saint Benedict Parish
Sanctuary Candle
Mary Godlewski



Lady of Lourdes
Rose Biondi

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 Zirnheld, 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

Thanks to everyone who came out to make ravioli! You can pick up your orders starting Monday, May 6th at the office. We are hoping to do it again in the Fall, and add a cheese option. Hope to see you there!!!

Food Pantry Donations

Joseph & Deb Bronack \$55

Liz Segeda \$40 *In memory of Dee Karecki & Alice Kromes*

Tony & Karen Albert \$25

Rick & Diane Melvin \$50 *In memory of Sabatini & Felli families*

Mariann & Joseph McGroarty \$100

Anonymous \$30

Rosary Repair

Parishioners who have rosaries in need of repair can call Len Kalinoski at 570-829-1864.

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

Winter Lottery - December 7

April/May Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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
26	27 Office Closed	28 Quilting 9am Chess Club 6:30pm	29 Festival Choir 7pm	30 Quilting 9am	31 <i>Treasures 10am</i>	1



The Women's Society invites all parishioners from both Churches to join with them to honor our mother, Mary, during her special month of May.



On Thursday, May 16th at 6:30pm, members will recite the rosary and crown the Blessed Mother, in the grotto outside the Parish Center. Light refreshments will be served in the Parish Dining Room following the ceremony.

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

Don Prescavage, Chairman
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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 Compliance

Tracy Schooley, Human Resources

Saint Benedict Finance Committee

Steve Yenchak, Chairman
Tom Kozerski
Jodi Gunari
Ed Yenchak

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Gospel Today Third Sunday of Easter | John 21:1-19

From cooking breakfast for His friends, to the miracle of a net full of fish, to directing Peter as new Head of the Church, we see Jesus as friend, teacher and Son of God.

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We are not much different than the first disciples... we are today's disciples.

Our special time with Jesus - friend, teacher and Son of God

- Jesus, our friend, invites us to share the Eucharistic meal at mass.
- Jesus, our teacher, guides us as we listen to the gospel and read the bible.
- Jesus, Son of God, loves us and wants us to share our faith and love with others.

Jesus made breakfast for His friends on the shore at the Sea of Tiberias.

Imagine...

Your friend Jesus is joining you for a picnic on the beach. What will you bring to eat? Are you at the lake, ocean or bay? Draw birds, shells and your favorite food.

What sounds do you hear?

Waves?
Wind? Laughter?
Talking? Music?
Is it warm and sunny?

What will you say to Jesus, your friend?



Community Happenings

Catholic Choral Society will hold their annual spring concerts on Friday evening, May 17th at 7:30 pm at Holy Rosary Church, 316 William Street, Scranton, PA and on Sunday evening, May 19th at 7:00 pm at St. Ignatius Church, 339 North Maple Street, Kingston, PA. On Friday evening, May 17th, at Holy Rosary Church in Scranton, the Choral Society will host the Christ the King Youth Choir under the direction of Mary Edmunds and Stacey Whitaker. On Sunday evening, May 19th, at St. Ignatius Church in Kingston, the Choral Society will host the Wyoming Valley Barbershop Harmony Chorus directed by Phil Brown and Justin Davis. Tickets are available from society members or by calling 570-587-2753; tickets are also available at the door: adults \$10, seniors and students \$8, children under 12 free.

The 2nd Annual Catholic Women's Conference of NEPA "come to the well—refresh your faith". Buy your tickets today \$40.00/person. Saturday, June 22, 2019, University of Scranton, Byron Complex, Scranton, PA. For details and registration: www.cwcnepa.com

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



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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,



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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