

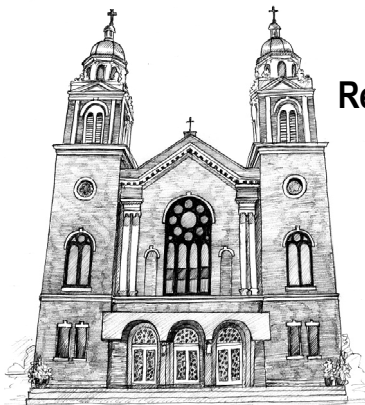
Parish of Saints Peter and Paul

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Permanent Deacon

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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

May 11 298 attended the 4pm Mass
177 Families used their envelopes and offered \$3,275.

May 12 127 attended the 7:30am Mass
114 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,504.

224 attended the 10am Mass

127 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,905.

Tithe from

418 Families was \$6,684.

Bernardine Bucks \$282

The Second Collection this weekend at SsPP will be for

Bernadine Bucks

Next week's Collection at SsPP will be for

Bernardine Bucks

Please be generous!!!

Saint Benedict Parish

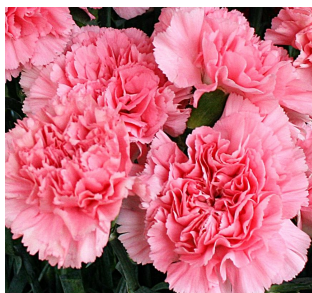
429 Families receive envelopes

May11 116 attended the 5:30pm Mass
83 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,733

May 12 79 attended the 11:30am Mass
80 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,825.

Tithe from

163 Families was \$3,558.



Thanks to all who supported the Pro-Life - Mother's Day carnation sale. Saints Peter and Paul raised \$922 and Saint Benedict raised \$295.

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

May 6	#941	A. M. Layan
May 7	#310	McGroarty
May 8	#449	Greg Piazza
May 9	#057	John Martin
May 10	#134	Geri Samecki
May 11	#311	Debbie Sincavage
May 12	#094	Michelle Janusko

Congratulations to all!!!!

The Staff of

Saints Peter and Paul and Saint Benedict

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

The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit and Their Importance in Our Lives.

The Roman Catholics believe that these gifts are bestowed by the Holy Spirit upon Baptism, and further strengthened when the believer receives his/her Confirmation. These sacramental ceremonies are nothing but a public symbolism of one's acceptance of Christ and His teachings in their lives, and the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are the means through which we can go beyond this acceptance.

1. The Gift of Wisdom

We see pain and also love, disappointments and blessings, natural catastrophes and also wonders, death and life, and even though we have "faith" in Him, we fail to have the wisdom to comprehend God's will behind creating a world with such complexities. The gift of wisdom helps us see the bigger picture. When wisdom enters us, we don't just accept for the sake of accepting, we accept because we can now see the meaning behind these events in a wise manner, through the light of the Holy Spirit. Upon receiving this gift, we see beyond the realm of faith, we see this world from God's point of view. Therefore, this gift helps us to respond wisely to the worldly challenges. We focus on nourishing our spiritual self rather than the material self, and draw closer to God in the process.

2. The Gift of Understanding

We live in a world where mysteries surround us, where one simple thing has many facets to it. How often do we remark, "This situation, as I understand it,...!" There is always a disclaimer of "As I understand" when we're trying to be as politically correct as we can. However, the gift of understanding that comes from the Holy Spirit needs no disclaimers. Under this Divine guide, we are able to understand the most confusing situations. Don't confuse this gift with wisdom, they may seem more or less the same, but they are very different. Wisdom is more about meditating over the deeds of God, understanding, on the other hand, gives us a chance to comprehend the beliefs that make our faith, that make us one with Christ.

More next week...

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday

Acts 14:21-27; Rv 21:1-5a;
Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Monday

Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday

Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday

Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday

Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11

Friday

Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday

Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

Faith Formation

Saints Peter and Paul and Saint Benedict

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

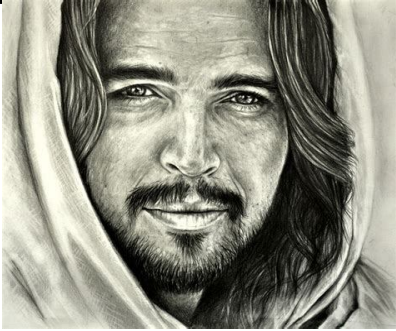
Have you ever thought about teaching Faith Formation to the next generation of Catholics? We are looking for a few volunteers to join us for the 2019-2020 school year as both teachers and as aides or substitutes. We'll provide the training! Please email Nina at faithformation@sspeterandpaulplains.com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



The Sunday Good News

Saint Benedict & Saints Peter & Paul

May 19, 2019



*May the Mind of Jesus renew
my mind.*

*May the Wisdom of Jesus
enlighten my thoughts.*

*May the Words of Jesus be in
my ears, and on my lips.*

*May the Heart of Jesus beat
along with my own.*

*May the Cross of Jesus be my
strength.*

*May the Forgiveness of
Jesus free me from sin.*

*May the Healing of Jesus
bring me to wholeness.*

*May the Peace of Jesus quiet
all my fears.*

*May the Love of Jesus fill my
whole being.*

*May the Risen Jesus enrich
me with joy, with hope, and
new life.*

Amen

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas traveled to many towns and found many disciples willing to help them preach. They warned their disciples of the trials they would face. Paul and Barnabas then returned to Antioch, where their journey had begun, and told the congregation there of the progress they had made.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-5a

John had a vision of a new earth, and a new Jerusalem coming down from heaven. Then a voice described Jerusalem as a place where God would live among his people and comfort them. The former world had vanished, and pain, death and suffering had left the world as well.

Gospel: John 13:31-33a, 34-35

After Judas left the last supper, Jesus warned the other disciples that he would not be with them much longer. Jesus gave them a new commandment to love one another as he had loved them. He stated that their love for each other would distinguish them as his disciples.

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter May 19, 2019

“After Paul and Barnabas had proclaimed the good news in that city, and made a considerable number of disciples, they returned to Lystra and Iconium and to Antioch. They strengthened the spirits of the disciples and exhorted them to persevere in the faith, saying, ‘It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God.’ They appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, commended them to the Lord in whom they had put their faith.”

When they reached their home base, Antioch, they called the church together and celebrated how God had worked through them, and brought others to the Lord. How God had ‘opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.’

How exciting as the life of the first Christian communities developed and grew. The Spirit of God was at work, using these two apostles, and with the power of the Spirit present, growth took place. But we do not stifle the Spirit. Today, as church, we open doors of welcome. We cannot be complacent, but excited, that the same Lord who called them, calls us to do the same thing. Why not ask someone to join you at church or bible study. Why not invite someone to return to the practice of the faith. It might be the only thing they are waiting for. Let God use you. God works through us.



Worship

We Remember

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

Masses at Saints Peter and Paul this week

Monday	5-20	7am	Communion Service
Tuesday	5-21	7am	Mother's Day
			Mother's Day
Wednesday	5-22	7am	Norman Krulack by Joseph & Florence Krulack
			Lisi & Benedetti Families by Family
Thursday	5-23	7am	Lizzie Breznay <i>Graduation Blessings</i> by Mom & Dad
			Charles Didgeon by Rosary Makers
Friday	5-24	7am	Erik Mark Vannucchi by Aunt Lia
			Mr. & Mrs. Robert Gable by Karen Kizina

Weekend Masses at Saints Peter and Paul

Saturday	5-25	4pm	Mary Florio by John & Olga Florio
Sunday	5-26	7:30am	Thelma Preslaw by Ann Marie & Bob Soroshak Jr.
		10am	Viola & Harry Donini by Marie & Bill Fender

Weekend Masses at Saint Benedict

Saturday	5-25	5:30pm	Alice Mansfield by daughter Donna
Sunday	5-26	11:30am	Living and Deceased Parishoners

Confirmation Sunday, June 9th 5pm.



Saints Peter and Paul Parish **Sanctuary Candle**

Charlie Johnson

Floral Arrangement *Marianne Lynch*

Saint Benedict Parish **Sanctuary Candle**

Joseph Davis

Holy Family Votive *Marianne Lynch*



Lady of Lourdes *Marianne Lynch*

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



Annual Choose Your Own Quilt Bingo

The women of Saints Peter and Paul have been working hard all year long and are ready to share their talent with you!!!

On Sunday, October 13 we will hold our ANNUAL QUILT BINGO. Doors will open at 11:30am and games will begin at 1pm. There will be 10 regular games played and 6 specials (extra). Pre admission tickets are \$20 (that is just \$2 per regular game to win a handmade quilt!!) and \$25 at the door. Tickets can be purchased through the office or any quilter. A raffle will be held in conjunction with the bingo. Anyone wishing to place a handmade item on the raffle is asked to contact Janet Soller 570-824-5906 or drop off the item at the office. Tickets for the raffle will be made up and sent to each family of Saints Peter and Paul Parish. We will display a different quilt each week in the vestibule until the bingo so you can view all the quilts for this year's bingo! If you are a winner *you* get to choose the quilt you want. Consolation prizes will be awarded if there is more than 1 winner, with homemade items as giveaways throughout the bingo. The kitchen will be open and many of our favorite foods will be featured. So spend the afternoon with us and maybe you'll be lucky enough to win a homemade treasure!!!

Upcoming Events - Save the Date

Ice Cream Social - To be announced
Stewardship Ministry Fair - September 7
Fall Lottery - Sept 7—September 29
Pierogi Making - September 21

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 Zimhelt, Council of Catholic Women
Kathy Grinaway, Hospitality
Donna Mansfield, Hospitality

Summer Lottery

Awards will begin July 1st through September 30th
Prizes are \$25 Monday through Sat., \$100 on Sunday.
\$300 on July 4-Independence Day
August 15— The Assumption and
September 2— Labor Day
Cost \$10. Anyone selling 25 or more will be entered into the \$50 Sellers drawing and 10 or more into the \$10 Sellers drawing. Lottery tickets available starting June 1 & 2

Summer Lottery

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Numbers requesting:

May/June Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 Memorial Day Service 10am	28 Quilting 9am Chess Club 6:30pm	29 Festival Choir 7pm	30 Quilting 9am	31 <i>Treasures 10am</i>	1 Lottery Sold
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9 Lottery Sold Confirmation Mass 5pm	10 Quilting 5pm Prayer Shawl 5pm <i>Treasures 6pm</i> Rosary 6:30pm Faith Sharing 7pm	11 Quilting 9am Chess Club 6:30pm	12 Festival Choir 7pm	13 Quilting 9am Pastoral Council 6:30pm	14 <i>Treasures 10am</i>	15 Lottery Sold



Summer Chess Camp for Students

Attention students in grades 2 through 8, **The Academy of Chess, LLC**, will again host chess camps from June 17-21 and July 15-19, in the Parish Center of Saints Peter and Paul.

Meetings will take place from 9am-11:30am.

You don't need to know how to play chess; we will teach you all of the basics and even strategy and tactics. You will make new friends and learn a fun and challenging game. Parents and guardians are also invited to attend and stay for a short lesson.

To register and RSVP go to

www.academyofchessllc.com and click on the "Chess Camp" link.

Questions, call: 570-574-4603

Hurry! Limited Availability so Register Soon!

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.

Father's Day Cards

If you wish to remember anyone in the Father's Day Masses you can obtain the card for living fathers and the envelope for deceased fathers (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 Office.

Saints Peter and Paul Finance Committee

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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

Ed Yenchak

Community Happenings

Individualized One-Hour Instruction Sessions will be available for students in various subjects throughout the summer. Areas include Math, Reading, Science, English, and Social Studies. Remedial or preparation for new school year in the fall. For more information, email: lamp1148@hotmail.com or call 570-417-1100 between 1-4pm, or in the evenings after 6:00.

The Youth Ministry at Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish, 420 Main Rd., Buttonwood Section, Hanover Township is sponsoring a Gift Card Bingo, Sunday May 19. Doors open at 12 noon, bingo games begin at 1 PM. \$5 admission fee includes 15 regular games and one door prize ticket. Five special games are \$1 each. For more information, call 570-328-4004.

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.cwcnepea.com

Old Forge Sons of Italy will hold their annual Bocce Tournament on Sat., May 25, 2019, at 9am at Arcaro and Genell Bocce courts, Main Street in Old Forge, to benefit Saint Francis Commons. St. Francis Commons is a housing facility designed to provide transitional housing to homeless veterans. Cost for a 4 man team is \$100. All teams play a minimum of 2 games of Bocce. Included in the fee is a Continental Breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Anyone interested in registering a team contact John Returra at (570) 687-0301, or Joe Mecca at (570) 507-0734, by May 18th. Anyone wishing to attend may purchase tickets for \$20. Included in the price is all meals.

The Wyoming Valley Barbershop Harmony Chorus will be presenting its 2019 Spring show, "HARMONY ROAD TRIP" Saturday, June 8 at Wyoming Seminary's Kirby Center for Creative Arts, 295 North Sprague Ave. in Kingston. \$15 General Admission. Group Pricing..10 or more tickets at \$10 each. For tickets call (570) 285-4810 or visit...singwb.com. Doors open at 6:45pm. Showtime is 7:30 pm.

Protecting God's Children (Virtus) a training program for adults is scheduled for Wednesday, June 12, 2019, at 6pm., at the Catholic Youth Center (CYC), Wilkes-Barre. If you are an adult employee or volunteer who has direct contact or routine interaction with children, please make every effort to participate in this training.

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,

† *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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