

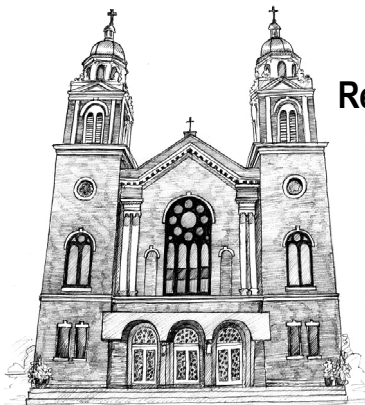
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Saints Peter and Paul/Saint Benedict

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 18 257 attended the 4pm Mass
207 Families used their envelopes and offered \$4,140

May 19 121 attended the 7:30am Mass
86 Families used their envelopes and offered \$2,349
241 attended the 10am Mass

100 Families used their envelopes and offered \$2,591

Tithe from

393 Families was \$9,080

Bernardine Bucks \$501

The Second Collection this weekend at SsPP will be for

Bernardine Bucks

Next week's Collection at SsPP will be for

Catholic Communications Campaign

Please be generous!!!

Saint Benedict Parish

429 Families receive envelopes

May 18 110 attended the 5:30pm Mass
70 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,273

May 19 97 attended the 11:30am Mass
76 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,259

Tithe from

146 Families was \$2,532

Thank you for your continued generous Support!



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 13	#617	Tom Vearling
May 14	#625	Joseph Urban
May 15	#075	Audrey Golomb
May 16	#159	Ron Alesczyk
May 17	#452	Tom Salvaggio
May 18	#577	V. Zdanowicz
May 19	#120	Nancy Fedor

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

3. The Gift of Counsel

In the world where we live, what once was considered to be a sin, is a common lifestyle today. What once was divided into black and white, now exists in gray. Now, it's become more about choosing from the whitish gray or the blackish gray. The gift of counsel or "Right Judgement" is when we can make the right decisions in any conflicting situation. The Holy Spirit, through this gift, gives us the wisdom and understanding to eliminate the other options and choose the right one—the white one!

4. The Gift of Fortitude

Fortitude is the gift that enables true believers to stand firm in their faith when the world says otherwise. We needn't mention the several instances where Christians have been killed for professing their faith. Fortitude is a blessing of the Holy Spirit to not let the believers renounce their faith in fear, but to be steady in their hearts and mind and be loyal to Christ even in the most challenging situations. Note that to be courageous to defend the Lord doesn't imply to purposefully ask for such trouble. The Holy Spirit is a symbol of peace, therefore, all things must be done with peace. However, if it comes to a point where we must sacrifice ourselves for God's glory, fortitude is an essential virtue.

5. The Gift of Knowledge

Knowledge, in this context, is more than getting our facts checked, it is to know the things that constitute our lives, both spiritual and material, and alter the course of our thoughts, words and deeds, accordingly. When our knowledge comes from the Holy Ghost, our lives transcend to the light of righteousness and mercy. Through knowledge comes better understanding and judgement, hence, knowledge eliminates the loopholes that tend to lead us astray from God.

More next week...

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29;
Rv 21:10-14, 22-23;
Jn 14:23-29

Monday

Acts 16:11-15;
Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday

Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1;
Jn 16:12-15

Thursday

Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20
The Ascension of the Lord
Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or
Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13;
Mk 16:15-20

Friday

Zep 3:14-18a or
Rom 12:9-16; Lk 1:39-56

First Saturday

Acts 18:23-28;
Jn 16:23b-28

Faith Formation

Saints Peter and Paul and Saint Benedict

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

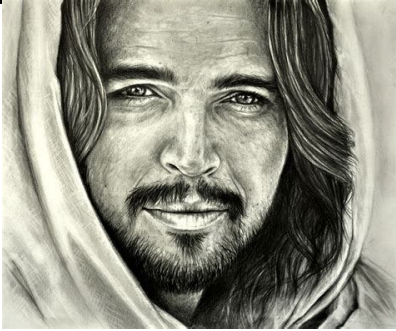
Have you ever thought about teaching Faith Formation to the next generation of Catholics? We are looking for a few volunteers to join us for the 2019-2020 school year as both teachers and as aides or substitutes. We'll provide the training! Please email Nina at faithformation@sspeterandpaulplains.com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



The Sunday Good News

Saint Benedict & Saints Peter & Paul

May 26, 2019



*Dear Lord, upon waking and
getting ready for my day
I pray that you give me
strength today, to be strong
for You in this world full of
temptations.*

*Lord, You know that there are
struggles I will go through
today. I pray that you be
with me as I go through them.
Carry me when I am too
weak. If I stumble into
temptation, forgive me
Father. Lead me away from
them, Father. I need Your
strength to overcome these
evils.*

*When I triumph against them,
I praise you, Father. For
without You, I will not be
where I am and I will not
have the strength I have.
Bless my loved ones with the
strength You have given me,
Lord. You are worthy of all
praises and the entire honor
in the world.*

*You are my strength and my
protection. Keep me and my
family safe at all times, Lord,
especially those who are in
transit during this morning.*

*In Your Son Jesus' name,
I pray,*

Amen

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Some men informed the Gentiles that they must be circumcised if they wished to be saved, because of the Old Laws. Disciples then went forth to tell the Gentiles to honor only those rules which were strictly necessary, such as abstaining from eating meat sacrificed to idols and illicit sexual union.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

John depicts Jerusalem coming out of heaven, sparkling with the radiance of precious jewels. Angels were stationed at each of its twelve gates, and each gate bore the name of one tribe of Israel. The city had no temple, because God was its temple. The glory and light of God and the Lamb also replaced their need for the sun.

Gospel: John 14:23-29

Jesus tells his disciples, "Anyone who loves me will be true to my word." For those who do honor his word, both Jesus and God will love them and stay with them always. He also tells them that God will send the Holy Spirit in his place to give them the instructions they will need. Jesus then tells them that peace is his farewell gift to them.

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter May 26, 2019

“Jesus said to his disciples: ‘Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him, and make our dwelling with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine, but that of the Father who sent me’... ‘the Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.’”

Some recall famous farewell speeches. Others refer to them as pep talks. In business we find motivational speakers. The gospel of John in Jesus' priestly talks, offers us all three.

How special to realize that because of my dedication and commitment, I am a living dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. How special to know that the Spirit is teaching me today, as a missionary disciple of a loving God. How special, because of my many cares and distractions, that I am reminded of what is of value, the treasure hidden in the field, the pearl of great price. Jesus is not just preparing me for His departure, or entrusting His mission to me, but expects me to carry it out by what I say and do.



Worship

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

Masses at Saint Benedict this week

Tuesday	5-28	8am	Eleanor Wanat by Lydia Homick & Family Joseph Davis by Son
Wednesday	5-29	8am	Mary Barbacci by David & Sherri Pisack Daniel Branas by Pat Stella
		5:30pm	William & Shirley Kozerski by The Council of Catholic Women

At Saints Peter and Paul

Thursday	5-30	7am	Josephine Mastrini by Paul Tomek Adeline Van Scoy by Janet & Dave Warnick
		12:15pm	L.A. Tarone by David & MaryAnn Yonki

At Saint Benedict

Friday	5-31	8am	Robert Brozowski by Kevin Haas Allan Burritt (A) by Riscazage Family
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Weekend Mass Schedule Saints Peter & Paul

Saturday	6-1	4pm	Mark Merle (A) by Mr. & Mrs. Tom Merle
Sunday	6-2	7:30am	Allan Makowski by Family
		10am	Steve & Irene Nerbecki by Susan & Robert Nerbecki

Weekend Mass Schedule Saint Benedict

Saturday	6-1	5:30pm	Living & Deceased Parishioners
Sunday	6-2	11:30am	Mary Lendacky by Daughter Judy

Ascension Thursday

Vigil - Wednesday, May 29

5:30pm at Saint Benedict

Thursday, May 30

7am and 12:15pm at Saints Peter and Paul



*Confirmation Sunday,
June 9th 5pm.*

Saints Peter and Paul Parish Sanctuary Candle

Zigmund Koshinski



Saint Benedict Parish Sanctuary Candle

Alice Mansfield

Holy Family Votive

*Beth Bonn and all the veterans
who gave the ultimate sacrifice*

Floral Arrangement

*Beth Bonn and all the
veterans who gave the
ultimate sacrifice*

Lady of Lourdes

Joseph Segeda

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 **June** will be collecting **canned fruit**.

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.



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

Circle of Prayer

Many of us need the prayers of a praying faith community. To request prayers or to join our circle of prayer please contact Mary Jo Marek at 570-825-6969.

May/June Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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
2 Lottery Sold	3 Quilting 5pm Prayer Shawl 5pm <i>Treasures 6pm</i> Rosary 6:30pm Faith Sharing 7pm	4 Quilting 9am Chess Club 6:30pm	5 Festival Choir 7pm	30 Quilting 9am	7 <i>Treasures 10am</i>	8 Lottery Sold
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	13 Quilting 9am Pastoral Council 6:30pm	14 <i>Treasures 10am</i>	15 Lottery Sold
16 Lottery Sold	17 Quilting 5pm Prayer Shawl 5pm <i>Treasures 6pm</i> Rosary 6:30pm Faith Sharing 7pm	18 Quilting 9am Chess Club 6:30pm	19	20 Quilting 9am Food Pantry Prep 9am Women's Society 6:30	21 <i>Treasures 10am</i> Food Pantry 9am	22 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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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

The Oblates of St. Joseph will celebrate the Feast Day of their founder, St. Joseph Marelllo at the Oblates of St. Joseph Chapel, 1880 Route 315, Laflin. Devotions will begin on Sunday, May 26th and will continue through Tuesday, May 28th with a Holy Mass celebrated at 7pm in the seminary chapel, followed by devotional prayers to St. Joseph Marelllo and individual blessing with a first-class relic of the Saint. Confessions will be heard before the Mass and the Holy Rosary will be recited. The feast of Saint Joseph Marelllo will be solemnly celebrated on Wednesday, May 29th with the Holy Masses at 11am and 7pm. In the seminary chapel.

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 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.

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

ISLI Leadership Retreat – July 8-11, 2019 The International Student Leadership Institute (ISLI) is a peer-facilitated faith-based leadership retreat developed at the University of Notre Dame. The ISLI retreat is designed to provide the knowledge and skills necessary to excel in both the leadership and membership roles of task oriented groups. During the retreat, participants take part in small group tasks. Complete applications are required by Monday, July 1 2019. Apply early as there are a limited number of spaces available for I.S.L.I. If the spaces fill quickly, applications may close before July 1st. For further information, please call Shannon Kowalski at 570-207-2213, ext. 1155.



Notre Dame Collection The world watched with sadness as fire destroyed the historic Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, causing severe damage to the centuries-old structure. The Bishop's Office has received calls from many seeking ways to support the rebuilding of this historic church building. The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. has set up a fund to help rebuild the cathedral. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has assured us that all proceeds received through the Shrine fund will be used solely for the restoration of Notre Dame Cathedral. Proceeds can be sent to: Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception; Attention: Monsignor Walter Rossi, Rector; 400 Michigan Avenue, NE; Washington, D.C. 20017. Checks should be made payable to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Indicate "Cathedral of Notre Dame Fund" in the memo portion of the check.

All Donations
Welcome

The 10th Annual VOCATIONS Golf Classic 2019



Benefitting
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Priests

**MONDAY
JULY 8, 2019**

Blue Ridge Trail Club
Mountain Top

11:00 a.m. Lunch
12 p.m. Start
Awards Dinner Following

Your gift fosters vocations, benefits seminarians directly and helps ensure no man hesitates to answer God's call due to prior financial obligation.

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Donor - Any amount Hole \$100 Flag \$250 Benefactor \$500
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Please make checks payable to Diocese of Scranton "Vocations Endowment."



Quo Vadis Days 2019 will be held June 23-26 at Misericordia University, Dallas. This camp is for young Catholic men in High School (9-12th grade) to deepen their faith, learn more about all vocations, and better discern God's call in their lives. The camp will feature dynamic talks, prayer, games, sports, activities, music and more. Participants will have the opportunity to meet priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Scranton. Online registration is now open at vocations.dioceseofscranton.org. For more information, call 570-207-1452.

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

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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,



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.

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