

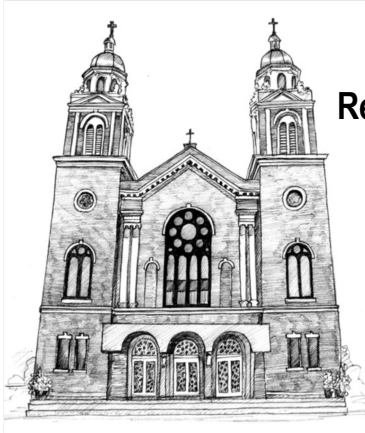
Saints Peter and Paul

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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

June 15 241 attended the 4pm Mass
153 Families used their envelopes and offered \$3,831

June 16 141 attended the 7:30am Mass
76 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,791

221 attended the 10am Mass

178 Families used their envelopes and offered \$2,844

Tithe from

407 Families was \$8,466

Bernardine Bucks \$492

*The Second Collection this weekend at SsPP will be for
Bernardine Bucks*

*Next week's Collection at SsPP will be for
Peter's Pence*

Please be generous!!!

Saint Benedict Parish

429 Families receive envelopes

June 15 110 attended the 5:30pm Mass
58 Families used their envelopes and offered \$942

June 16 75 attended the 11:30am Mass
65 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,382

Tithe from

123 Families was \$2,324

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

June 10	#925	Marie Yacavone
June 11	#872	Mary Jo Albertelli
June 12	#879	Norma Nardone
June 13	#705	Bill O'Donnell
June 14	#827	Debbie Wychock
June 15	#925	Marie Yacavone
June 16	#057	John Martin

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 **236** families in the amount of **\$46,925**

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

Word

What Might a Good and Faithful Steward Be Doing During the Day?

Recycling - Enjoying a dinner out or a walk with his or her spouse - Attending Mass -Cleaning up trash from a park or trail -Volunteering at a soup kitchen -Gathering for a meal at the family dinner table -Inviting someone new to Church -Spending some time in prayer and discernment -Doing his or her best in an everyday job -Adopting a pet from a shelter or rescuing a stray -Voting -Donating clothing to those in need -Being a good listener to someone having a tough time -Reading Scripture -Playing a game with a child or grandchild -Sharing financial resources with his or her parish or diocese -Carpooling -Visiting someone in the hospital -Serving on his or her parish Pastoral Council -Being kind to the person at the check-out counter -Giving a compliment to someone -Teaching in a religious education class for youth or adults -Attending a Bible Study Group or some other type of faith formation opportunity -Telling someone how much you appreciate something he or she did -Saying yes to serve in a ministry -Making a gratitude list and contemplating all there is to be thankful for each day - Exercising and trying to eat nutritious foods -Getting a needed health screening -Watching a video, reading a book, or taking a course to improve a talent or skill.

These are some ways in which Stewards are heeding the call to care for God's gifts of relationships, physical health, faith, community, our natural world, and our Church. All are gifts and all are called , as disciples and stewards, to cooperate with God in caring for His creation. What are some of the daily ways in which you are sharing, developing, and making fruitful your gifts, your time, and your resources? What are some of the ways you are helping to maintain, create, and increase God's Kingdom?

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Sunday

Gn14:18-20;
1Cor11:23-26;
Lk 9:11b-17

Monday

Vigil: Jer 1:4-10;
1 Pt 1:8-12;
Lk 1:5-17

Day: Is 49:1-6;
Acts 13:22-26;
Lk 1:57-66, 80

Tuesday

Gn 13:2, 5-18;
Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday

Gn 15:1-12, 17-18;
Mt 7:15-20

Thursday

Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:
6b-12, 15-16;
Mt 7:21-29

Friday

Ez 34:11-16;
Rom 5:5b-11;
Lk 15:3-7

Saturday

Vigil: Acts 3:1-10;
Gal 1:11-20;
Jn 21:15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11;
2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18;
Mt 16:13-19

Faith Formation

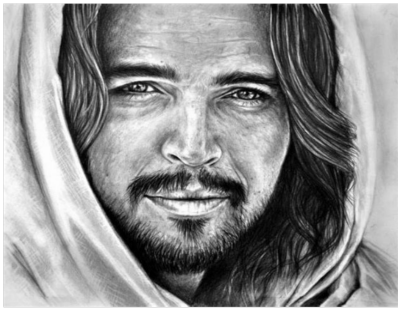
Saints Peter and Paul and Saint Benedict

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

June 23, 2019



*My dear Father,
I pray that I will stay
focused on You today even
after this morning. You
are more than enough to
sustain me.
I pray that You will
constantly remind me to be
satisfied with everything
I have and every
circumstance I am in.
I pray that You fill me up
with joy even if I am tired.
Teach me to be brought low
and how to flourish.
Teach me to learn the
secret of facing plenty and
hunger, abundance and
need. You are the only one
who can satisfy my thirst
and hunger when you open
Your hands.
You give power to the
faint. My soul clings to
you as your right hand
upholds me.
I know that through my
contentment, dear Lord,
You will be glorified.
I want to honor You in all
that I do. I believe I can do
everything when You are
with me, Lord.
I praise your Holy Name.
Amen*

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

First Reading: Genesis 14:18-20

Melchizedek, a priest of God, prayed that Abram would be blessed by God. He also praised God for delivering Abram's foes into his hands.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Paul describes Jesus' actions during the last supper. Jesus broke bread and said it was his body given for us, asking that we do the same in remembrance of him. He then passed the cup and called it his blood. Jesus then asked us to break bread in this manner to remember his death until he returns.

Gospel: Luke 9:11b-17

Jesus spoke to a large crowd when his disciples asked that he dismiss the people to give them a chance to find food and lodging. Jesus asked the disciples to give the crowd something to eat, but they had only five loaves of bread and two fish. Jesus then blessed and distributed the food, which fed about 5,000 people. Twelve baskets were then collected from what was left over.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

June 23, 2019

"Brothers and sisters: I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'"

Words so familiar, accompanied by the gestures of looking up, thanking, breaking and giving. Every Eucharist the words of Paul, and of Jesus at the last supper echo in our ears.

We might be surprised to know that Paul's teaching of the Corinthians, predates the last supper accounts in the gospels. It was already known, repeated and celebrated. How interesting, we call that a 'tradition', a handing over. Paul uses the word twice in a different way. He hands the story to his disciples, and describes the handing over of Jesus for the passion.

The great gift of the Eucharist brings us together with the Lord, forming a relationship with Him, making us one with each other and permits us to acknowledge a living Presence among us. At every mass, in every tabernacle, the Lord is present to be praised, adored, and loved with grateful affection.

Remember the person who met Philip and said 'Sir, we would like to see Jesus?'

He is here.



Worship

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

Masses at Saint Benedict this week

Tuesday	6-25	8am	Father's Day Father's Day
Wednesday	6-26	8am	Altha Swelgin by Family Frank Krokas Sr. by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Samuels
Thursday	6-27	8am	Fred Graham by Jack & Char Duddy Rosalie Splendido by Family
Friday	6-28	8am	Barbara Olsakowski by Betty Ann Parri Rosemary McCarthy by Peg & Jack Serafin

Weekend Mass Schedule Saints Peter & Paul

Saturday	6-29	4pm	Mary S. Rymar (A) by Jean Marie, Robert, & Regina Rymar
Sunday	6-30	7:30am	Francis Gavin by Breakstone Family
		10am	Bernard Frantz by Lillian & Family

Weekend Mass Schedule Saint Benedict

Saturday	6-29	5:30pm	Living & Deceased Parishioners
Sunday	6-30	11:30am	Nancy Lyn Yench by Mom & Dad

Mass Intentions

Each family will be allowed two (2) Mass Intentions per year. All requests must be done personally.

1. Masses must first be taken from the Mass Intention Book, before a new request may be made.
2. Only **ONE** weekend Mass intention per family will be honored.
3. Only parishioners may request Mass intentions.

**The Mass book for 2020 will open
Tuesday, July 2nd, starting at 8am.**

Saints Peter and Paul Parish **Sanctuary Candle**

Joseph Segeda



Saint Benedict Parish **Sanctuary Candle**

Rev. Joseph Grzybowski, O.F.M.

Holy Family Votive

Edward & Elizabeth Glazenski

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!!! The Bingo will be on Sunday, October 13. Doors will open at noon and games will begin at 1pm. There will be 10 games played and 6 specials. Pre admission tickets are \$20 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 will be 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 for more than 1 winner, with homemade items as giveaways. 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!!!

Memorial Donations The following donations/ memorials have recently been given to our **Saints Peter and Paul Food Pantry**

\$270 Anonymous
\$25 Joe & Deb Bronack
In Memory of Joseph Osmanski
\$500 Atty James Miscavage & Family
\$100 Debra & Jake Javitt & Family
In Memory of Paul Binker
\$85 Plains Township Workers
\$25 David & Mary Jean Tarantini
\$25 Carl & Susan Baker
\$25 Carol Trosko
\$20 Marie & William Cousin
\$20 Martha & Chris Yanaitis
In Memory of Bernie Juskiewicz
\$50 Joanne Juskiewicz & Family

We thank all who have made memorial and free-will donations. May God bless you for your generosity.

Wanted: Rosaries for a Seminary in Africa

Please place them in the box provided in the vestibule of Saints Peter & Paul Church.

Upcoming Events - Save the Date

Ice Cream Social - August 10 & 11
Stewardship Ministry Fair - September 7
Fall Lottery - Sept 7—September 29
Pierogi Making - September 21
Annual Quilt Bingo - October 13

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

June/July Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23 Lottery Sold	24 Quilting 5pm Prayer Shawl 5pm <i>Treasures 6pm</i> Rosary 6:30pm Faith Sharing 7pm	25 Quilting 9am	26	27 Quilting 9am Finance 6:30pm	28 <i>Treasures 10am</i>	29 Lottery Sold
30 Lottery Sold	1 Quilting 5pm Prayer Shawl 5pm <i>Treasures 6pm</i> Rosary 6:30pm Faith Sharing 7pm	2 Quilting 9am Event Planning 6pm	3	4 Office Closed	5 <i>Treasures 10am</i>	6
7	8 Quilting 5pm Prayer Shawl 5pm <i>Treasures 6pm</i> Rosary 6:30pm Faith Sharing 7pm	9 Quilting 9am	10	11 Quilting 9am Pastoral Council 6:30	12 <i>Treasures 10am</i>	13
14	15 Quilting 5pm Prayer Shawl 5pm <i>Treasures 6pm</i> Rosary 6:30pm Faith Sharing 7pm	16 Quilting 9am	17	18 Food Pantry Prep 9am Women's Society 6:30pm	19 <i>Treasures 10am-</i> Food Pantry 9am	20

Summer Chess Camp for Students

Attention students in grades 2 through 8, **The Academy of Chess, LLC**, will again host chess camp on 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!

Plains Lions Club 14th Annual Golf Outing– Sunday, July 14, 2019 12:00 Noon Shotgun Start, Sand Springs Country Club, 10 Clubhouse Drive, Drums, Pa. Format; Captain & Crew, Price \$85 per golfer. Sponsor support is available: \$500 -Bronze, \$100-Lion, and \$50 Leo. For more information or to register with any Plains Lion Club member call 570-606-9944

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.

Help Needed! Any child who has received First Holy Communion and would like to become an **altar server** is asked to call the Parish Office.

An **Event Planning Committee** meeting will be held at the Parish Center on July 2, at 6 pm.

Saints Peter and Paul Finance Committee

Don Prescavage, Chairman
Ben Berrini, Vice Chairman
Charlotte Dominick, Secretary
Gerald Cross, Capital Budget Chairman
Maryann Kropiewnicki, Revenue Coordinator
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.

Light the Fire Youth Rally The 13th annual Light the Fire Summer Youth Rally will be held, Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at Misericordia University. The rally will gather together some 400 high school students and their chaperones from parishes across the Diocese of Scranton. The rally is an opportunity for students to gather outside of their parish walls and celebrate their Catholic faith. There will be terrific speakers that will inspire young people and help them realize among other things that they are loved and valued. Their lives matter. They are the now of the Church and God is calling them and needs them to be Christ for others. There will be an opportunity for reconciliation and Adoration. Closing Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Bambera. Please go to our website at light-the-fire.org for a registration packet, information on all of our speakers, the schedule for the day and photos and videos from previous years.

Solemnity of the Sacred Heart Vigil Mass and Dinner to be held at St. Joseph Mareello Parish in Pittston. The Sacred Heart Enthronement Guild in the Diocese announces its annual Eucharistic celebration commemorating the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held on the vigil of the Sacred Heart Feast, Thursday, June 27, at 5 pm. A dinner reception will follow in the Parish Center. For more information, contact Maria Pappa, at 570-587-0805.

The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus - A mass celebrating the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday, June 28, will be offered at 7pm in the chapel of Saint Joseph's Oblate Seminary, Route 315, Laflin. The Eucharistic celebration will include prayers for those seeking Enthronement of their home to the Sacred Heart of Jesus or renewal of previously received Enthronements. Father Joseph Sibilano will serve as principal celebrant. Refreshments will be provided after the Mass. For information contact Maria Pappa at 570-587-0805.

The First Presbyterian Church of Wilkes-Barre, 97 South Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, will host "Celebrate America: An Independence Day Concert" on Sunday, June 30 at 7pm. This free performance is sponsored by the PA Northeast Chapter, American Guild of Organists. For more information, contact Raphael Micca at 570-301-9253.

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.

Mass in Remembrance of Victims of Violent or Tragic Death

The Diocese of Scranton is offering the annual Mass in remembrance of victims of violent or tragic death. This Mass is offered for the families and friends of those who have died in tragedy, especially through murder, suicide, and accident.

The Mass is scheduled for **Thursday, July 11, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton.** All persons who have lost a loved one through tragic and traumatic death are invited to this liturgy.

Call parish office to register.

All Donations
Welcome

The 10th Annual VOCATIONS Golf Classic 2019



Benefitting
Our Future
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.

DONORS & MEMORIAL GIFTS LISTED BY CATEGORY
ON HOLE SIGNS, IN THE PROGRAM AND IN THE CATHOLIC LIGHT

Give Online, by Mail or Phone...

- **CALL** 570-207-2250 to make a credit card donation or ask for a brochure
- **ONLINE** - DioceseofScranton.org, click **Giving**, **Vocations Golf Classic**

- **MAIL** a check to:
Diocese of Scranton
Vocations Classic
300 Wyoming Ave.
Scranton, PA 18503

Donor - Any amount Hole \$100 Flag \$250 Benefactor \$500
Golfer \$250 Archangel Four \$2,500 Angel Four \$1,250

Please make checks payable to Diocese of Scranton "Vocations Endowment."

*Interested in supporting and protecting our children's future? Then please consider attending the diocesan-sponsored **Virtus: Protecting God's Children for Adults Program**. This training session is required for all adult employees and volunteers who have direct contact or routine interaction with children.*

During the three-hour training. A facilitator, who will teach you the tools and show you the resources to maintain a safe environment for all children, will incorporate techniques in a discussion-format to help you recognize the warning signs of child sexual abuse and how to respond to it appropriately and effectively.

*Please consider joining your community on **Thursday, June 27, 2019, 5:30-8:30pm, with Saint Faustina Kowalska Parish, Nanticoke, 570-735-4833, or Tuesday, July 9, 2019, 6-9pm, with Saint Ignatius of Loyola Parish, Kingston, 570-288-6446, to take part in this vital program to help safeguard our most vulnerable and precious gifts: our children. The session details are on our website.***

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

Saints Peter and Paul

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Harold Golomb, Jr, Vice Chairperson
JoAnn Chukinas, Secretary
Gerald Cross
Barbara Gubbiotti
Steven McGough
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Saint Benedict

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