



Church of Saints Peter and Paul

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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 25, 2017

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 Parish of Saints Peter and Paul opens wide its doors
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!*

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.

Office Hours

Monday 10AM – 4pm
Tuesday through Friday 8am – 4pm
Office closed daily Noon – 12:30pm
Saturday by appointment

Mass Schedule

Monday – Communion Service – 7am
Tuesday through Friday – 7am
Saturday 4pm
Sunday 8am & 11am

Confession

Daily 6:30AM – 6:45am
Saturday 3PM – 3:30pm
By appointment anytime

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of every month – noon till 3pm

Working Together to Build the Kingdom of God

M	6-26	7am	Communion Service
T	6-27	7am	Father's Day Novena
W	6-28	7am	Alice Benzi (A) by Mr. & Mrs. John Benzi
Th	6-29	7am	Father's Day Novena
		6:30pm	Evening Prayer
F	6-30	7am	Paul Hession by Wife
S	7-1	4pm	John Binker
			by Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Kowalski
S	7-2	8am	Guy DePasquale
		11am	Living and Deceased Parishioners

FEAR NOT

How do people find hope in the face of suffering and death? That is the question addressed by today's scriptures. We hear of the suffering of Jeremiah and the psalmist. We hear of the death that "reigned from Adam to Moses" (Romans 5:14). We hear of the fears of the Twelve as Jesus sends them out into the world to preach and heal.

Through all this tribulation one message rings out loud and clear—"Do not be afraid!" The God who saved Jeremiah and the psalmist and Jesus is fully present to save us through the gracious gift of Jesus Christ. We have nothing and no one to fear.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD has rescued the poor from the clutches of the wicked (Jeremiah 20:10-13).

Psalm — Lord, in your great love, answer me (Psalm 69).

Second Reading — The grace of God overflows for all (Romans 5:12-15).

Gospel — All who acknowledge Jesus before others will likewise be acknowledged by Jesus before the Father (Matthew 10:26-33).

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*In Memory of...
Sanctuary Candle
Ted Wysocki*

*Our Lady of Lourdes Votive Candle
John Kozik*

*Holy Family Votive Candle
Paul Binker*

June 18, 2017

Contributions	\$6,882
Dues	\$2,635
Air Conditioning	\$70
Holy Day	\$11
Cemetery	\$101
Maintenance	\$227
Care of the Priest	\$80
St. Vincent de Paul	\$37
Peter Pence	\$17

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday: St. Cyril of Alexandria
- Wednesday: St. Irenaeus
- Thursday: Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles
- Friday: First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
- Saturday: St. Junípero Serra; Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday; Canada Day

Pastor Rev. John C. Lambert	Pastor Emeritus Rev. Joseph Greskiewicz
Liturgical/Musical Consultant and Choir Director Joan Turel	
Faith Formation Sande Holena	Custodians Michael Lambert Michael Levandowski
Extraordinary Ministers/Readers David Loiacono	Ushers Paul Muczynski
Organists Christine Katsock & Charles Unice	Altar Servers Gloria Flynn
Food Pantry Pauline Makowski	Youth Group MaryAnn and Michael Quinn

Weekly Activities
June 25 – July 2

<i>Day</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Building</i>	<i>Location</i>
Mon.	6-26	9am	Vacation Bible School	Faith Formation Center	Class Room
		9am	Chess	Parish Center	Prayer Room
		5pm	Quilting	Parish Center	2 nd Floor
		6pm	Treasures	Parish Center	Back Porch
		6:30pm	Rosary	Parish Center	Prayer Room
		7pm	Faith Sharing	Parish Center	2 nd Floor
Tues.	6-27	9am	Vacation Bible School	Faith Formation Center	Class Room
		9am	Chess	Parish Center	Prayer Room
		9am	Quilting	Parish Center	2 nd Floor
Wed	6-28	9am	Vacation Bible School	Faith Formation Center	Class Room
		9am	Chess	Parish Center	Prayer Room
		6:30pm	Parenting Meeting For Faith Formation	Faith Formation Center	Bernardine Hall
Thurs.	6-29	9am	Vacation Bible School	Faith Formation Center	Class Room
		9am	Chess	Parish Center	Prayer Room
		9am	Quilting	Parish Center	2 nd Floor
Fri.	6-30	9am	Vacation Bible School	Faith Formation Center	Class Room
		9am	Chess	Parish Center	Prayer Room
		9am	Treasures	Parish Center	Back Porch

Mass Intentions

Due to the change in our Mass Schedule, we have a limited number of available Mass Intentions. Each family will be allowed two (2) Mass Intentions per year. If you are requesting a Mass for a family member, may I suggest that you combine several family members in your intention for example the Lambert Family and McGettigan Family rather than individual family members.

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 can be honored.
3. Only parishioners may request Mass Intentions Thank you Father Jack

The Mass Book for 2018 will open July 3rd.

Mass Schedule Starting July 8-9

*Saturday - 4pm Saints Peter and Paul Parish
5:30pm St. Benedict Parish
Sunday – 8am St. Benedict Parish
10am Saints Peter and Paul Parish*

The Women’s Society is sponsoring a bus trip to Sight and Sound in Lancaster to see “Jonah” on Wednesday, August 23. The cost of \$110 for adults and \$55 for children includes the bus, grand smorgasbord lunch at Hershey Farm Restaurant, ticket for 3pm show and tip for the bus driver. There will be time for shopping at the Hershey Farm Boutiques. Reservations may be made by calling BJ Hession at 570-822-9448 or Irene Martin at 570-825-4464. Payment is required at the time of reservation. No reservation will be accepted after July 15th.

Lottery Winners

6-12	#499	Jonathan Eustice
6-13	#254	Tony Szymanski
6-14	#991	Joan Salijko
6-15	#799	Donald Pientka
6-16	#326	Tina Lisman
6-17	#117	Stella Szymanski
6-18	#045	Jason Giomboni

Congratulations to all!!!

Donations

Saints Peter and Paul Scholarship

\$250 Albert Albert Jr.

Saints Peter and Paul Treasures

\$10 A Friend

Saints Peter and Paul Food Pantry

\$260 Anonymous

\$25 Jean & Joseph Perkowski

\$25 Deborah & Joseph Bronacki Jr.

\$50 In Memory of Conrad Sarnecki
by George Decurtis

\$20 In Memory of Norman Darling
by Liz Segeda

In Memory of Jean Griffith

\$50 John & Marilyn Corcoran

\$50 Marita & Frank Dessoie

\$25 Mike & Mary Ann Lambert

\$25 Barb & Joe Salus

\$25 Jane & Michael McCue

\$15 Regina Klepadlo

\$20 Michelle & Agrante Pisaneschi

\$10 A friend

We thank all who have made memorial and free-will donations. May God bless you for your generosity. We will keep your intentions and love ones in our prayers.

Art n'Vino Party at Saints Peter and Paul

Women and men who attend are not there to learn how to be artists, rather each person gets a blank canvas, bring their own wine to help fuel their creative juices, and an instructor will teach them how to paint a specific item. Paintings can be done by even the most amateur of painters. At the end of the night you get to go home with a painting and loads of fun memories.

The party will be held on Wednesday, July 19th at 6:30pm in the Parish Center, Dining Room. The design chosen is Lighthouse Beach. Cost is \$40 Register by July 9th at artnvin.com or visit Art n'Vino, Cross Valley Center, 667 N. River Street. Door will open at 6pm on July 19th. Beverages and snacks can be brought, all art materials, aprons, cups, corkscrews, ice and instructions will be provided.

Come join us for a night of painting and fun!!!!



Feast of St. Peter and Paul

Thursday, June 29th

Evening Prayer

6:30pm in the Church

Our Parish Pastoral Council Members

Kathy Grinaway

JoAnn Chukinas

Kevin O'Connor

Jim Susek

Mary Ann Kropiewnicki

Harold Golumb Jr.

Gerry Cross

Frank Procopio

Frank Westawski

St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church Summer Festival,

33 Manhattan Street, Ashley, will be held on Thursday, June 22 with DJ Bouncin' Bernie with a 7pm performance from the Kerry Dancers, Friday the 23rd with Strawberry Jam and Saturday the 24th with OZ. Open nightly at 6pm. Come out and enjoy our homemade ethnic food and great prizes!!

Marriage Moments

In marriage, there are certain things that you can "agree to disagree" on and others that you absolutely must agree upon. For example, you must agree that your marriage is a top priority and you will do whatever you need to do to strengthen it.

- Susan Vogt

Online Survey to Partner with Francis

The young church (16-35) and those who work with them are encouraged to let their voice be heard as the Diocese of Scranton ‘**partner with Francis**’ in preparation for the 2018 Synod on the topic of *Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment*. Both those who identify as Catholic and those who do not, can complete an online survey at www.partnerwithfrancis.org. The results of this survey will not only help Pope Francis and the Bishops as they prepare for the Synod, but also help shape programming for the young church here in our Diocese. For more information, please contact Dominick Costantino, program coordinator for the Diocesan vocation office, at 570-780-2996.

A Training for Adults in the Protecting God’s Children (PGC/VIRTUS) Program has been scheduled for Tuesday, August,29, at King’s College, Wilkes-Barre, beginning at 8am. Seating is very limited. Complete and detailed information can be found on our website, and in the attached notice. 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. Your attendance is important.

VIRTUS: Protecting God’s Children for Adults Program is a three hour training, a facilitator 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 29 at the Catholic Youth Center (CYC), Wilkes-Barre**, to take part in this vital program to help safeguard our most vulnerable and precious gifts: our children. The session details are listed below and also on our website. Thank you for your cooperation and your willingness to protect all our children and to keep them safe.

Bulletin Briefs

“If someone we know has received a prenatal diagnosis, let us ask the Holy Spirit to work through us. May the families of these little children be strengthened and comforted by our affirmation of truth that their child’s life – however long or short – is worth living.”

*Supporting Families Who Receive a Prenatal Diagnosis
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities*

Parenting Pointers

If one listens to the news alot it can feel like terror on every side. Our children are not immune to this fear. Talk with your child about their fears. Listening and posting solutions can help you both move toward the goal of – “Do not be afraid.” (Mt. 10:31) - Susan Vogt

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 has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (Childline) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically. 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 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

< KID'S KORNER > Gospel Today
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 10:26-33
God created everything on earth, and He knows us right down to the hair on our heads. He wants us to listen to the word of Jesus, and believe. Whoever accepts Jesus on earth, will be accepted by His Father in heaven. The works of the Apostles continues.

SUMMER IS HERE!
Look around at God’s world. What is your favorite summer activity?
Draw a picture of you and Jesus together. What are you doing?
Eating ice cream? Skating in the park?
Swimming at the lake, beach or pool?
Is your hair pulled up, or under a hat?
Don't forget to put sunscreen on!

SWEET as HONEY
Matthew 10:30
Even the hairs of your head are counted.

J.D., God is smart!
Yes Honey, He sure is.
I mean really, really, really smart!
I can't even count how many hairs are in one curl, and He can count my whole head!

Transition News (May/June 2017)

As you may have heard, a Transition Team has been formed to enable a smooth linkage of the churches of St. Benedict and SS. Peter and Paul. Following each meeting, notes will be shared in the bulletin and on Facebook to keep all parishioners well informed. The diocese suggests that this consist of the Pastor, Deacon and members of each parish and communicate ongoing with the parish. Members include Father Jack Lambert, Don Prescavage, Ben Berrini, Kathy Grinaway, Father Joseph Kearney, Deacon Don Crane, Ed Yencha, Mary Ann Pistack, Tom Kozerski, and Debbie Lyons (Diocesan Resource).

On May 25th, our first order of business was to work on a new mass schedule as this will be immediately impacted by having one pastor. As was shared with you immediately following in a bulletin insert, consideration of space, access, funeral time and Faith Formation for youth was thoroughly discussed. An evaluation in the Spring of 2018 will occur.

On June 3, Father Jack encouraged the team to raise our awareness and be open to the “paradigm shift” of today’s church and position ourselves to grow. We need to open ourselves to think differently in order to reach younger people and the unchurched and be able to meet their needs. We are challenged with exploring new ways of ministry, and engaging with younger persons and families to better understand their needs.

It was important to discuss the **strengths of each parish**. For St. Benedicts, some strengths include reaching out to youth in ways such as Movie Night, Trunk or Treat, and the CCD Program. Volunteering at the Soup Kitchen, Mother Theresa’s Haven, and the Council of Catholic Women’s work were also included. The strengths of Ss. Peter and Paul include Treasures (Clothing), Youth Group, Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Eucharistic Ministers, Quilters, and the Ladies’ Group. Areas of challenge will need to be addressed. Areas of possible collaboration include Faith Formation and Mother Theresa’s Haven (Feed the Homeless).

Facility summary is as follows:

St Benedict: Seating for approximately 500 in the church, a parish hall with seating for 300, a small kitchen, 35 parking spaces, a handicap ramp, rectory, two cemeteries (St Francis & St Dominic). The church has new carpeting, recently painted, and air conditioning has been installed.

SS Peter & Paul: Seating for approximately 800 in the church, Parish Center, Bernardine Hall seats 400-500 people (100’X50’), school classrooms, rectory, and three cemeteries (SS. Peter & Paul, Sacred Heart, and St Joseph).

Communication Plan

A Plan for both parishes will be established to include a parish mailing to be prepared for St. Benedict’s as an introduction to Father Jack, ongoing communication with the parishes through letters from the Pastor, bulletins will be combined in the near future, as well as websites and parish Facebook pages that include common links.

Pastoral integration will include listening sessions with Father Jack to meet and listen to concerns, hopes and dreams of the parishioners at St Benedict. These small groups will be approximately 6-8 people each. He suggested that the groups consist of various ministries, parents, seniors etc. All of the input will be captured and used for pastoral planning efforts as we move forward. Also, Father Jack and Father Kearney will “swap” masses at each church the weekend of June 17th and 18th.