

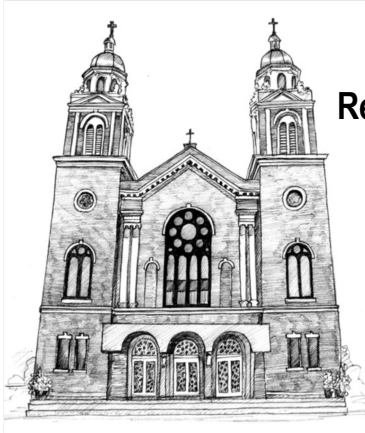
Saints Peter and Paul

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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

Working Together to Build the Kingdom of God

Sunday Stewards

Saints Peter and Paul Parish

1039 Families receive envelopes

June 22 259 attended the 4pm Mass
165 Families used their envelopes and offered \$2,777

June 23 122 attended the 7:30am Mass
88 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,476

255 attended the 10am Mass

129 Families used their envelopes and offered \$2,417

Tithe from

382 Families was \$6,670

Bernardine Bucks \$505

*The Second Collection this weekend at SsPP will be for
Peter's Pence*

*Next week's Collection at SsPP will be for
Care and Education of Priests*

Please be generous!!!

Saint Benedict Parish

429 Families receive envelopes

June 22 135 attended the 5:30pm Mass
70 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,811

June 23 69 attended the 11:30am Mass
92 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,888

Tithe from

162 Families was \$3,699

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 17	#064	M. Osmanski
June 18	#676	Mary Langdon
June 19	#681	Connie Szustak
June 20	#910	Vic DeAnthony
June 21	#137	Clare Jones
June 22	#221	Elsie Kosmach
June 23	#103	John Pelepko

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

"Bring Out the Welcome Mat"

"Many gifts have been given to the Church through Stewardship formation...One of these gifts is the recognition of the importance of hospitality and a genuine heartfelt welcome in our parishes. Engaging people in a parish and through the parish to a life of discipleship requires a culture in which every person matters." (40) (Grateful Disciples).

The parish is more than simply a place where people come to Mass or participate in sacramental preparation. The parish is a community of believers who are committed to Christ and to living as disciples. Through participation in the Eucharist and in the life of the parish, we grow in communion with Christ and each other. We are formed as people of mission, who share God's love through service within the community and are sent forth from it as Christ's people in the world.

The appreciation of hospitality and welcome makes perfect sense. If we hope that people will open their hearts and minds to God's love in new and renewed ways, they must feel at home in their parish. It must be their "family of faith." Offering a genuine welcome and sincere invitation to become part of the community conveys Christ's love. Hospitality opens the door to an encounter with Jesus, for the person greeted and for the parishioners who welcome them. In the words of St. Benedict, "Let all guests who arrive be received like Christ, for He is going to say, 'I came as a guest and you received Me.'" Matthew 25:35) Hospitality of this sort is as much about who we are as what we do. We are forming the parish to live as Christ's people in community. Hospitality is essentially about caring, a form of love. To be seen, to be listened to, to be welcomed, are deep sources of peace and joy. May we be good listeners; may we be caring people.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21;
Gal 5:1, 13-18;
Lk 9:51-62

Monday

Gn 18:16-33;
Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday

Gn 19:15-29;
Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday

Eph 2:19-22;
Jn 20:24-29

Thursday

Gn 22:1b-19;
Mt 9:1-8 or, for
Independence Day, any
readings

from the *Lectionary for Mass* (vol. IV), the Mass
"For the Country or a City,"
nos. 882-886, or
"For Peace and Justice,"
nos. 887-891

First Friday

Gn 23:1-4, 19, 24:1-8,
62-67;
Mt 9:9-13

First Saturday

Gn 27:1-5, 15-29;
Mt 9:14-17

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.

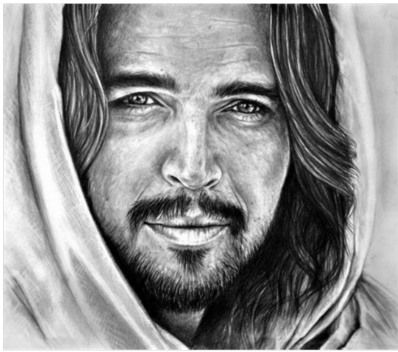
Confirmation Pictures

Pictures are ready for pick-up in vestibule of both Churches.

The Sunday Good News

Saint Benedict & Saints Peter & Paul

June 30, 2019



*Generous Father,
I want to be merciful
and happy.
Give me
your strength
and guidance.
Keep greed
far from my heart.
Teach me
compassion.
Help me
to see the sufferings
and sorrows
of others.
Never let me
hold a grudge
or be unjust to others.
Come to me,
Father,
and give me
prudence.
Bring me
into your kingdom!
Show me happiness.
Through Christ
our Lord,
Amen*

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21

Elijah the prophet followed God's instruction to appoint a man named Elisha as his successor. Elijah threw his cloak over Elisha, who went and said good-bye to his family, then followed Elijah without question.

Second Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-18

Paul reminds us that people were freed from the old law through Christ. But he makes it clear that this freedom does not mean giving in to evil desires. Instead, we must be guided by the Spirit and most importantly love our neighbor as ourselves.

Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

Jesus set out for Jerusalem, and passed through a town where he was not welcomed. He reprimanded his disciples for desiring vengeance against the town. One man wanted to follow Jesus when he had finished his duties at home. Jesus expressed that a man who begins a task, but constantly looks back is unfit for the reign of God.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time June 30, 2019

“On the way they entered a Samaritan village, but they would not welcome him because the destination of his journey was Jerusalem... As they were proceeding on their journey someone said to him ‘I will follow you wherever you go... and to another He said ‘Follow me’”

Such great contrasts. No welcome, hesitation, and commitment, all within a few short verses. Today, we find rejection of the invitation, insecurity concerning discipleship, and complete dedication. I ask myself, where do I stand.

Our society and culture finds it difficult to meet the challenge of the gospel. At best there is indifference. Some begin, attracted to the person of Jesus and life in the church, but become lax, or are caught just in routine. Many are dedicated and enthusiastic, as the gospel gives meaning to their lives, enriches their families and brings great joy and peace.

As vacation time begins, it might be a good time to ask where discipleship is leading me and discover the potential I have and the call of the Lord for me in these summer months.



Worship

We Remember

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

Masses at Saints Peter and Paul this week

Monday	7-1	7am	Communion Service
Tuesday	7-2	7am	Paul Hession by Wife Mary Seasock by Daniel Seasock
Wednesday	7-3	7am	John & Eleanor Binker by Paul & Donna Diguseppe Marie Rehn by Sal & Ann Marie Mantione
Thursday	7-4	7am	Florence & Stanley Sierko by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Sierko John Kelly by Tricalico Family
Friday	7-5	7am	Irma Ribacchi by Husband & Niece John & Mary Ann Dechman by Margaret Johns

Weekend Masses at Saints Peter and Paul

Saturday	7-6	4pm	Ben & Helen Nutaitis by Children
Sunday	7-7	7:30am 10am	Anthony Goretski, Jr. by Wife & Children Irene & Steve Nerbecki by Son Robert & Susan

Weekend Masses at Saint Benedict

Saturday	7-6	5:30pm	Joan Reese by Eddie Pashinski
Sunday	7-7	11:30am	Living & Deceased Parishioners

New Mass Schedule

Starting the weekend of July 13-14

Saturday

4pm –Saints Peter & Paul

5:30pm –Saint Benedict

Sunday

8am –Saints Peter & Paul

10:30am –Saints Peter & Paul

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

Saints Peter and Paul Parish

Sanctuary Candle

John & Eleanor Binker

Lady of Lourdes

Paul Binker, Jr.



Saint Benedict Parish

Sanctuary Candle

Rosemary McCarthy

Holy Family Votive

Mary Vannucchi

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 **July** will be collecting **cereal**.

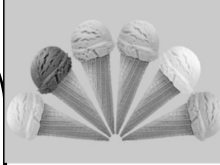
Saints Peter and Paul Food Pantry

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!!!



*I scream! You scream!
We all scream for ice cream!*

Join us for some delicious ice cream and get to know your fellow parishioners! Social will be held after the 4pm Mass on Saturday, August 10th, and the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, August 11th. Don't miss out!!!

Rosaries for a Seminary in Africa Needed

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

Upcoming Events - Save the Date

Stewardship Ministry Fair - September 7

Fall Lottery - Sept 7—September 29

Pierogi Making - September 21

Annual Quilt Bingo - October 13

Women's Society Communion Breakfast - Oct. 13

Senior Dinner - November 3

Sight and Sound Bus Trip - November 5

Annual Purse Bingo - November 10

Ministry Sign Up - November 23

Winter Lottery - December 7

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
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	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
21	22 Quilting 5pm Prayer Shawl 5pm <i>Treasures 6pm</i> Rosary 6:30pm Faith Sharing 7pm	23 Quilting 9am	24	25 Quilting 9am Finance 6:30pm	26 <i>Treasures 10am</i>	27

Summer Chess Camp for Students

Attention students in grades 2 through 8, **The Academy of Chess, LLC**, will 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

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.

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.

Saint Nicholas Church, 226 S. Washington St., Wilkes-Barre will hold it's annual Bazaar from Thursday through Saturday, July 18, 19, 20 beginning at 5:30pm on the parish grounds. Grand Prize is a 50/50 drawing plus 50 additional prizes. A variety of great ethnic and American foods, theme baskets, prizes & games will be offered. A Giant Flea Market is featured each night.

St. Maria Goretti Church will hold it's annual Festival on Friday and Saturday, July 26, and 27 from 5pm to 10pm and Sunday, July 28 from 3pm to 8pm. To be held **RAIN OR SHINE –UNDER THE TENTS!** Entertainment –Friday "**Sperazza Band**", Saturday - "**Flaxy Morgan**", Sunday "**Sweet Pepper and the Long Hots**". There will be Air-conditioned Bingo, Bake Sale, Gift Card Showcase, Vera Bradley Showcase, Beautiful Raffle Baskets, Kids Games, Water Wars, Food, Desserts, Beverages and more. Come out and enjoy fun, food, & friends!

Shrines of Northern Italy & Rome... Take your **Faith on a Journey**, to Northern Italy and Rome on this 9 night experience. September 19th - 27th, 2019. Your included destinations while on this Journey: **Milan, Italy –Turin –Pavia –Sirmione –Padua –Pomposa –Ravenna –Rome, Italy.** Mass and Rosary will be offered throughout your journey. Land prices begin at \$1589 per person, based on double occupancy. Deposits of only \$400 per person will reserve your space. Space is **VERY LIMITED**. For further info or to register, contact Michelle or Eileen at 860-399-1785/
Eileen@CatholicCruisesandTours.com.

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."

Virtus Training

*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 **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. In accordance with the 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 at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis. 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
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