

## Parish of Saints Peter and Paul

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**Office Hours**  
Saturday and Sunday  
by appointment

### **Saints Peter and Paul/Saint Benedict**

Monday through Friday 8am-4pm  
Office closed daily Noon—12:30pm

## Parish of Saint Benedict

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**Deacon Don Crane**

### **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

**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

1204 Families receive envelopes

**July 14**      287 attended the 4pm Mass  
184 Families used their envelopes and offered \$3,959

**July 15**      175 attended the 7:30am Mass  
89 Families used their envelopes and offered \$2,172  
270 attended the 10am Mass  
117 Families used their envelopes and offered \$2,762  
Tithe from  
390 Families was \$8,893

### Saint Benedict Parish

560 Families receive envelopes

**July 14**      122 attended the 5:30pm Mass  
102 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,920

**July 15**      80 attended the 11:30am Mass  
61 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,171  
Tithe from  
163 Families was \$3,091

*Thank you for your continued generous  
Support of our parishes!*

## SAINTS PETER AND PAUL LOTTERY

July 9	#709	Joseph Urban
July 10	#608	D. Willis
July 11	#224	RJ Serafin
July 12	#808	Bill Holena
July 13	#619	Alivia Graboske
July 14	#603	Barb Gilgallon
July 15	#464	Alex Bedrin

*Congratulations to all!!!!*

## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Sunday

Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

### Monday

Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Mt 12:38-42

### Tuesday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Mt 12:46-50

### Wednesday

2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28

### Thursday

Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Mt 13:10-17

### Friday

Jer 3:14-17; Mt 13:18-23

### Saturday

Jer 7:1-11; Mt 13:24-30

## *Saints Peter and Paul & Saint Benedict*

**Vacation Bible School (VBS)** will be rescheduled for August 2018. If interested, please email [faithformation@sspeterandpaulplains.com](mailto:faithformation@sspeterandpaulplains.com) or call 570-825-6663 (3,1)

# The Sunday Good News

Saint Benedict & Saints Peter & Paul

July 22, 2018

*Life becomes exciting and  
full when we do more than  
just the minimum. An  
Anonymous Student poet  
put it this way....*

*I will do more than belong  
I will participate.*

*I will do more than care  
I will help.*

*I will do more than believe  
I will practice.*

*I will do more than be fair  
I will be kind.*

*I will do more than forgive  
I will love.*

*I will do more than earn  
I will enrich.*

*I will do more than teach  
I will serve.*

*I will do more than live  
I will grow.*

*I will do more than be  
friendly  
I will be a friend.*

## First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

In this passage, God denounces false leaders who have scattered his people. He promises that they will be reunited and led by one who is just and wise.

## Second Reading: Ephesians 2:13-18

Paul explains that through Jesus Christ, there is no longer hostility between Gentile and Jew. Instead, through the Spirit of Christ, both groups become one body and are equal in the eyes of God.

## Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

The apostles returned after their first mission and told Jesus what they had done and taught. He told them to rest, but the people kept coming to them. So they went to find a private place, but the people learned where they were going and arrived first. Jesus felt sorry for them and decided to teach them instead of resting.

## His Word Today *by Rev. William J. Reilly* Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 22, 2018

**"For he is our peace...He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father....so they went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place...his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd."**

Peace, we are taught, is not the absence of war, but much more. It begins in the hearts of each person who is aware of God's love in us. It moves us to recognize that truth in others, both friend and foe, for all are made in God's image and likeness.

The search for peace is a struggle. The first step is to examine our lives and discover what unites us, as Paul teaches. This is the first building block. The next is dialogue, discovering where we agree as we move beyond perceptions to reality. The most important factor is found in the presence of Christ and His grace. We are to be peace builders.

Like the apostles, find a deserted place, a quiet moment of prayer, ask the Spirit to guide you in discovering the steps to take to bring His peace to you and to others. It is the same Lord who has compassion for all.

## 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 Program

For the month of **July** will be collecting **Coffee**.

### Saints Peter and Paul Food Pantry

Anyone in the Plains, Miners Mills 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 donation 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.

**Ushers Needed** With the addition of a new Mass on Sundays, ***we are asking both men and women to join the ministry of hospitality*** by becoming an Usher. All you need to do is send an email along with your email address to parishoffice@sspeterandpaulplains.com stating you want to become an Usher and what Mass you prefer. The Parish Office will place you on the Usher Schedule. If you have any questions send an email to Paul Muczynski at pmuczynski@epix.net.

**Altar Servers Needed** With the addition of a new Mass on Sundays, we are asking both young men and women who are interested in becoming Altar Servers to join this wonderful, fulfilling ministry. Youth parishioners who have received First Holy Communion through senior in high school are eligible for this ministry. Please contact Dave Loiacono 570-574-7842

## We Remember

A Communion Service will be held at Saints Peter and Paul at 7AM Monday—Friday

### Masses at Saint Benedict this week

T	7-24	8am	<b>Rosalie Prescavage</b> by Candice Berrini <b>Kevin Gartley</b> By Family
W	7-25	8am	<b>Al DeAngelis</b> by Tom & Deb Bonn <b>Leona VanValhenbury</b> by Family
Th	7-26	8am	<b>Barbara Olsakowski</b> by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Lash <b>Joseph Ulitchney</b> by Mary Ellen & David Jorden
F	7-27	8am	<b>George Mehala Sr. (A)</b> by Son, George Jr. <b>Rosemary McCarthy</b> by Catherine Wega

### Weekend Mass Schedule Saints Peter & Paul

S	7-28	4pm	<b>Living &amp; Deceased Parishioners</b>
	7-29	7:30am	<b>Paulette Pambianco</b> by Ken & Allison Krabosky by Eric & Michael Pehala
		10am	<b>Irene Stanski (A)</b> by Family

### Weekend Mass Schedule Saint Benedict

S	7-28	5:30pm	<b>Jule Novakoski</b> by Nancy Hazzard Burke
S	7-29	11:30am	<b>Edward Ciprich</b> by Kathy Timek

## Circle of Prayer

Many of us need the prayers of a faith community. To request prayers for your intention, or to join the circle of prayer contact Mary Jo Marek at 570-825-6969.

### Saints Peter and Paul Parish

**Sanctuary Candle**

*Raymond S. Kownacki*

### Saint Benedict Parish

**Sanctuary Candle**

*Special Intention*

## Parish Weekly Activities

**July 23—July 29**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Location</b>
Mon.	7-23	5pm 6pm 6:30pm 7pm	Quilting Treasures Rosary Faith Sharing	Parish Center Parish Center Parish Center Parish Center	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Various Rooms Prayer Room 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
Tues.	7-24	9am	Quilting	Parish Center	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
Wed.	7-25	9am	Quilting	Parish Center	2nd Floor
Fri.	7-27	9am	Treasures	Parish Center	Various Rooms
Sun.	7-28	9am	Family Choir	Church	Choir Loft

### Save the Date—SSPP Upcoming Parish Events

**August 11 & 12** —Ice Cream Social

(after 4pm & 10am Masses) - **Parish Grounds**

**September 16**—First Annual Purse Bingo 1pm

**October 7**—Annual Quilt Bingo 1pm

**November 11**—Senior Dinner 5pm

**November 17**— Night at the Races 7pm



**Designer Bag Bingo** will be held on Sunday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, doors open at 11:30am and games begin at 1pm. Advance tickets are \$20 and \$25 at the door. Includes 20 regular games of bingo. Anyone interested in helping or donating food, or baskets please call Nina at 570- 825-6663 (ext. 3 then 1). All proceeds benefit the Bernardine Hall Renovation



### 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 7 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 5 specials (extra). Pre purchased tickets are \$20 and \$25 at the door. Tickets can be purchased through the office. A raffle will be held in conjunction with the bingo. Tickets for the raffle will be made and sent to each family of Saints Peter and Paul Parish. A different quilt each week will be 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. So spend the afternoon with us and maybe you'll be lucky enough to win a homemade treasure!!!

**Memorial Donation** The following donations/memorials have recently been given to our

#### Saints Peter and Paul Bernardine Hall

\$1,075 In Memory of Myron Yench by Bernice & Ed Yench

#### Saints Peter and Paul Food Pantry

5,000 Plains Lions Club \$400 Annymous

\$20 Nancie Conlon \$10 Elizabeth Kupstas

\$1,000 In Memory of Camille Evans by Susan & John Evans

\$250 In Memory of Albert Janerick & Paul Hession by Family

In Memory of Joseph Osmanski

\$100 Mocion Family

\$75 Sharon & Jon Saia

\$25 Leslie & Rosemarie Taylor

\$25 Leonard & Muriel Lispi

In Memory of Myron Yench

\$50 Rena & Michael Whisenhunt

\$50 Carol & David Royer & Sons

\$40 Ruth Harrell & Rodney

\$20 Peggy Weisgable

\$20 Rita & Stanley Pohutsky

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.



### Calendar of Events

July 26	7pm	St. Ann's 94 <sup>th</sup> Annual Anniversary Novena Closing Mass St. Ann's Basilica
Aug. 5	10:30am	Festival Mass St. Augustine (Silver Lake) est. 1828 194 <sup>th</sup> Annual Chicken Dinner
Aug. 13		CTV Special "Our Faith, Our Diocese" Communicating the Good News
Aug. 30		Catholic Light Stewardship
Sept. 4	10am	Regional School Mass St. John the Evangelist, Pittston
Sept. 10		CTV Special "Our Faith, Our Diocese" "Stewardship"
Sept. 18	5pm	Combined Celebration Confirmation St. Boniface, Williamsport

### Plains Lions Club

#### "Dinner Out Back"

A Community Dining Out Event with  
Outback Steakhouse

Tuesday, August 14, 2018  
5pm-7pm

Plains Lions Pavilion  
Municipal Park, Clarkes Lane

Complete Chicken & Steak Dinner  
with all the fixin's

Adults .....\$15

Children under 12..... \$10

All tickets in advance Take out are available

Tickets through any Plains Lions member  
or by calling 570-332-7606 or 570-606-9944

Proceeds benefit Lions Club Projects

### Marriage Moments

*Susan Vogt*

Summer is a time of rest—sort of. Maybe you take a vacation or ease up on your work schedule. But you may still feel busy. Consider, "Come away by yourself to a deserted place and rest a while." (Mark 6:31) Can you take some quiet, restful couple time this week?

### Parenting Pointers

*Susan Vogt*

"Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" (John 6:5) Some families ask this questions everyday. Hopefully you have enough healthy food to eat—but not everyone does. Ask your children to join you in feeding the hungry this week though a donation, giving food or service to a food pantry, etc.

## Community Happenings

**Remembering our Past, Celebrating Our Present, Planning Our Future**, in honor of the IHM Sister and benefiting the Retirement Fund, will take place on August 4. It will be held in the Nazareth Student Center at Marywood University. The program will begin at 6pm with cocktails and include a dinner reception followed by a program. Reservations are \$100 per person. For reservation call the IHM Development Office at 570-346-5431 or register online at [sisterofihm.org](http://sisterofihm.org) Reservation deadline is July 22.

**St. John Evangelist**, Pittston will hold their Nineteenth Annual Bazaar, Aug 9-11 from 5:30-10pm under tents on Church and Broad Streets. Rain or shine. Delicious ethnic and American foods. variety booths, bingo, children's games, quilts, raffles, books, jewelry, baked goods, and a giant flea market in auditorium.

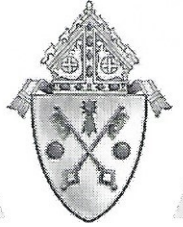
**Prince of Peace Old Forge Take-Out Chicken BBQ and Basket Raffle** will be held August 12 from 11am-3pm. Arcaro and Genell's Parking Lot Main St. Old Forge. \$10 includes 1/2 BBQ chicken, corn on the cob, pasta salad, and a roll. Limited outside seating available. Call 570-457-5900 for tickets.

**Annual Festival for the Intellectually Disabled** will be held on Aug. 19 from 11:30-2:30pm at the Plains Polish American Veterans Pavilion, 2 South Oak Street. Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Sweetcorn, soda and ice cream. Free of charge. RSVP by Aug 5 to Ray at 570-823-2894 (indicate # of Special Needs individuals &# of aides or chaperones who will be attending).



THE DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

# A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP BAMBERA



As you may already know from media reports, the Diocese of Scranton has been the subject of a statewide Grand Jury investigating child sexual abuse in six of the eight dioceses in Pennsylvania. Public release of the report is expected in the coming weeks.

I want to take this opportunity to offer my deepest apologies to the victims of such abuse, to their families, to the faithful of our Church and to everyone impacted by the behaviors described in this report. While difficult to face this is the only way for us to move forward in a more positive way as we learn from the past.

You will be kept apprised of new developments through various channels of communication as more information is released. Once again, I am deeply sorry for these past actions and the pain caused by the behaviors described in the report, and I will continue to do all that I can to ensure the safety and well-being of our children.



## 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."

## 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