

# Parish of Saints Peter and Paul

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# Parish of Saint Benedict

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## *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*

### **Office Hours**

Saturday and Sunday  
by appointment

### **Saints Peter and Paul**

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

### **St. Benedict**

Monday through Friday 8am-2pm

### **Weekend Mass Schedule**

Saturday  
4pm—Saints Peter and Paul  
5:30pm—Saints Benedict

### **Sunday**

8am—Saints Benedict  
10am—Saints Peter and Paul

### **Confession**

By appointment anytime

### **Saints Peter and Paul**

Daily 6:30am-6:45am  
Saturday 3pm-3:30pm

### **St. 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**

1182 Families receive envelopes

**July 29**

*363 Attended the 4pm Mass*

*249 Families used their envelopes and offered \$3,980*

**July 30**

*305 Attended the 10am Mass*

*242 Families used their envelopes and offered \$3,445*

*July 22/23's Tithe from*

*491 Families was \$7,137*

*Catholic Relief Services*

*\$1,351*

#### **Saint Benedict Parish**

585 Families receive envelopes

**July 29**

*150 Families used their envelopes and offered \$2,084*

**July 30**

*88 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,507*

*July 22/23's Tithe from*

*238 Families was \$3,591*

*Catholic Relief Services*

*\$53*

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

### **SAINTS PETER AND PAUL LOTTERY**

7-24#311 R. Prescavage

7-25#217 Ryan Januszko

7-26#489 Alex Bedrin

7-27#577 Tom Major

7-28#476 Elmer Blazejewski

7-29#487 Chief Joseph Coyne

7-30#963 Buddy Golomb

*Congratulations to all !!!*

### **The Transfiguration of the Lord**

#### **Sunday**

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

#### **Monday**

Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:13-21

#### **Tuesday**

Nm 12:1-13; Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

#### **Wednesday**

Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Mt 15:21-28

#### **Thursday**

2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26

#### **Friday**

Dt 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28

#### **Saturday**

Dt 6:4-13; Mt 17:14-20

I would like to announce that Sande Holena will not be continuing as our Faith Formation Coordinator. With a deep appreciation for all she has done for our Parish, please join me in thanking Sande for her years of service. May God Bless Sande and continue to Bless her every endeavor.

Thank You Father Jack.

I would like to take this opportunity to announce that Nina Cinti will become our new Faith Formation Coordinator. Nina is a life long member of Saints Peter and Paul. She is a graduate of Coughlin High School and King's College. Her undergraduate degree in Elementary Education, English and Psychology. Additionally Nina holds a Masters Degree in English from Wilkes University. We are looking forward to her continuing our strong emphasis on educating our youth in the Faith.

# The Sunday Good News

The Transfiguration of the Lord

Saint Benedict & Saints Peter & Paul

August 6, 2017

## First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Daniel depicts God as a judge with many people standing before him. He also describes a man who came to him, and was given power over all other people. This power is described as everlasting and never to be destroyed.

## Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-19

Peter discusses how the disciples witnessed Jesus being honored and spoken to by God, fulfilling all the prophecies. He also reminds us that these prophecies were God's words, delivered through a person moved by the Holy Spirit.

## Beatitudes for Families

1. *Blessed are the Families who live simply, for they will taste the joys of living in God's kingdom.*
2. *Blessed are the families who make time and space for each family member to mourn life's sorrows and losses, for they will receive God's comfort and consolation.*
3. *Blessed are the families who humbly receive life's gifts rather than grasp at power and possessions, for they will discover they have been given everything they need.*
4. *Blessed are the families who nurture a hunger and thirst for fairness so that others will know the justice of God's ways.*
5. *Blessed are families in which mercy is abundant and forgiveness is given freely so that God's mercy will be readily available to all.*
6. *Blessed are families who ground their lives in God and rise above the lures of temptation, for God will shine his face upon them.*
7. *Blessed are the families who create peace at home, at school, at work, in the community, and in the world, for they will be God's very own.*
8. *Blessed are the families who strengthen one another, encourage compassion, and desire to do good despite life's blows and setbacks, for they help bring about the Kingdom of God.*

## Gospel: Mt 17:1-9

Jesus took three of his disciples to a high mountain, where Elijah and Moses appeared and spoke to him. Peter suggested they make three tents, one each for Jesus, Moses and Elijah. While he spoke, a voice came from a cloud saying, "This is my Son, the beloved one; listen to him." The disciples became very afraid and fell to their knees. Jesus told them to rise and not to be afraid. As they looked up, they saw only Jesus. As they left the mountain, Jesus warned the disciples not to mention this until he had risen from the dead. Although they did not understand, they obeyed.

His Word Today by Rev. William J. Reilly

## The Transfiguration of the Lord August 6, 2017

**"Beloved: We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty... We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain."**

Jesus selected the three apostles, allowing them to catch a glimpse of His divinity. The scene – a mountain, where God met Moses, where Jesus gave the beatitudes in His sermon, provides the backdrop for this special revelation.

The voice, echoing the words spoken at the Jordan at His baptism, reveals the special relationship of Jesus with the Father. Peter is witness to it all.

'This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' May the words spoken on this occasion be a mantra for us, reflecting God's care and love for us. We are His beloved and He is pleased as we strive to live our Christian lives. And like the three, may we open our eyes and see no one but Jesus.

## 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 August will be collecting sugar and sweeteners. This program benefits St. Vincent de Paul in Wilkes-Barre.

### Saints Peter and Paul Food Pantry

Anyone in the Plains, Miner 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. Food donation are always accepted, place in the basket in the Vestibule of the Church.

*Through God's grace, we pray that these items perhaps seeming insignificant in and of themselves will feed the hungry who gather at the kitchen each and every day.*

**Saints Peter and Paul's Treasure** is accepting clean gently used or new clothing. Our biggest need is men's and women's casual clothing. All children's and teen clothing – casual and dressy! Clothes can be dropped off at the Parish Center during business hours. Receipts available on the bulletin board, please take one.

### Banns of Marriage

1st time

Victor Zulkoski & Kathleen Andreone

2nd time

Ashley Dotter—Saints Benedict and Jonas Mininger.

### We Remember

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

### Masses at Saint Benedict this week

T	8-8	8am	<b>Stanley Szafran</b> by Daughters & Jeanette Szafran <b>Mary Woods</b> by Jim Mellon
W	8-9	7am	<b>Rose Mary Kuzminski</b> by Lucille V. Singer <b>David Burns</b> by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Rinaldi
Th	8-10	7am	<b>Ted Toloczko</b> by Mrs. David Kasper <b>Chuck Parente</b> by Tom & Peg Torbik
F	8-11	7am	<b>Michael Burko</b> by Charlotte Burko <b>M/M Tito Ligi &amp; Angelo Ligi</b> by The Family

### Weekend Mass Schedule Saints Peter & Paul

S	8-12	4pm	<b>Joseph Gill (A)</b> by Gill Family <b>Maryann &amp; Walter Krokos</b> 50th Anniversary
S	8-13	10am	<b>Florence Baczmarga</b> by Husband & Children

### Living and Deceased Parishioners

### Weekend Mass Schedule Saint Benedict

S	8-5	5:30pm	<b>Helen Wolczyk</b> by Joe Seprish
S	8-6	8am	<b>Dorothy Stucker</b> by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Parsnik & Family

### Saints Peter and Paul Parish

#### Sanctuary Candle

*Erik Mark Vannucchi*

#### Our Lady of Lourdes Votive

*Florence Baczmarga*

#### Holy Family Votive

*Mary Alice Paraschak*

### Saint Benedict Parish

#### Sanctuary Candle

*Eugene Burke*

## Parish Weekly Activities

August 7—August 13

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Location</b>
Mon.	8-7	5pm	Quilting	Parish Center	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
		<b>5pm</b>	<b>Prayer Shawl</b>	<b>Parish Center</b>	<b>Dining Room</b>
		6pm	Treasures	Parish Center	Back Porch
		6:30pm	Rosary	Parish Center	Prayer Room
Tues	8-8	9am	Quilting	Parish Center	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
Wed	8-9	6:30pm	Community	Faith Formation Center	Bernardine Hall
Thurs.	8-10	9am	Quilting	Parish Center	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
Fri.	8-11	9am	Treasures	Parish Center	Back Porch
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>8-12</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>Ice Cream Social</b>	<b>Parish Center</b>	<b>Yard</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>8-13</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Ice Cream Social</b>	<b>Parish Center</b>	<b>Yard</b>

Save the Date!!!

Annual Quilt Bingo  
at Saints Peter and Paul  
Columbus Day Weekend

Sunday, October 8

Doors will open at 11:30am

Games begin at 1pm!!!

Anyone willing to lend a hand

contact the Parish Office

Many hands make light work

See you there!!!!

### Bulletin Briefs

“By opening our hearts to his love and mercy, we let Christ dwell in us and we see more deeply the intricate and unique beauty of each person.”

Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley,  
USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities  
2012 Respect Life Month Statement

### Father Kearney's Jubilee Celebration

On behalf Nancy Swiger Photography and team, please enjoy all the captured moments from Father Kearney's Jubilee Celebration. They are free to download, but if you would like professional services, photos may be purchased directly from the website. For questions, email [studio1314@gmail.com](mailto:studio1314@gmail.com) To access the gallery [nancyswiger.com/clientaccess](http://nancyswiger.com/clientaccess) type in Kearney.

**School Supplies Needed—Saint Vincent de Paul Kitchen** It seems as if summer has just begun, but it's already time to think of supplies for the next school year. There are hundreds of families with children that come to the food pantry at St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen. In the past you have been very generous and our people have been very grateful. Last year we gave school supplies to nearly 700 children. We want to be sure that these children and many other needy children in the Wyoming Valley have school supplies when they return to school this year. We are asking for donations of: **Backpacks – Notebooks – Crayons – Markers- Pens – Paper Erasers – Pencil & Sharpeners – Rulers – Glue Sticks – Plastic Scissors.** For children from Kindergarten to 5th grade. These school items may be dropped off in the box located in the back of Saint Benedict Church. Items will be collected up until August 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>. **Thank You!**

### **Saints Peter & Paul Food Pantry Donations**

\$2500 Plains Lions Club  
\$300 Mariann & Joseph McGroarty  
\$100 Robert & Denise Gaiteri  
\$50 Anonymous  
\$25 In Memory of Theresa Poplasky  
by Joan Stencik  
\$20 In Memory of Sheila Bucci  
by Nardone Family  
\$25 In Memory of Joseph Mocion  
by Andrea & Frank Tippet  
In Memory of Joan Yanko  
\$20 Patricia & Stanley Neishel  
\$30 Gertrude Binker & Nancy Fedor  
In Memory of Charles Zajackowski  
\$500 Carl & Tina Lisman  
\$250 James & Joan Reich  
\$50 Joan Kwarcinski  
\$50 Pamela & John Hayden  
\$25 Earl & Joan Carter  
\$25 Deborah & William Lisman  
\$25 Joseph & Barb Salus  
\$25 James & Patricia Kellar  
\$20 Pauline Makowski

### **Memorial Donations for Saints Peter and Paul Parish**

#### **Bernardine Hall**

In Memory of John Wincek  
\$100 Celia Wincek  
In Memory of Joseph Adamczyk  
\$100 Deaf/Hearing Communication Centre  
\$30 Patricia & Joseph Ledoretti  
\$25 Jeffrey & Joann Chapman  
\$25 T.J. & Iole Gelsomini  
\$25 Thomas & Maureen Ledoretti  
\$10 Bernadetta & Joseph Ledoretti

*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.*

**VIRTUS at King's College** on Tuesday, August 29th beginning at 8am. Seating is very limited. Information—  
[www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org)

## **Community Happenings**

**St. John The Evangelist Parish Bazaar** being held Aug 10th & 11th on the church grounds. A variety of ethnic foods and baked goods will be available.

**St. John the Baptist Annual Parish Picnic** will be held Aug 11<sup>th</sup>—6-11pm; 12<sup>th</sup>—5-11pm; 13<sup>th</sup>—3-10pm on their church grounds. Featuring Theme Basket Stand, Gigantic Flea Market, Bingo

**Prince of Peace Chicken BBQ/Basket Raffle** on August 13th from 11am to 3pm in Arcaro & Genell's Parking Lot

**Plains Lions Outback Steakhouse Dinner** will be held on Tuesday, August 15th from 5-7pm will be held at the Plains Lions Pavillion. Cost \$15 Adult; children under 12—\$10.

**Little Sisters of the Poor Night at PNC Field** on Tuesday, Aug. 15th at 6:45pm the ceremonial first pitch by one of the Sisters. Tickets are \$13 for seats in the stadium's field reserved section 28. The Sisters of the Poor serve the elderly poor throughout the world.

**Annual Festival for Intellectually Disabled** on Sunday, August 20th at 11:30am-2:30pm at Plains Polish American Veterans. Hot dogs, hamburgers, sweetcorn, soda and ice cream. Free of charge

**SPCA of Luzerne Count Designer Purse Bingo** on Aug. 20th at Genetti Downtown, doors open at 1pm games @2pm

**“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.”



The Transition Team planning the linkage of the churches of Saint Benedict and Saints Peter and Paul met on Friday, July 14th. Members of the team present were Father Jack Lambert, Ben Berrini, Don Prescavage, Kathy Grinaway, Deacon Don Crane, Ed Yench, and Tom Kozerski. Father Jack presented to the transition team members copies of the bulletin that would be distributed at the Masses on the weekend of July 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Each page and the contents were discussed. Items in the bulletin will include Sunday Stewards, parish and community activities, and Servant Leadership. The heart of the bulletin will be the Word of God, with articles on the Readings and the Gospel from Sunday's Mass. St. Benedict's parish will begin working on their Parish Pastoral Plan sometime in the fall. Focus groups are a good way to discover the needs of the parishioners of St. Benedict's church. There will be more information to follow in the coming months. Faith Formation will begin in September, with registration in August. Any teachers from both programs are welcome to join. Please see announcements concerning this year's Faith Formation program in future church bulletins. The next meeting will take place Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM in Saint Peter and Paul's Parish Center.

### **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