

# 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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## **Father Jack Lambert—Pastor**

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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

1192 Families receive envelopes

**Aug 11** 305 attended the 4pm Mass  
209 Families used their envelopes and offered \$3, 269

**Aug 12** 129 attended the 7:30am Mass  
100 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,840  
259 attended the 10am Mass  
138 Families used their envelopes and offered \$2,380

*Tithe from*

693 Families was \$7,489

### Saint Benedict Parish

429 Families receive envelopes

**Aug 11** 124 attended the 5:30pm Mass  
107 Families used their envelopes and offered \$2,619

**Aug 12** 74 attended the 11:30am Mass  
65 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,370

*Tithe from*

198 Families was \$3,989

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

## SAINTS PETER AND PAUL LOTTERY

Aug 6	#531	Chief Joe Coyne
Aug 7	#038	Chief Joe Coyne
Aug 8	#112	Pat Wasilius
Aug 9	#737	Karen Bedren
Aug 10	#817	Eleanore Pientka
Aug 11	#153	Saints Peter & Paul
Aug 12	#464	Alex Bedren

*Congratulations to all!!!!*

## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Sunday

Prv 9:1-6; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

### Monday

Ez 24:15-24; Mt 19:16-22

### Tuesday

Ez 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30

### Wednesday

Ez 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16

### Thursday

Ez 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14

### Friday

Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51

### Saturday

Ez 43:1-7ab; Mt 23:1-12

## Saints Peter and Paul and Saint Benedict

Starting August 20<sup>th</sup> registration will be held on M & F from 10am-2pm & Thurs. 6-8pm.

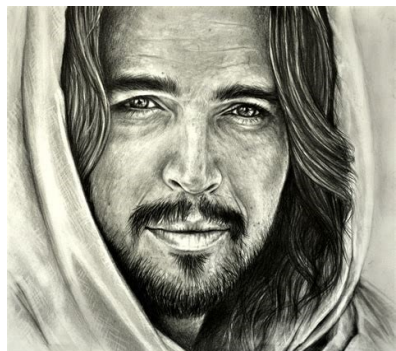
Open house will be held on September 5th from 6-7pm.

First class will be September 9th, from 9 –10am / Backpack Blessing 10AM mass

# The Sunday Good News

Saint Benedict & Saints Peter & Paul

August 19, 2018



*Lord our God,  
in your wisdom and  
love  
you surround us with  
the mysteries of the  
universe.  
Send your spirit upon  
these students  
and fill them with  
your wisdom and  
blessings.  
Grant that they may  
devote themselves to  
their studies  
and draw ever closer  
to you,  
the source of all  
knowledge.  
We ask this through  
Christ our Lord.  
Amen*

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

A rich woman invites many guests to her home to eat and drink. She appeals to those who lack understanding to forsake foolishness and “advance in the way of understanding.”

### Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

Paul advises the Ephesians to abandon foolish ways and evil deeds. All Christians should concentrate on doing God’s will before all other things. He reminds them to always give thanks to God in the name of Jesus Christ.

### Gospel: John 6:51-58

Jesus had just told the crowd that anyone who ate of the bread he planned to give would live forever, and that this bread was his flesh, which he would give up for the sake of the world. The people do not understand, but Jesus reassures them that his flesh is real food and that “those who feed on this bread shall live forever.”

## A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

### Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 19, 2018

**“Brothers and sisters. Watch carefully then how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise, making the most of the opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not continue in ignorance, but try to understand what is the will of the Lord...but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and playing to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks always...”**

The apostle Paul knew his people well. With encouraging words he taught them, corrected them, and warned them. Do I realize that they are also directed to me today?

We are careful about many, many things each day. We fastened our seat belts, placed the infants in their car seats, make sure the smoke alarms are functioning and lock the door securely. We should also show the same care for our spiritual lives. We would promise in the prayer of contrition to ‘avoid the near occasion of sin.’ In our day and age, as well as that of the Ephesians, it is not easy. We are bombarded from every side, challenged, tempted, yes assaulted by the evil one.

Only through a strong, vibrant prayer life can we both resist evil and not fall at times of temptation. For the gift of grace, we are able to express our thanks.

## 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 **Tuna**

### 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 fall and winter 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.

### Saints Peter & Paul Fall Lottery Tickets

Awards will begin October 1<sup>st</sup> thru December 31<sup>st</sup>  
Prizes are \$25 Monday through Sat, \$100 on Sun.

\$300 November 1 - All Saints Day

November 22 - Thanksgiving

December 25 - Christmas

Cost \$10. Anyone selling 25 or more will be entered into the \$50 Sellers drawing and 10 or more into the \$10 Sellers drawing. If you wish to have a specific number, please call the office. Tickets will be sold in Church starting September 1st & 2nd.

Winners match the PA Lottery Pick 3 Evening Drawing

## We Remember

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

### Masses at Saint Benedict this week

T	8-21	8am	<b>Mary Jo Paciga (A)</b> by Ann, Thomas, & Michael Paciga <b>Theresa Krantz</b> by Jack & Lisa Marlin
W	8-22	8am	<b>Regina Alesczyk</b> by Rosalie Eckert <b>Diane Menendez</b> by Bill Mitchell & Family
Th	8-23	8am	<b>William Katsak</b> by Anita Rubbico <b>Mary Burrige</b> by Mary Ann Wills
F	8-24	8am	<b>Genevieve Stella</b> by Candice Berrini <b>Barr Gartley, Sr.</b> by Family

### Weekend Mass Schedule Saints Peter & Paul

S	8-25	4pm	<b>Irene Koschak (A)</b> by Edmund Suchocki & Family
S	8-26	7:30am	<b>Anna Waskie</b> by MaryYonki
		10am	<b>Living &amp; Deceased Parishioners</b>

### Weekend Mass Schedule Saint Benedict

S	8-25	5:30	<b>Mary Ryan</b> by Mary Lee & Jack Wirbicki
S	8-26	11:30am	<b>Anthony Rogish</b> by Children

**Attention Teachers and Anyone Interested in the Music Ministry.** With the start of a new school year and the beginning of practice for the festival choir we will hold a meet and greet on Wednesday, August 29 from 6 to 8pm in the Parish Center, Dining Room. We will provide the meal, feel free to bring a desert if you are able. It's a great time to get together to get to know one another. If you're planning to attend call the Parish Office so we can plan accordingly. Choir don't forget to bring someone new!!!

### Saints Peter and Paul Parish

#### Sanctuary Candle

*Buddy Golomb*

#### Lady of Lourdes Votive

*50th Anniversary*

*Ben & Francine Berrini*

#### Holy Family Votive

*Paul Binker*

### Saint Benedict Parish

#### Sanctuary Candle

*Robert J. Schuster*

## Parish Weekly Activities

**August 20– August 26**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Location</b>
Mon.	8-20	5pm <b>5pm</b> 6pm 6:30pm 7pm	Quilting <b>Prayer Shawl</b> Treasures Rosary Faith Sharing	Parish Center <b>Parish Center</b> Parish Center Parish Center Parish Center	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor <b>Dining Room</b> Various Rooms Prayer Room 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
Tues.	8-21	9am	Quilting	Parish Center	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
Wed.	8-22		<b>Women's Society</b>	<b>Sights &amp; Sounds</b>	<b>Lancaster, PA</b>
Thurs.	8-23	9am	Quilting	Parish Center	2nd Floor
Fri	8-24	9am	Treasures	Parish Center	Various Rooms
Sun.	8-26	9am	Family Choir	Church	Choir Loft



**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 Fund. Don't forget to get your tickets! There are not many tickets left!

Food donations are needed!

### 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 considering 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 43 families in the amount of \$5,245.

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



### **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!!!





### Calendar of Events

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
Sept. 20	5pm	Combined Celebration of Confirmation St. Rose of Lima Church
		Catholic Light "Bishops of Scranton since 1868"
Sept 22		Jubilee Year Diocesan Pilgrimage

### Save the Date—SSPP Upcoming Parish Events

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

**October 7**—Annual Quilt Bingo 1pm

**November 4**—Senior Dinner 5pm-

\*Date Changed\*

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



### Parenting Pointers

*"Wisdom has built her house"*

(Proverbs 9:1)

May your home be smarter than your phone. Sometimes children can teach us deep truths. What deeper truth have you learned from your child this week?

*Susan Vogt*

### Festival Choir

Rehearsal will begin on Wednesday, September 5th, from 6-7:30pm.

## Community Happenings

**Formation For Servant Leadership** will be held on Wednesday, August 22 from 7-8:30pm at Our Lady of Victory Parish, Tannersville, Thursday, August 23 7-8:30pm at Holy Name of Jesus Parish, West Hazleton. Tuesday, August 28 7-8:30pm at St. Ann's Parish, Williamsport, Wednesday, August 29 7-8:30pm at St. Leo's Parish, Ashley, and Thursday, August 30 7-8:30pm at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Wyalusing.

**The Ladies of Mary Society of Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church**, 420 Main Road, Buttonwood, is sponsoring a Polka Mass and Polish dinner on Saturday, August 25. Mass will be at 4:30pm. Dinner and dancing will follow on the church grounds at 6:00pm. Cost of dinner is \$25 per person and includes Polish food, dessert, along with beer, soda and water. Tickets will be available until August 12. For tickets and/or information, call 570-824-5965.

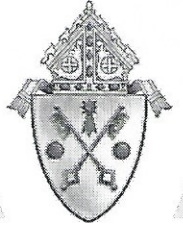
**Summerfest at St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church**, 33 Manhattan St., Ashley, will be held on Saturday, September 8 from 8am-2pm. Crafts, Farmers Market, Flea Market, Bake Sale, and Fr. Vinny's kitchen food. Tables \$20, 2 for \$35 or 3 for \$45.

**Alpha-** Got questions about life? Explore Alpha. Enjoy a meal and video, and share your thoughts in an open, friendly, and informal group discussion of the video about the meaning of life, Jesus Christ, and the path to happiness. **FREE OF CHARGE.** Tuesdays, September 11-November 20th. Registration: 6:15pm. Dinner: 6:30pm Video: 7pm. Discussion: 7:30pm. Pre-Register by Tuesday, September 4th, by calling the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, 339 North Maple Ave., Kingston, PA @ 570-288-6446.

**REBOOT!** Featuring: Catholic author & speaker, Chris Stefanick to be held on Thursday, September 27, 7-9:30 at St. John the Evangelist, Pittston. **REBOOT!** Is the fun, inspiring and practical experience of applying the beauty and genius of the Gospel to every aspect of your life. From prayer and spirituality, to work, dating, marriage, parenting, health and more! For more information and to register: Go to [www.RealLifeCatholic.com](http://www.RealLifeCatholic.com) or call Steve Wallo at 570-654-0053.

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