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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

August 12 410 Attended the 4pm Mass
227 Families used their envelopes and offered \$3,658

August 13 395 Attended the 10am Mass
231 Families used their envelopes and offered \$ 4,023

August 12/13's Tithe from
458 Families was \$7,681

August 19 335 Attended the 4pm Mass
253 Families used their envelopes and offered \$ 3,735

August 20 320 Attended the 10am Mass
249 Families used their envelopes and offered \$4,331

Aug 19/20's Tithe from
502 Families was \$8,066

Saint Benedict Parish 585 Families receive envelopes

August 12
130 Families used their envelopes and offered \$2,348

August 13
86 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,778

August 12/13's Tithe from
216 Families was \$4,126

August 19
155 Families used their envelopes and offered \$ 2,597

August 20
244 Families used their envelopes and offered \$3,961

August 19/20's Tithe from
399 Families was \$6,558

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

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL LOTTERY

8-7	#628	Joe Urban
8-8	#635	Marie Fender
8-9	#646	Mary Sak
8-10	#242	N. Baloga
8-11	#745	Lisa Miller
8-12	#922	Nicholas Kolessar
8-13	#588	Joe Finnan
8-14	#421	Tom Vearling
8-15	#907	F. Westawski
8-16	#157	John Latiski
8-17	#971	M. Mattei
8-18	#483	Ed Kaulik
8-19	#856	Constance Szustak
8-20	#641	A. Swetz

Congratulations to all !!!

Second Collection - The Church in Central and Eastern Europe The fall of communism in Central & Eastern Europe in 1989 gave the Catholic Church the freedom to worship openly once again, but much of the infrastructure of the Church was gone. This created great challenges and still presents many complications for the Church today as she supports the spiritual lives of those who live in this region. Envelopes for this collection are in the pews in Saints Benedict and in the vestibule in Saints Peter and Paul

Saints Peter and Paul & Saint Benedict

Registration for Faith Formation will take place on Aug 31 from 10am-2pm, registration will be held in the Faith Formation Center.

Back Pack Blessing will take place during the 10am Mass on August 27.

Back to School Night and Meet the Teachers will be held in the Faith Formation Center on September 6 from 5:30pm—8:00pm. Note Date Change

The Sunday Good News

Saint Benedict & Saints Peter & Paul

August 27, 2017

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

This passage refers to the use of authority and indicates the Key as the symbol of authority. The words “open” and “shut” refer to the power that will eventually be given to Peter.

Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36

Paul writes ecstatic and praise-filled words about God’s plan for his people. In him, he writes, “all things are.”

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus asks his disciples, “Who do you say that I am?” Peter exclaims, “You are the Messiah!” Christ then declares that Peter is the “Rock” upon which he will build his Church, promising him the power “to bind” and “to loose.”

His Word Today *by Rev. William J. Reilly*

“He asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ They replied ‘Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter said in reply: ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’”

How curious that Jesus should ask this question. Did He want to be sure that the disciples had a clear understanding? Was Peter’s response partly his own and partly from the Father? The conversation led to the promise of responsibility to be conferred on Peter after the resurrection.

May we restate Jesus’ question as He presents it to us. ‘Who is Jesus Christ for me today?’ ‘Where do I expect to find Him?’ There is a great difference between knowing about someone and really knowing them. Jesus wants us to know Him better, love Him more deeply, and serve Him, especially in the most vulnerable and the needy.

Our reflection should lead us to want to have a greater knowledge of Jesus as our personal Savior, not just a figure written up in the gospels. My response to the question requires a new and ongoing commitment to the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus makes a promise to me, as He did to Peter. I’m glad He asked this question.

*Count Your Blessings
Count your blessings,
not your crosses;
count your gains
instead of losses.
Count your joys
instead of woes;
count your friends
instead of foes.
Count your smiles
instead of tears;
count your courage,
not your fears.
Count full years
instead lean;
Count kind deeds
instead of mean.
Count your health
instead of wealth;
Love your neighbor
as yourself.
Amen*

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 September will be collecting coffee. This program benefits St. Vincent de Paul in Wilkes-Barre.

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. Food donations 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. We are accepting ***only children clothes at this time.*** They can be dropped off at the Parish Center during business hours. Receipts available on the bulletin board, please take one.

Thank You to Pack and Throop 100

3000 Food Items were donated to
Saints Peter and Paul Food Pantry

We Remember

A Communion Service will be held at Saint Benedict at 8am Tuesday—Friday

Masses at Saints Peter and Paul this week

T	8-29	7am	Jean Griffith by Matthew Frank & Lyden Viola T. Vitali by Molitoris Family
W	8-30	7am	Joseph Hirko by Marty & Joseph Flaherty Helen T. Rundle by Sam & Josie Mantione
Th	8-31	7am	Fred Ceccoli III by Sharon Wojcik Bernadine Boler by Dave & Rita Pahl
F	9-1	7am	Thomas Phillips by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Stec Patricia Kompinski by Susan & Dennis Stecker

Weekend Mass Schedule Saints Peter & Paul

S	9-2	4pm	Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Rymar (A) by Robert & Regina Rymar
S	9-3	10am	Colleen Kelly (A) by Family

Living and Deceased Parishioners

Weekend Mass Schedule Saint Benedict

S	9-2	5:30pm	Jessie Sarti by Daughter
S	9-3	8am	Alfred J. Speicher by Harold & Anne Cawley

***All Masses and Communion Services in
Saints Benedicts will be held in the
Church Proper***

Saints Peter and Paul Parish

Sanctuary Candle

Marianne Lynch

Lady of Lourdes Votive

Marianne Lynch

Holy Family Votive

Tomaselli Family

**Floral Arrangement
Saints Peter and Paul**
Marianne Lynch

Saint Benedict Parish

Sanctuary Candle

Jessie Sarti

Grotto Candle

Anthony Rogish

Parish Weekly Activities

August 27—September 1

Day	Date	Time	Activity	Building	Location
Mon.	8-21	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	8-22	9am	Quilting	Parish Center	2 nd Floor
Thurs.	8-24	9am	Quilting	Parish Center	2 nd Floor
		6pm	Family Choir	Church	Choir Loft
Fri.	8-25	9am	Treasures	Parish Center	Back Porch

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!!!!

Lottery Tickets

Tickets for Fall Lottery are in the printing process and will soon be available. Awards will begin October 1st through December 31st – a winner daily number. Prizes are \$25 Monday through Saturday, \$100 on Sunday and \$300 on November 1st, All Saints Day; November 23rd Thanksgiving and December 25th, Christmas. Cost of the ticket is \$10. Anyone selling 25 or more will be entered into the \$50 Sellers drawing and 10 or more into the \$10 Sellers drawing. Reserve your numbers using the form below. We honor on first come first serve basis, so get your request in soon. Together we can make it another great fundraiser. Tickets will be sold the weekend of Sept. 2nd & 3rd.

Bulletin Briefs

“The effectiveness of our commitment to peace depends on our understanding of human life. If we want peace, let us defend life!”

Pope Benedict XVI, Morning Address
September 15, 2012, Apostolic Journey to Lebanon
2012 Liberia Editrice Vaticana.



Women's Club

Breakfast will be held on Sunday, October 8th at

Parson Family Restaurant, North River Street, Plains at 9am after the 8am Mass. Cost is \$15. For reservations please contact Betty Jean Hession at 570-822-9448 or Mary Jo Marek at 570-825-6969 or Joan Lapinski at 570-829-2471.

Memorial Service for Aborted Children at St. Lucy's Prayer Garden

On Saturday, September 9, pro-life Americans throughout the country will gather at the gravesites of aborted babies and other memorial sites dedicated in their honor for the fourth annual National Day of Remembrance for aborted children. Solemn vigils will be held at these sites to commemorate the more than 55 million children who have lost their lives to legal abortions since 1973, and to remind our society of the humanity of the unborn child. Please join us at St. Lucy's Catholic Church, 949 Scranton St., Scranton. Together let us remember victims of abortion and pray for a final end to this injustice in our land during the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

Tiduum and Feast of St. Joseph the Worker

Will be held on Sept 1-2-3 at the Oblates of St. Joseph Chapel, with Mass at 7pm, confessions and Rosary will precede the Mass. The Feast will be celebrated on Labor Day, with Mass at 11am. The special intentions for the triduum celebration include: workers' thanksgiving, the unemployed and special blessings for students, teachers and administrators and staff as they are entering a new school year. Everyone is invited to attend!!!

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.

Calling all Singers If you like to sing and praise God, then the Family Choir is the place for you. The Family Choir is just that, a choir where the whole family can get involved. We are accepting members of all ages and encourage Mothers, Fathers, Sisters and Brothers to join us every Sunday for the 10am Mass. Rehearsals are held Thursday nights in the choir loft; 6pm to 7:30pm. Come join us!!!!

Community Happenings

VIRTUS at Saint Monica Parish, on Wednesday, September 6th at 6pm. Register by calling Nancy at 570-693-1991 or email 363monicast@comcast.net.

All Saints Parish Spaghetti Dinner, Sunday, September 10th, Noon til 4pm at Holy Child Faith Formation Center, Adults \$9; Children 6-10 \$4; 5 and under free. Dinner includes Salad, Spaghetti & Meatballs, Dinner roll, Soda, Coffee, Tea & Dessert. Take out available, Curb service available.

Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima on Sunday, September 10 starting at 5pm from King's College Chapel of Christ the King. Processing to Our Lady of Fatima Blessed Grotto, North Street at 5:30pm. Mr. Walter Camier will speak on "How Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary is Crucial Today". Refreshment served after Rosary at 7pm.

Annual Musician's Mass will be held on Tuesday, September 12 at 7pm at the Cathedral of St. Peter. Bishop Bambera will be the celebrant.

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Retreat held on Friday and Saturday, September 15 & 16. For information and registration call 570-344-2214; or email ccrenewal@comcast.net.

“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 Parish Council would like to take the opportunity to thank those who attended one or more of the organizational meetings for Word, Worship, Community and Service this summer. For those of you unable to attend, please know there will be many opportunities to participate in the growth of our Parish Pastoral Plan. Please check the bulletin weekly for announcements concerning events, new ministries, and volunteer opportunities as we grow as a parish community. Everyone will be welcome!!!

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