### Parish of Saints Peter and Paul

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# Parish of Saint Benedict

155 Austin Ave Wilkes-Barre, PA 18705 Parish Web: www.stbenedictwb.org



### Office Hours Saturday and Sunday by appointment

### Saints Peter and Paul/Saint Benedict

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

### Father Jack Lambert—Pastor

Cell Phone: 570-656-2031 email: pastor@sspeterandpaulplains.com

**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 25** 293 attended the 4pm Mass 193 Families used their envelopes and offered \$3,727

Aug 26 137 attended the 7:30am Mass
76 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,689
256 attended the 10am Mass
138 Families used their envelopes and offered \$2,799
Tithe from
Families was \$8,215
Mission \$1,999.15

### Saint Benedict Parish

429 Families receive envelopes

Aug 25 139 attended the 5:30pm Mass 102 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,279 Aug 26 80 attended the 11:30am Mass 77 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,480. Tithe from 179 Families was \$2,759 Missions \$640.75

The Second Collection next weekend will be for **Bernardine Bucks!** Please be generous

Thank you for your continued generous Support of our parishes!

### Stewardship

God has entrusted us with many gifts; Time, Talent & Treasure. We hope and pray that all members will share their gifts, to continue to share the Good News of Jesus with all people.

#### SAINTS PETER AND PAUL LOTTERY

Aug 20	#371	G. OLey		
Aug 21	#800	Pat Filipowich		
Aug 22	#187	Joanne McGroaty		
Aug 23	#507	Saints Peter and Paul		
Aug 24	#454	R & K Savitsky		
Aug 25	#063	Theresa Zuczek		
Aug 26	#707	Eric Pehala		
Congratulations to all!!!!				

# Saints Peter and Paul and Saint Benedict Staff

Diana Pehala, Parish Secretary & Cemeteries Mary Ann Gottlieb, Parish Secretary Teresa Featherstone, Bookkeeper Nina Cinti. Faith Formation Coordinator Michael Lambert, Maintenance Michael Levandowski. Maintenance Greg Day, Maintenance Chuck Unice, Festival Choir Director, Organist Doreen Ignatovich, Family Choir Director Tom Zurla, Organist (Sick Leave) Jill Fiedorczyk, Organist Gina Macaravage, Organist Ben Berrini, Sacristan Dave Loiacono, Eucharist Ministers 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 43 families in the amount of \$5,245.

### Word

### Is Your Car Dirty?



Poes it need to be washed? The 2019 Confirmation Class can help! They are selling fully automatic car wash certificates to McCarthy Car Wash on Kidder Street, Wilkes-Barre and

Pigreg Street, Kingston. The cost is \$6 per egrtificate and will help to fund the Senior Citizen Dinner on Sunday, November 11. Certificates can be used at any time and DO NOT EXPIRE.

Purchase several for the entire year or use for gifts. (Birthday, Christmas, Mother's Day, Father's Day...) Stop by the Parish Office or Faith Formation Center to purchase Tickets.

Thanks for your continued support.

Protecting God's Children VIRTUS will take place here at Saints Peter and Paul on Wednesday, September 12 at 6pm in the Parish Center, Dining Room. If you are an adult volunteer who works a minimum of 20 hours or more with children, please take part in this important resource to secure the safety of our children. Please contact Nina at 570-825-6663 ext. 3 then 1 to register.

### **Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### Sunday

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

### Monday

1 Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30

### Tuesday

1 Cor 2:10b-16; Lk 4:31-37

### Wednesday

1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44

### **Thursday**

1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11

### **First Friday**

1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39

#### Saturday

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

### Saints Peter and Paul and Saint Benedict

Registration will be held on Monday and Friday 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

Confirmation Retreat will be held on Sept. 22 from 10am to 4pm at the Parish Center. Confirmation Practice will be held on September 30 at 5pm for candidates only and on October 7 at 6pm for both candidates and sponsors.

Confirmation will be held on Wednesday, October 10 at 5pm.

# The Sunday Good News

Saint Benedict & Saints Peter & Paul

September 2, 2018



### Prayer for Students

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.

### First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Moses tells the people to always observe the statutes God has given them, without adding or subtracting from these laws. He reminds them that the law is just, and that any nation who heard their statutes would consider them a wise nation.

### Second Reading: James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

James discusses the gifts that God has given to all people and implores them to respond by welcoming the words of truth that can save them. He emphasizes that through good deeds and pure conduct, our faith in God is proven to him.

### Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Pharisees observed some of Jesus' disciples eating without first purifying their hands and ask the disciples why they are going against their ancestor's traditions. Jesus responds that nothing from the outside can make a person impure. The only true evil, acts such as fornication, murder, and greed among others, come from within and make a person impure.

# A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time September 2, 2018

"All good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights... Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for the orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep yourself unstained by the world."

As we reflect on the word each week, we are encouraged to not just hear or read, but to decide how it directs me to live it and put it into practice. From the first page of the bible, care for the oppressed, widows and orphans was a key measure for being a faithful person. The history of the church celebrates the heroes who reached out to the needy, beginning in the Acts of the Apostles. Saints like Vincent de Paul, Mother Katherine Drexler, saw needs and acted upon them.

In his exhortation 'Rejoice and Be Glad' Pope Francis indicates that the Beatitudes are our identity card. So if anyone asks 'What must I do to be a good Christian?', the answer is clear. We have to do each in our own way what Jesus told us in the Sermon on the Mount. Saint James and Pope Francis tell us 'we are a people of the beatitudes'.

### Worship

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

### Masses at Saint Benedict this week

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### **Prayer for the Church**

These are undeniably difficult days for the Church. Saint Andrew Parish, (316 Parrish Street, Wilkes-Barre) invites you to join with their parish family by attending a prayer service for the Church on Saturday evening, September 22, at 7pm. We will be praying for our children and vulnerable adults who have been hurt, for the faithful who are confused and saddened by these revelations, for innocent members of the Clergy who are struggling, for the Universal Church and for our parish families.

Jesus came to save US. Let us come together to help save his Church.

### Memorial Service for Aborted Children at Tomb of the Unborn

will be held on Saturday, September 8
at 11am at Mt. Olivet Cemetery
Solemn vigils will be held at sites
throughout the country
to commemorate
the more than 55 million children
who have lost their lives
to legal abortion since 1973
and to remind our society
of the humanity of the unborn child.

### Saints Peter and Paul Parish

**Sanctuary Candle** 

Tommy Curt Phillips

Saint Benedict Parish
Sanctuary Candle
Special Intention

**Holy Family Votive** 

In Thanksgiving Ceil & Ron Phillips

### **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 Program** For the month of *September* will be collecting *Cereal*.

### 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.

**St. Benedict's Council of Catholic Women** will hold their initial meeting for this coming year on September 10 at 6:30pm in the church hall.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Pierogi Making for the Upcoming Advent Season will take place on Wednesday, November 7 and Thursday, November 8 and again on Tuesday, November 13 & Wednesday, November 14. Mark your calendars and save the date. The more that come out the easier the task is!!! No prior

### **Parish Cemeteries**

knowledge is needed.

There are available plots in each of our Parish Cemeteries (Saints Peter and Paul, Sacred Heart, Saint Joseph and St. Francis) for purchase. For information contact the Parish Office for details. All the Vincentian Missionaries thank you for your prayers and generous mission offering last weekend. Your offerings will help them to carry out their many missionary, educational and charitable activities in their missions and will help them educate young men studying for priesthood. If you would like to sponsor a seminarian and help him to become a priest, write to: Fr. Francis Cheruparampil V.C., Mission Procurator, P.O. Box 45 Hazlet, NJ 07730.

(Email Fcheru@aol.com)

### **Marriage Moments**

Are you a hypocrite? (Mark 7:6) Of course not, but sometimes it's easier to obey the letter of the law than its spirit. So maybe you don't murder anyone, but might you kill your beloved's spirit with criticism? Maybe you don't steal, but are you generous enough?

Susan Vogt

Christmas Bus Trip, New York City will take place on Saturday, December 8. The bus will leave Saints Peter and Paul at 7am and leave New York at 8pm. Take in the sights, do some shopping or go to the Radio City Christmas Spectacular Show (3rd Mezzanine). Cost for the bus only in \$40 (Martz price is \$94) Show & bus cost \$150. (this is \$40 for bus and \$100 ticket + fees). This is not a fundraiser, the cost covers the price of the buses, tips, and Radio City tickets, fees. Tickets are limited to 110 seats (2 buses) and are selling fast. For more information or to make reservations contact Nina at 570-825-6663 (ext 3 then 1). Payment is due at time of reservations, no refunds.

Women's Society of Saints Peter and Paul Communion Breakfast, will take place on Sunday, October 7 following the 7:30am Mass in the Parish Center. Cost is \$15. All women of the parish are invited. To make reservations contact Betty Jean Hession at 570-822-9448, Mary Jo Marek at 570-825-6969 or Joan Lapinski at 570-829-2471

### 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

### **September Monthly Activities**

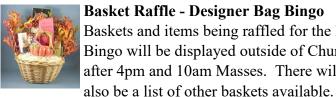
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 Office Closed in observance of Labor Day	4 Quilting 9am	5 Festival Choir 6pm Faith Formation Open House 6pm	6 Quilting 9am	7 Treasures 9am	8 Blessing of Prayer Shawls Lottery Sold after Masses this week
9 Faith Formation Begins 9am Lottery Sold after Masses this week	10 Quilting 5pm Treasures 6pm Rosary 6:30pm Faith Sharing 7pm	11 Quilting 9am	12 Festival Choir 6pm	13 Quilting 9am	14 Treasures 9am	15 Lottery Sold after Masses this week
16 First Annual Designer Bag Bingo 1pm	Quilting 5pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 6pm Rosary 6:30pm	18 Quilting 9am	19 Festival Choir 6pm Saints Peter & Paul Parish Council 6:30pm	Quilting 9am Food Pantry 9am Women's Society 6:30pm	21 Treasures 9am- Food Pantry 9am	22 Lottery Sold after Masses this week Confirmation Retreat 10am
23	Quilting 5pm Treasures 6pm Rosary 6:30pm Faith Sharing 7pm	25 Quilting 9am	26 Festival Choir 6pm Saint Benedict Parish Council 6:30pm	27 Quilting 9am Saints Peter & Paul Finance 6:30pm	28 Treasures 9am	29 Lottery Sold after Masses this week Saint Benedict Parish Finance 6:30pm



**Annual Choose Your Own Quilt Bingo** will take place Sunday, October 7. 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. If you are a winner you get to choose the guilt 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!!!

Lottery Tickets are now available after all Masses or at the Parish Office. Get them while they are here!!!



Basket Raffle - Designer Bag Bingo Baskets and items being raffled for the Bag Bingo will be displayed outside of Church after 4pm and 10am Masses. There will

You will have the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets 20 for \$5 and begin using them for the baskets you like! Thank you for your continued support!

Food Items are Needed for the upcoming Designer Bag Bingo. With a few weeks remaining until the bingo (Sunday, September 16) final plans are being made. If you would like to lend a hand helping at the bingo or to donate a food item (can soda, bottle water, single serving bag of chips, pretzel, halushki, meatballs ect.) for the bingo please contact Nina at 570-825-6663 ext 3 then 1.

### Saints Peter and Paul Finance Committee

Don Prescavage, Chairman Ben Berrini, Vice Chairman Charlotte Dominick, Secretary Gerald Cross, Capital Budget Chairman Maryann Kropiewnick, 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 Yencha

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### **Gospel Today**

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Jesus says His apostles might not have clean hands, but their hearts are pure and they follow God's Commandments. This is what matters most to God.

Be Pure of Heart

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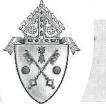
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### THE DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

### 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 diocese in Pennsylvania.

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.

### Catholic Social Services

516 Fig Street, Scranton, Pa (570) 207-2283

The Diocese of Scranton offers compassionate counseling in a safe, comfortable environment where your privacy is always respected.

Counseling is about self-discovery and can be used for personal growth or when distressing conditions exist and you need a bit of extra support. Help is available. Anyone who struggles with anxiety, depression, grief and loss, life transitions or a variety of emotional or psychological conditions is welcome. Catholic Social Services accepts Medicaid plans and some insurance plans. Counseling is made affordable for everyone. For more information or to make an appointment, call 570-207-2283.



#### Calendar of Events

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 Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

### **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 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-HourChild 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 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



# Community Happenings

**Summerfest at St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church,** 33 Manhattan St., Ashley, will be held on Saturday, Sept. 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.

**Second Presbyterian Church,** Pittston, will hold a Flea Market & Bake Sale at the Germania Hose Company, 430 Foote Ave, Duryea on Saturday, September 8 from 9am to 1pm. Variety of items including clothing, shoes, housewares and more! Light refreshments available.

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 or call Steve Wallo at 570-654-0053.

A Bus Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Divine Mercy, Stockbridge, Massachusetts on Friday, October 5, commemorating the 80th anniversary of St. Faustina Kowalska's entering into Eternal Life. The cost is \$67 which includes the bus, snack items and dinner. The bus leaves at 7am from St. Maria Goretti, Laflin. The day will feature a talk on Saint Faustina, Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions, Rosary for Life, Holy Mass, Chaplet and Benediction, Blessing of religious articles, Veneration of a First Class Relic of the Saint and 5pm dinner. Expected time home is 11pm. For reservations call Cathy Mack at 570-654-6063.

Preached Retreat for Men and Women "The Passion of Jesus Christ" will be held at St. Gabriel's Passionist Retreat Center, 631 Griffin Pond Road, Clarks Summit on October 19-21. Comfortable silence during retreat. Begins on Friday evening with (registration at 7pm) at 7:30pm and ends after the noon meal on Sunday (No meals on Friday evening). Preached retreats consist of conferences on the spiritual life, time for personal reflection, prayer, opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Liturgy. For more information and to register at 570-586-4957.

# "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

Kathy Grinaway, Chairperson
Harold Golumb, Jr, Vice Chairperson
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