

# 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

**August 26** 338 Attended the 4pm Mass  
219 Families used their envelopes and offered \$4,029

**August 27** 320 Attended the 10am Mass  
213 Families used their envelopes and offered \$3,444

Church in Eastern Europe \$1,046

Tithe from

432 Families was \$7,473

### Saint Benedict Parish

585 Families receive envelopes

**August 26**  
118 Families used their envelopes and offered \$ 2,100

**August 27**  
127 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,801

Tithe from

245 Families was \$3,901

Church in Eastern Europe \$0

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

**The Parish Office and Faith Formation  
will be closed Monday, September 4 in  
observance of Labor Day**

## SAINTS PETER AND PAUL LOTTERY

8-21	#355	Chief Joseph Coyne
8-22	#282	L. Matous
8-23	#749	Mike Polinski
8-24	#034	Chief Joseph Coyne
8-25	#247	Mary Drew
8-26	#486	Jim Slocum
8-27	#966	Chief Joseph Coyne

*Congratulations to all !!!*

## Twenty second Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday

Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

### Monday

1 Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4: 16-30

### Tuesday

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37

### Wednesday

Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44

### Thursday

Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11

### Friday

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

### Saturday

Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5

## Saints Peter and Paul & Saint Benedict

Note Date Change

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

First Day of Class will be on September 10<sup>th</sup> from 9-10am.

Halloween Spooktacular will take place on October 29th at noon. It is Disney Themed, Come dressed. Candy will be distributed

# The Sunday Good News

Saint Benedict & Saints Peter & Paul

September 3, 2017

## Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

In this particularly poetic passage, Jeremiah complains that while teaching the Lord's word, he is subjected to insults and derision. He determines to remain silent, but he cannot because the desire to speak the Lord's name is "like a fire burning in my heart."

### Second Reading : Romans 12:1-2

Paul tells the Christians to make sacrifices to avoid the trappings of the times, and to do God's will.

### Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus tries to make his disciples realize that by following him, they will endure suffering, degradation, and death. He tells them that they must deny themselves and take up the cross in order to be his disciples.

### *Prayer to Begin a School Year*

*God of wisdom and might,  
we praise you for the  
wonder of our being,  
for mind, body and spirit.*

*Be with our children  
as they begin  
a new school year.*

*Bless them  
and their teachers  
and staff.*

*Give the strength  
and grace  
as their bodies grow;  
wisdom and knowledge*

*to their minds  
as they search  
for understanding;  
and peace and zeal  
to their hearts.*

*We ask this through  
Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Amen*

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

**"I urge you brothers and sisters... Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good, pleasing and perfect.... Then Jesus said to his disciples 'Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself take up his cross, and follow me.'"**

One of the most difficult tasks for our parents is to bring the saving message of Jesus to their children. In an age when values, customs and traditions are challenged, what is important for families and parents is often rejected or even scorned. St. Paul's message certainly does not conform to this attitude. We are asked to be renewed and seek—1. what is good, not just what I want to satisfy myself. 2. what is pleasing to God and to others, and 3. what is perfect, as we try to follow the way of the Lord.

The challenge never ends, but requires us to change and look for ways the gospel values become part of our daily living. Perhaps the secret for all of us is to find ourselves, praying, reflecting and asking what is the will of God for me, for us, in our particular circumstance. Unfortunately, we often forget to ask His help and go it alone. Yes, we deny self when we say 'yes' to the Lord, we embrace whatever comes our way, and determine once again to follow Him more closely.

## 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 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. 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.

### Marriage Moments

Infidelity is not always physical. A more subtle form is Emotional Infidelity. It can start when one spouse feels under-appreciated and gets affirmation from someone outside the marriage. Sometimes work (paid or volunteer) or even the needs of one's own children can be the source. Giving time and attention now can prevent an emotional affair later.

- Susan Vogt

### We Remember

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

### Masses at Saint Benedict this week

T	9-5	8am	<b>Binker Family</b> by Mary Drew <b>Michael J. Kowalski</b> by M. Wychock & R. Grimes
W	9-6	8am	<b>William Zelinski</b> by Louise Yanoflack <b>Nicholas &amp; Susan Podgorski</b> by Daughters
Th	9-7	8am	<b>Zigmund Koshinski</b> by Norma Yackoski <b>Angelo Stella</b> by Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Serniak & Family
F	9-8	8am	<b>Chester Baginski (A)</b> by Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren <b>Jacqueline R. Marut</b> by Husband

### Weekend Mass Schedule Saints Peter & Paul

S	9-9	4pm	<b>David Patte</b> by Tom Merlie <b>Stanley Janis</b> by Wife & Daughter
S	9-10	10am	<b>Anthony Wilk</b> by M/M William O'Donnell

### Living and Deceased Parishioners

### Weekend Mass Schedule Saint Benedict

S	9-9	5:30pm	<b>Irene Konycki</b> by Family
S	9-10	8am	<b>Geraldine Machinas</b> by M/M Mark Gozick

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

### Saints Peter and Paul Parish

#### Sanctuary Candle

*Chester & Mary Baginski*

#### Lady of Lourdes Votive

*John Kozik*

#### Holy Family Votive

*Michael L. Quinn*

### Saint Benedict Parish

#### Sanctuary Candle

*Joanie Girmen*

## Parish Weekly Activities

September 4—September 10

<i><b>Day</b></i>	<i><b>Date</b></i>	<i><b>Time</b></i>	<i><b>Activity</b></i>	<i><b>Building</b></i>	<i><b>Location</b></i>
Mon.	9-4	<b>Office and Parish Center Closed in observance of Labor Day</b>			
Tues	9-5	9am	Quilting	Parish Center	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
Wed	9-6	<b>Noon 2:15pm</b>	<b>Plains Seniors Mass</b>	<b>Faith Formation Riverstreet Manor</b>	<b>Bernardine Hall</b>
Thurs.	9-7	9am 6pm	Quilting Family Choir	Parish Center Church	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Choir Loft
Fri.	9-8	9am	Treasures	Parish Center	Back Porch

**Council of Catholic Women** will meet on Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in Saint Benedict's Church Hall. Nominations for new officers and fundraisers will be on the agenda. All women are welcome to attend

**A Heartfelt Thank You** to Charlene Giza and Cathy Riccetti for the wonderful work they did on the new altar linen for St. Benedict and to the parish members and the Council of Catholic Women for their monetary donations.

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

### **Saints Peter & Paul Lottery Tickets**

Awards will begin October 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup> – a winner daily number. Prizes are \$25 Monday through Saturday, \$100 on Sunday and \$300 on November 1<sup>st</sup>, All Saints Day; November 23<sup>rd</sup> Thanksgiving and December 25<sup>th</sup>, 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.



**Communion Breakfast** sponsored by the Women's Society will be held on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at the Parson Family Restaurant, North River Street, Plains at 9am following the 8am Mass at Saint Benedict. Members will recite the rosary at 7:30am. Cost is \$15. All women from both parishes are invited. 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.

### **Parenting Pointers**

"You duped me, O Lord, and I let myself be duped." (Jeremiah 20:7) Sometimes each of us makes a fool of ourselves. Share a time that you did something foolish and how you recovered. It will give your child hope that they too can recover.

- Susan Vogt

**Scholastic Chess Club** Attention students in grades 2 through 8, The Regal Rooks Chess Club will begin meeting on Tuesday September 12. All students from public, private, and parochial schools are welcome to join. Meetings take place from 6:30-8pm every Tuesday in Saints Peter and Paul's Parish Center. You don't need to know how to play chess; we will teach you all of the basics and even strategy and tactics. Parents and guardians are also invited to attend and stay for the first meeting for a short lesson. To register and RSVP go to [www.academyofchessllc.com](http://www.academyofchessllc.com) and click on the "How to Join" link then select the Regal Rooks link. For questions call 570-574-4603

**Manna House** is a transitional housing program that houses homeless youth ages 18-24. They provide essential life skills training, on site case management and 24 hour staff support to insure success upon exiting our program into permanent housing. During their stay, residents are assisted in increasing income, reaching education goals, and accessing local community support. By providing a donation you are ensuring that our disadvantaged homeless youth are given opportunities to reach their full potential and become a successful member of society. All donations can be sent to 25 N. River St., W-B, Pa 18702.

### Bulletin Briefs

"The sufferings caused by chronic or terminal illness...cry out for our compassion, a word whose root meaning is to 'suffer with' another person. True compassion alleviates suffering while maintaining solidarity with those who suffer. It does not put lethal drugs in their hands and abandon them."

USCCB, "To Live Each Day with Dignity  
A Statement on Assisted Suicide," 2011

### 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.

## Community Happenings

***The Feast of St. Joseph the Worker***, on Monday, Sept 4 at the Oblates of St. Joseph, Laflin at 11am. St Joseph Bread will be blessed and distributed following Mass.

***Memorial Service for Aborted Children at St. Lucy's Prayer Garden***, on Saturday, Sept 9 at 11am. More info call Penn for Human Life at 570-343-5099.

***Holy Family Cash Bingo***, on Sunday, Sept. 10. Doors open at noon games begin at 1pm. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door.

***All Saints Parish Spaghetti Dinner***, Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 100<sup>th</sup> 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 ccrenew-al@comcast.net.

***Convocation for Catechists*** will be held on Saturday, October 14 at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, in Scranton. The Convocation will include Mass, the Keynote Speakers, Lunch and Workshops. Mark your Calendars!!!!

**“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.”



You spoke, we listened. Based on the Focus Group interviews last year at Saints Peter and Paul Church, the goal to establish a Greeter Ministry was created. As part of the Coordinating Team of Worship, greeters will play a vital role in the welcoming of all who attend Mass. As part of the discernment process, you may want to consider joining this important ministry. Please check the bulletin often beginning in the fall for organizational meetings and workshops as we form this wonderful new ministry.

### **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