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

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

Parish of Saint Benedict

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



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

Sept 1 282 attended the 4pm Mass 187 Families used their envelopes and offered \$2,716

Sept 2 126 attended the 7:30am Mass 104 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,785 284 attended the 10am Mass 124 Families used their envelopes and offered \$2,018 Tithe from 415 Families was \$6,519 Care and Education of Priest \$962.25

> <u>Saint Benedict Parish</u> 429 Families receive envelopes

Sept 1 136 attended the 5:30pm Mass
122 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,830
Sept 2 85 attended the 11:30am Mass
70 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,408 Tithe from
192 Families was \$3,238 Care and Education of Priest \$363

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 27	#607	Trish Flannery
Aug 28	#490	Marie Fender
Aug 29	#962	Audrey Serniak
Aug 30	#891	Michael Szymanski
Aug 31	#130	Paul Binker Jr.
Sept 1	#055	Barb Gubbiotti
Sept 2	#395	Bonnie Glowatski
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 109 families in the amount of \$13,167.

Word



Is Your Car Dirty? Does 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

Pierce 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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Is 35:4-7a; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

Monday 1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday 1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday 1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38

Friday Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Saturday 1 Cor 10:14-22; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Saints Peter and Paul and Saint Benedict

Registration will be held on Monday and Friday from 10am-2pm & Thurs. 6-8pm.

Reminders: Classes start this week, please arrive by 8:55am Drop off at the Bernardine Hall entrance. Parents are encouraged to congregate in Bernardine Hall during class and enjoy conversation, coffee and treats provided by the parish.

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



Prayer for Teachers Lord God, your spirit of wisdom fills the earth and teaches us in your ways. Look upon these teachers. Let them strive to share their knowledge with gentle patience and endeavor always to bring the truth to eager minds. Grant that we may follow Jesus Chríst, the way the truth and the life, forever and ever. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Isaiah tells the people to be strong and unafraid. God will save his people, and the blind will see, the deaf will hear, and the lame will walk. Streams will come forth in the desert, the sandy ground will become springs of water.

Second Reading: James 2:1-5

James encourages the people to never show favoritism. He discusses an usher who escorted a rich man to the best seat, while ignoring a poor man. God chose poor people to be rich in faith, so we should never judge people by their riches.

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

Some people brought a deaf man who could not speak to Jesus and begged him to lay his hand on the man. Jesus opened the man's ears and cured his speech impediment. He ordered the people not to tell anyone, but they were too amazed to keep this to themselves.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS **HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 9, 2018

"And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue. Then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, 'Ephphatha' that is 'Be opened' And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. They were exceedingly astonished and they said, 'He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.'"

Jesus the healer. People sought Him out bringing the needy person to Jesus. They requested the laying on of hands. They knew Jesus was the answer.

This experience of Jesus' healing is a bit different. Jesus takes him apart, touches, uses saliva, groans and speaks. The result is clearly indicated. Evidently he returned to the crowd who expressed their amazement at what took place.

When we were baptized the minister also touched our ears and mouth saying 'As Jesus made the deaf to hear and the mute to speak, so may He open your ears to hear His word and your mouth to proclaim His praise.' The gesture can easily get lost. Have I heard the word? Do I proclaim His praise?

Maybe I can be more attentive as I listen to the Word of God proclaimed at mass. Maybe I can take what I hear and learn, and bring it to someone else, telling them what the Lord has done or is doing in my life. Jesus continues to do miracles through us today

			Worship
			We Remember
		A Corr	nmunion Service will be held at Saint Benedict at 8am Tuesday—Friday
			Masses at Saints Peter and Paul this week
Monday	9-10	7am	Communion Service
Tuesday	9-11	7am	Christine Madison by Susan McCarthy
			James O'Donnell by Gorgan Family
Wednesday	9-12	7am	Julia & Catherine Ozgo by Family
			Charles Edward Rinaldi by Mr. & Mrs Charles J. Rinaldi
Thursday	9-13	7am	Zigmund Koshinski by Frank & Sylvia Bielecki
			Patrick Kelly Jr. by Fatima Grotto Members
Friday	9-14	7am	Helen & Frank Kaminski by Stanley & Janet Kuna
			50th Anniversary Jim & Chris Miceli by Rosemary Sheridan
			Weekend Mass Schedule Saints Peter & Paul
Saturday	9-15	4pm	Living and Deceased Parishioners
Sunday	9-16	7:30am	Bridget O'Connor by Betty Ann Parri
		10am	Marie T. Kownacki (A) by Kathy & Raymond
			Weekend Mass Schedule Saint Benedict
Saturday	9-15	5:30pm	Madeline Lavan by Carol Yedinak
Sunday	9-16	11:30am	Mary & John Yencha by Ed & Bernice

Our Parish Novena for the Present Needs of our Church

Our Novena will begin on Friday, Sept 14 with Mass at noon, Benediction at 6pm. On Saturday, September 15, Mass at noon. On Sunday you are asked to make a Holy Hour of Silence on your own. Monday, September 17 through Friday, September 21; Mass at noon and Benediction at 6pm. We will conclude the Novena on Saturday, September 22 with Mass at noon. Please join us if you are able. Our Novena will be conducted at Saints Peter and Paul.



Saints Peter and Paul Parish

Sanctuary Candle Conrad Sarnecki

> Lady of the Lourdes Helen & John Zius

Saint Benedict Parish Sanctuary Candle Special Intention

Holy Family Votive Paul Binker

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 this

Monday, 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 knowledge is needed.

Parish Cemeteries

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. 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.

Marriage Moments

Most adult Americans remember Sept 11, 2001 as a day of terror. What kinds of things terrorize you? Do you know and understand your beloved's fears? See if you can guess what your spouse will say. *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 Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	17 Quilting 5pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 6pm Rosary 6:30pm Faith Sharing 7pm	18 Quilting 9am	19 Festival Choir 6pm Saints Peter & Paul Parish Council 6:30pm	20 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	24 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
30	1 Quilting 5pm Treasures 6pm Rosary 6:30pm Faith Sharing 7pm	2 Quilting 9am	3 Festival Choir 6pm	4 Quilting 9am	5 Treasures 9am	6



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). 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. Pre purchased tickets are \$20 and \$25 at the door. Tickets can be purchased through the office. 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 also be a list of other baskets available.

You will have the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets 25 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

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> Saint Benedict Finance Committee Steve Yenchak, Chairman Tom Kozerski Jodi Gunari Ed Yencha



Gospel Today Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mark 7:31-37

A man who could not hear or speak well was taken to Jesus for healing. Jesus took pity on him and healed his ears to hear and voice to speak by saying "Ephphatha", be opened! After being healed, the man and his friends went out and told everyone. Through all His healings, many Gentile people believed in Jesus' Divine power.

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Cycle B

Ephphatha! Be Open!

He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.

Mark 7:31

Read the text above and answer the questions below... true or false.

1] The man could not hear or speak well.	Т	F
2] The man's friends took him to see Jesus.	т	F
3] Jesus told them to go away.	т	F
4] Jesus took pity on the man and healed him.	т	F
5] The word Jesus used was "Ephphatha", meaning "be open!"	т	F
6] The man went away ungrateful.	т	F
7] The man and his friends proclaimed the miracle Jesus performed.	т	F
8] Many Gentile people believed in Jesus' Divine power.	т	F



Draw your own picture of Jesus healing the man. Is the man happy or sad?



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. 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
Sept 23	3pm	50th Anniversary Mass Our Lady of Victory Parish (Tannersville)
Sept 24	9am	Diocesan Teacher's Institute Mass St. Mary's (Wilkes-Barre)

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

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.

3rd Annual St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Holy Name Society Meatloaf/Chicken Parmesan Dinner will be held on Sunday, Sept 16 from 12pm to 3pm in the Church Hall, 33 Manhattan St. Ashley, eat in or take out. Dinners include mashed potatoes, vegetable, dessert and beverage. Tickets are required and are available by contacting the rectory at 570-825-6669. Cost is \$10.

REBOOT! Featuring: Catholic author & speaker, Chris Stefanick to be held on Thur, Sept 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 Fri, Oct 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 Oct 19-21. Comfortable silence during retreat. Begins on Fri 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.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel is leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land on November 7-17. Cost is \$3,899 per person including air from Scranton. Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily are included. Holy Mass daily at the Holy Sites. For a flyer or more detailed information please call Cathie or Michael Milano at 1-800-773-2660. "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.

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Saints Peter and Paul

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