

## 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

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[pastor@sspeterandpaulplains.com](mailto: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: [www.stbenedictwb.org](http://www.stbenedictwb.org)



### 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 8** 288 attended the 4pm Mass  
185 Families used their envelopes and offered \$3,260

**Sept 9** 110 attended the 7:30am Mass  
74 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,103  
298 attended the 10am Mass  
141 Families used their envelopes and offered \$2,940  
Tithe from  
400 Families was \$7,303  
Bernardine Bucks \$601

### **Saint Benedict Parish**

429 Families receive envelopes

**Sept 8** 117 attended the 5:30pm Mass  
92 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,716  
**Sept 9** 72 attended the 11:30am Mass  
70 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,659  
Tithe from  
162 Families was \$3,375

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

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

## 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**

Sept. 3	#025	Garret Kruger
Sept. 4	#889	Jonathan Eustice
Sept. 5	#509	Joe Coyne
Sept. 6	#328	Cody Januszko
Sept. 7	#739	Geri Samecki
Sept. 8	#901	Kevin O'Connor
Sept. 9	#502	Louise Beyer

*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  
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 **125** families in the amount of **\$18,310**.

## God wants to speak with us

The Bible is a collection of books, some of which were written 2,700 years ago and some as “recently” as 1,950 years ago. It was produced in a place that is far removed from our own and in a time that bears little resemblance to the modern era. It reflects a culture that many of us would find completely foreign. Its original languages are hardly spoken around the world. Why do we bother with the Bible in our day and age?

The International Bible Society indicates that the entire Bible has been translated into over 550 modern languages, with the New Testament now available in over 1,300 languages. It appears on bookshelves or is accessible in digital format on every continent on the earth. Apparently, this book is more than a collection of ancient documents, interesting to only a few collectors. It has meaning that crosses centuries and cultures and economic strata and gender and race.

In our Catholic faith tradition we know that the writers of the text were human authors. They were tribal leaders preserving their family histories and interactions with God, priests who helped to shape the ritual life of God’s people, prophets and their followers who spoke with the fire of divine conviction, apostles who traveled with Jesus or witnessed his deeds, disciples who wrote to one another to guard the faith they had been given.

These human authors did not, however, simply shape stories and preserve teachings based on their own opinions or preferences. They were inspired by God, meaning that God’s own breath animated their work.

We can be assured that God’s desire is to be in communion with us, to be in communication with us, and to be engaged in our lives. And so we look to the Bible for the witness of how God has done this throughout the ages.

We find the elderly couple Abraham and Sarah in disbelief that they could bear a child, much less leave descendants as numerous as the stars. And yet they heard God’s voice and set out to settle in a new place and start a new life. Each time we feel disbelief creeping in, we can turn to their story beginning in Genesis 12.

We find fishermen and tax collectors and scribes who left all behind because they heard God’s voice call them in the words of Jesus. They lingered with him, traveled by his side and gave their lives in response to what they witnessed. We are asked to do the same.

The Bible matters because it reveals the God who longs to speak to his people, so much so that he gave flesh to his Word in the person of his Son, Jesus.

## Word

### Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Sunday

Is 50:5-9a; Jas 2:14-18;  
Mk 8:27-35

#### Monday

1 Cor 11:17-26, 33;  
Lk 7:1-10

#### Tuesday

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a;  
Lk 7:11-17

#### Wednesday

1 Cor 12:31—13:13;  
Lk 7:31-35

#### Thursday

1 Cor 15:1-11;  
Lk 7:36-50

#### Friday

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13;  
Mt 9:9-13

#### Saturday

1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49;  
Lk 8:4-15

### Saints Peter and Paul and Saint Benedict

Reminders: Classes have started for this year.

If you have not yet registered, please call Nina at (570) 825-6663 ext. 3 then 1.

Please arrive by 8:55am. Drop off at the Bernardine Hall entrance.

Confirmation Retreat will be held on Sept. 22 from 10am to 4pm at the Parish Center.

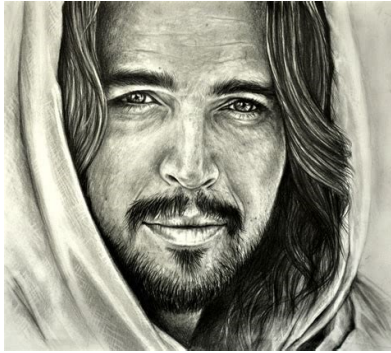
Confirmation Practice will be held on September 30 at 5pm for candidates only  
and on October 7 at 6pm for both candidates and sponsors.

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

# The Sunday Good News

Saint Benedict & Saints Peter & Paul

September 16, 2018



## *Prayer for Volunteers*

*Everlasting God,  
strengthen  
and sustain  
all those  
who volunteer  
in our churches;  
that with patience  
and understanding  
they may love and  
care for your people;  
and grant that  
together they may  
follow Jesus Christ,  
offering to you their  
gifts and talents;  
through Him who  
lives and reigns with  
you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, for  
ever and ever.  
Amen*

## TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### **First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9a**

Isaiah describes the willingness of the Suffering Servant to submit to the persecution of his enemies. This willingness stems from true faith in God, and the knowledge that the Lord will always be his help.

### **Second Reading: James 2:14-18**

James states that if someone is hungry and you wish them well but do not help them, you have done them no good. He compares this to stating your faith, without backing it up with your actions. He reminds us that we must show our faith through our good works.

### **Gospel: Mark 8:27-35**

Jesus taught his disciples that as the Messiah, he had to suffer much, be put to death, and rise three days later. Peter began to disagree and Jesus reprimanded him for judging by human standards rather than by God's. He told them that whoever would be willing to lose their life for the sake of Jesus and the gospel, will in fact preserve their life forever.

## A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

### **HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly

#### **Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 16, 2018**

**"What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, keep warm and eat well', but you do not give to them the necessities of the body, what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works is dead. Indeed someone might say 'You have faith and I have works.' Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works."**

In his exhortation calling us to holiness, Pope Francis clearly shows us how our attitude should respond to needs with faith and charity. Seeing in the one I encounter as a human being with dignity identical with my own, a creature infinitely loved by the Father, an image of God, a brother or sister redeemed by Jesus Christ. That is what it is to be a Christian.

The biblical letter of James and Pope Francis' exhortation challenge us to walk the walk and not just talk the talk leading us from complacency to assist the suffering. We have the power to change others, lives from despair and fill them with hope. To follow Him requires my self denial, acceptance of the cross and action.

# Worship

## We Remember

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

### Masses at Saint Benedict this week

Tuesday	9-18	8am	<b>Ann Rowny</b> by Robert Vincenti, Jr. <b>Leo Schuster, Jr.</b> by Joseph Davis
Wednesday	9-19	8am	<b>Rose Lasiewicki</b> by Josephine Falkowski <b>Mark Molitoris</b> by Bob Rayne
Thursday	9-20	8am	<b>Paul Binker (A)</b> by Louis and Mary Ellen Dominick <b>Joseph Ornaski</b> by Emily Strinkoski
Friday	9-21	8am	<b>Edward Bednar</b> by Albert Jarace <b>Padegomus and Kaniecki Families</b> by Margaret Mond

### Weekend Mass Schedule Saints Peter & Paul

Saturday	9-22	4pm	<b>Rita Gayoski (A)</b> by Family
Sunday	9-23	7:30am 10am	<b>Antoinette Stec</b> by Marlene and Robert Koserak <b>Living &amp; Deceased Parishioners</b>

### Weekend Mass Schedule Saint Benedict

Saturday	9-22	5:30pm	<b>William Everett</b> by Wife and Children
Sunday	9-23	11:30am	<b>Richard and Francis Jr. Krokos</b> by Mother

### Our Parish Novena

#### for the Present Needs of our Church

This 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, Sept 22 with Mass at noon. Please join us if you are able. Our Novena will be conducted at Saints Peter and Paul.

#### 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.

### Saints Peter and Paul Parish

#### Sanctuary Candle

*Marie Kownacki*

#### Lady of the Lourdes

*Frank and Helen Kaminski*

### 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

### Women's Society/Saints Peter and Paul

**Communion Breakfast**, will take place on Sun, Oct 7 following the 7:30am Mass in the Parish Center. Cost is \$15. All women of the parish are invited. To make reservations call Betty Jean Hession at 570-822-9448, Mary Jo Marek at 570-825-6969 or Joan Lapinski at 570-829-2471

### Pierogi Making for the Upcoming Advent

**Season** will take place on Wed, Nov 7 and Thurs, Nov 8 and again on Tues, Nov 13 & Wed, Nov 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.

**Memorial Donation** The following donations/memorials have recently been given to our parishes

### Saints Peter and Paul Bernardine Hall

\$300 Plains Senior Citizens  
\$20 In Memory of Michael Chrzanowski  
by Tom and Debbie Bonn

### Saints Peter and Paul Food Pantry

\$100 Anonymous  
\$25 Joseph and Deborah Bronack Jr.  
In Memory of Romaine Lusaitis  
\$100 Shirley Soboleski & Family  
\$100 Audrey Lusaitis  
\$10 John and Marlene Grassi  
In Memory of Paul Kane  
\$50 Deb and Stephen Brezna  
\$50 Charles and Lindsey Ripa  
\$30 Judith Youngblood

### Saint Benedict

\$1,100 The Estate of Marie Kilgallon  
\$25 In Memory of Robert Bolacker  
by Assunta and Mark Cammuso

We thank all who have made memorial and free-will donations. May God bless you for your generosity.

### Marriage Moments

Research studies show that men who kiss their wives before leaving in the morning live 5 years longer than those who don't. Don't want to be a widower? Remember this. Although I haven't done the research, I suppose this works in the reverse too (wives).

*Susan Vogt*

### 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
16 <b>First Annual Designer Bag Bingo 1pm</b>	17 Quilting 5pm <b>Prayer Shawl 5pm</b> Treasures 6pm Rosary 6:30pm Faith Sharing 7pm	18 Quilting 9am	19 <b>Festival Choir 6pm</b> <b>Saints Peter &amp; Paul Parish Council 6:30pm</b>	20 Quilting 9am <b>Food Pantry 9am</b> <b>Women's Society 6:30pm</b>	21 Treasures 9am- <b>Food Pantry 9am</b>	22 Lottery Sold after Masses this week  <b>Confirmation Retreat 10am</b>
23	24 Quilting 5pm Treasures 6pm Rosary 6:30pm Faith Sharing 7pm	25 Quilting 9am	26 <b>Festival Choir 6pm</b> <b>Saint Benedict Parish Council 6:30pm</b>	27 Quilting 9am <b>Saints Peter &amp; Paul Finance 6:30pm</b>	28 Treasures 9am	29 Lottery Sold after Masses this week <b>Saint Benedict Parish Finance 6:30pm</b>
30 <b>Confirmation practice 5pm candidates only</b>	1 Quilting 5pm Treasures 6pm Rosary 6:30pm Faith Sharing 7pm	2 Quilting 9am	3 <b>Festival Choir 6pm</b>	4 Quilting 9am	5 Treasures 9am	6
7 <b>Annual Quilt Bingo 1pm</b>  <b>Confirmation practice 6pm for candidates and sponsors</b>	8 <b>Parish Office and Faith Formation Center closed in observance of Columbus Day</b>	9 Quilting 9am	10 <b>Confirmation 5pm</b>	11 Quilting 9am	12	13



### 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

Ridder Street, Wilkes-Barre and Pierce Street, Kingston. The cost is \$6 per certificate 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.

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

### Save the Date—SSPP Upcoming Parish Events

**October 7**—Annual Quilt Bingo 1pm

**November 4**—Senior Dinner 5pm- \*Date Changed\*

**December 22**—Christmas Cookie Sale 2PM

#### **Saints Peter and Paul Finance Committee**

Don Prescavage, Chairman  
Ben Berrini, Vice Chairman  
Charlotte Dominick, Secretary  
Gerald Cross, Capital Budget Chairman  
Maryann Kropiewnicki, 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 Yenchak

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## Gospel Today

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mark 8:27-35

Taking up the cross refers to living the life Jesus has planned for us. Jesus knows it might be hard, but He is always there with us and the great reward is everlasting life!

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“Whoever wishes to come after  
Me must deny himself, take up  
his cross, and follow me.”

MARK 8:34

### BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words...  
left, right, up, down  
or diagonally.



### WHAT IS THE MYSTERY PICTURE?

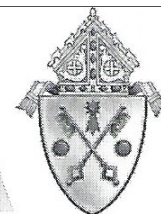
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one color and use  
another color for the  
rest of the blocks.

<b>Peter</b>	<b>Said</b>
<b>You</b>	<b>Are</b>
<b>The</b>	<b>Messiah</b>
<b>Himself</b>	<b>Mystery</b>
<b>Revealed</b>	<b>Jesus</b>
<b>Son</b>	<b>Of</b>
<b>God</b>	<b>Passion</b>
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Everlasting	Deny
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# 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-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 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*

**Potato Pancake Picnic and Flea Market**, Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church, 420 Main Road, Hanover Township, Sunday, Sept 23, 11am-5pm

**REBOOT!** Featuring: Catholic author & speaker, Chris Stefanick to be held on Thurs, 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](http://www.RealLifeCatholic.com) or call Steve Wallo at 570-654-0053.

**Slovak Catholic Sokol** of Wilkes-Barre will hold their Annual "Sokol Day" Picnic on Saturday, Sept 29. This event will take place at the Plains Lions Pavilion on Clarks Lane in Plains from noon till 6pm.

**Workshop for Music Ministers**, a musician's workshop with Dr. Elaine Rendler-McQueeney on Saturday, Sept 29, from 9am-12:30pm, at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Scranton. The topic of the workshop will be: Here We Go Again: Rediscovering and Renewing Our Commitment to Music Ministry. All cantors, choir members, directors, & organists are encouraged to join us! The registration fee is \$20, and the deadline to register is Monday, Sept. 24. To register, visit [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org) and click on 'Parish Life'.

**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 Nov 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 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.

### **Pastoral Council Members**

#### **Saints Peter and Paul**

Kathy Grinaway, Chairperson  
Harold Golumb, Jr, Vice Chairperson  
JoAnn Chukinas, Secretary  
Gerald Cross  
Barbara Gubbiotti  
Steven McGough  
James Susek

#### **Saint Benedict**

Donna Mansfield, Chairperson  
Debby Zuzelski, Secretary  
Joanne Bague  
Jack Keeley  
Lou Zuzelski