

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

Parish of Saint Benedict

155 Austin Ave
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18705
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Father Jack Lambert—Pastor

Cell Phone: 570-656-2031
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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

Sept 15 270 attended the 4pm Mass
155 Families used their envelopes and offered \$3,751

Sept 16 119 attended the 7:30am Mass
77 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,673
293 attended the 10am Mass
137 Families used their envelopes and offered \$3,170
Tithe from
369 Families was \$8,594
Bernardine Bucks \$569

Saint Benedict Parish

429 Families receive envelopes

Sept 15 133 attended the 5:30pm Mass
92 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,498
Sept 16 69 attended the 11:30am Mass
72 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,149
Tithe from
164 Families was \$2,647

*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. 10	#508	Chief Joe Coyne
Sept. 11	#845	Kerry Flaherty
Sept. 12	#759	Father Jack
Sept. 13	#952	Laura Kosco
Sept. 14	#002	John Corcoran
Sept. 15	#424	C. Phillips
Sept. 16	#226	Megan Piazza

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 **132** families in the amount of **\$21,390**.

We Learn to recognize God's Voice

In a beloved passage from the Gospel of John, Jesus uses all types of shepherding imagery to speak of his own role for his followers. As the good shepherd he says, "I know mine and mine know me," and a little later, "My sheep hear my voice: I know them and they follow me"(10:14,27). Are we the sheep who know him and recognize his voice?

It is undeniable that every part of our day is filled with voices, competing messages, and, quite frankly, noise. How are we to distinguish God's voice in the mix that is daily living?

A folk tale of sorts from our time tells of two men walking the streets of New York, one a native of the city and the other a visitor from America's farmland. In the midst of honking horns and squealing brakes and vendors peddling their wares, the farmer thought he heard a cricket.

And to the dismay of the business man, the farmer actually stopped and listened more carefully until he found it hiding under a leaf in a street planter. When his walking companion marveled at the man's hearing, the farmer replied, "It depends on what you're listening for."

God's word in the pages of our Bibles helps to train us or condition us to listen for God's voice. In its stories, patterns emerge in the interactions of our ancestors in faith and we might start to notice some characteristics of God's voice.

Now most of us have not had the experience of God speaking directly to us. We might find it hard to relate to someone like Moses who is reported to have heard God's voice in the thunderous encounter on Mount Sinai. We might crave that kind of surety but most of the time hearing God's voice is a matter of discernment. God speaks to our hearts through many avenues.

Maybe a few tips taken from biblical stories and passages will help train us in how to listen;

- Pay attention to the world around us because that is where God dwells. Psalm 19:1 proclaims, "The heavens declare the glory of God; the firmament proclaims the works of his hands." Psalm 148 describes how each element of nature gives praise to God. We can imagine the opening of blossoms as a response to God's warmth, the emergence of fruit as a gift of God's mercy and care, the flowing of clear water as a sign of refreshment. The earth itself tells us something about our God.

Word

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Wis 2:12, 17-20; Jas 3:16—4:3; Mk 9:30-37

Monday

Prv 3:27-34; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday

Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday

Prv 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday

Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9

Friday

Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Jn 1:47-51

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.

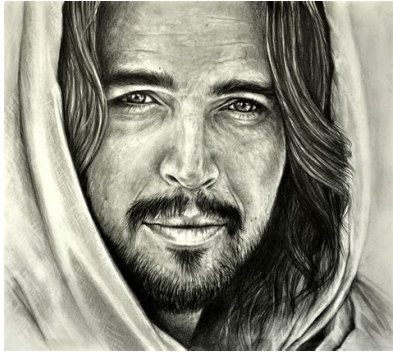
Confirmation Practice will be held on September 30 at 5pm for candidates only and on October 7 at 6pm for both candidates and sponsors.

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

The Sunday Good News

Saint Benedict & Saints Peter & Paul

September 23, 2018



*God,
we pray for our young
people,
growing up in an
unsteady and
confusing world.
Show them that your
ways give more life
than the ways of the
world,
and that following you
is better than chasing
after selfish goals.
Help them to take
failure,
not as a measure of
their worth,
but as a chance for a
new start.
Give them strength to
hold their faith in you,
and to keep alive their
joy in your creation.
We ask this through
Christ our Lord.
Amen*

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Wicked people discuss their anger at the just one, because they do not like being reproached for their evil ways. They want to see if he is the Son of God, so they decide to torture him and see if God will come to defend him. They decide to condemn him to a shameful death and see if the claims are true that God will take care of him.

Second Reading: James 3:16—4:3

James discusses the importance of avoiding jealousy and strife. People should strive for peace and justice instead of concentrating on material pleasures which can tempt people to sin to obtain whatever they desire.

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Jesus again attempts to prepare his disciples for his death and resurrection, although they do not yet fully understand. They had been arguing over who was the most important one, but Jesus tells them whoever wants to rank first must be willing to remain a servant to all. He also tells them that anyone who welcomes a child in his name welcomes both him and God.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 23, 2018

“They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them, ‘What were you arguing about on the way?’ But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, ‘If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.’”

How can I serve? The path to holiness requires that we humbly reach out to see Christ in the faces of those around us. “In this call to recognize Him in the poor and the suffering, we see revealed the very heart of Christ, His deepest feelings and choices, which every saint seeks to attain.” These are the words of Pope Saint John Paul, as quoted by Pope Francis.

These are the demands of Jesus with no ‘ifs and buts.’ Holiness cannot be understood or lived apart from these demands, for mercy is ‘the beating heart of the gospel.’ When He washed the feet of the disciples, He spoke by His action, what a true disciple is to do. It is when we serve we receive not only Jesus, but the One who sent Him.

Worship

We Remember

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

Masses at Saints Peter and Paul this week

Monday	9-24	7am	Communion Service
Tuesday	9-25	7am	Binker Family by Children Dolores Itiedix by Rosemary Sheridan
Wednesday	9-26	7am	George Mattis by Stepson Mary Godlewski by Donna Everett and Family
Thursday	9-27	7am	Harold Golomb by Audrey and Family Charles Dieso by Mr. and Mrs. Greg Stella
Friday	9-28	7am	Ethel Mehal by Son, George Jr. Marie Kilgallon by The Estate

Weekend Mass Schedule Saints Peter & Paul

Saturday	9-29	4pm	Michael Trebunak Jr. by Richard and Eileen Piekutowski
Sunday	9-30	7:30am 10am	MaryJo Paciga by Beth and Lori Bantel Living and Deceased Parishioners

Weekend Mass Schedule Saint Benedict

Saturday	9-29	5:30pm	Rosalie Splendido by Family
Sunday	9-30	11:30am	Joseph, Marie, and Theresa Mond by Sister



Seven young men and women, from both Saints Peter and Paul and Saint Benedict, the 2018 Confirmation Class, will receive the Holy Spirit in the

Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, October 10th at 5pm. The Most Reverend John M. Dougherty, D.D., V.G., Auxiliary Bishop of Scranton will preside. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Circle of Prayer

Many of us need the prayers of a praying faith community. To request prayers or to join our circle of prayer please contact Mary Jo Marek at

570-825-6969.

Saints Peter and Paul Parish

Sanctuary Candle

Sara and Patrick Delasandro

Lady of the Lourdes

Sara and Patrick Delasandro

Saint Benedict Parish

Sanctuary Candle

Special Intention

Holy Family Votive

Florence Baczarga

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



Scholastic Chess Club

Attention students in grades 2 through 8!!! The Regal Rooks Chess Club will begin meeting on Tuesdays.

All students from public, private, and parochial schools are welcome to join.

Meetings take place from 6:30pm-8:00pm every Tuesday in the Parish Center across from Saints Peter and Paul Church, Hudson Road, Plains.

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 and click on the "How to Join" link then select the Regal Rooks link.

Questions? Call: 570-574-4603

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.

Parenting Pointers

The 4th Monday of September is national Eat Dinner Together Day. Maybe you always (or mostly) eat dinner together. Good. If so, talk about something like favorites (food, dessert, place, toy, vacation..) If not, eat together today or as often as possible this week.

Save the Date—SSPP Upcoming Parish Events

October 7—Annual Quilt Bingo 1pm

November 11—Senior Dinner 5pm

December 22—Christmas Cookie Sale 2PM

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/October Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 Confirmation practice 5pm candidates only	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
7 Women's Society Communion Breakfast 8:30am Annual Quilt Bingo 1pm Confirmation practice 6pm for candidates and sponsors	8 Parish Office and Faith Formation Center closed in observance of Columbus Day	9 Quilting 9am	10 Confirmation 5pm	11 Quilting 9am	12 Treasures 9am	13
14	15 Quilting 5pm Treasures 6pm Rosary 6:30pm Faith Sharing 7pm	16 Quilting 9am	17 Festival Choir 6pm	18 Quilting 9am Food Pantry Prep 9am	19 Treasures 9am Food Pantry 9am	20



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 St., W-B and Pierce St., 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.

Saints Peter and Paul Finance Committee
 Don Prescavage, Chairman
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Saint Benedict Finance Committee
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 Jodi Gunari
 Ed Yenchak

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Gospel Today

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mark 9:30-37

Jesus says blessed are those who put others first. They will be first in Heaven.

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Whoever receives one child such as this in My name, receives Me.

- Mark 9:37

Below are words showing behaviors towards God's children...

Color the **GOOD ACT BLOCKS** yellow (the ones who put others first).

Color the **SELFISH ACT BLOCKS** blue (the ones who put themselves first).



Not sharing



Sharing
a snack

Being a bully

Doing
somebody's
chores



Teaching your
talents to others



Thank you
God for my
talents

Bragging
about yourself

Praying for
those in need

Saying
mean things

Not inviting
everyone to play

Inviting
friends
to play



Thinking you are
better than others

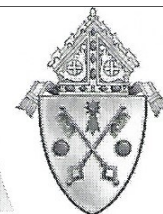
We have learned, as followers of Jesus, we must carry our

_____.

Hint: See
yellow colored
blocks above.

Our talents come from God -
be thankful and humble, but
not boastful to others.

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 24	9am	Diocesan Teacher's Institute Mass St. Mary's (Wilkes-Barre)
Sept 28		Anniversary of 1884 Dedication of the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Mother Church of the Diocese of Scranton
Sept 29	12:10pm	Rite of Lector Cathedral of Saint Peter
Sept 30	12:15pm	Blue Mass Cathedral of Saint Peter (Celebrating First-Responders and Law Enforcement Community)
Oct 03	9:30am	Regional Schools' Mass Notre Dame School System, Our Lady of Victory (Tannersville)

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 child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement.

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

St. Therese Annual 9-Day Novena: St. Anthony St. George Parish will be celebrating 91 years of devotion to St. Therese of the Little Flower of the Infant Jesus. The novena will take place at St. George Chapel at 79 Loomis St., Wilkes-Barre and will begin on Sun, Sept. 23,- 6pm– Mass, followed by the Novena. Mon., Sept 24– Sun., Sept 30- 6pm– Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions, 6:30pm– Rosary, - 7pm– Novena

The Little Sisters of the Poor will host a furniture and home furnishing sale Sat., Sept 22 - Sun., Sept 30, in the auditorium of Holy Family Residence, 2500 Adams Ave., Scranton. The sale will take place from 8am-4pm Mon.-Sat., and 12-4pm Sundays. The sisters also will sell homemade scones. For more information, please call Sister Joan at 570-840-6214.

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 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 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.

“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

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Saint Benedict

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