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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

1189 Families receive envelopes

September 16 331 Attended the 4pm Mass
200 Families used their envelopes and offered \$3,654

September 17 367 Attended the 10am Mass
210 Families used their envelopes and offered \$4,142

Tithe from

410 Families was \$7,796

Saint Benedict Parish

585 Families receive envelopes

September 16 143 Attended the 5:30pm Mass
150 Families used their envelopes and offered \$2,306

September 17 170 Attended the 8am Mass
119 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,700

Tithe from

269 Families was \$4,006

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

Second Collection this week is for
Mission Appeal

Saints Peter and Paul No Festival Collection

67 Families Contributed \$4,170 to date.

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL LOTTERY

9-11	#989	Audrey Semiak
9-12	#775	C. Gupko
9-13	#829	Rob Klepadlo
9-14	#095	Constance Kosco
9-15	#402	Charlie & Holden Bronack
9-16	#016	Kiley Graobske
9-17	#051	Alice Krommes

Congratulations to all !!!

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday

Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

Monday

Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday

Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday

Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9

Friday

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

Saturday

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45

Saints Peter and Paul & Saint Benedict

Class on Sunday Morning 9am-10am

*Senior Dinner sponsored by the 2017 Confirmation Class will take place on
Sunday, October 15. Please respond by Oct. 10th*

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

The Sunday Good News

Saint Benedict & Saints Peter & Paul

September 24, 2017

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Seek the Lord while He may be found, call Him while He is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way and the wicked his thoughts, let him turn to the Lord for mercy, to our God who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.”

The scripture readings at mass these past few weeks have put great emphasis on forgiveness. We are invited to reflect on our ability to forgive others and ourselves. We are reminded to seek forgiveness from God and from others.

Sometimes we tend to pass quickly over one or another of these three. How important that I seek the forgiveness of God. Our act of contrition or acts of penance direct us to God's mercy. Our willingness, not to bear a grudge or get even, but to understand someone else and say 'that's o.k.' is life giving. I admit my own shortcomings and realize that I am not always right and need to say 'I'm sorry'. Finally, I must learn to forgive myself and not dwell on my wrongs, but get up and move on as a forgiven and forgiving person.

Yes, forgiveness is the power I have in my hand and heart.

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

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Isaiah expresses an urgent plea that all should seek the Lord and turn to him for mercy.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

In a strongly personal message from Paul while in prison, he says that he wishes “to be freed from this life and to be with Christ,” but he realizes that he still has much important work to do.

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16a

Jesus tells the parable of the owner of an estate who hires workmen for his vineyard. When, at the end of the day, he pays a full day's wage to those who worked only one hour, those who worked all day complained bitterly. But the owner says, “I am free to do as I please, am I not?” Jesus reminds us through this parable that “the last shall be first and the first shall be last.”

Harvest Prayer

*O God,
Source and Giver
of all things.
Who does manifest
Thy infinite majesty,
power and goodness
in all the earth,
we give You
honor and glory.*

*For the sun and the rain,
for the manifold fruits
of our fields,
for the increase
of our herds and flock,
we thank You.
For the enrichment
of our souls
with divine grace,
we are grateful.
Lord of the harvest,
graciously accept us
and the fruits of our toil,
in union with Christ,
Your Son,
as atonement for our sins,
for the growth of Your Church,
for peace and charity
in our homes.*

Amen

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 donations 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

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.

Blessing of Pets Saint Francis of Assisi is known as the Patron Saint of pets and animals. His Feast Day is observed every year on Oct. 4th. Father Jack will bless the pets on Sunday, October 1st at 1pm in Saint Benedict Rectory front yard. All parishioners/friends are invited to bring their pets for this special blessing!

We Remember

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

Masses at Saints Peter and Paul this week

M	9-25	7am	Communion Service
T	9-26	7am	Joseph Balent by Wife, Doris Margaret Cunningham by Mary Jane Nolan
W	9-27	7am	Joseph Prociak by Linda & Bernie Balutis Barr Gartley by M/M Joseph Parsnik
Th	9-28	7am	Barbara Olsakowski (A) by Mary Labuda Margaret Larkin by M/M Edward Havrilla
F	9-29	7am	Frank Kaminski by Daughters, Sharon & Patricia Josephine Rogan by Joseph & Elizabeth Margalis

Weekend Mass Schedule Saints Peter & Paul

S	9-30	4pm	Robert Suchocki by Wife & Family
	10-1	10am	All Living and Deceased Members of the Women's Society

Living and Deceased Parishioners

Weekend Mass Schedule Saint Benedict

S	9-30	5:30pm	Stephen Mirowski by Barbara Sakavage
S	10-1	8am	Anthony & Justina & Mary Brown by Ed & Bernice

All Masses and Communion Services in Saint Benedict will be held in the Church Proper

Saints Peter and Paul Parish

Sanctuary Candle

Sara & Patrick Delasandro

Lady of Lourdes Votive

Sara & Patrick Delasandro

Holy Family Votive

*In Thanksgiving
Ron & Ceil Phillips*

Saint Benedict Parish

Sanctuary Candle

Special Intention

Parish Weekly Activities
September 24—September 30

<i>Day</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Building</i>	<i>Location</i>
Sun	9-24	9am	Class	Faith Formation Center	Classrooms
Mon.	9-25	5pm	Quilting	Parish Center	2 nd Floor
		6pm	Treasures	Parish Center	Back Porch
		6:30pm	Rosary	Parish Center	Prayer Room
		7pm	Faith Sharing	Parish Center	2 nd Floor
Tues	9-26	9am	Quilting	Parish Center	2 nd Floor
		6:30pm	Chess	Parish Center	Prayer Room
Wed	9-27	6:30pm 7pm	Teacher Meeting Festival Choir	Parish Center Church	Dining Room Choir Loft
Thurs.	9-28	9am	Quilting	Parish Center	2 nd Floor
		6pm	Family Choir	Church	Choir Loft
Fri.	9-29	9am	Treasures	Parish Center	Back Porch

Memorial Donation The following donations and memorials have recently been given to our Parish:

Bernardine Hall

In Memory of Joseph Adamczyk by Marietta Minielli

Saints Peter and Paul Food Pantry

\$40	Magdaline Metzger	\$10	Elizabeth Kupstas	\$110	Anonymous
\$25	Joseph & Deborah Bronack	\$25	Liz Segeda	\$25	In Memory of Charles Zajackowski
\$100	In Memory of William Zelinski by Zelinski Family				
\$25	In Memory of Frank & Josephine Jagodinski by Karen Warner				
\$50	In Memory of Brent Evans by Ron Stavish				
\$25	In Honor of Leonard Kalinoski by Marian Verdine				
\$50	50th Wedding Anniversary Tom & Marie Hartz by Mary Ann & Paul Gottlieb				
	In Memory of Irma Ribacchi		In Memory of Joe Mocion		In Memory of Joan Yanko
\$100	Susan & Frank Mattei	\$200	William Littleton	\$25	Michael & Connie Dolinski
\$20	Bernadetta Ledoretti	\$50	Joseph & Lorraine Healey	\$15	Mary Ann Samuels
				\$25	Linda Reedy

We thank all who have made memorial and free-will donations. May God bless you for your generosity. We will keep your intentions and love ones in our prayers.

Council of Catholic Women of Saint Benedict will meet on Monday, October 2 at 6:30pm in Saint Benedict's Church Hall. All women are welcome to attend

The Council of Catholic Women of Saint Benedict will be hosting a Toyland Bingo on Sunday, Nov. 12th in the Church Hall. We are reaching out to start our campaign for monetary or toy donations. Monetary donations can be made payable to the Council for Catholic Women and can be placed in the collection basket, marked bingo donations. Toy donation can be dropped off at Saint Benedict Parish Office. For additional information please contact Mary Ann Wills at 570-825-7606 or Barbara Zirnhelt at 570-823-1491.

Annual Quilt Bingo
at Saints Peter and Paul
Columbus Day Weekend

Sunday, October 8

Doors will open at 11:30am
Games begin at 1pm!!!

See you there!!!!

*Art n Vino Event
at Saints Peter and Paul
will be held on
Thursday, October 12
6pm—9pm.
in the Dining Room
of the Parish Center
Wizard's Pumpkin
Cost is \$40
Go to Art n Vino
to register for the event*

*Fall Dinner Social
for Seniors of Saints Peter and Paul
will be held on Sunday, October 15th
in Bernardine Hall
Doors will open at 4:30pm
dinner will take place at 5pm.
There will be musical entertainment
Please call the Rectory to register by Oct. 10th
Admission is free, you need only to respond!!!*

"Walk Together in the Light of Christ"

"Serving one another by supporting our parish communities."

Our Catholic life comes alive in the Parish because our Parish is the gathering of God's faithful people. Connecting with our fellow parishioners, reinforcing our beliefs and experiencing the joy of coming together is vital for everyone to fully experience our Catholic faith. It is crucial that we foster a rich parish life, where neighbors, families and friends come together in the spirit of Catholic fellowship. The Office for Parish Life assists in all aspects of Liturgy & Worship, Service & Social Concerns, Community and Family Development. Your gifts fund such programs as networking and training for Youth Ministry Leaders, Directors of Religious Education, Music and Liturgical Ministry, Bereavement Support, Social Concerns and Parish Councils.

Community Happenings

The History of Wilkes-Barre will be presented by local historian Tony Brooks on Oct. 1st at St. Anthony/St George Parish at 11am in the Church Hall. A lite lunch will be served.

Life Chain will be held on Sunday, October 1st from 2-3pm in the center of Dallas (Memorial Highway/Main St/Lake St) Parking available at Gate of Heaven. Meet at 1:30pm for distribution of signs.

The Human Life Resource Center in W-B will mark their 30th year anniversary. A Holy Hour in Thanksgiving to God will take place on Oct. 1 at 2pm at St. Al's Church. Reception will follow in the School Cafeteria.

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!!!!

21st Anniversary of WV Knights of Columbus Tomb of Unborn will be held on Sunday, October 15th at 2pm at top of hill of Mt. Olivet Cemetery. 5 decades of the rosary will be prayed for an end to abortion.. For information call Patrick at 570-822-3597.

Designer Purse Bingo sponsored by Holy Rosary School will take place on October 22 at Eagle McClure Hose Co. Doors will open at 11am Games begin at 1pm. Advance tickets are 20 or \$25 at the door. More information call Anne at 570-885-0475.

“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.”



As we continue our Pastoral Plan, it is important to understand Servant Leadership. Traditional leadership works “top down”. The people serve the leader. Servant Leadership turns this completely upside down. Instead of the people serving the leader, the leader serves the people. The servant leaders unlock the potential of those around them, allowing everyone to use their talents to create an enriched environment for all. A perfect example of Servant Leadership is Jesus washing the feet of the disciples. How can we be Servant Leaders? Through our Pastoral plan, there will be many opportunities for all to serve God and our neighbors through Servant Leadership. It may be through the Food Pantry, visiting those in nursing homes, or helping to clothe those in need. Or it may be through joining a ministry, such as the choir, praising God through song and inspiring others. As more opportunities become available, please consider Servant Leadership, and share your talents to help others. As Christians, we lead because of our faith in God. It is through this faith that we will find true satisfaction and enjoyment of all life has to offer.

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