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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

1231 Families receive envelopes

September 23 342 *Attended the 4pm Mass*
218 Families used their envelopes and offered \$3,709
September 24 336 *Attended the 10am Mass*
220 Families used their envelopes and offered \$3,764

Tithe from
438 Families was \$7,473

Second Collection for Ghana, West Africa \$2,111

Saint Benedict Parish

585 Families receive envelopes
September 23 130 *Attended the 5:30pm Mass*
105 Families used their envelopes and offered \$963
September 24 165 *Attended the 8am Mass*
Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,392

Tithe from
197 Families was \$2,355

Second Collection for Ghana, West Africa \$990

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

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL LOTTERY

9-18	#177	Michael Blom
9-19	#760	Sandy Molitoris
9-20	#969	Mia Wanyo
9-21	#653	Jackie Everhart
9-22	#346	Lorraine Healey
9-23	#338	Lillian Piechota
9-24	#203	Pauline Makowski

Congratulations to all !!!

**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday**

Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32

Monday

Zec 8:1-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Tuesday

Zec 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday

Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Lk 10:1-12

First Friday

Bar 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16

First Saturday

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk 10:17-24

Saints Peter and Paul No Festival Collection

141 Families Contributed \$8,395 to date.

Saints Peter and Paul & Saint Benedict

No Class next weekend—Columbus Day Weekend

*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 Disney
Themed, Come dressed. Candy will be distributed*

The Sunday Good News

Saint Benedict & Saints Peter & Paul

October 1, 2017

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

Ezekiel reminds the people that if a sinner turns away from his iniquity, he will live, not die.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Paul urges the converts at Philippi to be united in spirit and ideals, avoiding rivalry and dissension. He ends with the beautiful hymn extolling the humility and sacrifice of Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus speaks words of rebuke to the chief priests and the elders because they are not believing the teachings of John the Baptist. He warns them that tax collectors and prostitutes, who do believe John, will enter the Kingdom of God before them.

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

"But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, and does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life. Since he has turned away from all the sins he has committed, he shall surely live...when John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him, but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."

We are all called to conversion, to turn away from what is wrong or evil, and turn to what is good and beautiful. Unfortunately, some believe that conversion is an event of a single moment. God's grace inspires or impels us to change and do what is right and just. The one shining moment comes and takes over.

But for most of us, conversion is a lifelong process. We constantly are on guard to avoid what is evil, resist what impedes holiness, and continue the struggle as we 'hang in there.' We all experience that fight. Maybe we can use another approach. Conversion is not so much a turning from, but a turning to. We are summoned to turn to Christ, His life, the life of grace.

It is whom we seek that is important. When we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the obstacles and barrier are lessened and the direction of our lives becomes clearer. When we realize that Jesus has His eyes on us and is seeking us, we come to THE shining moment.

*Lord,
thank you
for walking with us
through the seasons
of our lives.
For the winter,
when we are held
safe in your arms
through the darkness.'*

*For the hope of spring,
as we are filled
with new promise and life.*

*For summer time,
full of warmth and color*

*and for Autumn days
as leaves fall
to seed new growth.*

You are always with us.

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 **October** will be collecting **Hot Chocolate Mix**. 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 Thank you for all your support with the Parish Clothing Mission. Through your generous spirit, we have been able to provide clothing for the homeless, fire victims, foster families, domestic shelters, disaster relief and those in our community. **Treasures is in need of freshly laundered children's fall/winter clothing.** Please drop off at the Parish Center during office

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. It is our custom to bless all pets on the Sunday closest to his Feast Day. 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 Saints Peter and Paul at 7am Monday—Friday

Masses at Saint Benedict this week

T	10-3	8am	John Yench by Myron & Mildred Yench John Moran by John & Marion Bucknavage
W	10-4	8am	Dorothy Sheraski by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Kajcya Anthony Bolacker by Bernice Czyczerski & Family
Th	10-5	8am	Donald Tom by Daughter & Family Jeanette Dominic by Richard Loomis
F	10-6	8am	Mary Florio by Ron Juel Anne & Ronald Klepadlo Geraldine Daniels by Scott & Anne Larson

Weekend Mass Schedule Saints Peter & Paul

S	10-7	4pm	Joseph Guzinski (A) by Caroline & Family
S	10-8	10am	Marianne Lynch (A) by Lynch Family

Living and Deceased Parishioners

Weekend Mass Schedule Saint Benedict

S	10-7	5:30pm	Donna Marie Urban by Family
S	10-8	8am	Eric Speicher Jr. by Sharon & Joe Wozniak

Banns of Marriage

Kassandra Karavitch & Randi Mayewski

Saints Peter and Paul Parish

Sanctuary Candle

Frank Kaminski

Lady of Lourdes Votive

Pagnotti Family

Holy Family Votive

Paul Binker

Saint Benedict Parish

Sanctuary Candle

Veronica Davis

Grotto Candle

Donna Marie Urban

Parish Weekly Activities
October 1—October 8

<i>Day</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Building</i>	<i>Location</i>
Sun	10-1	9am	Class	Faith Formation Center	Classrooms
Mon.	10-2	5pm	Quilting	Parish Center	2 nd Floor
		5pm	Prayer Shawl	Parish Center	Dining Room
		6pm	Treasures	Parish Center	Back Porch
		6:30pm	Rosary	Parish Center	Prayer Room
		7pm	Faith Sharing	Parish Center	2 nd Floor
Tues	10-3	9am	Quilting	Parish Center	2 nd Floor
		6:30pm	Chess	Parish Center	Prayer Room
Wed	10-4	Noon	Plains Seniors	Faith Formation Center`	Bernardine Hall
		2:15pm	Mass	Riverstreet Manor	
		7pm	Festival Choir	Church	Choir Loft
Thurs.	10-5	9am	Quilting	Parish Center	2 nd Floor
		6pm	Family Choir	Church	Choir Loft
Fri.	10-6	9am	Treasures	Parish Center	Back Porch
Sun.	10-8	NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES—Columbus Day Weekend			
		1pm	Annual Quilt Bingo	Faith Formation Center	Bernardine Hall

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

**Annual Quilt Bingo
at Saints Peter and Paul
Next Weekend
Sunday, October 8
Doors will open at 11:30am
Games begin at 1pm!!!**

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 Zirnelt at 570-823-1491.

Pastie Sale sponsor by Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Greek , N. Main St is taking orders for Pasties for Oct. 7th. Pasties are made available with or without onions. Cost is \$6 each and gravy is available for \$1. Call 570-829-3051 to place orders. Pick up 1:30-3:30pm in the School Hall, corner of N River and West Chestnut Streets, W-B.

Holy Redeemer High School, 159 S. Pennsylvania, Wilkes-Barre, will hold an Open House on Sunday, October 22 from 1-3pm. Tour Holy Redeemer Science, Computer, Math, Languages, Arts and Athletics.

The Transition Team planning the linkage of the Saint Benedict and Saints Peter and Paul met on Friday, September 15th. Members of the team present were Fr. Jack, Ben Berrini, Don Prescavage, Kathy Grinaway, Deacon Don, Ed Yench, Tom Kozerski and Debbie Lyons. The team answered the remainder of the questions on the form "*Planning as a Parish Partnership to Strengthen Ministries and Pastoral Care*" that is to sent to the diocese. This concludes the meetings of the Transition Team. However, the transition will continue to grow and flourish, with many opportunities to strengthen the bond between the members of the parishes. There will be opportunities for shared ministries , volunteer opportunities, fundraising, and social events. It is through God that we will come together and become a strong and vibrant parish for all!!!!

*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*

*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
Register at the Parish office by Oct. 10th
Admission is free, you need only to respond!!!*

Walk Together in the Light of Christ"

"Answering God's call to a life of service to His people"

Our priest and deacons unconditionally answer to the call to serve God's people meeting increasing needs throughout our Diocese. Contributions to the Annual Appeal fund ongoing formation of our priest, permanent deacons, seminarians and deacons candidates. These funds also help us care for and support our 96 retired or ill priests, many of whom continue to generously assist with the celebration of Masses, the visitation of the sick and by offering spiritual guidance to all in need. Appeal gifts also assist the Vocation Office, which has been blessed with encouraging growth, in guiding those who are considering priesthood through a comprehensive discernment process. We are grateful to currently have 13 seminarians pursuing the priesthood in the Diocese of Scranton. Your gift to the Annual Appeal directly supports the celebration of the Eucharist, men in clergy formation, proclamation of the Gospel, and administration of the Sacraments within our parish communities.

Community Happenings

82nd Annual "Sokol Day" Picnic will be held October 8 at the Plains, Lions Pavilion on Clark Lane in Plains from noon till 6pm. Slovak food and other picnic favorites, home-made baked goods and games for all ages. Mass will be held at 3pm. All are invited.

The Economics Department of King's College will host a free performance by six authentic Maasai herdsmen and warriors and two Maasai women from Kenya on Thurs. Oct. 12 at 7pm in the Burke Auditorium of the McGowan School of Business. For more information contact Michael at 570-287-6554 or Raphael at 570-301-9253 or email rdmicca@aol.com

Public Rosary Rally on Oct. 14 at noon on Public Square in W-B. Over 20,000 rallies will take place all across the United States on this day. In this Rosary Rally, we will be offering reparation for the sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and praying for the conversion of the United States. For more information contact Linda at 570-823-0346.

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

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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.”



There are two goals for Word in the Pastoral Plan for Saints Peter and Paul Parish. The first goal is to develop faith formation opportunities in our Parish for people of all ages. This would be accomplished by creating lecture opportunities so all may grow in their faith. Parishioners The members on the Word Coordinating Team will build action plans with ideas for more opportunities for all. As these plans are put into action, you will begin to see more faith formation events that you may want to attend. Please continue to check the bulletin weekly, as the Word Coordinating Team will begin this very important work for the parish. Also, if you are interested in volunteering to work on this goal or for more information, please speak to any of the Parish Council members.

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