Parish of Saints Peter and Paul

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Parish of Saint Benedict

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



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



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 29 255 attended the 4pm Mass 167 Families used their envelopes and offered \$3,045

Sept 30 117 attended the 7:30am Mass 103 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,422 277 attended the 10am Mass 141 Families used their envelopes and offered \$2,041 Tithe from 411 Families was \$6,508 Bernardine Bucks \$647

Saint Benedict Parish

429 Families receive envelopes

Sept 29 122 attended the 5:30pm Mass 100 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,231 Sept 30 73 attended the 11:30am Mass 64 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,015 Tithe from 164 Families was \$2,246

Thank you for your continued generous Support of our parishes!

The Second Collection this weekend will be for
Care and Education of the Priest
Next week's Collection will be for the Victims and
Families of Hurricane Florence
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. 24	#236	Sandra Frantz
Sept. 25	#845	Kerry Flaherty
Sept. 26	#003	R Cross
Sept. 27	#708	Angelo Answini
Sept. 28	#713	Linda Ceccoli
Sept. 29	#673	Michael Szymanski
Sept. 30	#546	Midge Serafin
	Conc	gratulations to all!!!!

Saints Peter and Paul and Saint Benedict Staff

Diana Pehala, Parish Secretary & Cemeteries
Mary Ann Gottlieb, Parish Secretary
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 147 families in the amount of \$23,967.

God's Word Reveals our identity and our destiny

When we meet someone at a social event, one of the first questions we ask is usually "What do you do?" or "Where do you work?" Sometimes these kinds of conversations fall shallow. We know that our occupations do not define us. There is so much more to each of us than "what we do" for a living. While a party or a conference may not be the place to explore the deeper questions, we do long to know who we are in a meaningful way, to be known for our deeper identity, and even to know where we are going. These longings get to the heart of what it means to be human, and what it means to be the particular human that each of us is.

As Christians, we are no different than anyone else in our search for meaning and personal identity and destiny. But, as Christians, we have at our disposal the guiding testimony of the Scriptures. It is within these sacred stories and teachings that we begin to uncover who we are and where we are bound.

Our Bible opens with two accounts of creation. The writers offer testimony to their encounter with the God of creation who fashioned the very earth and all that is in it. These accounts do not intend to describe exactly when or how we came into being as much as they testify to the reality of God's creative work in the world.

A constant refrain throughout the first chapter of Genesis is "God saw that it was good." The world was teeming with life, crowned by the creation of human beings, made in God's very image (Gen 1:27). Being made in God's image means that we have within us a share or spark of divinity, and that wherever we go, we take God with us.

The Psalmist reflects on God's loving and creative acts with awe and wonder: "When I look at your heavens, the moon and stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor" (Ps 8:3-5)

If our identity is rooted in this understanding of a God who lovingly fashioned us to bear the divine presence in our world, we recognize within ourselves a sense of our remarkable dignity.

Our identity is also tied to a dynamic relationship with the God who knows and loves us. Again, the words of a psalm capture some is this intimate knowing: "You formed me in my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb. I praise you, because I am wonderfully made...My very self you know" (Ps 139:13-14). Our Creator knows us best.

Our stories are not yet written in full but our identity is established and our destiny is secure. We can rest assured that, aware of our dignity and bound to a loving God, we will discover our calling and grow in our ability to answer "Who am I? What is my destiny?"

Word

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Gn 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Monday

Gal 1:6-12; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday

Gal 1:13-24; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday

Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday

Gal 3:1-5; Lk 11:5-13

Friday

Gal 3:7-14; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday

Gal 3:22-29; Lk 11:27-28

Saints Peter and Paul and Saint Benedict

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

Confirmation Practice will be held this Sunday, October 7 at 6pm

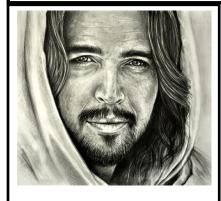
for both candidates and sponsors.

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

The Sunday Good News

Saint Benedict & Saints Peter & Paul

October 7, 2018



Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord: let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation. Let us greet him with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him. For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods; In his hands are the depths of the earth, and the tops of the mountains are his. His is the sea. for he has made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed

Amen

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

God created many different animals in an attempt to make a suitable partner for the first man. Then he took a rib from the man as he slept and built it up into a woman. At last God had created someone who equaled the man, as she was "bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh" and they proved to be suitable partners for each other.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11

This passage describes how Jesus will become perfect through his suffering. It also reminds us that Jesus' Father is our Father as well, making him unashamed to call us his brothers and sisters.

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

The people began to ask Jesus if it was acceptable for a man to divorce his wife. Jesus tells them that two people who have been joined together by God should not be separated. People began bringing their children to Jesus, but the disciples tried to send them away. Jesus grew angry and told his disciples to allow the children to come to him.

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HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time October 7, 2018

"'It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him.'... That is why a man leaves father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh...whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it.' Then he embraced them and blessed them placing his hands on them."

The Genesis creation story is the first sign of God's loving concern for His creation. The history of human kind repeats the account as efforts are made for suitable partners. Jesus' care was of such great importance that He made Holy Matrimony one of the grace giving Sacraments of the church.

Pope Francis in his wonderful exhortation The Joy of Love, describes marriage as a lifelong project to be undertaken, a work in progress on a daily basis. Encouraging couples to overlook the deficiencies which are part of everyday life, he asks us to build our relationship on four pillars – patience, understanding, tolerance and generosity. Each one is the gift I can offer my suitable partner.

Worship

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

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Monday	10-8	7am	Communion Service
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Tuesday 10-9 7am Marianne Lynch (A) by Lynch Family

Rosalie Splendido by Family

Wednesday 10-10 7am Mike McGrady by Wife

John Margitish by Prawdzick Family

Thursday 10-11 7am Louise Jones by Robert Jones

Charles Dieso by Mr. and Mrs. Greg Stella

Friday 10-12 7am Mary & Dominic Caporale by Daughter

Mary Loomis by Richard Loomis

Weekend Mass Schedule Saints Peter & Paul

Saturday 10-13 4pm **John Wincek** by Carol & Mike Simonson

Sunday 10-14 7:30am **Michael Soller** by Pehala Family

10am Living and Deceased Parishioners

Weekend Mass Schedule Saint Benedict

Saturday 10-13 5:30pm Robert Suchocki Sr. by Wife & Family

Sunday 10-14 11:30am **Veronica Davis** by Son

Abigayl Caroline Anastasia Blasco Gavin Joseph William Gruden Jenna Barbara Vincenti



Mía Rose Alexandra DePasquale Nathan Richard Delbert Stanski Víctoria Kathleen AnneWhite

Samantha Lynn Anne Wynder

will receive the Holy Spirit in the **Sacrament of Confirmation** this **Wednesday**, October 10th at 5pm.

The Most Reverend John M. Dougherty, D.D., V.G., Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Scranton will preside. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Saints Peter and Paul Parish

Sanctuary Candle

Marianne Lynch

Saint Benedict Parish

Sanctuary Candle

Veronica Davis

Floral Arrangement

Marianne Lynch

Lady of the Lourdes

Marianne Lynch

Holy Family Votive

Mary & Dominic Caporale

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 *October* will be collecting *Soups*.

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

Christmas Bus Trip, New York will take place on Sat., Dec. 8. The bus will leave Saints Peter and Paul at 7am and leave New York at 8pm. Take in the sights, or do some shopping. Cost for the bus only is \$40 (Martz price is \$94) For more information contact Nina at 570-825-6663 (ext 3 then 1).

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.

Rosary Rally



Please join us in praying the rosary, for "America and the World", on Saturday, October 13 at noon on the lawn of the Parish Center.

There will be over 20,000 rallies across

the United States praying the rosary at the same date and time. (Please bring a chair)

Blessed Mother promised, to the three children at Fatima, that if her requests were heeded to pray the rosary everyday, many souls would be saved and there will be peace in the world.

"By embracing the mission entrusted to him, St. Juan Diego helped bring Christ's transforming love to cultures gripped by oppression and death... Like St. Juan Diego, let us embrace our daily mission to help others encounter God's transforming, life-giving love." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities 2018-19 Respect Life Reflection

Marriage Moments

"It is not good for the man to be alone." (Genesis 2:18) Indeed, it is not good for anyone to be alone. In marriage you are blessed to have chosen a helpmate to share your spiritual journey toward home. Make some time to be alone together today.

Susan Vogt

Parenting Pointers

Children make mistakes. That's natural. Of course you forgive them. For example, they may promise to never drink and drive again. Believe them. But this doesn't mean you enable a teen by being blind to reality. Forgive but verify.

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

October Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 Chess Club 6:30pm	10 Confirmation 5pm	11 Quilting 9am	12 Treasures 9am	13
14 Blessing of Animals - St. Benedict 1pm	Quilting 5pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 6pm Rosary 6:30pm Faith Sharing 7pm	16 Quilting 9am Chess Club 6:30pm	17 Festival Choir 6pm	18 Quilting 9am Food Pantry Prep 9am Women's Society Meeting 6:30pm	19 Treasures 9am Food Pantry 9am	20
21	22 Quilting 5pm Treasures 6pm Rosary 6:30pm Faith Sharing 7pm	23 Quilting 9am Chess Club 6:30pm	24 Festival Choir 6pm	25 Quilting 9am	26 Treasures 9am	27
28	29 Quilting 5pm Treasures 6pm Rosary 6:30pm Faith Sharing 7pm	30 Quilting 9am Chess Club 6:30pm	31 Trunk or Treat St. Benedict's 5pm Festival Choir 6pm	1 Quilting 9am	2 Treasures 9am	3



Is Your Car Pirty? 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.

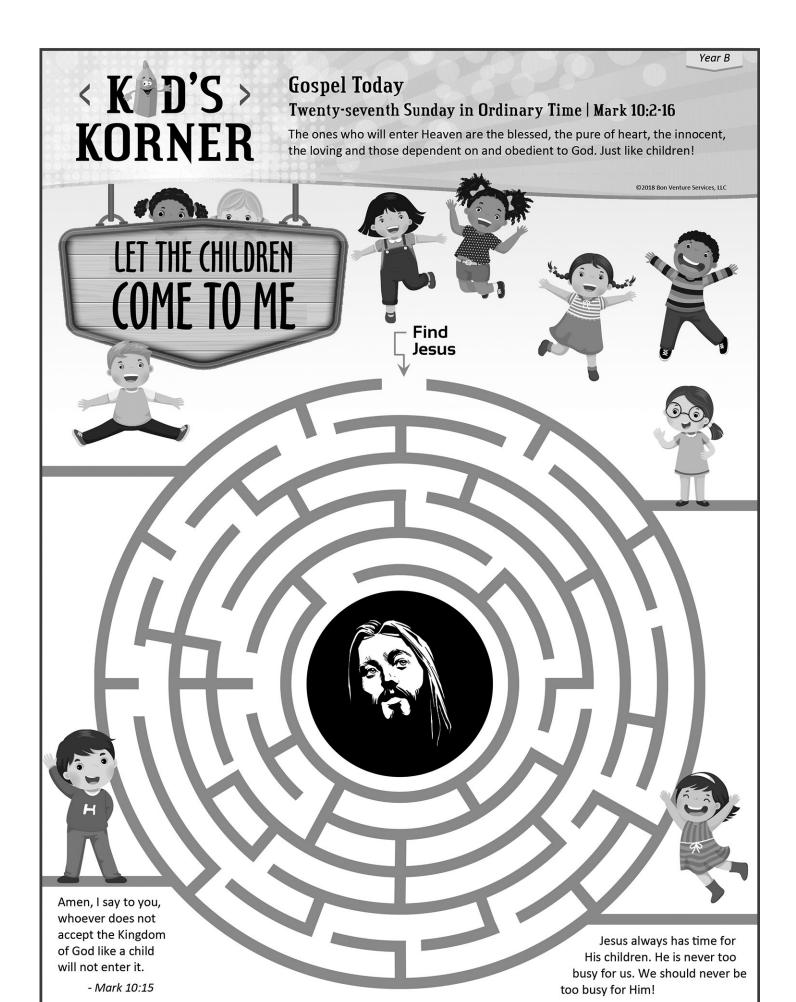
Certificates can be used at any time and DO NOT EXPIRE. Purchase several for the entire year or use for gifts. (Birthday, Christmas, Mother's Day, Father's Day...) Stop by the Parish Office or Faith Formation Center to purchase Tickets. Thanks for your continued support.

Saints Peter and Paul Finance Committee

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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 Yencha



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.



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	Calen	dar of Events
Oct 07	10am	Respect for Life Sunday Mass Cathedral of Saint Peter
Oct 15		CTV Special: "Our Faith, Our Diocese" Bishops of Scranton since 1868
Oct 21	12:15pm	World Mission Sunday Mass Cathedral of Saint Peter
Nov. 22		Catholic Light: 150 th Year Anniversary Concluding Mass Cathedral of Saint Peter
Feast of Chris the King	st	Most Reverend Christopher Pierre Main Celebrant Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Homilist

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

October is Respect Life Month—October 7 is Respect Life Sunday

Today, we celebrate and honor the inviolable dignity of each and every human life. We recognize the sin of abortion, physician-assisted suicide, our state's death penalty, and all other actions that threaten the life and dignity of the human person. On this day, we also recognize the ways in which our own church, throughout its history, has failed to protect its young people and to respect the integrity of their claims against its clergy members.

We ask you to pray for all vulnerable members of our community, from the unborn to the struggling family. We pray especially for healing for all those who feel isolated, hopeless, or face difficult decisions with regard to respecting life, and with those in positions of power, that we may support them as a community of faith to create a culture of life.



Community Happenings

St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church Cyrenians' Annual Fall Gift Card Bingo will be held on Sun., Oct. 14 at 1:00pm, 33 Manhattan St., Ashley. Doors open at 12:00 noon. Cost is \$10.

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.

Roasted Pork Dinner will be held on Sun., Oct. 21, from 2-6pm, at St. Therese's Church, Corner of Davis and Pioneer. Tickets are \$15. Take Outs available! Call Terri at 570-696-1144.

Toy Bingo—St. Andre Bessette Parish in Wilkes-Barre will sponsor a toy bingo on Sunday, Nov. 4, at the St. Mary's Byzantine Social Hall, 522 Madison Street, Wilkes-Barre. Doors open at 12:00pm and games begin at 1:00pm. Admission price is \$10 which includes three regular bingo cards. Seating is limited and this event sold out the last two years. Purchasing of tickets as soon as possible is strongly recommended. For tickets or additional information call Mary at the Parish Office at 570-823-4988.

11 Day Oberammergau (Passion Play) with Danube River Cruise on July 7, 2020 through July 17th with Father Jack Harper. Budapest, Hungary-Bratislava-Vienna-Durnstein-Linz-Passau-Regensburg-Oberammergau-World Renowned Passion Play, plus Mass will be offered throughout your journey. Prices begin at \$4599 per person Call Eileen for details 860-399-1785.

"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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