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

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

Oct 6 289 attended the 4pm Mass 196 Families used their envelopes and offered \$3,080

Oct 7 125 attended the 7:30am Mass 92 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,232 254 attended the 10am Mass

121 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,590

Tithe from

409 Families was \$5,902 Care and Education of Priest \$985

Saint Benedict Parish

429 Families receive envelopes

Oct 6 118 attended the 5:30pm Mass 88 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,015

Oct 7 73 attended the 11:30am Mass

71 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,362

Tithe from

159 Families was \$2,377

Care and Education of Priest \$985

Thank you for your continued generous

The Second Collection this weekend will be for the Victims and Families of **Hurricane Florence** Next week's Collection 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

Oct. 1	#627	Eddie Kosmach			
Oct. 2	#569	Gene Perrella			
Oct. 3	#012	Maryann Kropiewnicki			
Oct. 4	#649	R. Saya			
Oct. 5	#456	Isabel Elick			
Oct. 6	#758	Shelly Williams			
Oct. 7	#206	Jason Giomboni			
Congratulations 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 invites us into a family

If you've ever attended a large family reunion, you know it becomes a kind of virtual scrapbook in the making. We listen to one another's stories and talk together about those relatives who couldn't attend. We marvel at what our ancestors managed to accomplish, sometimes with meager means, and we create new memories as we share meals, activities, laughter and tears.

In some ways, our Bibles become a kind of family reunion as well. In its pages we meet our spiritual ancestors and discover that, although we are separated by centuries and cultures, we have much in common. It's that human dimension—the very mortal characteristics like fear and longing and ambition and sorrow and regret and hope — that ties us together.

When we read the story of the Canaanite woman, a Gentile who begged Jesus to heal her daughter (Matt 15:21-28), our own experiences of desperation or feeling like an outsider will help us to enter into that scene. When we read that Jonah never wished to bring God's message to his sworn enemy, the Ninevites (Jonah 1), we surely know how discomforting it is to recognize our own stubbornness or even resistance in doing God's will

When we read about the violence that erupted between Cain and Abel (Gen 4), how can we not relate it to what we see sometimes see playing out sometimes in our homes and neighborhoods? When we come to the tomb of Jesus with the women who followed him (Mark 16:1-8), we feel their deep sense of loss, sorrow and even confusion. As we become more and more familiar with the contours of these 73 books of the Bible, we find ourselves befriending the people who are introduced to us. We imagine their lives and we make connections with our own. We listen to their stories as we would listen to those of a great aunt or a cherished grandparent, or a long lost cousin. We long to know more about the God who animated their lives and shaped their future.

The writers of the various books of the Bible never intended to present accounts that could meet 21st century criteria of accuracy by documenting their sources or writing solely for factual purposes.

Rather, the Bible's writers were responding to their experiences of the divine, and they crafted their stories in such a way that God's very presence was at the core of what they intended to convey. They were shaped by their own cultural understandings of storytelling and by the Spirit's promptings. What results is a passionate passing on of tales of trust: God's trust in us and the people's growing trust in God.

In his recent apostolic exhortation on the call to holiness, "Rejoice and Be Glad, "Pope Francis tells us in the opening paragraph that the Lord 'wants us to be saints and not to settle for a bland and mediocre existence." He goes on to remind us that holiness is not reserved for the already virtuous, but come to life in the ordinary ways of daily living as we turn toward the Lord with openness.

Word

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

Monday

Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday

Gal 5:1-6; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday

Gal 5:18-25; Lk 11:42-46

Thursday

2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9

Friday

Eph 1:11-14; Lk 12:1-7

Saturday

Eph 1:15-23; Lk 12:8-12

Saints Peter and Paul and Saint Benedict

On Sunday, October 28 the children are encouraged to dress for Halloween and special gifts will be given out.

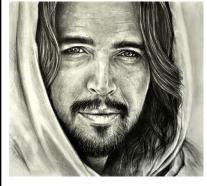
A meeting will be held some time in November for this year's Christmas Pageant.

Parents for the 2019 Confirmation Class will meet on Sunday, November 4 in Bernardine Hall at 9am during Faith Formation.

The Sunday Good News

Saint Benedict & Saints Peter & Paul

October 14, 2018



God, I pray for eyes that can see. I know there are roads in my life that will lead to new people and experience that I need. I pray also that I find them. I pray that from now on I am gifted with understanding and insight ahead of time so that I may be fully prepared for any and all events that will come my way, and I will know how to enter my future with success and victory

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11

This poem discusses how the spirit of wisdom is far more beautiful than any riches could be. All gold is no more than sand when compared to the importance of wisdom, which often leads people to the other good things in life.

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13

God's perception of people is called "sharper than any two-edged sword." God is able to know the thoughts and feelings of all his people. We can hide nothing from him, and will need to account for all he has seen in us.

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

A man asks Jesus how he can share in everlasting life. Jesus tells him to sell his possessions and travel with them. The man refuses and Jesus tells his disciples how difficult it is for a rich person to enter heaven if they are too concerned with their possessions. The disciples remind Jesus that they gave up everything for him, but he assures them they will be rewarded with everlasting life.

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

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 14, 2018

"Brothers and sisters: Indeed, the Word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart... 'Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?'...Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him, 'you are lacking in one thing.""

How important it is that we listen carefully to the proclamation of the word at mass each week. It is read for our instruction, formation and growth in the Christian life. Try to identify with the people who meet Jesus in the gospels. I pose the same question about my responsibility as I seek eternal life.

The teaching of Jesus of observing the commandments are quite clear and we surely try to keep them. As Jesus informed him that he was lacking one thing, I ask myself what is lacking in what the Lord asks of me. Is it a deeper prayer life? Is it how I can better my family life? Is it how I show my concern for others, for the poor, for those in need? These are penetrating questions as I reflect on His Word today.

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	10-16	8am	Chulvick, Lutecki, Borisuk Family by Joe & Monica Chulvick
			Rudlolph Ciprich by Margaret Krill
Wednesday	10-17	8am	Michael Pizzella by Christine Katsock
			Josephine Mindzal by Family
Thursday	10-18	8am	Dr. Joseph Matticks by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Gottlieb
			Charlotte Partash by Mr. & Mrs. Ron Partash
Friday	10-19	8am	Ernest Zalaffi Sr. by Michael & Georgia Lapsansky
			Charles Dieso by Angie & Jack Corradino
			Weekend Mass Schedule Saints Peter & Paul
Saturday	10-20	4pm	Living and Deceased Parishioners
Sunday	10-21	7:30am	Lorraine Burcicki by Russin Funeral Home
		10am	Paul Binker by Kaye Lambert
			Weekend Mass Schedule Saint Benedict
Saturday	10-20	5:30pm	Leonard Loomis by Richard Loomis
Sunday	10-21	11:30am	Anne Wittman by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas McGeehan

All Souls Day Remembrance Mass

Friday, November 2, 2018

6:30pm

To remember all those who have passed away in the past year from Saint Benedict and Saints Peter and Paul Parishes

A simple gathering will be held in our Parish Center for the families of the deceased

Saints Peter and Paul Parish

Sanctuary Candle

John Kunicki

Saint Benedict Parish

Sanctuary Candle

Veronica Davis

Lady of the Lourdes

Ed Blazejewski

Holy Family Votive

John Kunicki

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.

Trunk or Treat



A safe and fun filled event for the local children to be held on October 31st in Saints Benedict's parking lot, 157 Austin Ave, Parsons. The Council of

Catholic Women will provide hot chocolate and cookies. Anyone wishing to participate are welcome. Please arrive by 4:45pm and be ready to open your decorated trunk and pass out your treats. Anyone wishing to donate for the event or need more information can contact Barb Zirnhelt at 570-823-1491 or Peggie Phillips at 570-824-6774. Monetary donations can be placed in the collection basket marked Trunk or Treat.

Changing Habits (an outreach ministry from Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas Pa) will be held on Saturday, December 1 at 7pm in Saint Benedict's Church Hall. A free will donation is requested. The proceeds from the donations will be used to help the needy. Refreshments will be served after the performance.

Don't miss this very entertaining group!!!!!

""Heavenly Father.... Give us love for all pepole, especially the most vulnerable, and help us bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Every Life is Worth Living" Prayer Card

Marriage Moments

It is natural to want stuff—food, clothing shelter are necessities. Fashionable clothes, eating out and electronics are not evil. BUT, how do you reconcile these desires with "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! (Mark 10:23) How much is enough? Decide at least one thing to give away today. See my Living Lightly blog for ideas. 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\November Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	Quilting 5pm Treasures 6pm Rosary 6:30pm Faith Sharing 7pm	Quilting 9am Chess Club 6:30pm	24 Festival Choir 6pm	25 Quilting 9am	26 Treasures 9am	27
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Toyland Bingo will be held at Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Bernardine Hall on Sunday, November 25. Doors open at noon and games begin at 1pm. Cost is \$10.

Anyone interested in making donations can purchase water, soda or monetary donations can be sent to the Parish Office. The Menu will be published in the near future.



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

eost 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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Saint Benedict Finance Committee

Steve Yenchak, Chairman Tom Kozerski Jodi Gunari Ed Yencha

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Gospel Today

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mark 10:17-30

God blesses us with many things, however, the gain of earthly possessions is not the key to eternal life. It is what we do with our treasures or how much we give to others that is important in God's eyes.

"All things are possible for God."

What would you do? If you were the rich man in the Gospel, would you walk away from your possessions, or walk away from Jesus? God is always here to help us!



left, right, up, down or diagonally.



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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.



Calendar of Events

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:**

150th Year Anniversary Concluding Mass

Cathedral of Saint Peter

Feast of Christ Most Reverend Christopher Pierre

Main Celebrant

Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera,

Homilist

Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

the King

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—Respect Life Month: Abortion

Abortion is a serious issue in our nation today, taking the lives of thousands of unborn children each year. As a Church, we do not condone abortion and must do everything we can to oppose legislation that permits this act.

Today, we also recognize the need for reconciliation. We must strive to create a culture of life that provides true freedom for each mother and father, allowing them to choose life knowing that their decision will be supported by our society.

Respecting life means that we must not only oppose abortion, but also support life giving services and benefits that enable parents to provide for their families. An authentic Pro-Life mission is one that providesa "preferential option" for the poor and vulnerable, placing our concern for the poor at the forefront of our faith's mission.



Community Happenings

LC Fusion Purse Bingo will be held in Bernardine Hall on Sunday, October 1. Doors open at noon and games begin at 1pm. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Benefits a new travel soccer club to make soccer affordable to all of our local youth. Message LC Fusion on Facebook or Mindy via email:marush526@yahoo.com.

Alexandrian Folkloric Dance Ensemble will be held on Friday, October 19 at the Kirby Center for the Creative Arts at the Wyoming Seminary Upper School, 260 N Sprague Ave, Kingston. A free will offering will be greatly appreciated.

Holy Redeemer High School, 159 S. Pennsylvania Ave, Wilkes-Barre will hold an Open House on Sunday, October 21 from 1pm to 3pm.

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.

Corpus Christi will hold a parish bingo (Cash, Electronics, Home Goods, Purses, Gift Cards and more) on Sunday, November 4 in Immaculate Conception Church Hall. Doors open at 11:30am and bingo starts at 1pm. For lunch they will sell homemade Italian Wedding Soup, Chicken Salad Sandwiches, Pierogies, Turkey Burgers, Hamburgers, Hot Dog and homemade desserts.

"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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