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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

October 7 309 Attended the 4pm Mass
199 Families used their envelopes and offered \$3,314.50

October 8 319 Attended the 10am Mass
Families used their envelopes and offered \$3,800

Tithe from

628 Families was \$7,114

Second Collection for Hurricane \$1,715

Saint Benedict Parish

585 Families receive envelopes

October 7 143 Attended the 5:30pm Mass
116 Families used their envelopes and offered \$2,342

October 8 170 Attended the 8am Mass
66 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,444

Tithe from

182 Families was \$3,786

Second Collection for Hurricane \$942

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

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL LOTTERY

10-2	#435	Saints Peter and Paul
10-3	#789	Saints Peter and Paul
10-4	#318	Margaret Kropiewnicki
10-5	#105	Ann Delasandro
10-6	#739	Geri Langdon
10-7	#606	Jason Kozemko
10-8	#747	Cole Wanyo

Congratulations to all !!!

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Is 25:6-10a; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Monday

Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday

Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54

Friday

Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7

Saturday

Rom 4:13, 16-18; Lk 12:8-12

Saints Peter and Paul No Festival Collection

242 Families Contributed \$13,665 to date.

Saints Peter and Paul & Saint Benedict

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 15, 2017

Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10a

This passage describes the new Jerusalem as a heavenly banquet on the mountain with the Lord God wiping away all tears.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

In simple, direct words, Paul thanks the Philippians for alleviating his hardships. He stresses, though, that he is as accustomed to poverty as to abundance and finds all his strength in Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Once more speaking to the chief priests and the elders, Jesus relates the parable of the wedding banquet. A King, preparing a wedding banquet for his son, summons all the invited guests. When, after several invitations, no guests arrive, the King commands his servants to "go out into the byroads and invite anyone you come upon." Again, Jesus warns the elders, "the invited are many, the elect are few."

His Word Today by Rev. William J. Reilly

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast saying 'Tell those invited 'Behold, I have prepared my banquet...and everything is ready, come to the feast'... 'Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find...Many are invited, but few are chosen.'"

A recent popular book was entitled 'What Is Heaven Like?' It was a compelling story. Years ago, Matthew used the parables of Jesus to tell us what the kingdom is like. Using very descriptive examples we learned about a treasure, a pearl, a net, a seed, and on several occasions a banquet, a fine wedding reception, a fiesta or party.

We have been invited through our baptism to join a great banquet. We have responded as we try to live a Christian life of holiness and service. But the parable adds another dimension. We have a role as guest, but also are servants.

We who have accepted the invitation and participate in the banquet, are also the servants, being sent to the main roads to bring others to His table of plenty. Our task, as Pope Francis tells us, is to have others encounter Jesus, invite them and accompany them to the banquet. We need to show them they already have their ticket and a place at His table.

*Father,
please extend Your mercy
and grace
to the victims of natural disasters.
Comfort these persons
and protect them.
Please continue to provide food,
clothing, shelter
and employment for them.
Continue to touch
the heart of our nation
and world to give.
Holy Spirit,
touch the hearts of local,
state and federal government
officials to properly rebuild
the levees, dams
and drainage systems
within the communities
of our nation.
Protect the firefighters,
public service workers
and volunteers
who are serving
and let Your everlasting love
be felt overwhelming
by the people.
Lord, help the body of Christ
to demonstrate Jesus' love
through acts of giving
and compassion.
Lord, we ask You
to send Your laborers
to share Your Gospel
and to gather Your harvest.
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 your donations to help Treasurers and 2017 Confirmation Class ship summer clothing to St. Paul the Apostle Church in Texas. We raised \$299. **Treasures Is in need of freshly laundered children's fall/winter clothing, men's jeans and men's casual fall/winter shirts.** Please drop off at the Parish Center during Office Hours.

Thanks to All Who Helped at this Years Quilt Bingo. It was a success due to all the help we receive at the Bingo and the work the ladies have done all year long. The profit for this year's bingo is \$10,236. Below are the raffle winners. Hope to see you next year.

1st—Maryann Wheeler	2nd Margaret Kropiewnicki
3rd D. Mocion	4th Ann Chronowski
5th D. Mocion	6th Marie Fender
7th Lynn Marie Mocion	8th Pat Machulcky
9th JMMLHR	10th Delphne Wejksznar

We Remember

A Communion Service will be held at Saints Peter and Paul at 7am Monday—Friday

Masses at Saint Benedict this week

T	10-17	8am	Angeline Parise by Francis Gavin Dorothy Hodakowski by Bob & Grace Metzger
W	10-18	8am	Josepine Antosh by Judy Jeskiewicz Pokorny Family by Charlene
Th	10-19	8am	Leo & Dorothy Wincek by Michael Wincek Genevieve Nudo by Mrs. Charles Nudo, Sr. & Family
F	10-20	8am	Paul Binker by Diane Soller Agnes Castle by Jeannie & Terry

Weekend Mass Schedule Saints Peter & Paul

S	10-21	4pm	Zigmund Koshinski
S	10-22	10am	Ron Milgate by Mom & Brother Living and Deceased Parishioners

Weekend Mass Schedule Saint Benedict

S	10-21	5:30pm	Geri Machinas by Husband
S	10-22	8am	Vicki Dechman by Family

Banns of Marriage

Kassandra Karavitch & Randi Mayewski
Michelle Phillips & Joel DeSanto

Saints Peter and Paul Parish

Sanctuary Candle

John Kunicki

Lady of Lourdes Votive

Paul Binker

Holy Family Votive

John Kunicki

Saint Benedict Parish

Sanctuary Candle

Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Pisack

Parish Weekly Activities
October 15—October 21

Day	Date	Time	Activity	Building	Location
Sun	10-15	9:00am 5:00pm	Faith Formation Senior Dinner	Faith Formation Center Faith Formation Center	Classrooms Bernardine Hall
Mon.	10-16	5pm 5pm 6pm 6:30pm 7pm	Quilting Prayer Shawl Treasures Rosary Faith Sharing	Parish Center Parish Center Parish Center Parish Center Parish Center	2 nd Floor Dining Room Back Porch Prayer Room 2 nd Floor
Tues	10-17	9am 6:30pm	Quilting Chess	Parish Center Parish Center	2 nd Floor Prayer Room
Wed	10-18	Noon 2:15pm 6pm 7pm	Plains Seniors Mass Teacher Dinner Festival Choir	Faith Formation Center Riverstreet Manor Parish Center Church	Bernardine Hall Dining Room Choir Loft
Thurs.	10-19	9am 9am 6pm 6:30pm	Quilting Food Pantry Preg Family Choir Women's Society	Parish Center Faith Formation Center Church Parish Center	2 nd Floor Bernardine Hall Choir Loft Prayer Room
Fri.	10-13	9am 9am	Food Pantry Treasures	Faith Formation Center Parish Center	Bernardine Hall Back Porch



Save the Date—It's Trunk or Treat Time!!!!!! Yes, it's that time of year again when children wear costumes and take to the streets in search of treats. What is Trunk or Treats you ask? It is a family friendly event where people distribute "treats" from the decorated trunks of their car. Please join us here at **Saint Benedict Parish** in providing a safe and fun filled

evening of treats for our local children. Our Council of Catholic Women will again be providing hot chocolate and cookies for all the children attending. This year, our Trunk or Treat event will take place on **Tuesday, October 31st from 5:30pm to 7:30pm in the church parking lot**. Anyone interested in participating should park their car in the church parking lot by 5:15pm open their decorated trunk (be creative) and be ready to distribute their treats by 5:30pm. Thank you!!!

Toyland Bingo

The Council of Catholic Women of Saint Benedict Parish will be hosting a Toyland Bingo on Sunday, November 12th in the Church Hall. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Doors open at noon and games begin at 1pm. There will be 15 games, 3 specials, door prizes and a 50/50 raffle. Food and refreshments will be available for purchase. For tickets please contact Mary Ann at 570-825-7606 or Barbara at 570-823-1491.

Worship Convocation for Liturgical Ministers on Sat, October 28 from 8:30-3pm at the Swartz Center for Spiritual Life at Marywood University, Scranton. This day will be a gathering prayer, reflection and formation for priest, deacons, parish life coordinators, liturgical coordinators, liturgy committees, music directors, cantors, and anyone who loves the sacred liturgy. The fee of \$35 includes lunch. Visit www.dioceseofscranton.org to register by Monday, October 23. Info call David Baloga at 570-207-2213.

Giving Tuesday is a movement which celebrates and supports giving back to charities and non-profits. This year Diocesan Catholic Schools will participate with a campaign beginning in October and ending on Nov. 28. At each one of our 20 schools, there is a gift opportunity for a unique project the school would like to have funded. For more information, or to make a gift to a specific school, please visit <https://www.crowdrise.com/DOSCatholicSchoolsGivingTuesday2017>.

Walk Together in the Light of Christ"

This Weekend is In-Pew Commitment Weekend

Thank you to those who have already joined us as we ***"Walk Together in the Light of Christ"*** by making a pledge to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. On behalf of all who benefit from your gifts, Bishop Joseph Bambera extend his sincere gratitude to everyone who has already made a pledge to the 2017 Diocesan Annual Appeal. Each gift truly matters. If you have not yet made your gift, please consider making a pledge this weekend— Annual Appeal pledge envelopes will be distributed at all our Masses. Everyone at Mass will be asked to complete the pledge form, whether or not they have made a pledge or intended to pledge.

You are also invited to list your personal prayer intentions on the inside pledge form and to attend a special Mass of Thanksgiving to be held at St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, on Sunday, November 26, at 10am. Your intentions will be remembered at this Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera. Prayer intentions are welcome whether or not you make a gift to the Diocesan Annual Appeal.

Community Happenings

***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.*

***Sisters of the Poor Roast Beef Dinner** on Sunday, October 15, from 12-4pm at Holy Family Residence, Scranton. Tickets \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 10 and younger. Call 570-343-4065*

***St. Aloysius Piggie Dinner** will be held on Sunday, October 15th noon to 4pm in the . Meals include piggies, mashed potatoes, green beans, dessert and a drink. Cost is \$10 per person.*

***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 Catholic Charismatic Renewal** will sponsor a Formation Day Video Conference on Saturday, October 28 at Holy Family Spiritual Renewal Center in Nanticoke. Cost is \$25 which includes 3 meals. To register or info call 570-344-2214.*

***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.”



The 3 to 5 year pastoral plan at Saints Peter and Paul's Church will begin its implementation, starting with Word and Worship in the fall and continuing with Community and Service early next year. Members of the Parish Pastoral Council have already built the plan with the input from the focus groups. The next step is the creation of the Coordinating Teams. They are the “organizers” who will move the plan from paper to reality. They will do activities such as planning, recruiting participants, and bringing people together. All members of the parish will become the “doers”. The doers of ministry will be busy with putting the solutions into action, learning ministry skills, and providing input that shapes the planning process. Everyone is essential to the success of our pastoral plan. As Bishop Bambera states above, we are all called to Servant Leadership through our Baptism. Please take the time to pray and to discern where you are called in this plan. Faith is a call to holiness with a community of people. And it is through sharing with the community that our faith and our parish become stronger.

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