

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

Parish of Saint Benedict

155 Austin Ave
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Father Jack Lambert—Pastor

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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 27 291 attended the 4pm Mass
159 Families used their envelopes and offered \$2,841

Oct 28 129 attended the 7:30am Mass
108 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,840

289 attended the 10am Mass
140 Families used their envelopes and offered \$2,641

Tithe from
407 Families was \$7,322
Bernardine Bucks \$694

Saint Benedict Parish

429 Families receive envelopes

Oct 27 98 attended the 5:30pm Mass
86 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,160

Oct 28 90 attended the 11:30am Mass
82 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,762

Tithe from
168 Families was \$2,922

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

*The Second Collection this weekend will be for
the **Care and Education of Priest**
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. 22	#170	Libby Kirkutis
Oct. 23	#584	Jean Curtis
Oct. 24	#996	Saints Peter and Paul
Oct. 25	#175	Jim Cunningham
Oct. 26	#419	Louise Beyer
Oct. 27	#628	Joseph Urban
Oct. 28	#442	M M Langdon

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
Tom Zurla, Organist
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 **175** families in the amount of **\$29,622**.

We want to change the name of our ushers to “hospitality ministers”.

Changing “ushers” to “hospitality ministers” may or may not be a good idea. One problem with having hospitality ministers, no matter what they are called, is that the members of the parish might come to think that hospitality has been taken care of and that they are relieved of the responsibility.

The central meaning of the paschal mystery is hospitality. The paschal mystery is the mystery of Jesus’ sacrifice of himself for the sake of others. That is the same action we engage in when we are hospitable. We give up some of our own comfort so others will be comfortable. Guests get the best chair, the biggest slice, the first choice and the last piece. We go out of our way to make the other person feel at home. That is a risk. We risk giving up something precious to us so the other person will feel comfortable. If we hoard that which is valuable to us, or we extend ourselves only a little, we are not really being hospitable. We are not being Christ-like.

So hospitality is about dying to ourselves. Every person in the parish is called to do that. Because there is a designated group standing at the door saying “hello” as people walk into church, that does not mean the rest of the community is relieved of the sacrifice of hospitality.

If the ushers and the parish understand that, it does not matter what the hospitality ministers are called.

Christmas Food and Toy Registration for St. Vincent de Paul

Kitchen, a program of Catholic Social Services is once again teaming up with local parishes and the United States Marines “Toys for Tots” for this year’s Toy Drive. Registration will take place on Mon, Nov. 19th at Our Lady of Hope Parish, 40 Park Ave., W-B, from 10am—1pm and 3-7pm. Parents should bring photo ID, Social Security for each child and proof of address. Food distribution will take place at St. Vincent on Mon., Dec. 17th and Toy will take place at Our Lady of Hope on Monday, Dec. 17th from 9am– noon and 3-7pm. To donate toys or new outerwear for children, contact Dianne at 570-406-9843 or drop off at St. Vincent de Paul.

Word

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Dt 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28;
Mk 12:28b-34

Monday

Phil 2:1-4; Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday

Phil 2:5-11; Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday

Phil 2:12-18; Lk 14:25-33

Thursday

Phil 3:3-8a; Lk 15:1-10

Friday

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12;
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17;
Jn 2:13-22

Saturday

Phil 4:10-19; Lk 16:9-15

Saints Peter and Paul and Saint Benedict

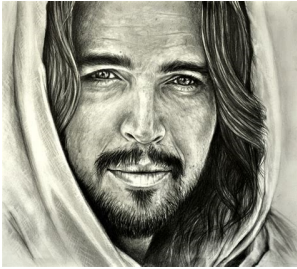
A meeting will be held November for this year’s Christmas Pageant.

Parents for the 2019 Confirmation Class will meet this Sunday, November 4 in Bernardine Hall at 9am during Faith Formation. Information concerning your child’s Confirmation will be shared.

The Sunday Good News

Saint Benedict & Saints Peter & Paul

November 4, 2018



*Into your hands,
O Lord,
we humbly entrust
our brothers
and sisters.
In this life
you embraced them
with your tender love;
deliver them now
from every evil
and bid them
enter eternal rest.*

*The order
has passed away:
welcome them
then into paradise,
where there will be
no sorrow,
no weeping
nor pain,
but the fullness
of peace and joy
with your Son
and the Holy Spirit
for ever and ever.
Amen*

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Moses commands the people to love and fear God, and always keep the commandments that they were given. He tells them to observe all statutes so that they will continue to grow and prosper, and tells them that they must love God with all their soul and strength.

Second Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28

Under the old covenant there were many priests, but Jesus will now remain high priest forever because he will live forever, and always be available to those who want to be saved. He does not need to offer sacrifice every day for the sins of his people, because he offered himself up in payment for their sins.

Gospel: Mark 12:28b-34

One of the scribes asked Jesus which commandment is the first, and he replied that the first is to love and honor the Lord and no one else. Jesus explained that they must love God with all their heart, and love their neighbor. The scribe agreed that loving God completely and loving one's neighbor is better than any sacrifice they could make.

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

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time November 4, 2018

"Moses spoke to the people saying, 'Fear the Lord, your God, and keep, throughout the days of your lives, all his statutes and commandments which I enjoin on you...love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today.'"

The directive of Moses and the conversation of Jesus with the scribe become the measure for our discipleship and Christian lives. Our love of God is expressed in countless ways, beginning with our prayer life, our desire to do good and avoid evil. It is expressed in our love of neighbor, especially in the corporal works of mercy, as we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, care for the sick. The judgement scene of Matthew's gospel tells me quite clearly. Did you ever consider that the recipient of our goodness is the person of Jesus hidden in disguise?

The love of the Lord is not a 'pick and choose' but a willingness to discover Him in others.

Worship

We Remember

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

Masses at Saints Peter and Paul this week

Monday	11-5	7am	Communion Service
Tuesday	11-6	7am	All Souls Day
			All Souls Day
Wednesday	11-7	7am	All Souls Day
			All Souls Day
Thursday	11-8	7am	Skillinge & Konitski Family by Charlotte & Lillian
			All Souls Day
Friday	11-9	7am	Joseph Adamczyk by Joy & Amy
			All Souls Day

Weekend Mass Schedule Saints Peter & Paul

Saturday	11-10	4pm	Living and Deceased Parishioners
Sunday	11-11	7:30am	Matthew Loeffler (A) by Michael Marsola
		10am	James Brice by Brice Family

Weekend Mass Schedule Saint Benedict

Saturday	11-10	5:30pm	All Souls Day
Sunday	11-11	11:30am	Joseph & Violet Mond by Daughter

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thursday, November 22, 2019

9am

*Non Perishable Food
for Saints Peter & Paul Food Pantry
will be taken up during the Offertory.*



Saints Peter and Paul Parish

Sanctuary Candle

Mary Jo Paciga

Lady of Lourdes

Tommy Curt Phillips

Holy Family Votive

Joan Drevenik

Saint Benedict Parish

Sanctuary Candle

Larry Wills

Grotto Candle

Florence Rogish

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 **November** will be collecting **Cookie Mixes**.

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. Thank you for your continued support.

Saints Peter & Paul Women's Society is having a "Holiday Luncheon" for all women from both Parishes on Saturday, January 5 at the Woodlands Inn from 1pm—4pm. Choose from Chicken Scampi, Stir Fry Over Browned Rice and Seafood Encrusted Fillet of Sole. Cost for each is \$27 or London Broil for \$28. Make reservations by calling Claire Koshinski at 570-826-0313 or Sandy Toloczko at 570-823-5918. Make checks payable to Saints Peter and Paul Church Women's Society. Deadline for reservation and payment is December 21, 2018



Feeling Creative or Want to Try

Something New? Join us on Nov. 16th in the Parish Center Dining Room at 6:30pm. The **Art Party Place** will demonstrate a designated painting or (with little guidance) you can choose any holiday painting to create. Go to their website to see the painting chosen and to get registered. Cost is \$35 Snacks and spirits can be brought to be enjoyed by all. Hope to see you there!!!!



We Are In Need of Your Help!!!!

It is that time of year again, when our Food Pantry is getting ready to provide over 100 Families with the means to prepare a Thanksgiving Dinner. We can use several items or if you are able, a monetary donation to provide the Turkeys for the giveaway. Monetary donation made payable to Saints Peter and Paul Food Pantry can be placed in the collection basket. The items needed are Large can Yams (we currently have enough small cans) Stuffing Mix Pie Crust Mix Evaporated Milk Turkey Gravy Chicken Broth Canned Beans Canned Corn Canned Carrots Please bring in by Nov. 11th Thanks to all who will donate to provide others with a Thanksgiving Feast!!!!



The Giving Trees at Saints Peter and Paul

will be in place on Thanksgiving weekend decorated with gift tags. Anyone wishing to participate in this Christmas project is asked to take a tag, purchase a gift for the person, wrap the present, placing the tag on the gift and return it to the Church by December 16th. The gifts will be distributed through our Food Pantry on Dec. 21st. Anyone wishing to donate gloves, socks, scarves, hats etc.. (for children infant to 12) may drop them off at the Parish Office. Any items not needed here at Saints Peter and Paul will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul's.

Changing Habits (an outreach ministry from Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas Pa) will be held on Saturday, Dec 1st 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!!!!

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
Kathy Grinaway, Hospitality
Donna Mansfield, Hospitality

November Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 Parent Meeting for 2019 Confirmation Class 9am	5 Quilting 5pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 6pm Rosary 6:30pm Faith Sharing 7pm	6 Quilting 9am Chess Club 6:30pm	7 Pierogi 8am Festival Choir 6pm	8 Pierogi 8am Quilting 9am	9 Treasures 9am	10
11 Fall Dinner Social 4pm	12 Office Closed in observance of Veterans Day Council of Catholic Women 6:30pm	13 Pierogi 8am Quilting 9am Chess Club 6:30pm	14 Pierogi 8am Festival Choir 6pm	15 Quilting 9am Food Prep 9am Women Society 6:30pm	16 Treasures 9am Food Pantry 9am Thanksgiving giveaway	17
18	19 Quilting 5pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 6pm Rosary 6:30pm Faith Sharing 7pm	20 Quilting 9am Chess Club 6:30pm	21 Festival Choir 6pm	22 Happy Thanksgiving Office Closed	23 Office Closed	24
25 Toy Bingo 1pm	26 Quilting 5pm Treasures 6pm Rosary 6:30pm Faith Sharing 7pm	27 Quilting 9am Chess Club 6:30pm	28 Festival Choir 6pm	29 Quilting 9am	30 Treasures 9am	1

Toyland Bingo will be held at Saints Peter and Paul in Bernardine Hall on Sunday, November 25.
Doors open at noon and games begin at 1pm. Cost is \$10.

Pierogi Making for the Upcoming Advent Season will take place on Wed, Nov 7 & Thurs, Nov 8 & on Tues, Nov 13 & Wed, Nov 14. Work will begin at 8am. Mark your calendars and save the date. The more that come out the easier the task!!!

20" Christmas Wreath Cost is \$20. Pickup on Fri., November 30 from 3-5pm or Sat., December 1 from 3-6:30pm at Saint Benedict Church basement. Orders are due by November 18. Orders can be sent to the parish office. Payment should be made payable to Council of Catholic Women. Any question call Barb at 570-823-1491 or Debby at 570-825-4486.

Parish Cemeteries

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.

Saints Peter and Paul Finance Committee

Don Prescavage, Chairman
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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 Yenchak

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mark 12:28b-34


Love God every way you can — with heart, mind, soul and strength. Love the people around you as much as you love yourself.

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How many times did you circle it?

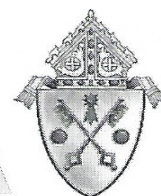


The Greatest Commandment is



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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



Calendar

of Events

Nov. 22

**Catholic Light:
150th Year Anniversary
Concluding Mass**

Feast of Christ
the King

Cathedral of Saint Peter
Most Reverend Christopher Pierre
Main Celebrant
Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera,
Homilist

Dec. 10

CTV Special "Our Faith Our Diocese"

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

"Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship is the USCCB's official guide for Catholic voting. You can find a copy of the updated 2018 version of this document online at <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/>

As a Church, we do not advocate for one political party or another. Rather, we encourage you to use your Catholic faith as a moral guide for prevalent issues. The Gospels form the foundation for our Catholic moral system and are supported by the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. We encourage you to vote your conscience this Tuesday, November 6th!"

Community Happenings

Saint Nicholas Church, 226 S Washington St. W-B will celebrate its annual days of Eucharistic devotion on Sun., Mon. and Tues., Nov. 4, 5 & 6 (Forty Hours Devotion). Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin after the noon liturgy on Sun. The church will be open Mon & Tues after the 8am Mass for prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Evening prayer, with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, will be offered each evening at 7pm. Everyone is welcome.

Holy Redeemer High School presents Disney's *The Little Mermaid*, Fri, Nov., 9 and Sat, Nov. 10. Reserved Seating. Adult tickets are \$10; Senior \$9; Students \$8. Purchase advance tickets at the School Office Mon-Fri 9:30am-2:30pm. Tickets will be available at the door also. There will be a Character Continental Breakfast on Sat. Nov. 10 from 10am-noon. Cost is \$10. Call the school at 570-829-2424 to make reservations.

The Catholic Choral Society will present the 17th Generations Sing Concert on Sunday evening, November 11th at 7:30pm at St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton, PA. All are invited to attend; there is no admission charge, however, the opportunity for supporting the concert through a free will offering will be available. For information about concerts and membership please call 570-575-1040 and see www.catholicchoralsociety.org.

Designer Purse Bingo, sponsored by Ladies of Mary of Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church, will take place on Sunday, November 11. Doors open at 11am with the first game at 1pm. Donation are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Admission includes 20 games with 4 specials. Basket Raffle, food, 50/50 and door prizes are available. For tickets contact Bonnie at 570-762-7342, Donna at 570-466-4077 or Susan at 570-371-3490.

Wyoming Valley Barbershop Harmony Chorus will present *Love at Christmas* at Saints Peter and Paul Church on Sunday, December 9 at 2pm. Santa is expected to pay a visit. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the Parish Office starting November 13 or at the door the day of the event. Come, relax and enjoy some Christmas Spirit!!!!

“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.

Pastoral Council Members

Saints Peter and Paul

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