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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

1229 Families receive envelopes

November 11 333 attended the 4pm Mass
224 Families used their envelopes and offered \$3790

November 12 326 attended the 10am Mass
244 Families used their envelopes and offered \$4629

Tithe from

468 Families was \$8,419

Saints Peter and Paul No Festival Collection

286 Families Contributed \$16,610 to date.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Goal \$70,000 Raised to Date \$36,472

Saint Benedict Parish

585 Families receive envelopes

November 11 128 attended the 5:30pm Mass
68 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,302

November 12 152 attended the 8am Mass
116 Families used their envelopes and offered \$2,162

Tithe from

184 Families was \$3,466

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Goal \$22,000 Raised to Date \$11,257

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

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL LOTTERY

11-6	#635	Thomas Patts
11-7	#923	Mary Drew
11-8	#684	Sandra Frantz
11-9	#912	Michael Wanyo
11-10	#295	Carolyn Pizzella
11-11	#551	L. Matous
11-12	#621	Sandra Molitoris

Congratulations to all !!!

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thes 5:1-6;
Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Monday

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday

2 Mc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday

1 Mc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44

Friday

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday

1 Mc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40

Saints Peter and Paul & Saint Benedict

Class 9am-9:50am

Faith Formation classes are asked to bring in "brownie, cookie or cake mixes" to benefit our Food Pantry

No classes on November 26—Thanksgiving Weekend

Anyone interested in participating in this year's Christmas Pageant, held on December 24 at the 4pm Mass is asked to call Nina at 570-825-6663, extension 3, then 1.

The Sunday Good News

Saint Benedict & Saints Peter & Paul

November 19, 2017

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

An encomium for a good and worthy wife, this passage from Proverbs extols all the virtues which a worthy wife possesses – fidelity, industriousness, skill, charity to the poor, and fear of the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Once again, Paul reassures the Thessalonians, who are anxious about the coming of Christ, that they need not fear being unprepared because they are “children of light.”

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus narrates the parable of the talents – in the story, the silver pieces given to the three men. Two of the men invest their coins and double their worth, but the third buries his coins in the ground and earns no return. The message of Jesus is that we must use to the fullest the talents we have received.

His Word Today by Rev. William J. Reilly

“When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her has an unfailing prize. She brings him good and not evil all the days of her life... She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy.”

The teaching of the book of Proverbs is both profound and practical. It opens our eyes to appreciate the gifts we already possess, and often overlook.

We are reminded that the fundamental message of Jesus is love, and its expression is found in respect. When we work to make both part of our lived experience at home, with others, or even in a quiet moment of appreciation, then we begin to appreciate once again, how special we are with a good wife, a loving husband, faithful friends.

Unfortunately, we sometimes fail to recognize how important it is to improve our family life, to work at it as a primary goal, so that God’s peace, presence and happiness are found behind our front door. They become a driving force in our lives. Now is the time to begin.

Is Christ part of our lived experience? Is prayer something I bring to my family on a daily basis? Do I reflect joy, ask for forgiveness, and show my concern and interest in what my children are doing?

I recall a picture hanging in a home with the face of Christ. Beneath it was written, ‘Christ is the head of this house, the guest who becomes our host at every meal, the silent listener to every conversation.’ Is this my experience? May we appreciate what Proverbs teaches us today.

Prayer for Family

*May my family
be protected from harm,
misfortune and sadness.*

*May we enjoy
the privilege of
spending time together
to share joy,
celebrate
happy occasions
and to be there
for each other.*

*May good health
prevail
and may there be
ever-present faith
in God’s mercy
and grace.*

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 **November** will be collecting **Peanut Butter**. 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. **Non perishable** 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.

Saints Peter and Paul's Treasure is accepting clean, gently used or new clothing. Our biggest need is men's and women's casual clothing. All children's and teen clothing – casual and dressy! Clothes can be dropped off at the Parish Center during business hours. Receipts available on the bulletin board.

We Remember

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

Masses at Saints Peter and Paul this week

M	11-20	7am	Communion Service
T	11-21	7am	All Soul's Novena All Soul's Intentions
W	11-22	7am	Ceil Toloczko by Frank Perfinski Chulvick & Lutecki Family by Mary Jo & Joseph Chulvick
Th	11-23	9am	Thanksgiving Mass Clarence & Daryl Dow by Charlene & Lawrence Giza
F	11-24	7am	No Mass Patricia Reed by Tom & Peg Torbik

Weekend Mass Schedule Saints Peter & Paul

S	11-25	4pm	Erald Biondi by Janice & Tracy Canterini
	11-26	10am	Francis Michael by Family Living and Deceased Parishioners

Weekend Mass Schedule Saint Benedict

S	11-25	5:30pm	Helen Belles by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Samuels
S	11-26	8am	Bernard Prevuznak by Suz & Jim Chernavage

Thanksgiving Mass

What better way to give our thanks then to celebrate Eucharist as a family. A Mass will be celebrated on Thanksgiving morning at 9am at Saints Peter and Paul Church. In addition to the regular collection we will take up a collection for our Food Pantry. A donation of any non-perishable items will be greatly appreciated.



The Giving Trees will be in place on Thanksgiving weekend in Saints Peter and Paul Church, 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 10th. The gifts will be distributed through our Food Pantry on Dec. 15th. Anyone wishing to donate gloves, socks, scarves, hats etc.. may drop them off at the Parish Office. Any not needed here at Saints Peter and Paul will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul's.

Saints Peter and Paul Parish

Sanctuary Candle

Paul Binker

Lady of Lourdes Votive

Dorothy Nestorick

Holy Family Votive

Larry Swetz

Saint Benedict Parish

Sanctuary Candle

Nicholas & Kyle Joseph Kayden

Grotto Candle

Nicholas & Kyle Joseph Kayden

Parish Weekly Activities
November 18—November 26

Day	Date	Time	Activity	Building	Location
Sun	11-19	9:00am	Faith Formation	Faith Formation Center	Classrooms
Mon.	11-20	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.	11-21	9am 6:30pm	Quilting Chess	Parish Center Parish Center	2 nd Floor Prayer Room
Wed.	11-22	7:00pm	Festival Choir	Church	Church
Thurs.	11-23	Office Closed—Thanksgiving Day			
Fri.	11-24	Office Closed			
Sun.	11-26	No Faith Formation Class this week			

Memorial Donation The following donations and memorials have recently been given to our Parish:

Saints Peter and Paul Food Pantry

\$500 Plains Lions Club
 \$250 Anonymous
 \$ 50 Elizabeth Hession
 \$25 Mr. & Mrs. Tony Albert
 \$25 Joseph & Deborah Bronack
 \$20 In Memory of Mildred Hanahan by Debbie Kaye

In Memory of Rosalie Prescavage

\$130 Family and Friends

\$20 Thomas & Elaine Salus

We thank all who have made memorial and free-will donations. May God bless you for your generosity. We will keep your intentions and love ones in our prayers.

The Council of Catholic Women of Saint Benedict's would like to thank everyone who patronized, volunteered, gave donations and assisted with the planning and execution of the Toyland Bingo. It was a huge success!!!

Save the Date Pierogi Making

Sat., December 2nd

Starting at 9am in Bernardine Hall

Saints Peter & Paul Lottery Tickets

Awards will begin January 1st through March 31st – a winner daily number. Prizes are \$25 Monday through Sat, \$100 on Sunday and \$300 on Jan. 1st—Solemnity of Mary, Feb. 14—Ash Wednesday and March 19—Feast of St. Joseph. Cost of the ticket is \$10. Anyone selling 25 or more will be entered into the \$50 Sellers drawing and 10 or more into the \$10 Sellers drawing. Reserve your numbers using the form. We honor on first come first serve basis, so get your request in soon. ***This Lottery makes a great Christmas Gift.*** Together we can make it another great fundraiser.

Lottery tickets will be available on the weekend of Dec. 2nd & Dec. 3rd.

Winter Lottery

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Numbers requesting:



Calendar of Events

Nov. 30	Catholic Light: "Historical Overview"
Dec. 3 12:15pm	150th Anniversary Year Opening Mass—Cathedral of Saint Peter His Eminence, Justin Cardinal Rigali presiding Please join us!!!
Dec. 9 1pm	Mass with Hispanic Community St. John Neumann Parish (Scranton) Bishop Bambera, Celebrant
Dec. 11	CTV Special: "Our Faith, Our Diocese" "Historical Overview"
Dec. 21	Catholic Light: "Parishes/Churches"

Christmas Cookie Sale

A Cookie Sale will be held on December 16 & 17 after Masses at Saints Peter and Paul Church. If you enjoy baking and wish to help, please fill out this coupon and return it to the Parish Office as soon as possible. If you enjoy eating homemade cookies, keep your eyes open for further information as the date draws closer. Have any questions call Nina at 570-817-1700. Proceeds will benefit Bernardine Hall.

I am willing to bake

Name: _____

I can be reached at _____.

Changing Habits, a musical program, will be held at **Saint Benedict's on Sunday, December 3rd at 2pm** in the Church Hall. A free will donation is requested.

Refreshments will be served after the program.

Changing Habits is an outreach Ministry from Gate of Heaven, Dallas.

Here is your opportunity to do God's will by sharing your gifts; while serving the less fortunate during the season of Advent. **Saints Peter and Paul and Saint Benedict** are on the schedule to serve at **St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen** on Sun., Dec. 3 and Sun., Dec. 10 from 8:45am until 1pm. (Min age 14). Some duties include minor food prep, dining room set up, serving guests and clean up. Because we are there to supplement the regular staff, no more than 10 volunteers are needed for each day. Please contact **Deacon Don** at 570-762-7542 or via email at sgtdjc@ptd.net to indicate your date.

Saint Vincent de Paul Kitchen, is once again teaming up with local parishes and the United States Marines for this year's Christmas Toy Drive. Last year, we distributed toys to nearly 1,000 children in Wyoming Valley. **Donations of toys can be dropped into the shopping cart in the back of Saint Benedict's Church**

Community Happenings

Holy Redeemer High School Musical is putting on **The Sound of Music** on Friday, Dec 1 and Saturday, Dec. 2 at 7pm. Reserved Seating Adults \$10 Seniors \$9 Students \$8 All are welcome Call to pick up presale tickets 570-829-2424

"Keeping Christ in Christmas" will be held with the singing of Christmas hymns by candlelight at the Nativity display on Dec 1st at 5pm on the lawn of the Luzerne County Courthouse, Wilkes-Barre. All are invited to participate. The Courthouse tree lighting ceremony follows at 5:30pm.

Holy Redeemer High School Placement/Scholarship Test for interested public and private school 8th graders will be held on Saturday, Dec. 9 at 8:30am Call the Guidance Office to register for the test at 570-829-2424.

The Wyoming Valley Barbershop Harmony Chorus will be presenting its 2017 Christmas Program, **"A Joyful Christmas"**, Sunday, Dec. 3rd at **Saints Peter and Paul Church at 7pm**. Tickets cost is \$5 each and can be purchased at the Parish Office or at the door or by calling Jim Morpeth at 570-822-9756.

“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.”



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