

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

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*

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

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.

Sunday Stewards

*Due to an early submission
of this week's bulletin
Contributions will be listed
next week*

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL LOTTERY

Nov. 12	#698	A.M. Lavan
Nov. 13	#589	Emily Kennedy
Nov. 14	#020	Saints Peter and Paul

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, Ministers Scheduler
Paul Muczynski, Ushers
Nathan Smith, Altar Servers

*The Second Collection this weekend will be for
Bernardine Bucks
Next week's Collection will be for
Care and Education of the Priest
Please be generous!!!*

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**.

What are the liturgical colors and where do they come from?

For more than one thousand years, no official colors were associated with the church year. Around the twelfth century, we get the first indication of a set correlation between particular colors and particular seasons. Surprisingly, that correlation was black for Christmas and Marian feasts and blue for Epiphany and Ascension.

Other color schemes began to develop, but the regulations governing the choice of color were local and customary. Different regions used different colors throughout the year. However, by the beginning of the thirteenth century, the Roman Rite had developed an official color scheme. White was used for feasts, red for martyrs' days, black for penitential days and seasons, and green for all other times. This was more of a guideline than a liturgical rubric until the Tridentine missal of Pius V in 1570. At that time the color sequence with which most of us are familiar was written into the liturgical books. However, regional differences still occurred in some places.

In current practices, the liturgical colors remain almost the same as before the Second Vatican Council. One significant difference is that white may now be used for funerals. Black, although seldom used, is still one of the options for use in the funeral rite (as is violet). Also, most parishes do not feel as restricted as before the Council to carry over the liturgical color into every facet of the environment. More of an effort is made to have the worship environment reflect or harmonize with the outdoor environment of the season.

*As we express our gratitude,
we must never forget
that the highest appreciation
is not to utter words,
but to live by them.*

John Fitzgerald Kennedy

Word

**Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe**

Sunday

Dn 7:13-14; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

Monday

Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday

Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday

Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday

Rv 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3, 9a; Lk 21:20-28

Friday

Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

First Saturday

Rv 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36

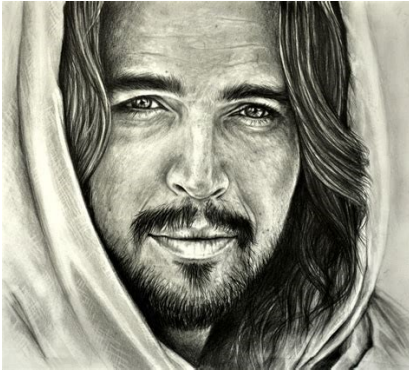
Saints Peter and Paul and Saint Benedict

First Reconciliation will be held on December 15 at Noon.
Class for Reconciliation will begin on Dec. 2 during Faith Formation.
Please keep these children and their families in your prayers

The Sunday Good News

Saint Benedict & Saints Peter & Paul

November 25, 2018



*Lord God,
Save me
from a hard
and doubting heart.
May I be trustful
and come to thee
in faith.
All the days
of my life
may my lips sing
thy praise
as I unfold
thy love
and purpose.
Amen*

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14

Daniel describes the one who will appear on the clouds of heaven and receive glory. People of every language will serve this one, and his leadership and community will be his forever.

Second Reading: Revelation 1:5-8

Jesus is so powerful, he is the ruler of kings. He loved us enough to free us from sin, and so he will be glorified forever. He will appear again and be seen by all the people of the earth. God calls himself the first and last, "the One who is and who was and who is to come," reminding all people that God will remain with us always.

Gospel: John 18:33b-37

Pilate asks Jesus if he is a king. Jesus explains that his kingdom is not of this world. Pilate asks again if Jesus is a king, to which he replies, "I came into the world to testify to the truth. Anyone committed to the truth hears my voice."

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 25, 2018

"Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and the ruler of the kings of the earth. In Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood, who has made us into a kingdom of priests for His God and Father, to Him be glory and power forever. Amen."

On the day of our baptism when the minister took the holy chrism and anointed our foreheads we were told that now we share with Jesus in the threefold role of priest, prophet and king. The name Christ means the anointed one. We often refer to baptism by another name 'christening.'

As we bring the church year to a close, we pledge our loyalty to Jesus Christ, and dedicate ourselves to build the kingdom of Jesus Christ. The many parables taught by Jesus described His kingdom, the church. Many told us of the hidden treasure, as well as the weeds and the wheat. The kingdom of Jesus finds good and bad, strengths and weaknesses, but it's the kingdom of the Lord and we are part of it. Let us build the kingdom of God, as He wishes it to be. May we pray, 'thy kingdom come' with new awareness and deep devotion.

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	11-27	8am	All Souls Day Theresa Jones by Eileen Devaney
Wednesday	11-28	8am	Shain D'Onofrio by Cynthia Leonhardt Mark McGinney by Jerry & Gertrude Jock
Thursday	11-29	8am	All Souls Day Joseph Gronkowski by Janet & Frank Jones
Friday	11-30	8am	Stella Krolewski by Victoria Baloga & Family Greg Koval by Joseph Hvozdoivio Sr. & Family

Weekend Mass Schedule Saints Peter & Paul

Saturday	12-1	4pm	Living and Deceased Parishioners
Sunday	12-2	7:30am	Stella Butkiewicz (A) by Barbara Butkiewicz
		10am	Stella Cybulski by Edward & Carole Czernota

Weekend Mass Schedule Saint Benedict

Saturday	12-1	5:30pm	Jack O'Hara by Children
Sunday	12-2	11:30am	Helen L. Felia by Sister, Christine

The Light in On for You

*Father Jack will be available Monday Evenings November 26th to December 17th
from 5:30—7pm in Saints Peter and Paul Church
for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
He will also be available on Saturday, December 22 from 1-3:30pm.*

Saints Peter and Paul Parish

Sanctuary Candle

Francis Gavin

Saint Benedict Parish

Sanctuary Candle

John O'Hara

Floral Arrangement

Stanley & Stella Krawczyk

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 donations 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.

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 to be used to help the needy is requested. 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 Zirnheld, Council of Catholic Women

Kathy Grinaway, Hospitality

Donna Mansfield, Hospitality

*Some Works of Mercy
for this Advent Season*

St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen....

Here is your opportunity to do God's will by sharing your gifts; *while serving the less fortunate during the season of Advent*. The Parishes of Saints Peter and Paul and Saint Benedict are on the schedule to serve at the soup kitchen Sunday, December 9 and Sunday, December 16, 2018 from 9am to 1pm. (10 volunteers each Sunday; minimum age 14). Some duties include minor food prep, dining room set up, serving guests and clean up. Please contact Deacon Don at 570-762-7542 or sgtdjc@ptd.net.



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.

No Sew Fleece Blanket Party will be held on December 16 at 1pm in Bernardine Hall. Cost is \$20 per person. This gets a blanket for you and one to donate to someone in need. *The donated blankets will be given to nursing homes, food pantry and homeless shelters*. Must register to take part in this worthy event! A) Snowman with the red/black buffalo check or B) White snowflakes with red check flannel. Send your payment in an envelope to the office to register include which blanket you would like along with your name and number. Hope to see you there !!!!!

November/December Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 Giving Tree Toy Bingo 1pm	26 Light is on 5:30-7pm Quilting 5pm Treasures 6pm Rosary 6:30pm Faith Sharing 7pm	27 Quilting 9am Chess Club 6:30pm	28 Festival Choir 6:30pm	29 Quilting 9am	30 Treasures 9am Pick up wreaths St. Benedict 3-5pm	1 Lottery on Sale St. Benedict Pick up wreath 3-6:30pm Changing Habits 7pm
2 Available in Church Lottery & Pierogi	3 Quilting 5pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Light is On 5:30-7pm Treasures 6pm Council of Catholic Women 6:30pm Rosary 6:30pm Faith Sharing 7pm	4 Quilting 9am Chess Club 6:30pm	5 Festival Choir 6:30pm	6 Quilting 9am	7 Treasures 9am	8 New York Bus Trip 7am Available in Church Lottery, Pierogi & Christmas Wafer
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Oplatek (Christmas Wafer) will be available in both Saints Peter and Paul and Saint Benedict before all Masses next weekend or at the Parish Office during Office Hours.

A free will offering is accepted.

Saint Benedict Envelopes for 2019 are available for pick-up. Please stop by the church basement at your earliest convenience.

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
Ben Berrini, Vice Chairman
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 Yenchak

Memorial Donation

The following donations/memorials have recently been given to **Saints Peter and Paul Food Pantry**

\$735	Anonymous	\$100	Martha Yanaitis	\$100	June Olszewski
\$50	Eric & Kathleen Triani	\$50	Rose & Robert Corcoran	\$30	Magdalene Metzger
\$25	Frank & Priscilla Valeski	\$25	Joe & Deb Bronack	\$20	Bernadine Stanski
\$10	Elizabeth Kupstas				
\$500	In Memory of Ron Scovell and Gifford Nolan by Priscilla Scovell				
\$200	In Memory of Paul Hession & Albert Janerick by Family				
\$100	In Memory of Tom Brice by Rosemary Brice				
\$100	In Memory of Mary Jo & Bernard Paciga by Ann Paciga				
\$50	In Memory of Diane & Paul by Dolores & Gerald Colgan				
In Memory of Mary Barbacci					
\$60	Friends	\$50	Ann & Tom Pellegrini	\$50	Diana & Jack Selepack
\$50	Mattei Family	\$30	James Caparoini Family	\$25	Roger & Carol Caparoni
\$25	Pricilla Scovell	\$25	Jean Curtis	\$25	Jane Biniek
\$25	Joe & Barb Salus	\$20	Mary Drew	\$20	Ann Marie Gavighan
\$20	Liz & Rosemary Parise	\$20	Bob & Barbara Shedlock	\$20	Audrey Golomb
\$20	Betty Jean Hession	\$15	Samera Ahma		

Thanks to all who heard the need to help others for our Thanksgiving giveaway, we will keep your intentions and loved ones in our prayers.

Every donation counts !!!

If you have not yet pledged, please....

Help us reach our Annual Appeal Parish Goal!

**Saints Peter and Paul is at
10.55%**

We are grateful to the 124 parishioners who supported the 2018 Annual Appeal to date. If you have not yet given your support, please:

- Call the Development Office at 570-207-2250 to make a pledge or give a gift by credit card
- Mail a check to the Diocesan Appeal Office at 300 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, Pa 18503 or
- Give online at www.DioceseofScranton.org

Our parish is reimbursed 75% for any gifts made to the Appeal in excess of our Appeal goal.

Every donation counts !!!

If you have not yet pledged, please....

Help us reach our Annual Appeal Parish Goal!

**Saint Benedict is at
9.96%**

We are grateful to the 52 parishioners who supported the 2018 Annual Appeal to date. If you have not yet given your support, please:

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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

Saints Peter & Paul Fall Lottery Tickets

Awards will begin January 1st thru March 30th Prizes are \$25 Monday through Sat. \$100 on Sun.

\$300 January 1 - Solemnity of Mary

March 6 - Ash Wednesday

March 19 - Feast of St. Joseph

Cost \$10. Anyone selling 25 or more will be entered into the \$50 Sellers drawing and 10 or more into the \$10 Sellers drawing. If you wish to have a specific number, please call the office. Tickets will be sold in Church starting December 1 and December 2.

Winners match the PA Lottery Pick 3 Evening Drawing



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 Dec. 21.

Saints Peter and Paul Homemade Christmas Cookies Sale

December 22nd

2pm—6pm in Bernardine Hall

or while supplies last



\$10 a pound

Will have pre-packaged, decorated options

Makes a great gift

Ethnic Cookies Available

Kolachky, Biscotti, Pizzelles,
Thumbprints, Russian Tea Balls
and more

If you are interested in baking (8-10doz needed) call the office. Containers are available starting Dec. 1st

Community Happenings

***The Slovak Heritage Society of N.E. Pa** cordially invites you to celebrate **The Feast of Saint Nicholas** on Sunday, December 2 at 2pm at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Center, St. Mary's Church of the Immaculate Conception, 134 South Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.*

***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 or at the door the day of the event. Come, relax and get into the Christmas Spirit!!!!*

***7th Annual Christmas Cookie Walk** will be held on Saturday, December 15th from 10am—1pm. The event is sponsored by the youth ministry of Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish, 420 Main Road, Buttonwood. Cookie containers may be purchased for \$9 and filled with the Christmas cookies of one's choice. Orders for platters must be placed by Dec. 8. Cookie platters will be available for \$35. For tickets, orders or for more information call 570-814-6444.*



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

300 WYOMING AVENUE
SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA 18503-1279

November 8, 2018

Dear Friends,

I wrote to you in August and pledged that I would do all that I can to restore your trust in the Church and to provide a safe environment for your children. This continues to be my priority.

This week, we announced our Independent Survivors Compensation Program, which I believe is another step along the path towards healing for survivors. I believe wholeheartedly that survivors deserve to have their voice heard. They deserve recognition of their pain and suffering. It is our responsibility to offer a solution of our own.

Several weeks ago, Pennsylvania's Bishops announced support of such a program, which was recently discussed but not enacted by the Pennsylvania Grand Assembly. We are therefore moving forward and offering this Program for survivors. Participation in the Program by survivors is entirely voluntary.

The Program will be administered by Kenneth Feinberg and Camille Biros, two leading experts in mediation and alternative dispute resolution. They will oversee the claim process and will have absolute autonomy in determining compensation for survivors. This firm has managed a number of high-profile compensation programs nationwide, including similar programs started by five Catholic Dioceses in New York. This Program will review cases quickly and efficiently to provide compensation to survivors, so they can continue along the path towards healing.

There will also be an Independent Oversight Committee to oversee the implementation and administration of the Program. To be clear, the Diocese will have no authority over this committee.

It is important for you to know that parish and school assets, as well as contributions and bequests from parishioners and donations to the Diocesan Annual Appeal, will not be used to fund the Program. Rather, we will use available reserves and will sell assets and borrow money as needed. We will strive to maintain our core mission to serve the local community. Our commitment to the people of the Diocese of Scranton remains true.

The Diocese continues to refine the Program so that it better serves survivors. Further details concerning the Program will be made available in the near future, including a website for survivors to obtain information and claim forms.

Thank you for your attention. Please continue to pray for survivors, their families and the community at large.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

† *Joseph C. Bambera*

Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.
Bishop of Scranton

“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

Kathy Grinaway, Chairperson
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JoAnn Chukinas, Secretary
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Barbara Gubbiotti
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Saint Benedict

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