

# Parish of Saints Peter and Paul

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# Parish of Saint Benedict

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**Deacon Don Crane**



## 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

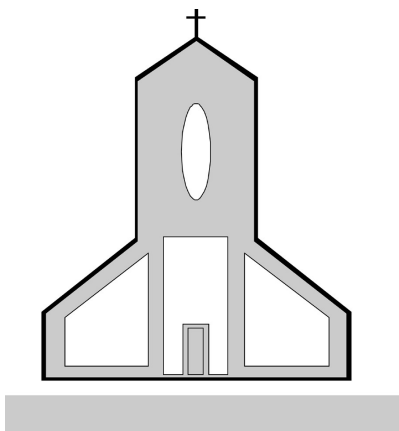
after the 5:30pm Mass

**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**

*Due to an early submission of the bulletin  
Contributions will be listed next week*

### **Saints Peter and Paul**

#### **No Festival Collection**

291 Families Contributed \$16,860 to date.

#### **Diocesan Annual Appeal**

Goal \$70,000      Raised to Date \$33,957

### **Saint Benedict Parish**

#### **Diocesan Annual Appeal**

Goal \$22,000      Raised to Date \$9,972

**Parish Offices and Faith Formation will  
be closed November 23-26 in  
observance of Thanksgiving**

### **SAINTS PETER AND PAUL LOTTERY**

*DUE TO AN EARLY SUBMISSION OF THE BULLETIN  
LOTTERY WINNERS WILL BE LISTED NEXT WEEK.*

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

#### **Sunday**

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

#### **Monday**

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4

#### **Tuesday**

Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11

#### **Wednesday**

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk 21:12-19

#### **Thursday**

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

#### **First Friday**

Dn 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33

#### **First Saturday**

Dn 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36

### *Saints Peter and Paul & Saint Benedict*

*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 26, 2017

## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

### First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

This passage beautifully describes how the Lord God, as shepherd, will tend his flock. He will rescue those who are lost, bring back those who stray, heal the sick, and "pasture" all.

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Paul once again stresses the significance of Christ's resurrection in the total divine plan, emphasizing that Christ's rising means that those who believe in him will also rise after death. Christianity, he argues, is meaningless if it concerns only this life on earth. In the end, even death will be destroyed, and "God will be all in all."

### Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

With words both poetic and vivid, Jesus tells the disciples that since he is present in all people, whatever they do to "one of my least brothers" they do to him; and whatever they fail to do to his "least," they fail to do to him.

### His Word Today by Rev. William J. Reilly

**"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord when..."**

It is easy to recall this teaching, the well known corporal works of mercy. It is easy to place a name and face on friends or agencies who carry out their tremendous works of service. It is easy to offer support through donations to enable others to carry out their mission.

As we reflect upon these signs of compassion and concern, and admire the dedication of those who serve the needs of others, why not ask the question that causes people to be in such vulnerable conditions. A famous Brazilian bishop once declared, 'When I take care of the poor, people praise me. When I ask why they are poor, I am called a communist.' Dom Helder Camara wants us to ask the question which leads me to help alleviate the suffering of others. It may be my active involvement in direct service or maybe indirect service through legislative action, helping understand the issues involved or both.

On this great feast of Christ the King take time to answer the question posed to Jesus and myself 'When...?'

*Christ Jesus,  
I acknowledge You  
King of the universe.  
All that has been created  
has been made for You.  
Make full use  
of Your rights over me.  
I renew the promise I made  
in Baptism,  
when I renounced Satan.  
And all his pomps  
and works,  
and I promise to live  
a good Christian life  
and to do all in my power  
to procure the triumph  
of the rights of God  
and Your Church.  
Divine Heart of Jesus,  
I offer you my efforts  
in order to obtain  
that all hearts  
may acknowledge  
your Sacred Royalty,  
and that thus the Kingdom  
of Your peace  
may be established  
throughout the universe.  
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. 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.

**All Gifts for the Giving Tree are due back by Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Please place tag on gift and return to Parish Office or under tree in 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.

**Saint 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 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.**

## We Remember

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

### Masses at Saint Benedict this week

T	11-28	8am	<b>Stephen Janis</b> by Mother & Sister <b>Charles Didgeoon</b> by Rosary Makers
W	11-29	8am	<b>George Horn</b> by Wife & Family <b>Patricia Reed</b> by Tom & Peg Torbik
Th	11-30	8am	<b>Gerard W. Degnon</b> by Christine Berry <b>Stasia, Thomas, Albert &amp; Florence Oko</b> by Dave & Judy Weidner
F	12-1	8am	<b>Clarence Ozgo</b> by Tom & Thelma Ozgo <b>Richard Krokos</b> by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Ornoski

### Weekend Mass Schedule Saints Peter & Paul

S	12-2	4pm	<b>Robert S. Rymar Sr. (A)</b> by Jean Marie, Robert & Regina Rymar
S	12-3	10am	<b>Josephine Jagodinski</b> by Daughters

### Living and Deceased Parishioners

### Weekend Mass Schedule Saint Benedict

S	12-2	5:30pm	<b>Dorothy Stuckler</b> by Council of Catholic Women
	12-3	8am	<b>Leo &amp; Della Mikelski</b> by Daughter, Mary Ann

**Children's Envelopes for the 2018 Year** are now in the vestibule of Saints Peter and Paul Church. Please pick up as soon as possible. If anyone would like their child/children to receive children envelopes please contact the Parish Office.

**Saint Benedict's Envelopes for 2018** are available for pick up in the Church Hall. Please direct any questions regarding parish envelopes to Denise in the office at 570-822-8871.

### Saints Peter and Paul Parish

#### Sanctuary Candle

"Anniversary" Ed & Irene Mangan

#### Lady of Lourdes Votive

"Anniversary" Ed & Irene Mangan

### Floral Arrangement

#### Saints Peter and Paul

Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Krawczyk

#### Holy Family Votive

"Anniversary" Ed & Irene Mangan

### Saint Benedict Parish

#### Sanctuary Candle

Special Intention

#### Sanctuary Candle

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Davis

**Parish Weekly Activities**  
**November 26—December 3**

<i><b>Day</b></i>	<i><b>Date</b></i>	<i><b>Time</b></i>	<i><b>Activity</b></i>	<i><b>Building</b></i>	<i><b>Location</b></i>
Sun	11-26	<b><i>No Faith Formation Class this week</i></b>			
Mon.	11-27	5pm	Quilting	Parish Center	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
		6:30pm	Rosary	Parish Center	Prayer Room
		7pm	Faith Sharing	Parish Center	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
Tues.	11-28	9am	Quilting	Parish Center	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
		6:30pm	Chess	Parish Center	Prayer Room
		<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Word Meeting</b>	<b>Parish Center</b>	<b>Dining Room</b>
Wed.	11-29	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Grief Support</b>	<b>Parish Center</b>	<b>Prayer Room</b>
		<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Festival Choir</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>12-2</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Pierogi Making</b>	<b>Faith Formation Center</b>	<b>Bernardine Hall</b>
Sun.	12-3	<b>8:45am</b>	<b>Service Work</b>	<b>St. Vincent DePaul</b>	<b>Wilkes-Barre</b>
		9am	Classes	Faith Formation Center	Classrooms
		<b>7pm</b>	<b>Joyful Christmas</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Church</b>

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 & 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.

Please contact **Deacon Don** at 570-762-7542.

**Saints Peter & Paul Lottery Tickets**

Awards will begin  
January 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>  
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.

***This Lottery makes a great Christmas Gift.***

Lottery tickets will be available ***next weekend!!***

**Changing Habits**, a musical program,

will be held at ***Saint Benedict's***

***on Sunday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**Oplatek (Christmas Wafer)** will be available at  
Saints Peter and Paul ***before all Masses*** starting  
next weekend or at the Parish Office during  
Office Hours. St. Benedict's are located on a  
table next to the confessional .

A free will offering is appreciated.



### Calendar of Events

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"
Jan. 15	CTV Special: "Our Faith, Our Diocese"
Jan. 25 12:10pm	Christian Unity Prayer
Feb. 1	Catholic Light: "Catholic Education"

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

## Community Happenings

**Healing Service** at St. Ignatius Parish, Kingston on November 28 at 7pm. We enter into a time of worship and adoration, in a spirit of praise and thanksgiving. Come join us all are welcome.

**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.

**Evening of Lesson and Carols in the Chapel of Christ the King** on Dec. 6 at 7:30pm. Lessons and Carols is a service of Scripture and song that dates to the late 19th century. In this service, we listen to the Scripture lessons which recount the promise of a Messiah and the Incarnation. Each lesson is followed by a carol or other song that reflects the lesson's message and a brief prayer. All are welcome. For more information please contact Rob Yenkowski at 570-208-6044 or by email at robertyendowski@kings.edu.

**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. 3<sup>rd</sup> 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