

Parish of Saints Peter and Paul

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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 18 325 attended the 4pm Mass
199 Families used their envelopes and offered \$3,543

November 19 331 attended the 10am Mass
196 Families used their envelopes and offered \$3,910

Tithe from

395 Families was \$7,453

November 25 327 attended the 4pm Mass
232 Families used their envelopes and offered \$4,394

November 26 333 attended the 10am Mass
231 Families used their envelopes and offered \$4,094

Tithe from

463 Families was \$8,488

Saint Benedict Parish

585 Families receive envelopes

November 18 122 attended the 5:30pm Mass
73 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,096

November 19 144 attended the 8am Mass
96 Families used their envelopes and offered \$2,655

Tithe from

169 Families was \$3,751

November 25 134 attended the 5:30pm Mass
72 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,461

November 26 154 attended the 8am Mass
93 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,799

Tithe from

165 Families was \$3,262

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

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL LOTTERY

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| 11-13 | #866 | Bernie Hromek |
| 11-14 | #016 | Doris Cyran |
| 11-15 | #091 | Tracy Wanyo |
| 11-16 | #593 | E. Novakowski |
| 11-17 | #571 | D. Chinshiva |
| 11-18 | #966 | Kathy McGrady |
| 11-19 | #771 | Arlene Silvi |
| 11-20 | #906 | John Tkach |
| 11-21 | #350 | Eddy Kosmach |
| 11-22 | #692 | Emily Paciga |
| 11-23 | #371 | Joe Guzinski |
| 11-24 | #037 | Saints Peter and Paul |
| 11-25 | #414 | Ann Pellegrini |
| 11-26 | #576 | Joe Shea |

Congratulations to all !!!

Saints Peter and Paul

No Festival Collection

295 Families Contributed \$17,210 to date.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Goal \$70,000 Raised to Date \$43,047

Saint Benedict Parish

Diocesan Annual Appeal

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



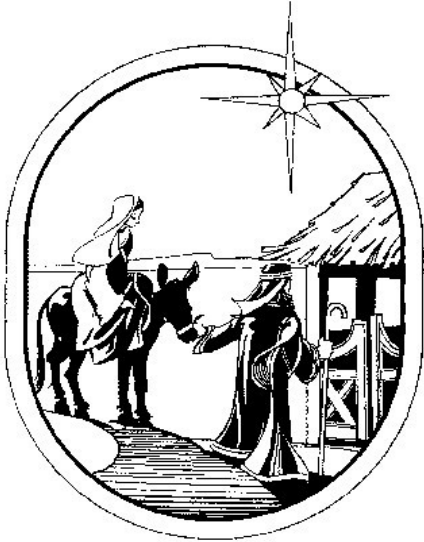
Saints Peter and Paul & Saint Benedict

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

December 3, 2017



*"O Holy Abba God,
we are an expectant people,
always rushing
to accomplish things,
only to experience time
slipping through our fingers.
We expect things to improve,
hoping that somehow
we will not always put you,
and our relationship with you,
on the back burner of our lives.
For this reason,
we pause for a moment
in prayer.
Be with us during this season
of Advent.
Help us to come to an
appreciation of "holy waiting."
As once your people long ago
waited for their Savior
to be born,
help us to enter
into the spirit of celebrating
the growing awareness
of your Word in our lives.
Let the power of your Word
not be buried or forgotten
because of the press
of our other obligations
Amen."*

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7

In this straightforward psalm, the people acknowledge their sinful ways, yet plead that their Creator might reveal himself to them. They ask God to remember, not their sins, but that "We are all the work of your hands."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Paul explains to the Corinthians that they are specially favored by God who has sent his only Son to them. He reminds us all that it was through God's grace that we have been called to kinship with Christ.

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Just as a servant watching over the master's house does not know when he will return, we do not know the hour of the Second Coming. Mark reminds us of the warning from Jesus to always be on guard, for we know not the day nor the hour.

His Word Today by Rev. William J. Reilly

"Jesus said to His disciples: 'Be constantly on watch, stay awake. You do not know when the appointed time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge each with his own task, and he orders the man at the gate to watch with a sharp eye. Look around you.'"

We begin a new season of grace, the wonderful time of preparing the way of the Lord, recalling His coming in history, His abiding presence among us now, and looking to discover the way He enters our lives. This year we have four full weeks to live advent.

Like the person in Mark's gospel, the Lord has entrusted each of us with distinct, yet important tasks. My work is different from others, and if I fail to do it, it will remain undone. How am I going to begin this time of prayer?

I can make a resolution not to get caught up only with the material things in our consumer oriented society. My prayer with my family, my reflection on the scriptures, will certainly point me in the right direction. As I consider what I am going to do, I want to include others, the elderly, the sick and the poor, those alone or lonely, to make their lives better. They are part of God's gift for me to take care of.

May the closing words of the Bible become my mantra each day, simply repeating three words prayerfully 'Come Lord Jesus.'

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 **December** will be collecting **Non-Dairy Creamer**. 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 10th. 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.

Pierogi will be on Sale after all Masses next weekend at Saints Peter and Paul Parish or at the Parish Office during office hours. Potato—\$8, Cheese and Cabbage will be \$10. Get them while supplies last.

Saints Peter and Paul Parish

Sanctuary Candle

Gubbiotti & Jesikiewicz Families

Lady of Lourdes Votive

Joseph Canterini

Saint Benedict Parish

Sanctuary Candle

Nick Barna

Mass Intentions

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

Masses at Saints Peter and Paul this week

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| M | 12-4 | 7am | Communion Service |
| T | 12-5 | 7am | Segeda & Gartley Family by Liz Segeda Vincent Bryk by Dara Brown |
| W | 12-6 | 7am | Lorraine Nancy Burcicki by Peter Gaza Frank & Mary Klogy by Family |
| Th | 12-7 | 7am | Joseph Prociak by Megan Milo & Family Josephine Loomis by Joe & Monica Chulvick |

5:30pm **Joseph Matticks**
by Sean Matticks

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| F | 12-8 | 7am | Florence Koschak by Dolores Hritz Leonard Halecki by Family Tom Snee by Richard Loomis |
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12:15pm **Stella Susek**
by Genevieve Susek

Joseph Snarski
by Joan Hughes

Mass on Holy Day at Saint Benedicts

5:30pm **Lucy Mattucci (A)**
by Grace Merlino
Ruth Wojcik
by Mr. & Mrs. Jim Lepore

Weekend Mass Schedule Saints Peter & Paul

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| S | 12-9 | 4pm | Anso & Marie Dominick by Family |
| | 12-10 | 10am | Thomas Stanski by Mom & Dad |

Living and Deceased Parishioners

Weekend Mass Schedule Saint Benedict

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| S | 12-9 | 5:30pm | Kerrigan Family by Molly |
| S | 12-10 | 8am | Patrick R. O'Donnell by Bianas Family |

Parish Weekly Activities
December 3—December 10

| Day | Date | Time | Activity | Building | Location |
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| Sun. | 12-3 | 8:45am 9am 7pm | Service Work Classes Joyful Christmas | St. Vincent DePaul Faith Formation Center Church | Wilkes-Barre Classrooms Church |
| Mon. | 12-4 | 5-7pm 5pm 6pm 5pm 6:30pm 7pm | Confession Quilting Treasures Prayer Shawl Rosary Faith Sharing | Church Parish Center Parish Center Parish Center Parish Center Parish Center | Church 2 nd Floor Back Porch Dining Room Prayer Room 2 nd Floor |
| Tues. | 12-5 | 9am 6:30pm | Quilting Chess | Parish Center Parish Center | 2 nd Floor Prayer Room |
| Wed. | 12-6 | Noon 2:15pm 7:00pm | Plains Seniors Mass Festival Choir | Faith Formation Center Riverstreet Manor Church | Bernardine Hall Church |
| Thurs. | 12-7 | 6pm 7pm | Pageant Practice Family Choir | Church Church | Church Church |
| Fr. | 12-8 | 9am | Treasures | Parish Center | Parish Center |
| Sat. | 12-9 | 9am 1-3pm | First Reconciliation Confession | Faith Formation Church | Classroom Church |
| Sun. | 12-10 | 8:45am | Service Work | St. Vincent DePaul | Wilkes-Barre |

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL
HOMEMADE CHRISTMAS
COOKIES SALE



DECEMBER 16TH 2PM-6PM
DECEMBER 17TH 9AM—NOON
OR UNTIL SUPPLIES LAST
BERNARDINE HALL

\$10 A POUND

ETHNIC COOKIES AVAILABLE

**KOLACHKY, BISCOTTI, PIZZELLES, THUMB-
PRINTS, RUSSIAN TEA BALLS**

ARE JUST A FEW THAT WILL BE AVAILABLE

Oplatek (Christmas Wafer) will be available at Saints Peter and Paul **before all Masses** 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.

Save the Date!!!



The Women's Society of Saints Peter and Paul would like to extend an invitation to the women of both parishes to "**The Ugly Sweater Christmas Party**". On **Sun, Jan 7th** when the hustle and bustle of Christmas subsides and we are in the midst of celebrating the Season of Christmas, we will hold our Christmas party in Bernardine Hall from 1pm to 4pm. It's now time for us to live, laugh, and enjoy, good food, fun and games. Please join us, casual dress and of course your Ugly "Christmas Sweater". More information will follow.



Calendar of Events

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| 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" |
| Feb. 12 | | CTV Special: "Our Faith, Our Diocese" "Catholic Education" |

This Sunday at Saint Benedict's at 2pm

Changing Habits in Church Hall

"The Light is On for You" will take place in all churches in the Diocese of Scranton. Father will be available for Confessions at Saints Peter and Paul on Monday evenings from 5-7pm. (Dec. 4, 11 & 18). He will be also hear Confessions on Sat. from 1-3pm (Dec. 9, 16 & 23).

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.

Wanted!!! Helping Hands—Saint Benedict—Please save some time in your busy holiday schedule to help decorate the church for the upcoming Christmas Season. On **Sat., Dec 9th at 10am** we will gather to assemble the trees, manger scene and hang the wreaths. **Remember, many hands make light work so come and spend a little of your time decorating God's house for Christmas.**

Council of Catholic Women will meet on Monday, December 4th at 6:30pm in the church Hall

Envelopes for 2018 for Saint Benedict are available for pick up in the Church Hall. Please direct any question to Denise in the office at 570-822-8871.

Christmas Intentions Envelopes will be placed on the altar and intentions will be remember during the Christmas Season at Saint Benedict.

NEPGS shows how Genealogy Research can be both exciting and rewarding!

The Northeast Pennsylvania Genealogical Society, Inc. (NEPGS) has many available resources which can aid in your genealogical quest. **News Flash: Roman Catholic church records have been digitized by NEPGS!** NEPGS in partnership with the Diocese of Scranton is digitizing parish records in eleven northeastern Pennsylvania counties. It's important to know that NEPGS has a strict privacy policy for public access to the Catholic records:

- ✦ Sacramental Records relating to events 70 or more years old shall be accessible to members and patrons of NEPGS, consistent with NEPGS Library Policies.
- ✦ Sacramental Records relating to events less than 70 years old shall be sequestered and shall not be available to be accessed by members or patrons of NEPGS until such time as the record become 70 years old.
- ✦ NEPGS removes from the accessible records, all references to adoptions which occurred after January 1, 1926, which is the effective date when civil adoption records were sealed in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- ✦ The church records are only available on the NEPGS in-house network. The records are not available online.

Address: 689 Main Road, Hanover Township, PA 18706. Located at the caretaker's house inside the historic Hanover Green cemetery in Luzerne County, NEPGS is an all-volunteer 501c3 nonprofit organization and is open to the public **Hours of Operation:** Every Thursday 10:00AM – 3:00PM, 2nd Saturday of the month, Noon – 4:00PM When you visit the society, volunteer staff can answer questions about the use of the Digital Collections. For those who are unable to visit in-person, research services are available at reasonable rates. **Note for visitors:** Non-members are required to pay a \$10.00 day-use fee prior to admission. Members/patrons are required to sign the NEPGS Library Policy. Cameras and flash drives are prohibited. **Membership:** Benefits include a *discount on research services*. An Individual membership is \$30/year. *Please check out www.nepgs.com for the latest information*

“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