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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

December 2 315 attended the 4pm Mass
219 Families used their envelopes and offered \$3,547

December 3 327 attended the 10am Mass
206 Families used their envelopes and offered \$3,846
Care and Education of Priest—\$1,003
Tithe from
425 Families was \$7,393

No Festival Collection

299 Families Contributed \$17,710 to date.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

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

Saint Benedict Parish

580 Families receive envelopes

December 2 132 attended the 5:30pm Mass
63 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,415

December 3 155 attended the 8am Mass
128 Families used their envelopes and offered \$2,990
Care and Education of Priest—\$557

191 Tithe from
Families was \$4,405

Diocesan Annual Appeal

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

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

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL LOTTERY

11-27	#800	David Rubbica
11-28	#554	Vaughn Rudloff
11-29	#543	John Sedon
11-30	#800	David Rubbica
12-1	#000	Maryann Kropiewnicki
12-2	#736	Tommy Segeda
12-3	#026	Saints Peter and Paul

Congratulations to all !!!

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Monday

Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday

Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday

Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

Friday

Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13



Saints Peter and Paul & Saint Benedict

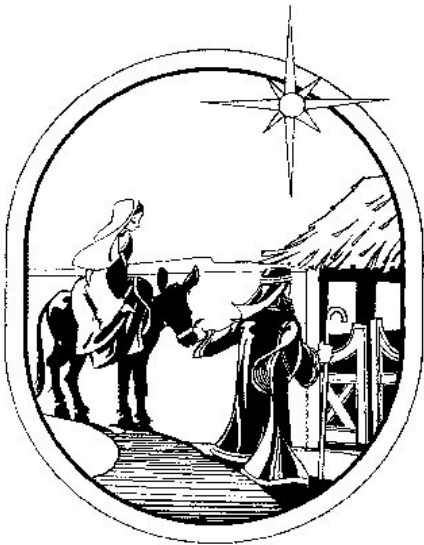
Anyone interested in participating in this year's Christmas Pageant, held on December 24 at the 4pm Mass is asked to call Nina at 570-825-6663, extension 3, then 1.

In January Edge and Life Team Youth Groups will start call Nina for more information at the Faith Formation Center 570-825-6663 ext 3-then 1.

The Sunday Good News

Saint Benedict & Saints Peter & Paul

December 10, 2017



Heavenly Father,

*You are the source of all
hope and we know our
hope is in You—*

*You will not disappoint us.
Teach us
this week
to anchor our hope in Je-
sus. Help us to persevere
with You
when we feel like
giving up.
We eagerly wait
for Your return.*

Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Isaiah emphasizes that from the desert to the mountains, all people must prepare for “the glory of the Lord to be revealed.” Rather than looking only at God’s power, Isaiah focuses on God’s kindness, comparing it to a shepherd who feeds and cares for his flock.

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

For those who are impatient for the Second Coming, Peter explains that time is different to God than to people. He reminds them that they should be grateful for the extra time to prepare, and concentrate on striving to become all that God would want them to be.

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

In this passage, John the Baptist stressed the importance of the coming of the Messiah. He acknowledged that he was only the messenger, and “unfit to ‘stoop and untie his sandal straps.’” John urged them to prepare for one far holier than he, who would walk among them

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

“The Lord does not delay in keeping His promises, though some consider it ‘delay.’ Rather He shows you generous patience since He wants no one to perish but all to come to repentance... I send my messenger before you to prepare your way, a herald voice in the desert crying, ‘Make ready the way of the Lord clear him a straight path.’”

The letter of Peter and Isaiah’s message in the gospel of Mark, provide a wonderful opportunity to begin this second week of advent. Somehow it is easy, or convenient, to forget or presume why Jesus came two thousand years ago. A lost people needed a savior, to bring them back to union with their creator. He came, revealed the Father’s love for us and still invites us to respond to that love. Do I see my need today, and the needs of my family and our world?

Let’s face it, our messed up world needs a savior, not a political leader or powerful military strength, but someone to free us from sin and all that divides us, the barriers which keep us from growing in holiness, in grace, or love of God and neighbor. Advent invites us to focus on our need from the Lord today. Advent, the great time of hope and expectation calls us to make ready, the way of the Lord, to have Him into our hearts and the hearts of others.

‘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.

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.

Saints Peter and Paul Pierogi Sale



after all Masses

or at the Parish Office during office hours.

Potato and Cabbage/Sauerkraut—\$8
Cabbage will be \$10.

Thanks to all who came out and helped make it possible for all to enjoy homemade Pierogi!!!!

Get them while supplies last.

We Remember

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

Masses at Saint Benedict this week

T	12-12	8am	Josephine Rygielska (A) by Alex Lukatchik Rosemary McCarthy by Family
W	12-13	8am	Rosalie Prescavage by Ben & Francine Berrini Special Intention
Th	12- 14	8am	Joseph Biniek Sr. by Alice Ralston Mary Konopczyk by Wildes Family
F	12-15	8am	Mary Mido by Mr. & Mrs. Ben Berrini Mary Seasock by Alexander Seasock

Weekend Mass Schedule Saints Peter & Paul

S	12-16	4pm	Paul Binker by Raymond & Joan Dombroski
S	12-17	10am	John Kishel (A) by Nancy Matlowski

Living and Deceased Parishioners

Weekend Mass Schedule Saint Benedict

S	12-16	5:30pm	Frank Korkos Sr. & Frank Jr. by Family
	12-17	8am	Sophie Barna by Mary & David Kukucka

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. **Donations of toys can be dropped into the shopping cart in the back of Saint Benedict's Church**

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.

Saints Peter and Paul Parish

Sanctuary Candle

Erald Biondi

Saint Benedict Parish

Sanctuary Candle

Judy Lendacky

Parish Weekly Activities
December —December 10

Day	Date	Time	Activity	Building	Location
Sun.	12-10	8:45am 9am 11am	Service Work Classes Pageant Practice	St. Vincent DePaul Faith Formation Center Church	Wilkes-Barre Classrooms Church
Mon.	12-11	5-7pm 5pm 6pm 6:30pm 7pm	Confession Quilting Treasures Rosary Faith Sharing	Church Parish Center Parish Center Parish Center Parish Center	Church 2 nd Floor Back Porch Prayer Room 2 nd Floor
Tues.	12-12	9am 6pm 6:30pm	Quilting Hawaii Trip Chess	Parish Center Faith Formation Center Parish Center	2 nd Floor Bernardine Hall Prayer Room
Wed.	12-13	7:00pm	Festival Choir	Church	Church
Thurs.	12-14	9am 6pm	Food Pantry Prep Family Choir	Faith Formation Center Church	Bernardine Hall Church
Fri.	12-15	9am 9am	Food Pantry Treasures	Faith Formation Center Parish Center	Bernardine Hall Parish Center
Sat.	12-16	1-3:30pm 2-6pm	Confession Cookie Sale	Church Faith Formation Center	Church Bernardine Hall
Sun.	12-17	9-Noon	Cookie Sale	Faith Formation Center	Bernardine Hall

MaineSource's Give Back Program. This program allows our parish to earn 5% of all purchase made by our participating members. To participate in this program just fill out a sheet located in the vestibule and give it to a cashier next time you shop at MaineSource. If you are not familiar with MaineSource which is located in Forty Fort, they are a large size grocery store/party warehouse that offers small and large quantity items at affordable prices. When shopping at MaineSource you will find savings on your items while helping the parish by our receiving a percentage of the purchase amount back. There are no membership cards or fees required to shop.

Proceeds from this project have benefited the Saints Peter and Paul Food Pantry. Please consider using MaineSource for you holiday food needs and tell them your from Saints Peter and Paul Church!!!

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

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.



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.



Regular Sunday Schedule for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sat., Dec 23 4pm Saints Peter and Paul

5:30pm Saint Benedict

Sun., Dec 24 8am Saint Benedict

10am Saints Peter and Paul

10am Saints Peter and Paul



Christmas Eve - Dec. 24

Saint Benedict—4pm

Saints Peter and Paul—4pm & 9pm

Christmas Day - Dec. 25

Saint Benedict—8am

Saints Peter and Paul—10am

Solemnity of Mary—Jan. 1

New Year's Day

Saint Benedict—8am

Saints Peter and Paul—10am



"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. 11 & 18). He will also hear Confessions on Sat. from 1-3pm (Dec. 16 & 23).



**DIOCESE OF
SCRANTON**
THE JOURNEY MAKES US ONE

Calendar of Events

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"
Feb. 18	3pm	RICA Rite of Election Cathedral of Saint Peter
Feb. 22		Catholic Light: "Ecumenism and Interfaith Relations"

Memorial Donation Saints Peter and Paul Food Pantry

\$535	Anonymous	\$50	Brenda Serniak
\$100	Marita & Frank Dessoye		
\$25	In Memory of Joan Drevenik		
	by Elmer & Rosemarie Parlante		
	In Memory of Bernard Paciga		
\$25	Dorothy & Douglas Pape	\$50	Ann Paciga
	In Memory of Joseph Biniek Sr.		
\$125	Jane, Matthew, Amy & Jeffrey Biniek		
\$100	Valley Ent PC	\$50	Plains Fire Dept.
\$25	Reed Family	\$25	Susann Kelly
\$20	Bonnie & Gary Phillips	\$20	Elizabeth Segeda
\$40	Donna Yefko & Rhoda Moses		
\$20	Bernadine & Laura Moses		
\$15	Frederick & Anne Marie Hall		

Saints Peter and Paul Church

	In Memory of Joseph Biniek		
\$100	Audrew, Resha, Kevin & Amy Biniek		
\$100	Pittston Fire Dept.	\$40	O'Dell Family
\$30	Pat & Joe Crawford	\$25	Henry & Rena O'Dell
\$25	Laurie & John Paciga	\$20	Audrey Malinovitch
\$20	Meanie Morris	\$20	Silvi Family
\$20	Wendy & John Lutcho	\$10	Louise Tontini
\$20	Chris, Tammy, Chris & Ashlyn		

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.

“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