

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

Saint Benedict

Monday through Friday 8am-2pm

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday

4pm—Saints Peter and Paul

5:30pm—Saint Benedict

Sunday

8am—Saint Benedict

10am—Saints Peter and Paul

Confession

By appointment anytime

Saints Peter and Paul

Daily 6:30am-6:45am
Saturday 3pm-3:30pm

Saint 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 9 307 attended the 4pm Mass
180 Families used their envelopes and offered \$3,224

December 10 326 attended the 10am Mass
193 Families used their envelopes and offered \$3,772
Religious Retirement Fund \$1,491

Tithe from

373 Families was \$6,996

No Festival Collection

299 Families Contributed \$17,710 to date.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Goal \$70,000 Raised to Date \$44,577

Saint Benedict Parish

580 Families receive envelopes

December 9 108 attended the 5:30pm Mass
99 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,979

December 10 195 attended the 8am Mass
63 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,555

Religious Retirement Fund \$346

191 Tithe from

162 Families was \$3,535

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Goal \$22,000 Raised to Date \$13,295

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

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL LOTTERY

12-4	#367	Elizabeth Segeda
12-5	#464	Ed Katarsky
12-6	#002	Connie Szustak
12-7	#812	Sandra Molitoris
12-8	#936	T. Polachek
12-9	#415	Margaret Kropiewnicki
12-10	#038	Denise Walker

Congratulations to all !!!

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday

Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday

Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

Friday

1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

Saturday

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66



Saints Peter and Paul & Saint Benedict

In January Edge and Life Teen 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 17, 2017



O Almighty God,
gracious provider
and giver of life,
we anxiously await
the celebration
of your birth.
Like the people of long ago,
our ancestors in faith,
we, too,
are in need of light,
in need of direction,
in need of your Word,
to show us the way.
Our busy lives
and the consumerism
that surrounds us
make it difficult
to recognize your kingdom
and to hear your voice.
Help us Lord,
to focus on you.
We pray that you hear
our prayer
in the name of Jesus.
Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

Isaiah describes the joy and salvation which will accompany the coming of Christ. He compares the plants which spring from a garden to the justice that will spring from all nations.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Paul reminds the Thessalonians to constantly ready themselves for Christ's arrival. He tells them to "avoid any semblance of evil" so that they may be found irreproachable when Jesus does arrive.

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

John explains that he is only a messenger to the people for one more powerful than himself. John stresses to them that they must make a path for the one so powerful that he is not fit to unfasten the strap of his sandal.

His Word Today by Rev. William J. Reilly

"The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives, and release to prisoners. To announce a year of favor from the Lord and a day of vindication by our God."

Remember when Jesus read this passage in His synagogue in Nazareth? St. Luke tells us He said 'Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearings.' We often associate this passage at the time of ordination or confirmation. Today it is directed to me and tells me what to expect when the longed for Savior comes. He was 'anointed', the name Christ means the anointed one. He had a mission, He was sent. He had a message 'good news.' He looked for the lowly, the hurting, those bound by addictions and desperation. He came to free and form missionary disciples.

The mission of Jesus is our mission, the mission of the entire church. We are comfortable, but consider fellow Christians throughout the world suffering from poverty, political oppression. Consider missionaries serving the most pitiable people, like Doctors with Borders, the Catholic Near East Welfare Society Workers, Medical Mission Sisters bringing Isaiah's prompting to fulfillment.

Yes, the spirit of the Lord is upon all of us as we begin week three of Advent. Jesus has gifted us with His mission.

'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.

Sacrificial Offering—As we come closer to the birth of our Lord, we give thanks to all who have put our parishes high on their gift giving list. We rely very heavily upon your Christmas offering to sustain us during the bleak months of winter when our utility bills, like your own, increase at a rapid rate. We pray in gratitude for all you do for our parishes in the wonderful way you share your time and talent.

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.

Mass Intentions

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

Masses at Saints Peter and Paul this week

M	12-18	7am	Communion Service
T	12-19	7am	William Katsak by Janerick Family Leon Belles by Danny Shepko
W	12-20	7am	Janice Britz by Melanie Shemo James E. Long by G. Marshall
Th	12-21	7am	Jean Quarequio by Marie & Christine Katsock Vera Cimino by Ann Patrizi
F	12-22	7am	John Binker by Jennie Figel Joseph Bitonti by Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Mize

Weekend Mass Schedule Saints Peter & Paul

S	12-23	4pm	Hugh Drew by Wife
	12-24	10am	Josephine Antosh by Dolores Jeskiewicz

Living and Deceased Parishioners

Weekend Mass Schedule Saint Benedict

S	12-23	5:30pm	Eric J. Speicher Jr. by Harold & Anne Cawley
S	12-24	8am	Anthony Rogish by Children

Christmas Eve Mass Schedule Saints Peter & Paul

S	12-24	4pm 9am	Special Intention Special Intention
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Christmas Eve Mass Schedule Saint Benedict

S	12-24	4pm	Alfred & Ann Marie Gurnari by Family
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Christmas Day Mass Schedule Saint Benedict

M	12-25	8am	Jean Wisniewski by Matt & Lori Frank
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Christmas Day Mass Schedule Saints Peter & Paul

M	12-25	10am	Special Intention
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**DON'T FORGET WE ARE OBLIGED TO
ATTEND MASS ON THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF
ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS DAY**

Saints Peter and Paul Parish

Sanctuary Candle

John Binker

Lady of Lourdes Votive

Paul Binker

Holy Family Votive

Paul Binker

Saint Benedict Parish

Sanctuary Candle

Helen Felia

Parish Weekly Activities

December 17—December 24

Day	Date	Time	Activity	Building	Location
Sun.	12-17	9-Noon 9am 11am	Cookie Sale Classes Pageant Practice	Faith Formation Center Faith Formation Center Church	Bernardine Hall Classrooms Church
Mon.	12-18	5-7pm 5pm 5pm 6pm 6:30pm 7pm	Confession Prayer Shawl Quilting Treasures Rosary Faith Sharing	Church Parish Center Parish Center Parish Center Parish Center Parish Center	Church Dining Room 2 nd Floor Back Porch Prayer Room 2 nd Floor
Tues.	12-19	9am 6:30pm	Quilting Chess	Parish Center Parish Center	2 nd Floor Prayer Room
Wed.	12-20	Noon 2:15pm 7:00pm	Plains Seniors Mass Festival Choir	Faith Formation Center Riverstreet Manor Church	Bernardine Hall Church
Thurs.	12-21	6pm	Family Choir	Church	Church
Fri.	12-22	9am	Treasures	Parish Center	Parish Center
Sat.	12-23	1-3:30pm	Confession	Church	Church

In Appreciation—*Christmas helps us to realize how blessed we are in many ways and to see people in our lives for whose presence we are filled with gratitude. Saints Peter and Paul Parish is blessed to have many volunteers: people who share their time and talents for the good of the parish and for the building up of the Kingdom of God. They minister at liturgy, sing in the choir, decorate the church, serve on committees, belong to societies, visit the homebound, count the collection, work on fundraisers, teach Faith Formation, and do various other things for the church. Our parish could not function without all of these people sharing their gifts. We are all most grateful to them for all that they do. Please pray for our volunteers and consider becoming one of them in 2018!!*



To all ADULTS who volunteer, and your spouse, you are invited to **Saints Peter and Paul 2017 Parish Appreciation Dinner** to be held on Sunday, January 14th in

Bernardine Hall. BYOB (beer and soda will be provided) Doors open at 4pm and dinner will begin at 5pm. Please call the Parish Office (570) 825-6663 extension 2 then 1 and leave your name and the number of people attending. Please RSVP by Monday, January 7th. Music provided by *Third Degree Acoustic!*

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 remembered during the Christmas Season at Saint Benedict.

Thank You to Saint Benedict's Council of Women who delivered a Christmas flower to the homebound/nursing home parishioners this weekend.



The Women's Society of Saints Peter and Paul is sponsoring "**The Ugly Sweater Christmas Party**".

Women from both parishes come join us on **Sun, Jan 7th** in Bernardine Hall from 1-4pm. Cost is \$40. Choose from Roast Beef, Chicken Francaise or Baked Haddock. Make reservations by calling Joann Melman at 570-824-6735. Payment (payable to Women Society of Saints Peter and Paul) and reservation are due by the weekend of Dec. 30-31. Don't forget to wear your *Ugly Christmas Sweater*. There will be a contest for the ugliest, most unusual and the most creative. Prizes will be awarded!!!

COME JOIN US FOR SOME FUN!!



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



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



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THE JOURNEY MAKES US ONE

Calendar of Events

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

Memorial Donation

Saints Peter and Paul Food Pantry

\$310	Anonymous	\$100	Zdanowicz Family
\$50	Viola & Anita Rubbico	\$25	Sharon Wojcik
\$20	Bernadine Stanski		
\$25	Ann & Thomas Pellegrini		
\$30	Stephen & Denise Parashac		

In Memory of Joan Dreveniik

\$140	Friends and Family	\$100	Sister, Mary
\$45	Quilting Group	\$25	Audrey Serniak
\$25	Jane Biniek	\$20	Barbara Cirelli

In Memory of Ed Ornoski

\$50	Steve & Peggy Solovey	\$40	S & E Warunek
\$25	Joseph & Barbara Salus	\$25	Sandra Edwards
\$25	Mike & Josie Polinski	\$20	Regina Klepadlo
\$10	Maryann Dunsavage		
\$50	James & Lynne Ruskoski		

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.

Community Happenings

Bold Choices Retreat (a young adult retreat 18-35) will be held at St. Gabriel's Retreat Center, Clarks Summit on Jan. 5-6. The 24 hours retreat will include presentations and interactive sessions on prayer, making choices based in faith, finding your passion & more. Cost is \$65 To register call 570-207-1452 or visit vocation.dioceseofscranton.org.

The Annual Respect Life Mass, will be at Saint Faustina Parish, Hanover St. Nanticoke, Sunday, Jan. 14 at the 11am Mass. Prayer intentions during the Mass will be for a greater respect of all Human Life and an end to abortion.

March for Life Bus going to Washington, Fri., Jan. 19th, interested contact Christopher at 570-824-5621.

“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