

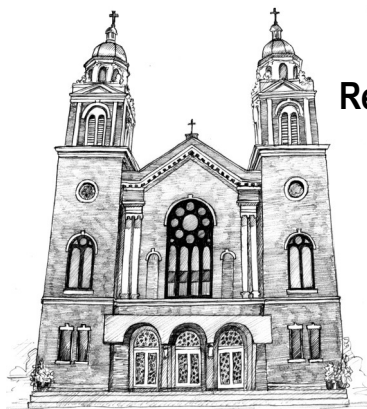
# Parish of Saints Peter and Paul

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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

## **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

# Parish of Saint Benedict

155 Austin Ave  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18705  
Parish Web: [www.stbenedictwb.org](http://www.stbenedictwb.org)



**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, and continue to share the Good News of Jesus with all people.

## Sunday Stewards

### Saints Peter and Paul Parish

1068 Families receive envelopes

**Dec. 15** 302 attended the 4pm Mass  
164 Families used their envelopes and offered \$3,874

**Dec. 16** 116 attended the 7:30am Mass  
83 Families used their envelopes and offered \$2,105  
285 attended the 10am Mass  
129 Families used their envelopes and offered \$3,548

*Tithe from*  
376 Families was \$9,527  
Bernardine Bucks \$599

*The Second Collection this weekend will be for*  
***Bernardine Bucks***  
*Next week's Collection will be for*  
***Bernardine Bucks***  
*Please be generous!!!*

### Saint Benedict Parish

429 Families receive envelopes

**Dec. 15** 89 attended the 5:30pm Mass  
83 Families used their envelopes and offered \$3,088

**Dec. 16** 76 attended the 11:30am Mass  
65 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,619

*Tithe from*  
148 Families was \$ 4,707

*Thank you for your continued generous Support !*

### SAINTS PETER AND PAUL LOTTERY

Dec. 10	#069	Tom Major
Dec. 11	#028	McGroarty
Dec. 12	#104	Harold Golomb Jr.
Dec. 13	#088	CJ Byrne
Dec. 14	#995	Saints Peter and Paul
Dec. 15	#501	Andrew Kosmach
Dec. 16	#800	Audrey Golomb

*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

### 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 **184** families in the amount of **\$30,437**

# Word

**What is the True Meaning of Christmas?** Christmas truly is one of the most wonderful times of the year. For many, there are warm parties, cozy homes, fond traditions to celebrate and gifts to be shared. It's a joyous time of celebration. However, sometimes we get lost in the season and forget the reason we celebrate it, to begin with. Among the hustle and bustle, our focus is lost and priorities are misaligned.

Most people can tell you the origins of Christmas that it's a remembrance of the birth of Christ. But either that's the extent of their knowledge or they lose sight of this in the busyness of the holiday. Why do we truly celebrate Christmas? Not Santa Claus, or the Christmas tree, or any other of the various traditions wrapped up into Christmas. Why do we celebrate this occasion—what is its true meaning? **Christmas is a time when we remember the birth of Jesus. When God became flesh and lived among us on Earth.**

*"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this." Isaiah 9:6-7*

For thousands of years mankind waited for the coming of Christ; they longed for their King to arrive and free them from oppression. The Old Testament is full of prophecies, including this one from Isaiah, full of Scripture pointing directly to the One who would save mankind from their sins. When Isaiah describes His coming, he describes His coming as an infant. But this child would grow and establish a Kingdom of righteousness forevermore. When we celebrate Christmas, we are celebrating the moment in history when prophecy was fulfilled. God came to be with us. But it was so much more than a birth. It was hope. It was cause for celebration. Because when Jesus came, he also left us with the gift of salvation. His birth is significant because of His death. For 33 years Jesus lived a life free from sin so that He could be the perfect sacrificial lamb for the atonement of our sins. On Calvary, Christ paid the price and overcame death so that we could have victory over sin and condemnation. So, when that precious baby was born and placed in the manger, it wasn't just another birth. It was the beginning of God's redemptive plan for humanity. An act He didn't have to take part in but He chose to out of love. The very act of humility and his choice to die on the cross is cause for bowed knees and lifted hands. I know the busyness of the season can cause time to fly and before we know it, the holiday has passed and we have forgotten to celebrate why we are celebrating it in the first place. But don't get sidetracked—get perspective. Choose reverence and give honor where honor is due. Take time this holiday season to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas by glorifying the One who gave it all. A child born in humble circumstances and his sacrificial death reflected the same, however, both were significant for humanity. Without the death of Christ, salvation isn't possible. So without His birth, neither is it possible. Jesus coming to Earth that night changed everything and it's a moment we should celebrate with all our hearts. Certainly, enjoy the parties and food and gifts, but don't forget to point your heart, family, and those around you to Christmas' true meaning: Christ came with a plan for our redemption.

**Merry Christmas from Father Jack and the Staff**

## Fourth Sunday of Advent Sunday

Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10;  
Lk 1:39-45

## Monday

Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12,  
14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79

## Tuesday

Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17,  
22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14;  
Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ti 3:4-7;  
Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn  
1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

## Wednesday

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-  
22

## Thursday

1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

## Friday

1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Mt 2:13-18

## Saturday

1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35



## Saints Peter and Paul and Saint Benedict

Communion will take place Saturday, May 4 at noon

Confirmation will take place Sunday, June 9 at 5pm.

# The Sunday Good News

Saint Benedict & Saints Peter & Paul

December 23, 2018



## *Prayer for Families*

*Heavenly Father,  
please  
bless our families  
with Your love  
and protect us  
from harm.  
Give us grace  
to forgive,  
strength  
to overcome  
the difficulties  
we face,  
and keep us  
together  
when the world  
tries to pull  
us apart.  
In Jesus' Name  
Amen*

## **First Reading: Micah 5:1-4a**

Micah speaks of the ruler who will come from Bethlehem. He discusses how the people of Israel will be saved from corruption and live in peace.

## **Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10**

Paul describes to the Hebrews how Jesus came into the world and offered to do God's will. We were saved through his sacrifice, the only offering sufficient for the sins of the world.

## **Gospel: Luke 1:39-45**

Mary paid a visit to Elizabeth, whose baby stirred in her womb upon hearing Mary's greeting. Elizabeth filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Elizabeth was deeply overjoyed that the words God had spoken to Mary had now been fulfilled.

## **A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS**

**HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly

### **Fourth Sunday of Advent December 23, 2018**

*"When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby stirred in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and cried out in a loud voice: 'Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb. But who am I that the mother of my Lord should come to me?'... 'Blessed is she who trusted that the Lord's words to her would be fulfilled.'"*

What a wonderful family reunion. Two expectant mothers meeting, greeting, celebrating imminent births. St. Luke points out the presence of the Holy Spirit, even before the Pentecost event. The question posed by Elizabeth 'who am I?'...can be changed for us today.

Who am I that my Lord and Savior should come to me? A loving Father saw our need, and in concern for us, sent, not the mother or our Savior, but the saving Lord Himself. How frequently we pray the words of Luke in the Hail Mary. As we complete our advent may the question of Elizabeth, and my question be answered.

As we approach the feast of the birth of Christ this week, may we live the visitation event, greeting others in the name of the Lord, recognizing His presence among us in our needy world. The two holy women rejoiced in Christ's presence, and so do we. Reflect for a few moments on the biblical basis of the Hail Mary.

# Worship

## We Remember

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

### Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

Monday	12-24	4pm	<i>Special Intention</i> — Saints Peter and Paul and Saint Benedict
		9pm	<i>Special Intention</i> — Saints Peter and Paul

### Christmas Day —Saints Peter and Paul and Saint Benedict

Tuesday	12-25	10am	<i>Special Intention</i> - Saints Peter and Paul and Saint Benedict
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### Masses at Saint Benedict this week

Wednesday	12-26	8am	No Masses this Day
Thursday	12-27	8am	Barbara Olsakowski by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Artini
			Mary Loomis by Husband
Friday	12-28	8am	Martha Rudda by Dolores Dunleavy
			Michael J. Kowalski by Maureen Williams

### Weekend Mass Schedule Saints Peter & Paul

Saturday	12-29	4pm	Living and Deceased Parishioners
Sunday	12-30	7:30am	Ann Goncherowski by Marlene Mondulick
		10am	Joseph Canterini by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph R. Wilk

### Weekend Mass Schedule Saint Benedict

Saturday	12-29	5:30pm	Rosalie Splendido by Family
Sunday	12-30	11:30am	Tino Andreoli (A) by Family

### *New Years Eve*

*4pm Saints Peter and Paul*  
*5:30pm Saint Benedict*



### *Solemnity of Mary* *(New Years Day)*

*10am Saints Peter and Paul*

### Saints Peter and Paul Parish

#### Sanctuary Candle

*Hugh Drew*

#### Lady of Lourdes

*Catherine Ziemba*

#### Holy Family Votive

*Ceil & Ted Toloczko*

### Saint Benedict Parish

#### Sanctuary Candle

*Anthony Rogish*

#### Grotto Candle

*Anthony Rogish*



# 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 **December** will be collecting **Canned Soups**.

### 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.

### Are you an Organized Person?

Saints Peter and Paul can use your help. **An Event Planning Committee** is being formed to help with the many activities of the parish. If interested call the Parish Office.

### 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

## 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 and Saint Benedict are 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, work on fundraisers, serve on committees, belong to societies, visit the homebound, count the collection, decorate the church, 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 2019!!



To all adults who volunteer and your spouse, you are invited to the Parishes Appreciation Dinner to be held on Friday, January 11 at Touch of Class.

Cocktail hour will begin at 6pm and dinner at 7pm. Please call the Parish Office by January 4th to make reservations.

## To the Parents of our Young Children, May We Suggest...

Relax! God put the wiggle in the children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome! Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what is going on at the altar. They tire of seeing the backs of others' heads. Quietly explain the parts of the Mass and actions of the priest, altar servers, choir etc.... Sing the hymns, pray and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you. If you have to leave Mass with your child, feel free to do so but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.

## To the Members of Our Parish

The presence of children is a gift to the Church and they are a reminder that our parish is growing.

Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

## December/January Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23	24 <b>Christmas Eve</b> <i>Offices Closed</i>	25 <b>Merry Christmas</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 	26 <b>Parish Office will</b> <b>open at 1:30pm</b>	27 Quilting 9am	28 Treasures 9am	29
30	31 <b>Parish Center will</b> <b>close at 2pm.</b> <b>No evening</b> <b>activities.</b>	1 <b>Happy New Year</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 	2	3 Quilting 9am	4 Treasures 9am	5 <b>Women's Holiday</b> <b>Luncheon 1pm</b>
6	7 Quilting 5pm Treasures 6pm Rosary 6:30pm Faith Sharing 7pm	8 Quilting 9am Chess Club 6:30pm	9	10 Quilting 9am <b>Pastoral Council</b> <b>6:30pm</b>	11 Treasures 9am	12
13 <b>Council of Catholic</b> <b>Women 1:30pm</b>	14 Quilting 5pm Treasures 6pm Rosary 6:30pm Faith Sharing 7pm	15 Quilting 9am Chess Club 6:30pm	16	17 Quilting 9am <b>Food Pantry Prep</b> <b>Women's Society</b> <b>Meeting 6:30pm</b>	18 Treasures 9am <b>Food Pantry</b> <b>9am</b>	19



**Saint Benedict Envelopes for 2019** are available in back of church. Anyone who has not donated or contributed to the parish in the last year were not issued envelopes for the coming year. Any questions can be directed to the Parish Office during Office Hours

**Saints Peter and Paul Children's Envelopes** are in the Vestibule of the church. If you would like your child to receive envelopes call the office during office hours.

### 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

**The Pastoral Council at Saint Benedict's Parish** is looking for your input to help form the Parish Pastoral Plan. Beginning in January 2019, several small groups of parish members will be formed so that we can ask some questions and hear what people have to say about our parish today and as we look to our future. You are Very Important to us and your perspective will help to guide us. More information on the specific groups and sign-up sheets will be coming out soon. Please consider joining one of these groups as we work together to keep our parish engaged in Word, Worship, Service and Community.

**We want to Listen to You!!!!**

*A Special Thank You  
to all who participated in the many  
Works of Mercy this past Advent Season.  
Gift giving Tree, Food for the Poor, Saint Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen,  
Making of Blankets  
May God Bless You and Your Families this Christmas Season!!!!*

*Every donation counts !!!*

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

**Help us reach our Annual Appeal Parish Goal!**

**Saints Peter and Paul is at  
12.85%**

We are grateful to the 151 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](http://www.DioceseofScranton.org)

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

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**Help us reach our Annual Appeal Parish Goal!**

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We are grateful to the 59 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 and Paul*

### *Upcoming Events for 2019*

*Don't miss out on all the fun; cut out and place on refrigerator.*

*Pierogi Making—Saturday, February 23*

*Spring Lottery—Sat. March 2– March 31*

*Lenten Dinners to Go — Friday March 8*

*NEW!!!\*\*Ham n Cabbage Dinner—Sat, March 16*

*St. Joseph's Table—Tuesday, March 19*

*Lenten Dinners to Go — Friday, March 22*

*Lenten Dinners to Go — Friday, March 29*

*Lenten Dinners to Go — Friday, April 5*

*Lenten Dinners to Go — Friday, April 12*

*NEW!!! Ravioli Making—Saturday, April 27*

*Plains Lions' Spaghetti Diner in support of Plains Food Pantries April 30,*

*Night at the Races—Saturday, May 18*

*Summer Lottery—Sat. June 1—June 30*

*Ice Cream Social—date to be announced*

*Fall Lottery—Sat. September 7—September 29*

*Pierogi Making—Saturday, September 21*

*Annual Quilt Bingo—Sunday, October 13*

*Blanket Party—October 24*

*Senior Dinner—Sunday, November 3*

*Annual Purse Bingo—Sunday, November 10*

*Winter Lottery—Saturday, December 7—December 29*

*Santa Brunch—Saturday, November 30*

*Toy Bingo—Sunday, December 1*

*Bus Trip to New York—To be announced*

*Cookie Sale—Saturday, December 21*

*Other events may be added, keep checking the bulletin for updates*

*\*\*\* depending on the progress of Bernardine Hall*



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

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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  
Harold Golomb, Jr, Vice Chairperson  
JoAnn Chukinas, Secretary  
Gerald Cross  
Barbara Gubbiotti  
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