



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday:

4:00pm - Saints Peter & Paul

5:30pm - Saint Benedict

Sunday:

8:00am - Saints Peter & Paul

10:30am - Saints Peter & Paul

Eucharistic Adoration:

(at Saints Peter & Paul)

First Friday of every month Noon - 3:30pm

Confession:

Saturday 3:00pm - 3:30pm

SAINTS PETER & PAUL

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Thursday: 8am - 4pm

Friday: 8am - Noon

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STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY STEWARDS

*Due to an early submission
of this week's bulletin
Contributions will be listed
next week*

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The Second Collection this weekend will be for
Bernardine Bucks
Next week's Collection will be for
Care and Education of Priests
Please be generous!!!

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2020

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.

SAINTS PETER & PAUL LOTTERY

Dec. 16	#700	Kevin O'Connor
Dec. 17	#505	B. Shedlock
Dec. 18	#486	Saints Peter and Paul
Dec. 19	#337	Joseph Zawatski

Congratulations to all!!!!

CHURCH HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH

Nativity of Our Lord Stained Glass Window
Ss. Peter & Paul Church, left of altar



BERNARDINE
HALL

RENOVATION FUND

The continuing restoration of Bernardine Hall is dependent on your participation in
the aka No Festival Collection. This year we have collected **\$25,110**.
With your help we can complete this project. Please be generous!!! Have we received your gift yet?

WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

A Communion Service will be held at Saint Benedict at 8am

MASSES AT SAINTS PETER & PAUL THIS WEEK

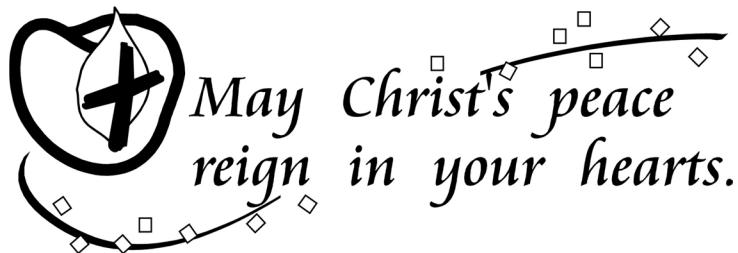
Monday	12-30	7am	Communion Service
Tuesday	12-31	4pm	at Saints Peter and Paul Joseph Canterini by Marion Koneski Mary Seasock by Paul Bendy
		5:30pm	at Saint Benedict Jean Griffith by Frances Mattucci Dorothy Stucker by Fred Pissott & Family
Wednesday	1-1	10:30am	at Saints Peter and Paul Peggy Doyle by Rita Dunn & Family Marie Rehn by Mike Parri & Anne Harchulak
Thursday	1-2		No Mass
Friday	1-3	7am	Frank & Anna Gayewski by Daughter Ann Bill McDermott by Joe & Tommy McKeown

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Saturday	1-4	4pm	Catherine Neishell by Margaret & Tony Russo
Sunday	1-5	8am	Julie Burko by Frances Wanek
		10:30am	Joseph Klepadlo (A) by Family

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE SAINT BENEDICT

Saturday	1-4	5:30pm	Living and Deceased Parishioners
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SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH

Sanctuary Candle

Paul Hession

Lady of Lourdes

Dorothy Nestorick



SAINT BENEDICT PARISH

Sanctuary Candle

Sophia Barna

Holy Family Votive

Joseph Segeda

WORD

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH - DECEMBER

Each month, a Ministry of the parishes will be highlighted. You are asked to prayerfully consider each ministry, and to participate in whatever capacity that suits your availability, interest, and needs.

Altar Servers (Youth)

Altar servers assist the priest and deacon during weekend masses, holidays, Holy Days of Obligation and other special occasions. There are at least two weeks of training (based on the servers' schedule) that must be completed before serving mass. On the priest's request there will be follow up courses and meetings for the group. New servers will be paired with experienced members of the ministry until they are comfortable with the routine.

Scheduling is based on Mass preference and is done through the Ministry Scheduler Pro App.

Contact: Nathan Smith at nrssmith822@gmail.com



WEEKLY READINGS

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sunday

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14;
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17;
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Monday

1 Jn 2:12-17;
Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday

1 Jn 2:18-21;
Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday

Nm 6:22-27;
Gal 4:4-7;
Lk 2:16-21

Thursday

1 Jn 2:22-28;
Jn 1:19-28

First Friday

1 Jn 2:29-3:6;
Jn 1:29-34

First Saturday

1 Jn 3:7-10;
Jn 1:35-42

Faith Formation

Faith Formation meets at 9am followed by Mass. Children with their families are encouraged to attend Mass with the understanding that Faith Formation is a combination of both class and Mass.

Nothing takes the place of Jesus in the Eucharist.

The Eucharist is the source and summit of all of our lives for all of our life.

The Sunday Good News

CHURCH OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL / SAINT BENEDICT PARISH

DECEMBER 29, 2019

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



*A New Year's Prayer
Lord,
You make all things
new You bring hope
alive in our hearts
And cause our Spirits
to be born again.
Thank you for this
new year For all the
potential it holds.
Come and kindle in us
A mighty flame
So that in our time,
many will see the
wonders of God
And live forever to
praise Your glorious
name.
Amen*

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

This passage from Sirach details the duties children owe to father and mother. Their life-long devotion will not be forgotten and “will take lasting root.”

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

Paul urges Christians particularly in the setting of the family, to “clothe” themselves with kindness, patience, humility, and mercy; to forgive; and, above all, to love!

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

An angel of the Lord, appearing in a dream to Joseph, urges him to flee with Jesus and Mary to Egypt to escape the murderous schemes of Herod. Later, in another dream, an angel tells Joseph to go with Jesus and Mary to a town called Nazareth in the region of Galilee, thus fulfilling the Scriptures: “He shall be called a Nazarean.”

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 29, 2019

“Because we are God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with heartfelt mercy, with kindness, humility, meekness and patience. Bear with one another: forgive whatever grievances you have against one another. Forgive as the Lord has forgiven you. Over all these virtues put on love, which binds the rest together and makes them perfect.”

As we conclude the calendar, praying for our family, we look to the family of Nazareth as a model. Surely they were tried by travel, poverty, oppressive government edicts, forced to take part in a census, flee a treacherous dictator, but united in the presence of the Christ.

Paul’s teaching allows us to take stock of our own home and family life.

Each virtue he names is like a different room in our home, or steps we ascend daily. If one is missing we can look for it as we begin a new year.

May we ‘dedicate ourselves to thankfulness’; for all the blessings given our family this year and seek His blessings as we turn the page to 2020.

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)

Loaves and Fishes

For the month of **December** will be collecting **canned fruits**

Food Pantry

Anyone in the Plains, Miners Mills, and Parsons 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. Please place them in the basket in the vestibule of the Church.

Treasures

is accepting new or gently used school clothes for children and fall 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. God bless.

Prayer Shawls

can be given to anyone for many reasons! Comfort, illness, occasions, friendship & joy. If there is anyone that would like to receive a shawl or request one for someone, please contact the Parish Office at 570-825-6663 or call Mary Jo at 570-825-6969.

Saints Peter & 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 & Paul

Barbara Zirnelt, Council of Catholic Women

Kathy Grinaway, Hospitality

Donna Mansfield, Hospitality

I have called my son

St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen:... Here is your opportunity to do God's will by sharing your gifts; while serving the less fortunate. The parishes of Saints Peter and Paul and Saint Benedict are on the schedule to serve at the soup kitchen **Sunday, January 12, and Sunday, January 26, 2020**, from 8:45am to 1pm. (10 volunteers each Sunday; minimum age 14). Some duties include minor food prep, dining room set up, serving guests and clean up. Please contact Deacon Don, 570-762-7542 or sgtdjc@ptd.net.

Communion For the Homebound Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion from Saints Peter & Paul take Holy Communion to the sick/homebound. Calls are made every Sunday after the 8AM Mass. Please advise family members and friends who cannot attend mass, that they can have an Extraordinary Minister bring the Lord Jesus to them. Anyone wishing to receive Communion can call the Parish Office at 570-825-6663.

Memorial Donations The following donations/memorials have recently been given to our parishes **Food Pantry**

\$100 Anonymous

\$100 Anonymous

\$50 Anonymous

\$15 Anonymous

In Memory of Emil Rubacchi

\$100 Woloski Family

\$100 Sabatini Family

\$25 Mukhija Family

\$25 Mary Woloski

\$25 Gilbert & Connie Dominick

In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Paciga

\$40 Ann Paciga

We thank all who have made memorial and free-will donations.

May God bless you for your generosity. We will keep your intentions and loved ones in our prayers.

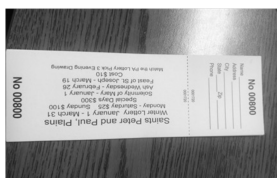
Thank You...

To everyone who graciously took tags from our Giving Trees and donated to our Food Pantry. May God bless you all for your generosity.

SERVICE

DECEMBER/JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Lottery Tickets Sold	30 Quilting 5pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Rosary 6:30pm Faith Sharing 7pm	31 Office Closes at 11:30 Quilting 9am	1 Office Closed	2 Quilting 9am	3 <i>Treasures 10am</i>	4
5 Faith Formation 9-10am	6 Quilting 5pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 6pm Rosary 6:30pm Faith Sharing 7pm CCW 6:30	7 Quilting 9am	8	9 Quilting 9am Pastoral Council 6:30	10 <i>Treasures 10am</i>	11
12 Faith Formation 9-10am	13 Quilting 5pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 6pm Rosary 6:30pm Faith Sharing 7pm	14 Quilting 9am	15 Senior Citizen's 12-3	16 Quilting 9am Food Pantry Prep Women's Society 6:30 Crime Watch 7pm	17 <i>Treasures 10am-Food Pantry 9am</i>	18
19 Faith Formation 9-10am	20 Quilting 5pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 6pm Rosary 6:30pm Faith Sharing 7pm	21 Quilting 9am	22	23 Quilting 9am	24 <i>Treasures 10am</i>	25



Lottery Tickets will be sold in vestibule of Church after all Masses in the month of December.

Lottery tickets make great Christmas gifts for teachers, mail carriers, your child's school bus driver, etc.

They also make great stocking stuffers!!!

Also, by purchasing the tickets you are also helping support our 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 & 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 2020!!!

To all adults who volunteer and your spouse, you are invited to the Parishes Appreciation Dinner to be held on **Friday, January 10th in Bernardine Hall. Hors d'oeuvres at 6pm and dinner at 7pm, followed by dancing. There will be complimentary soda and beer. It is a BYOB if you so choose. Please call the Parish Office by January 3rd to make reservations.** Music will be provided by Eddie & Henry Duo.

COMMUNITY

JMJ Catholic Radio

Wilkes Barre/Scranton at 98.9FM & 750AM, Hazelton at 1490AM & 100.1FM and Dushore at 91.7FM, invites you to listen to our special Advent and Christmas programming. Each day you can tune into “Catholic Answers” daily from 6-8pm and weekends at 6-7pm. In addition to this apologetic outreach Father Leo McKernan and Father David Cramer explore the Sunday Readings on Tuesdays at 3pm, Thursdays at 6pm, and Saturdays at 9pm.

Retrouvaille Weekend For Couples

January 17, 2020: Holiday Inn Express, Harrisburg East. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For more information, contact registration team at 717-356-2185 or visit our website: HelpOurMarriage.com.

ISLI Leadership Retreat - February 14-16, 2020

The International Student Leadership Institute (ISLI) is a peer-facilitated faith-based leadership retreat developed at the University of Notre Dame. The ISLI retreat is designed to provide the knowledge and skills necessary to excel in both the leadership and membership roles of task oriented groups. During the retreat, participants take part in small group tasks that allow the student to make good decisions, examine leadership styles, practice leadership behavior, learn about positive communication, and develop self-motivational skills and learn problem solving and action planning techniques. The entirety of the retreat helps students to explore and express faith values in the Catholic Tradition. Complete applications are required by Sunday, February 2, 2020 and can be found at dioceseofscranton.org. Apply early as there are a limited number of spaces available for I.S.L.I. For further information, please call Shannon Kowalski at 570-207-2213, ext. 1155.

Spiritual Highlights of Iberia, Lourdes & Italy

You will enjoy this 20 day experience. May 29, 2020 - June 17, 2020. Your included destinations while on this Journey: Lisbon, Portugal - Santarem - Fatima - Braga - Santiago De Compostela, Spain - Burgos - Loyola - Lourdes, France - Carcassonne - Montserrat, Spain - Barcelona - Rome, Italy - excursion to Castel Gandolfo - Pietrelcina - San Giovanni Rotondo - Excursion to Monte Sant'Angelo - Lanciano - Loreto - Assisi Area - Cascia - Rome. Land prices begin at \$3059 per person, based on double occupancy. Deposit of only \$400 per person will reserve your space. For further info or to register, contact Michael or Eileen at 860-399-1785/ Eileen@CatholicCruisesandTours.com.

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Tony Dente, *Online Giving Coordinator*

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Saint Benedict Finance Committee

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Ed Yenchak

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Saints Peter & Paul 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.

Saint Benedict Mission Statement

Building a Catholic Community where all are welcome, respected, needed & appreciated; where we incorporate and share the word of God in our daily lives and the lives of others.

Every donation counts !!!

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

Help us reach our Annual Appeal Parish Goal!

Saints Peter & Paul is at

22.56%

We are grateful to the 236 parishioners who supported the 2019 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

Every donation counts !!!

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

Help us reach our Annual Appeal Parish Goal!

Saint Benedict is at

19.74%

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PARISH *Life*

The classes the Diocese offers are very beneficial, especially to young couples, to allow us to prepare for the hurdles and hardships that come with marriage but also the joys.

Joseph Petro



Joseph and Kimberly Petro with their pastor, Father Richard Fox, St. Patrick Parish, Scranton.

From Youth retreats to Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation, Men's and Women's Convocations to Catechesis Camp and Lay Ministry certifications, the actual cost to participants for programs offered by the Office for Parish Life is offset with funds from the Annual Appeal. For a complete list of offerings visit DioceseofScranton.org/parish-life.

2019 **DIOCESAN**
ANNUAL APPEAL

SERVING *faith*
IN
WITH HOPE
AND GRATITUDE

Help provide opportunities for our faithful to grow as Disciples of Christ...Give to the Annual Appeal

AnnualAppeal.org



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. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective 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 at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis. 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

VISION 2020

Seeing a Future Full of Hope

SHAPING A BLUEPRINT FOR THE FUTURE OF THE DIOCESE

In Today's homily for the Second Sunday of Advent, Bishop Bambera explained to us that it is time for the whole Church of Scranton to take a good look at the life of our parishes and to project a future vision in response to God's call today.

Your Pastors have taken first steps in this conversation in recent deanery meetings, and now it is essential to broaden this conversation to include all of the faithful. Bishop Bambera Pointed out to us the reality of change in our world and in our local communities, and so we know that we will continue to face and respond to change within the church. "I'm inviting all of the faithful," he said, "to simply focus on how we best engage the mission of the gospel in these changing times." Some of these changes include shifting demographics, differing attitudes about formal church participation, and diminishment in numbers of ordained priests available to serve as full-time pastors.

In the coming year, then, Bishop Bambera is asking us to continue working together to fashion a "blueprint" if you will— a pathway for our local Church, tailored to each deanery and to each parish—for how we will meet both the challenges and opportunities we will face in the next ten year period.

In his Homily he stressed that, "while every parish is similar in what is being asked to do and to be, each parish will respond to this process in ways that are unique to its situation and circumstances.

PLANNING GUIDANCE FOR EACH DEANERY

Guiding the overall process are these planning assumptions as common elements across the Diocese:

- The benchmarks for vibrant parishes are in accord with the vision expressed in Bishop Bambera's Pastoral letter, especially pages 7-13
- In every local circumstances, efforts are made to best utilize the particular ministry gifts of the clergy and, at the same time, to mobilize the gifts of all the baptized.
- Each deanery blueprint implementation is unique, and may consider such questions as: number of worship sites, Mass schedules and wise investment of resources.
- No deanery is planning in isolation—the circumstances in one may occasion change in another.
- Parish pastoral plans are respected and help to inform deanery level plans.
- Recommendations from deaneries or parishes are brought to Diocesan review.
- Parishes in linked relationship, sharing a Pastor, will be given additional planning support to evaluate and craft the best path forward.
- Every parish calls forth those individuals whose capacity for pastoral leadership could be developed through vocational discernment for priesthood, religious life, lay ministry or permanent diaconate.

We are located in the Wilkes-Barre Deanery, which consists of the following parishes:

Sts. Peter & Paul (Plains), St. Benedict (Wilkes-Barre), Our Lady of Fatima at St. Mary's (Wilkes-Barre), St. Nicholas (Wilkes-Barre), Our Lady of Hope at St. Mary's (Wilkes-Barre), St. Andrew at St. Patrick's (Wilkes-Barre), St. Andre Bessette (Wilkes-Barre), St. Robert Bellarmine at St. Aloysius (Wilkes-Barre), Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Hanover), St. Leo/Holy Rosary (Ashley), Holy Family (Sugar Notch), St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Swoyersville), Our Lady Help of Christians - St. Mary's (Dorrance), St. Jude (Mountaintop)