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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

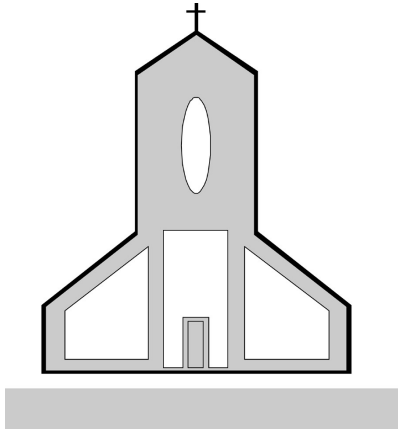
after the 5:30pm Mass

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





*Due to early submission
Contributions will be listed
next week.*

Saints Peter and Paul Parish

No Festival Collection

305 Families Contributed \$17,990 to date.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

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

Saint Benedict Parish

Diocesan Annual Appeal

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

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL LOTTERY

12-18	#698	Mary Jones
12-19	#135	Tony Vinciarelli
12-20	#182	Saints Peter and Paul
12-21	#531	Phyllis Carey
12-22	#222	Elizabeth Segeda
12-23	#881	H. Balestrini
12-24	#180	Ada Lynch

Congratulations to all !!!

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sunday

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17

or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

First Friday

1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51

First Saturday

1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38

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 31, 2017



*Loving God,
During this holy season
of Christmas,
we ask for
your blessing
on all families.*

*Let Mary's openness
to your wondrous ways
be an inspiration
to place all trust in you.*

*Let Joseph's courage
provide hope
during times of anxiety
and uncertainty.*

*Let Jesus' life
ignite all families
with a spirit of light
and love.*

*May the grace
that encircled the
Holy Family
widen to embrace
all families.
For this we pray.*

Amen.

First Reading: Gn 15:1-6, 21: 1-3

Abram shows us the Lord keeps His promises, for his offspring were indeed many, like the stars in heaven. We, too, must trust in the Lord, so like Abram, our families might prosper.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

By faith Abraham and Sarah were blessed with Isaac, and through him, many descendants because they trusted in God's promise and believed in what they could not see. We see that faith, trust and prayer bring forth God's miracles in our lives.

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Jesus was brought to Jerusalem to be consecrated according to the law of Moses. A man named Simeon had learned he would not die until he had seen God's anointed. Upon seeing Jesus, he immediately declared he had witnessed "the glory of your people of Israel." The prophetess Anna also gave thanks and spoke of Jesus to all who would listen. Both recognized the power of Jesus, although he was still an infant.

His Word Today by Rev. William J. Reilly

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

"They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regards to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: 'Now Master you can let your servant go in peace.'"

How often we have attended a baptism, as parent, godparent, big brother or sister, relative or friend. Some assumed the role of Joseph and Mary, others that of Simeon, or Anna who prayed. Whatever our role, we are called to recognize the special presence of the Christ as they did. Joseph protected, Mary reflected, Simeon prayed and praised. We do too.

Pope Francis in his exhortation 'The Joy of Love' provides a terrific teaching as we bring one year to a close and turn the page to a new year of grace. He says, 'Family prayer is a special way of expressing and strengthening this paschal faith. A few minutes can be found each day to come together before the living God to tell him of our worries, to ask for the needs of our family, to pray for someone experiencing difficulty, to ask for help in showing love, to give thanks for life and for its blessings and to ask Our Lady to protect us beneath her maternal mantle. With a few simple words, this moment of prayer can do immense good for our families.'

As we hear of all the new year's resolutions, may we see this as our priority.

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 **January** will be collecting **Hot Chocolate Mix**. 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.

Marriage Moments

The birth of a baby reminds us of our past ("Thus the total number of generations from Abraham to David is 14 generations" Mt. 1) and into our future (What will this child beome?) Today, ponder the lives of your ancestors and your unknown future together.
- Susan Vogt

Mass Intentions

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

Masses at Saints Peter and Paul this week

M	1-1	10am	Special Intention
T	1-2	7am	Michael Burko by Charlotte Burko Charls Edward Rinaldi by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Rinaldi
W	1-3	7am	John Torony by Serratore Family Florence Reilly by Tom Torbik
Th	1-4	7am	Raymond Deiter by Russ & Susan Muchinsky Lola Zavada by Drew Zavada
F	1-5	7am	Christine Madison by Margie & Donna Madison Hrobaski & Hoffman Families by Family

Weekend Mass Schedule Saints Peter & Paul

S	1-6	4pm	Living/Deceased Parishioners
	10am		Joseph Klepadlo by Family

Weekend Mass Schedule Saint Benedict

S	1-8	5:30pm	Georgiana C. Bart by R. Chrobak & Joe Farley
S	1-9	8am	Ann Presciutti by Sukus Family

With the start of a new year the Prayer Shawl Ministry is now making Prayer Shawls for the Baptisms held in our parish. If you would like to get involved in this ministry contact Mary Jo Marek at 570-825-6969.

Don't know how to knit or crochet, those already involved will be glad to show you how!!! Come get involved!!!!!!

Saints Peter and Paul Parish

Sanctuary Candle

Paul Hession

Lady of Lourdes Votive

*Nancy Bronack &
Mary Gydosh*

Holy Family Votive

Joseph & Rose Santarelli

Saint Benedict Parish

Sanctuary Candle

Special Intention.

Parish Weekly Activities

January 1— January 7

Day	Date	Time	Activity	Building	Location
Mon.	1-1	<i>Parish Offices and Faith Formation Center Closed</i>			
					
Tues.	1-2	9am	Quilting	Parish Center	2 nd Floor
Wed.	1-3	Noon 2:15pm	Plains Seniors Mass	Faith Formation Center Riverstreet Manor	Bernardine Hall
Thurs.	1-4	9am	Quilting	Parish Center	2nd Floor
Fri.	1-5	9am	Treasures	Parish Center	Parish Center
Sun.	1-7	9am	Faith Formation	Faith Formation Center	Classrooms

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.

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!*

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bamba, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton and the Office Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2018 to a **Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass** on Sunday, June 10. The event includes a 2:30pm Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address should be made through the parish office.

Please call the parish office to register.



Memorial Donation to Bernardine Hall

*\$1000 in Memory of Stanley Janis
by wife, Dolores Janis*

Thank you to all who make donation May God bless you for your generosity. We will keep your intentions and love ones in our prayers.

Parenting Pointers

How will you celebrate the end of 2017? Gather the family and remember the joys of the year (birthdays, accomplishments, milestones) and sorrows (deaths, hurts, mistakes). End with a group hug.

- Susan Vogt

Altus for Women Winter Read-Along Are you looking for something meaningful and exciting to do during the cold winter months? Do you like to connect with other women? Are you looking for a good book to read? If you answered yes to any on those questions, then the Altus Winter Read Along is for you. Wondering what the Read-along is? It's a FREE Altus book club! So, you purchase & read the book, and join the private online discussion forum at www.altusforwomen.com or ...discuss the book in person in a local Altus group or with a friend or... start a local Altus Group yourself; don't worry we can help you get started. MY SISTERS THE SAINTS by Colleen Carrol Campbell has been chosen for the first read. For questions check the website.



Calendar of Events

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"
Feb. 25	10am	Developmental Disabilities Mass Cathedral of Saint Peter

Sock for the Sock The last time Saint Benedict's hosted the homeless men's shelter (Mother Teresa's Haven) they learned they have a need for socks. To help with their need there will be a **BIG RED CHRISTMAS STOCKING BOX** in the back of the church. Donation's of new men's socks (black or white) would be appreciated. Saint Benedict's Parish will be hosting the homeless men's shelter the week Jan. 22 through Jan. 29, 2018.

Flower list Saint Benedict (Names omitted)

Mr. & Mrs. Tito Ligi & Angelo Ligi by Family
Mr. & Mrs. Richard E. Benedetti Sr.
& Richard Benedetti by Family
Mr. & Mrs. Guglielmo Benedetti & Family
by Family

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.com.

VIRTUS Protecting God's Children Program, is scheduled for Wednesday, January 10, beginning at 6pm at the Catholic Youth Center (CYC), Wilkes-Barre. Complete details can be found on the diocesan website.

Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church, Soup for Souls Sale will take place on Jan 11. Soup of the month is Clam Chowder. Pickup from 8am to 6pm. Cost is \$8. Pre orders appreciated. Call 570-825-6370

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