



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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STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY STEWARDS

Saints Peter & Paul

907 Families receive envelopes

Jan. 4 354 attended the 4pm Mass
173 Families used their envelopes and offered \$3,249

Jan. 5 143 attended the 8am Mass
77 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,546

245 attended the 10:30am Mass
97 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,803
Tithe from
347 Families was \$6,598
Care and Education of Priests \$1,008

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

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Saint Benedict

374 Families receive envelopes

Jan. 4 115 attended the 5:30pm Mass
154 Families used their envelopes and offered \$4,199
Care and Education of Priests \$272



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. 30	#457 Saints Peter & Paul
Dec. 31	#697 Saints Peter & Paul
Jan. 1	#454 Steve Klug
Jan. 2	#487 Saints Peter & Paul
Jan. 3	#597 Father Jack
Jan. 4	#052 L. Matous
Jan. 5	#906 Tracey Goleach

Congratulations to all!!!!

CHURCH HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH

Saint Cecelia Patron Saint of Music
Ss. Peter & Paul Church, choir loft



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 **\$32,667**.
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	1-13	7am	Communion Service
Tuesday	1-14	7am	Gregory Baczmarga by Marion Serafin Jacqueline Marut by Husband
Wednesday	1-15	7am	Dorothy Vearling by Husband Tom Richard Krokus by Jeanne Gross & Debbie
Thursday	1-16	7am	John & Susan Knight Family by Bernard Antosh & Family Theresa Krantz by Ed & Bernadine Benkoski
Friday	1-17	7am	Mary Mido by Shutacowski Family Ruth Wojcik by John Sherre & Jonathon Stack

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Saturday	1-18	4pm	Danny Branas by Pat Stella
Sunday	1-19	8am	Living & Deceased Parishioners
		10:30am	Elizabeth Parise by Ron & Ceil Phillips

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE SAINT BENEDICT

Saturday	1-18	5:30pm	Patrick Kelly by Family
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SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH

Sanctuary Candle

Harold Golomb, Sr.

Lady of Lourdes

Joan Chukinas



SAINT BENEDICT PARISH

Sanctuary Candle

Unborn & Aborted Babies

Holy Family Votive

Beth Bonn

WORD

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH - JANUARY

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.

Music Ministry

Cantors/Psalmists

The Cantor is a member of the assembly who serves in worship by leading the congregation in song.

Cantors sing at all weekend Masses throughout the year. They also participate in special liturgies such as holidays and Holy Days of Obligation. Cantors are also needed to sing at weddings and funerals.

The ministry is open to anyone with a pleasant voice, strong but not overpowering and steady and on pitch. A good sense of rhythm and tempo are critical. Cantors must have a knowledge of reading music.

Once you are in the cantor ministry, every effort is made by our director to help you prepare for the specific Mass you will be leading.

Festival Choir

The Festival Choir is a group that performs during the Easter Triduum, Christmas, Confirmation and other special occasions. Rehearsal schedules are provided prior to liturgical celebrations where the Festival Choir participates.

Family Choir

The Family Choir is composed of children, teens and adults of the parish who wish to sing at a weekly Mass. The Family Choir sings at the 10:30 AM Mass every Sunday.

Rehearsals are held on Thursdays from 6-7PM in the choir loft.

Contact for all Music Ministries:

music@sspeterandpaulplains.com



WEEKLY READINGS

The Baptism of the Lord

Sunday

Is 42:1-4, 6-7;
Acts 10:34-38;
Mt 3:13-17

Monday

1 Sm 1:1-8;
Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday

1 Sm 1:9-20;
Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20;
Mk 1:29-39

Thursday

1 Sm 4:1-11;
Mk 1:40-45

Friday

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a;
Mk 2:1-12

Saturday

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1;
Mk 2:13-17

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

JANUARY 12, 2020

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



*Dear heavenly Father,
we give you thanks and
praise that in your
mercy you brought us to
baptism, and there gave
us Jesus' holiness in
exchange for our sin and
impurity.*

*Thank you for our
parents who brought us
up in the faith and to
baptism,
thank you for those
other people whom you
used to bring us the
gospel,
and thank you for our
pastors and teachers in
the faith.*

Amen

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

This reading is a brief passage from the Songs of the Suffering Servant. The Servant will establish justice on the earth and open the eyes of those who live in darkness.

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

In this reading, Peter gives his first sermon to pagans. Asked by a Roman centurion to preach the Gospel to his household, Peter is initially astounded by the request, but after a dream, Peter preaches and baptizes the entire household.

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

After initially protesting his unworthiness, John baptizes Jesus. After the baptism, the Spirit of God descended upon Jesus and a voice said, "This is my beloved Son. My favor rests on him."

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

The Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2020

"You know the word that he sent to the Israelites, as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is the Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."

The sights and sounds at the Jordan river are so familiar. The conversation of Jesus with His cousin, His desire to show full unity with humankind, the dripping water, the peace dove, the voice from the cloud. But the baptism did not end there. Jesus climbed up the bank and began His ministry.

One day when we were baptized, we began our missionary journey. Baptism for us is not an event, but our own first encounter with Jesus Christ. We were anointed with holy chrism, Christened, with power became dwelling places of the Holy Spirit and we move from the baptismal font to do the same work as Jesus 'to go about doing good.' Unfortunately, like a battery that is not used, it loses its power if not used, but like Jesus, God is with us to restore and enable that latent power.

May we renew our lives and our baptismal call.

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 **January** will be collecting **Spaghetti, Pasta, and Spaghetti Sauce**

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

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion training will be held on Saturday, February 1st, from 9am-1pm in Bernardine Hall.

If you have a family member or loved one who is in a nursing home, the members of the Women's Society would like to visit them at Easter and Christmas. Because of health privacy issues, we cannot identify and locate these individuals. Would you please call the Parish Office with their name and at which nursing home they reside if you would like them to be included.

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 26, 2020**, from 8:45am to 1pm. (10 volunteers needed, 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**

\$250 Italian American Citizens Club

\$5 Anonymous

In Memory of Anne M. Juzwiak

\$100 Mark & Karen Juzwiak

In Memory of Walter Krushinski

\$50 Anonymous

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.

Father Jack and the Staff would like to thank everyone for all the baked goods, cards, gifts, and prayers this Christmas Season. We truly appreciate all the kindness, and will continue to keep everyone in our prayers.

SERVICE

JANUARY/FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12 Faith Formation 9-10am	13 Quilting 5pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 6pm Rosary 6:30pm Faith Sharing 7pm	14 Quilting 9am	15 <i>Senior Citizen's 12-3</i>	16 Quilting 9am Food Pantry Prep Women's Society 6:30 Crime Watch 7pm	17 <i>Treasures 10am- Food Pantry 9am</i>	18
19	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
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2 Faith Formation 9-10am	3 Quilting 5pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 6pm Rosary 6:30pm Faith Sharing 7pm CCW 6:30	4 Quilting 9am	5 <i>Senior Citizen's 12-3</i>	6 Quilting 9am	7 <i>Treasures 10am</i>	8 Annual "Fat Tuesday" Donut Sale

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2020

Don't miss out on all the fun!

Annual "Fat Tuesday" Donut Sale

Sale on February 8th, 9th, 15th, and 16th
Delivery on February 22nd and 23rd

Pierogi Making!

Saturday, February 22nd... We will be making pierogi for the upcoming Lenten Season. Please plan to attend, many hands make light work. All are needed (including men). We will start at 8am.



Anyone who is interested in joining the Parish Youth Group, contact Jay at youthministry@sspeterandpaulplains.com or text 570-235-7318

We are planning fun activities, social outreach, and more! Keep a lookout in the bulletin for our first meeting!

COMMUNITY

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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Ed Yenchak

Jodi Gunari

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%

We are grateful to the 77 parishioners who supported the 2019 Annual Appeal to date. If you have not yet given your support, please:

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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)