



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

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STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY STEWARDS

Saints Peter & Paul

907 Families receive envelopes

Jan. 18 286 attended the 4pm Mass
180 Families used their envelopes and offered \$2,923

Jan. 19 162 attended the 8am Mass
80 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,471

247 attended the 10:30am Mass
127 Families used their envelopes and offered \$2,720
Tithe from
387 Families was \$7,114
Bernardine Bucks \$577

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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. 18 131 attended the 5:30pm Mass
131 Families used their envelopes and offered \$2,725



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

Jan. 6	#360	Saints Peter and Paul
Jan. 7	#815	Mary A. Jones
Jan. 8	#219	Pat Rushton
Jan. 9	#508	Tom Kobusky
Jan. 10	#066	Jeffery Biniek
Jan. 11	#167	Maryann Wegrzynowicz
Jan. 12	#089	Michelle Januszko

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 daily at Saints Peter and Paul this week

MASSES AT SAINT BENEDICT THIS WEEK

Tuesday	01-21	8am	Communion Service
Wednesday	01-22	8am	Communion Service
Thursday	01-23	8am	Communion Service
Friday	01-24	8am	Communion Service

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Saturday	01-25	4pm	John Shea by Classmate
Sunday	01-26	8am	Joan A. Chukinas by Daughter
		10:30am	Living & Deceased Parishioners

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE SAINT BENEDICT

Saturday	01-25	5:30pm	Beth Bonn (A) by Family
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**There will be no daily Masses the week of
January 20-24th, and the week of January 27-31st.
Communion services will be held daily at both
Churches.**

SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH

Sanctuary Candle

Paul Binker, Sr.

Lady of Lourdes

Ed Mangan



SAINT BENEDICT PARISH

Sanctuary Candle

John Lendacky

Holy Family Votive

Edward & Mary Mido

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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Is 49:3, 5-6;
1 Cor 1:1-3;
Jn 1:29-34

Monday

1 Sm 15:16-23;
Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday

1 Sm 16:1-13;
Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday

Lectionary for Ritual Masses, vol. IV
"Mass for
Peace & Justice", nos. 887-891

Thursday

1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7;
Mk 3:7-12

Friday

1 Sm 24:3-21;
Mk 3:13-19

Saturday

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22;
Mk 16:15-18

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 19, 2020

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*Precious Lord,
I give you praise for
your abundant mercy
and grace in all things.
I want to thank you for
your faithfulness even
though at times I fall
short in this life.
Please grant me peace in
my mind, body, soul and
spirit.
I ask that You heal and
remove everything that
is causing stress, grief,
and sorrow in my life.
Please guide my path
through life, and make
my enemies be at peace
with who I am, for I am
Your child.
Let your peace reign
within our family, at
my place of work,
businesses and
everything I lay my
hands on.
I ask these things in
your name,
Amen.*

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

This reading is a short passage from the second song of the Servant of the Lord. The Lord will show his glory through His servant whose mission is to restore Israel and bring salvation “to the ends of the earth.”

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Paul sends greetings to the people of Corinth, who have been called to be holy and consecrated in Christ.

Gospel: John 1:29-34

When Jesus visits John, John recognizes Jesus as the “Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” John further indicates that Jesus is truly the Messiah and “God’s chosen One.”

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 19, 2020

“John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said. ‘Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world... I did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he be made known to Israel. I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him... ‘On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’”

The words of John the Baptist echo daily as we prepare to receive the Eucharist. Our attention is directed to the uplifted host and we are informed of the great fact that our saving Lord is present before us. How well do we know Him? How present is He to us? Two short questions capture an immense truth. I know Him, but need to know Him better. What is in my head, needs to transform my heart.

The Real Presence of Jesus in this sacrament of His love calls me to a more intimate union with Him. I look forward to His coming to me, I receive Him with deep reverence, and cling to Him.

As John saw Jesus coming to him and spoke so clearly, may our word of thanks for His coming to us be as deep and meaningful. ‘Your love and your grace give unto me and I am rich enough and ask for nothing more.’ (St. Ignatius of Loyola)

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

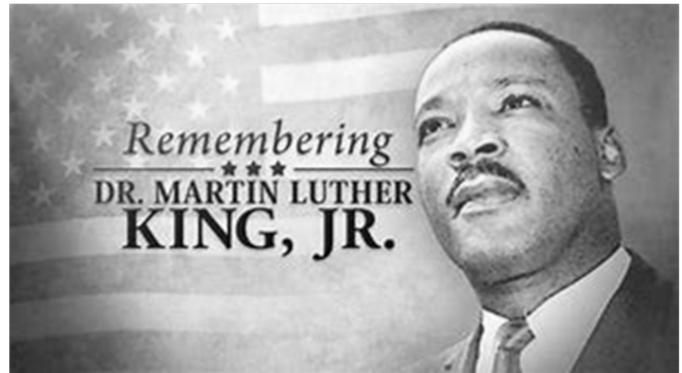
Barbara Zirmhelt, Council of Catholic Women

Kathy Grinaway, Hospitality

Donna Mansfield, Hospitality

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

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



"Now there is a final reason I think that Jesus says, "Love your enemies." It is this: that love has within it a redemptive power. And there is a power there that eventually transforms individuals. Just keep being friendly to that person. Just keep loving them, and they can't stand it too long. Oh, they react in many ways in the beginning. They react with guilt feelings, and sometimes they'll hate you a little more at that transition period, but just keep loving them. And by the power of your love they will break down under the load. That's love, you see. It is redemptive, and this is why Jesus says love. There's something about love that builds up and is creative. There is something about hate that tears down and is destructive. So love your enemies. (from "Loving Your Enemies")"

— **Martin Luther King Jr., A Knock at Midnight: Inspiration from the Great Sermons of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.**

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.

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.

SERVICE

JANUARY/FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
19	20 Quilting 5pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 6pm Rosary 6:30pm Faith Sharing 7pm	21 Quilting 9am	22 Choir 6:30	23 Quilting 9am	24 <i>Treasures 10am</i>	25
26 Faith Formation 9-10am	27 Quilting 5pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 6pm Rosary 6:30pm Faith Sharing 7pm	28 Quilting 9am	29 Choir 6:30	30 Quilting 9am	31 <i>Treasures 10am</i>	1 Extraordinary Ministers of Communion training 9am-1pm
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 Senior Citizen's 12-3 Choir 6:30	6 Quilting 9am	7 <i>Treasures 10am</i>	8 Annual "Fat Tuesday" Donut Sale
9 Faith Formation 9-10am Donut Sale	10 Quilting 5pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 6pm Rosary 6:30pm Faith Sharing 7pm	11 Quilting 9am	12 Choir 6:30	13 Quilting 9am Pastoral Council 6:30	14 <i>Treasures 10am</i>	15 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

A Lenten Pierogi Sale will be held at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 215 Lackawanna Ave., Dupont. Phone orders can be placed from Jan. 20-Feb. 12 by calling the Parish Office at 570-654-3713. Potato and cabbage pierogi will be available. Still only \$8 per dozen. It is important that you place your order in advance so that the proper amount of ingredients can be ordered. A pick-up schedule will be arranged for the week of Ash Wednesday. Payment is made at the time of pick-up.

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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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

24.95%

We are grateful to the 261 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.DiocesefScranton.org

Every donation counts !!!

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

Help us reach our Annual Appeal Parish Goal!

Saint Benedict is at

21.85%

We are grateful to the 85 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 DiocesefScranton.org/parish-life.

2019 Diocese of Scranton
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



God is my strength

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)