Mass Schedule

<u>Saturday:</u> 4:00pm - Saints Peter & Paul 5:30pm - Saint Dominic

<u>Sunday:</u> 8:00am - Saints Peter & Paul 10:30am - Saints Peter & Paul

Eucharistic Adoration: (at Saints Peter & Paul) First Friday of every month Noon - 3:30pm <u>Confession:</u> Saturday 3:00pm - 3:30pm

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> Office Hours: Monday: 8am - 4pm Tuesday: 8am - 4pm Wednesday: 8am - 2pm Thursday: 8am - 4pm Friday: 8am - Noon *Closed daily Noon - 12:30pm*

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> Deacon Don Crane Permanent Deacon





BAINTS BETER & PAUL PARISH

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STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY STEWARDS

Contributions for week ending February 14, 2021 Saints Peter and Paul \$18,212

Mass Schedule Effective Until Further Notice Saints Peter and Paul

Monday - Communion Service 7am Tuesday thru Friday 7am Wednesday & Friday 12:15pm Saturday-4:00pm Sunday-8:00am & 10:30 am

Saint Dominic

Saturday-5:30pm

We will continue to Live Stream Mass on the parish website www.sspeterandpaulplains.com as well as on the parish facebook page. 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

For the safety of all our parishioners...

- 1. If you are not feeling well please stay home.
- 2. Please practice proper social distancing.
- 3. Everyone must wear a mask. If you do not have one, we can provide you with one.
- 4. Sanitize appropriately.





WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

MASSES AT SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Monday	2-22 7am	Communion Service		
Tuesday	2-23 7am	Rita Gayoski by Joe & Mary Godlewski		
Wednesday	2-24 7am 12:15 pm	Living & Deceased		
Thursday	2-25 7am	Margaret Janerich by Daughters		
Friday	2-26 7am 12:15 pm	Frank Mattei by Joseph & Gloria Gutowski		
<u>Weekend Mass Schedule Saints Peter & Paul</u>				
Saturday	2-27 4pm	Joseph Popielarski by Susan Leonard		
Sunday	2-28 8am 10:30am	Henry Kobowski by Mrs. Nancy Nahill Cecelia Kobylski by Joe & Joan Bryski		
	WEEKEND MAS	<u>s Schedule Saint Dominic</u>		
Saturday	2-27 5:30 pm	Michael & Mark McGivney by Patrick & Connor McGivney		

SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH & ST. DOMINIC

Sanctuary Candle Paul Binker, Sr.



Holy Family Votive Rayna Spinucci

WORD

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH-FEBRUARY

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.

The parish Food Pantry is a regional pantry serving the residents of Plains Township and the Miners Mills, Parsons section of Wilkes-Barre.

The Food Pantry is celebrating 27 years of service to the community, through its volunteers and the generosity of the parishioners, local service organizations, students and mail carriers.

Volunteers are always needed and appreciated!

Contact: Pauline Makowski redart34@yahoo.com

WEEKLY READINGS

First Sunday of Lent

Sunday

Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

Monday

1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday

ls 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday

Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

Friday

Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday Dt 26:16-19;

Mt 5:43-48

Learn and Grow... With Jesus

Faith Formation



The Sunday Good News

CHURCH OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL

FEBRUARY 21, 2021



Sovereign Lord, You have commanded us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Help me to do that in my community and throughout my city. Help me understand the problems my fellow people are going through and find ways to help them in ways they need it most. Help me to love others no matter what their race or other dífferences. Help me to receive their love as well. Help me not permit grievances to block giving or receiving love.

Amen.

First Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

God made a promise to Noah that he would never again devastate the entire planet with a flood. He also told Noah that the symbol of this promise would be a rainbow in the clouds.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

This letter from Peter reminds all people that Christ died for us so that we might be led to God. We have been saved by our baptism; not a physical cleansing, but a promise to continually strive to obey God.

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

Mark briefly tells of Jesus' stay in the desert, where he was tested by Satan. He did not give in to temptation, but reappeared in Galilee to proclaim the good news.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS **HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly

First Sunday of Lent February 21, 2021

"Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit... It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience..."

We are so familiar with St. Peter – chosen by Jesus, leader of the apostles, sometimes speaking out of turn, human, repentant not unlike ourselves.

Yet, are we familiar with the two letters he wrote, which are part of the bible? Some say they were his teaching for the new Christians, like the homily we hear at mass.

How simply, yet beautifully, he reminds us today that the suffering and death of Jesus was for me, the unrighteous, the unjust person.

We are Called to Gerve "Do you understand what I just did for you?	 Stations of the Cross Stations will be held every Friday during Lent after the 12:15 mass, and 7:00pm at Saints Peter and Paul Church. The Light is On For You Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will begin Monday, February 22 of the first week of Lent, and continue through March 22 of the Fifth week of Lent, from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. 			
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."				
<i>(John 12:2-15)</i> Loaves and Fishes For the month of <i>February</i> will be collecting tuna and canned meats. 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. <i>Non perishable</i> food donations are always accepted. Please place them in the basket in the vestibule of the Church.	Memorial DonationsThe following donations/memorials haverecently been given to our parish Food Pantry\$150Patrick & Donna Malys\$100Joan Balasavage\$65Virginia & Vincent Zdanowicz\$50Barbara & Herb Dutt\$15Janet MorganIn Memory of James Conway\$100Maureen & Kelly Conway\$25Ann Marie Warmick\$25Rose & Robert Corcoran\$25Beth Phillips			
Treasures We are now accepting clean, gently used Fall/ Winter clothing for men, women, and children. Donations may be dropped off during business hours only. Fridays 10am-12 pm. Prayer Shawls can be given to anyone for many reasons! Comfort,	 \$25 Patricia & Jerome Mazeika \$20 Joan Oplinger In Memory of James Haggerty \$165 Joseph & Theresa Gianello \$100 Triple Crown Corp., Inc. \$50 Marita & Frank Dessoye \$50 Kathryn Gianello & Thomas Polak \$25 Donald & Maria Ligorio 			
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.	In Memory of Pauline Skillinge			
Saints Peter & Paul and Saint Dominic 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 Zirnhelt, Council of Catholic Women Kathy Grinaway, Hospitality Donna Mansfield, Hospitality	 In Memory of Debbie Orbik Moore \$50 Joan Balasavage & Ruth Frankenberger In Memory of Edward Yadzinski \$50 Joan Balasavage & Family 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. 			

SERVICE

FEBRUARY / MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
21	22 The Light is On For You (Confessions) 5:30-7pm Rosary 6pm	23	24	25	26 Treasures 10am-12pm Stations after 12:15 Mass & 7pm	27
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February is Black History Month - Featured: Saint Martín de Porres Velázquez

On May 16, 1962, Pope John XXIII made Martin de Porres the first black American saint. From early childhood Martin showed great piety, a deep love for all God's Creatures and a passionate devotion to Our Lady. At the age of 11 he took a job as a servant in the Dominican priory and performed the work with such devotion that he was called "the saint of the broom". Martin was placed in charge of the Dominican's infirmary where he became known for his tender care of the sick and for his spectacular cures. He established an orphanage and a children's hospital for the poor children of the slums. He set up a shelter for the stray cats and dogs and nursed them back to health. racial harmony.

He was noted for his work on behalf of the poor, establishing an orphanage and a children's hospital. He maintained an austere lifestyle, which included fasting and abstaining from meat. Among the many miracles attributed to him were those of levitation, bilocation, miraculous knowledge, instantaneous cures, and an ability to communicate with animals.

COMMUNITY

Lenten Food Sale St. Barbara Parish will once again be holding our Lenten Food Sale this year. The sale will be held in our Parish Center, Rear 212 Memorial St., Exeter, PA. Please take note of some changes due to the Covid-19 & CDC regulations. The sale will be TAKE OUT ONLY & held on:

Every Friday in Lent

From 3:00PM - 6:00PM

Full Menu

MENU

Potato Pancakes - \$1.00 each Pierogi - 1/2 dozen (6) - \$5.00 Halushki - Quart: \$6.00

Orders are CASH only; No pre-orders. Order at the door.

There will not be any raffles or tickets sold this year. We have rearranged the hall for seating (while you wait for your order). In case of a snow storm we will be closed. Please keep in mind that face masks must be worn and 6 foot distance between others must be maintained at all times.

A Take and Heat Lenten Soup and Pagach Sale will be held at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 215 Lackawanna Ave, Dupont.

Traditional lentil soup and red borscht will be sold for \$10 per quart as well as potato and cheese pagach for \$20 per tray. All food will be made fresh, ready to heat and eat.

Pagach will be par-baked and will include heating instructions.

This is a pre-order sale only. Order forms can be found on the homepage of <u>www.sacredheartdupont.com</u>. Payment must accompany all orders and should be submitted to the Parish Office no later than February 28.

All orders will be distributed on Friday, March 5, from the church hall between noon & 6 p.m.

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• 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 Dominic is at

21.50%

We are grateful to the parishioners who supported the 2020 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

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 B 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 ocal 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.

The Wilkes-Barre Deanery, which consists of the following parishes:

Sts. Peter & Paul (Plains), St. Dominic (Wilkes-Barre), Our Lady of Fatima at St. Mary's (Wilkes-Barre), St. Nicholas (Wilkes-Barre), Our Lady of Hope at St. Mary's Maternity (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), Our Lady Help of Christians - St. Mary's (Dorrance), St. Jude (Mountaintop)