

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday:

4:00pm - Saints Peter & Paul

5:30pm - Saint Dominic

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



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Thursday: 8am - 4pm

Friday: 8am - Noon

Closed daily Noon - 12:30pm

Reverend John C. Lambert M.S.W.

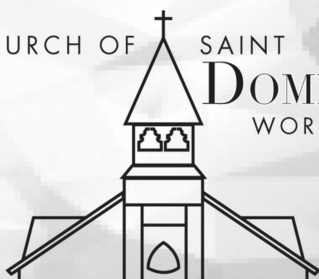
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STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY STEWARDS

Contributions for week ending

February 21, 2021

Saints Peter and Paul

\$9,299

Mass Schedule

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:

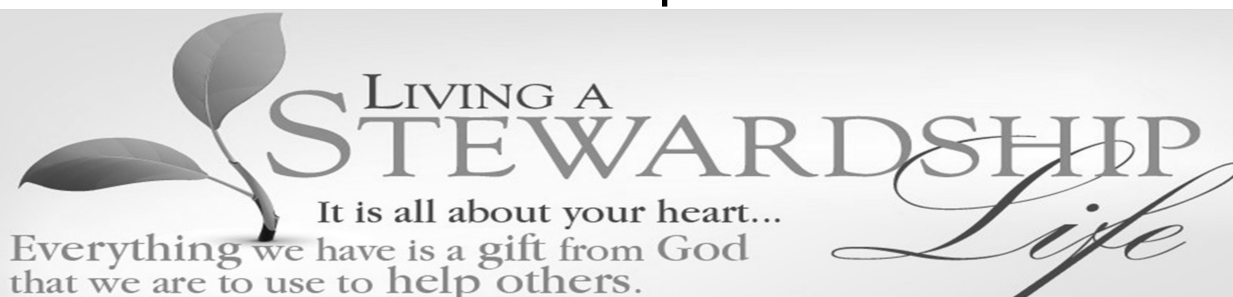
Time, Talent & Treasure. We hope and pray that all members will share their gifts, and continue to share the Good News of Jesus with all people.

SAINTS PETER & PAUL LOTTERY

Feb. 15	#160	Joseph Urban
Feb. 16	#036	Saints Peter & Paul
Feb. 17	#064	Saints Peter & Paul
Feb. 18	#100	JoAnn Olson
Feb. 19	#062	S. Suchocki
Feb. 20	#941	Saints Peter & Paul
Feb. 21	#005	Saints Peter & Paul

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	3-01 7am	Communion Service
Tuesday	3-02 7am	Thomas S. Youngblood by George & Nadine Mrochko
Wednesday	3-03 7am 12:15 pm	Henrietta Fragula by Bob Vincint
Thursday	3-04 7am	Catherine Kasaba by Bob & Bernadine Hughes
Friday	3-05 7am 12:15 pm	Living & Deceased Parishioners

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Saturday	3-06 4pm	Rose Miller by Dorothy Ostrowski
Sunday	3-07 8am 10:30am	Deceased members of Pagnotti Family by Family Joseph Speicher by Mr. & Mrs. Harry Parri

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE SAINT DOMINIC

Saturday	3-06 5:30 pm	Josephine Mindzak by Family
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SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH & ST. DOMINIC

Sanctuary Candle

Alyn Garcia



Lady of Lourdes

John Kupstas

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

Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18;
Rom 8:31b-34;
Mk 9:2-10

Monday

Dn 9:4b-10;
Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday

Is 1:10, 16-20;
Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday

Jer 18:18-20;
Mt 20:17-28

Thursday

Jer 17:5-10;
Lk 16:19-31

First Friday

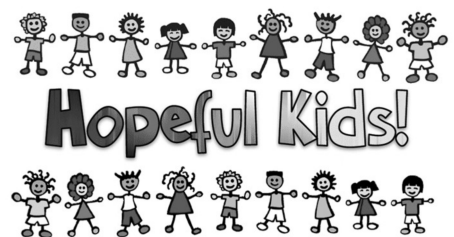
Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a;
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

First Saturday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20;
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



Faith Formation



The Sunday Good News

CHURCH OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL

FEBRUARY 28, 2021

*Lord of unfailing love,
my life is a living
testimony to
Your kindness and
forgiveness.
You redeemed me from
an eternity separated
from You when I did
not deserve it.
How then can I reflect
unkindness toward
anyone?
Lord, do not let it be so
in my life.
Kindness is the
instrument of my Holy
God, and I want to
become a skilled user.
Grant me knowledge,
discernment, and
precision to use
kindness to cut out
hatred, racism,
indifference,
inequality, and all the
other afflictions that
run rampant in the
human race.
Use me, Lord, to lead
out in Your kindness
and to be Your
catalyst for change.
Amen.*

Second Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

God ordered Abraham to take his beloved only son to Moriah and offer him as a sacrifice. Abraham built an altar and took out a knife to sacrifice his son Isaac. But God called out to him and told him of blessings that would be bestowed on him and his descendants because he had been willing to do what God had asked.

Second Reading: Romans 8:31b-34

Paul reminds the people that God did not spare his only Son, but gave him up for the sake of all people. This proves God views us all as his children, and that no person can harm or condemn us because God will protect us.

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

Jesus led Peter, James and John up a high mountain, where he conversed with Elijah and Moses. A voice proclaimed 'This is my Son, my beloved. Listen to him.' Then Jesus was alone and warned them not to tell anyone what they had seen until he had risen from the dead.

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

Second Sunday of Lent February 28, 2021

"If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him... Christ Jesus it is who died, or rather was raised, who also is at the right hand of God who indeed intercedes for us."

A persistent danger for us during our Lenten observance and practices is to focus only on the events of Calvary and the paschal mystery which occurred. We may know details of the passion, death and resurrection, and recall and remember. Something else ought to happen.

The passion of Jesus continues today in the suffering of disciples throughout the world. Religious persecution continues, and because it occurs in distant places in the world it is real and affects the entire church, the entire body of Christ.

Thus Paul reminds us that it is the Risen Christ interceding for all of us today. May we join Peter, James and John with Christ on the mountain and hear echo, 'This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him.' May we pray to and for the suffering Christ today.

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 **February** 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.
Non perishable food donations are always
accepted. Please place them in the basket in the
vestibule of the Church.

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,
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 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 Zirmhelt, Council of Catholic Women

Kathy Grinaway, Hospitality

Donna Mansfield, Hospitality



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.

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

\$500 Bernard, Stephen, & Andrew McGough

\$25 Elaine Felli

In Memory of James Conway

\$20 Barbara & William Ross, Sr.

In Memory of Edmund Pienta

\$100 Ed & Sharon Pienta and Pam & Paul Pascoe

In Memory of Romaine Shubzda

\$50 Barry & Sharon Feiertag

In Memory of Genevieve Figel

\$100 Jean Pienta & Family

\$50 Sandra Lee Latsko

\$25 Marianne L. Shulo

\$25 Priscilla Scovell

\$25 Patricia & Joseph Ledoretti

\$15 Joyce Yamelski & Gary Magdon

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
28	1 <i>The Light is On For You (Confessions) 5:30-7pm Rosary 6pm</i>	2	3	4	5 Treasures 10am-12pm Stations after 12:15 Mass & 7pm	6
7	8 <i>The Light is On For You (Confessions) 5:30-7pm Rosary 6pm</i>	9	10	11	12 Treasures 10am-12pm Stations after 12:15 Mass & 7pm	13
14	15 <i>The Light is On For You (Confessions) 5:30-7pm Rosary 6pm</i>	16	17	18 Food Pantry Prep	19 Food Pantry Treasures 10am-12pm Stations after 12:15 Mass & 7pm	20
21	22 <i>The Light is On For You (Confessions) 5:30-7pm Rosary 6pm</i>	23	24	25	26 Treasures 10am-12pm Stations after 12:15 Mass & 7pm	27

What's with the Anchor symbol in the church? *(on the ceiling above the altar)*

In ancient times there were two ways to travel: by land and by sea. If one traveled by sea in a ship and reached the desired port, an anchor was dropped overboard to secure and to fasten the ship to the bottom of the water. The hope was, of course, that the ship, so anchored, would be there when needed again. A "sea anchor: aka a "drift anchor/boat brake" is thrown overboard in a storm in order to stabilize a boat by increasing the drag through turbulent waters. The author of the New Testament book of Hebrews uses the anchor as a symbol, **a metaphor of hope and stability for the Christian in the storms of life and during the death of life:** *"God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope set before us may be greatly encouraged. We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure."* Hebrews 6:18. 19. Because early Christians were persecuted and had to hide their faith in Christ, their iconography became quite rich in its use of symbols. The anchor mentioned in Hebrews 6:18, 19 provided just another way to express their faith.

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 www.sacredheartdupont.com. 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.

Gorzkie zale, the traditional Polish-language Lenten devotion known as the "Bitter Lamentations," will be held at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 215 Lackawanna Ave., Dupont, on Sunday, March 21, at 3 pm. The devotion is a sung reflection on the Passion of Christ and his Sorrowful Mother. Fr. Michael Wurtz, C.S.C., will be the guest homilist.

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Sacred Heart

Saint Joseph

Saint Francis

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Harold Golomb

Jack Keeley

Joanne Bague

Lou Zuzelski

Steven McGough

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Ben Berrini, *Vice Chairman*

Charlotte Dominick, *Secretary*

Gerald Cross

Tony Dente

Tracy Schooley

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.

Every donation counts !!!

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

Help us reach our Annual Appeal Parish Goal!

Saints Peter & Paul is at

22.55%

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

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

Help us reach our Annual Appeal Parish Goal!

Saint Dominic is at

21.50%

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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 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.

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)