

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

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STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY STEWARDS

Saints Peter & Paul

907 Families receive envelopes

March 14 167 attended the 4pm Mass

96 Families used their envelopes and offered \$2,533

March 15 91 attended the 8am Mass

55 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,542

128 attended the 10:30am Mass

67 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,613

Tithe from

218 Families was \$5,688

Our Lady of Sorrows in Venezuela \$1,449

The Second Collection this weekend will be for

Catholic Relief Services

Next week's Collection will be for

Bernardine Bucks

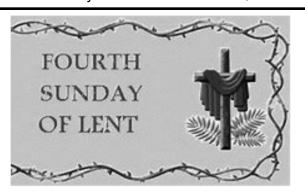
Please be generous!!!

Saint Benedict

374 Families receive envelopes

March 14 71 attended the 5:30pm Mass 67 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,527

Our Lady of Sorrows in Venezuela \$230



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

March 9	#940	Joseph Urban
March 10	#001	Maryann Kropiewnicki
March 11	#759	Saints Peter & Paul
March 12	#523	L. Matous
March 13	#538	Matt Dinoski
March 14	#713	Courtney Bedrin
March 15	#491	Chief Joseph Coyne

Congratulations to all!!!!

CHURCH HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH

Statue of Saint Joseph

Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Located in shrine to the left of the altar at Saints Peter & Paul.

He is holding the Child Jesus, and a lily, which is a symbol of purity to represent his holiness and his celibate marriage to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Feast day: March 19



A NOTE TO OUR PARISH FAMILY:

Please note, that like you, our bills continue on a daily basis. Even though we will not have public weekend masses, our bills will continue with no weekend income. We humbly ask you to PLEASE mail your weekly sacrificial offerings/dues to the Parish, or drop it off in the Parish Office. You can also still purchase lottery tickets which are still available in the Parish Office.

With a significant drop in attendance this past weekend, our collection also dropped drastically. Please do what you can to help support your Parish Family! As always, we need to stay the strong FAMILY we are, and always have been. Be safe, brave, healthy, and remember to PRAY!

- Father Jack

WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

A Communion Service will be held at Saint Benedict at 8am

MASSES AT SAINTS PETER & PAUL THIS WEEK

Monday	3-23	7am	Communion Service
Tuesday	3-24	7am	Dorothy Luchetti by Gerry & Fran Greboski
			Patrick O'Donnell by Tony & Ann Piccolo
Wednesday	3-25	7am	Helen & Stanley Stanski by Bernadine
			Anthony Bartoletti by Lucille Parri & Family
Thursday	3-26	7am	Edmund Suchocki (A) by Charlotte Burko
			Joseph Snarski by Mr. & Mrs. Francis Roccograndi
Friday	3-27	7am	Julia Oley by Ben & Francine Berrini
			Mary Ryan by Donna & Joe Bartoletti

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Saturday	3-28	4pm	Alvida Eustice by Anna Mattei
Sunday	3-29	8am	Elizabeth Hines by Beth Mangan
	10:30am		Ed Suchoski Family by Annabelle & Family

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE SAINT BENEDICT

Saturday 3-28 5:30pm Living & Deceased Parishioners



SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH Sanctuary Candle

Lady of Lourdes

Ceil & Ted Toloczko

Conrad Sarnecki



Holy Family Votive

Paul Binker, Sr.

WORD

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH - MARCH

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Each month, a Ministry available in our churches will be highlighted. You are asked to prayerfully consider each ministry, and to participate in whatever capacity that suits your availability, interest, and needs.

Faith Formation

Our Faith Formation (CCD/Sunday School) is a comprehensive program for students who do not attend a Catholic school. Pre-K through Confirmation classes are held from September through May, every Sunday morning (except major Holidays)

The teaching staff is composed of volunteer parents and parish members, who are willing to donate their time, love of the faith and energy to guide these children through their formation journey. We have Catechists and teacher's aides and are always looking for volunteers interested in this ministry. Please contact Nina Cinti for more information and requirements if you are interested.

Contact: Nina Cinti - faithformation@sspeterandpaulplains.com



WEEKLY READINGS

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday

Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday

Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday

Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

Friday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday

Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

Faith Formation

There will be no Faith Formation Classes until further notice due to health concerns.

First Holy Communion will be held May 2, 2020 at 12pm.

Confirmation will be held May 31, 2020 at 5pm.

If you would like to see what the Confirmation class has been learning you can check out the website at **Bit.ly/saintspp2020**

The Sunday Good News

CHURCH OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL / SAINT BENEDICT

MARCH 22, 2020

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



May these weeks leading

up to the tragedy of Good Friday and the glory of Resurrection Sunday remind us of who you are, how you love us, and who you have created us to be as your followers. May we walk through this season intentionally, removing distractions that take our gaze away from your glory. May we quiet the noise that pulls us from adoration of you and

lesser things.

May we simplify where we have been stressed, may we surrender what has been burdensome, may we repent of what has been sinful.

puts our attention on

Amen

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

In seeking a King for the Israelites, Samuel traveled to Jesse of Bethlehem, who had seven sons. Commanded by God to ignore the elder sons, Samuel anointed the youngest, David.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Paul exhorts the Ephesians to live as "children of light" in goodness and truth and to avoid evil deeds "done in darkness."

Gospel: John 9:1-41

Jesus performs the miracle of giving sight to the man born blind. Because Jesus performed this miracle on the Sabbath, the Pharisees called him a "sinner," but the blind man said, "He is a prophet." Jesus later reveals to the blind man that He is the Son of Man.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly Fourth Sunday of Lent March 22, 2020

"Surely the Lord's anointed is here before him. But the Lord said to Samuel: 'Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart... Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in his hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the Spirit of the Lord rushed on David."

Midway through the holy season, preparing to celebrate the Paschal mystery and live Holy Week, today is a fine time to pause, look into our hearts, and ask what else needs to be done. Our journey through prayer, devotion and good works has been quite good. Maybe we can make it better. But let's reflect on the words of the Book of Samuel.

We judge by appearance, but 'God looks into the heart'. What He sees is probably quite good, but we know there might be some shadow to be removed, or mess to be cleaned up. The Sacrament of Reconciliation perhaps has been put on a back burner, but today becomes the source for our improvement and growth. Decide today to use this gift of Jesus to His church and make a good confession. 'Be reconciled to God.'

SERVICE

We are Caffed to Gerve...

"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 *March* will be collecting *canned soup*

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

Treasures will not be accepting donations until April 17th. At that time we will be accepting new or gently used Spring/Summer clothing for men, women, and children. 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 Zirnhelt, Council of Catholic Women
Kathy Grinaway, Hospitality
Donna Mansfield, Hospitality

As per the directive of the Diocese of Scranton all masses are suspended until further notice. The parish will live stream a privately conducted Mass via the parish website and Facebook page:

SsPeterAndPaulPlains.com

Treasures Announcement:

Treasures will be **closed until Friday April 17** at 10:00am. **We will not be accepting donations until that time**. Additionally, we will **only** accept donations **during business hours**. The following are restrictions set by the Federal, State and Local governments regarding our industry:

- 1) Donations must be freshly laundered.
- 2) Donations must be free from pet fur/hair.
- 3) No undergarments may be in the donation bag, if so, the entire bag must be discarded. Treasures does not accept undergarments.
- 4) No linens may be placed in the clothing donation bag.
- 5) Treasures only accepts clothing, shoes and purses. All items MUST be in excellent condition.

Ballroom Dance & Tai Chi Classes

All Ballroom and Tai Chi classes hosted by Geisinger in Bernardine Hall will be cancelled until further notice.

PARISH EVENTS PENDING until further notice:

Living Stations: April 5th @ 5:00 Saints Peter & Paul Egg Hunt: April 4th @ 3:00 with Mass to follow with the Easter Bunny.

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

\$100 Anonymous

In Memory of Richard Magdon

\$50 Stan & Missy Magdon

In Memory of Isabelle Elick

\$100 Jane & Diane Dziedzic

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

MARCH/APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
22	23 Quilting 5pm Faith Sharing 7pm	24 Quilting 9am	25	26 Quilting 9am	27	28
29	30 Quilting 5pm Faith Sharing 7pm	31 Quilting 9am	1	2 Quilting 9am Pastoral Council 6:30	3	4 Easter Egg Hunt 3pm
5 Faith Formation 9-10am Living Stations 5pm	6 Quilting 5pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Rosary 6:30pm Faith Sharing 7pm Light is On 5:30- 7pm	7 Quilting 9am	8 Choir 6:30	9 Quilting 9am	Office Closed Stations 12:15pm SSPP Stations 7pm— St. Benedict	11
12 Faith Formation 9-10am	Quilting 5pm Prayer Shawl 5pm Rosary 6:30pm Faith Sharing 7pm	14 Quilting 9am	15 Choir 6:30	16 Quilting 9am Women's Society 6:30pm Food Pantry Prep	17 Treasures 10am Food Pantry 9am	18



Year of Saint Joseph This year marks the 150th Anniversary of Pope Pius IX's decree naming Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and foster-father of Jesus, as the Patron of the Universal Church. In commemoration of this anniversary and recognizing the fitting time for the Church to invoke the intercession of this guardian, His Excellency, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera has declared this year as a "Year of Saint Joseph" to be observed in the Diocese of Scranton from March 19, 2020 to March 19, 2021. Bishop Bambera states, "Just as Saint Joseph watched over and protected the Lord Jesus while he was on earth, we need Saint Joseph to watch over and provide for the Church today. His intercession on behalf of the Universal Church is vital as the world faces so much upheaval and pain, and particularly as it confronts the uncertainty and pain of the coronavirus epidemic."

COMMUNITY

11 Day Grand Fall Tour of Italy September 29—October 9, 2020

Rate: \$3,995/Person double occupancy | \$4,754/Person single occupancy. The features of the tour include: Roundtrip motorcoach transportation to the Newark Int'l Airport. Roundtrip airfare from Newark to Italy (non-stop) via United Airlines. Private deluxe motorcoach in Italy. 9-Nights First Class Hotels. Buffet Breakfast daily. 5-Dinners as listed on the itinerary with wine. All touring, admissions & entrance fees as per itinerary. Tour manager (Nick Tozzi) & Local city guides. Special visits to the Vatican & Colosseum. Special visit to Venice. Porterage of 1 piece of luggage per person. All local taxes, service charges, city fees & motorcoach fees. All US Departure Taxes, surcharges & security fees. Initial deposit: \$350/person to confirm. Optional Trip cancellation insurance is available. Full & final payment due on July 31, 2020. Deposit is non-refundable without taking the insurance. Book early, trip is limited to 42 passengers. A valid US passport is required for this trip.

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Saint Benedict Finance Committee

Steve Yenchak, Chairman Ed Yencha 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 26.37%

We are grateful to the 275 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 23.45%

We are grateful to the 91 parishioners who supported the 2019 Annual Appeal to date. If you have not yet given your support, please:

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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 and Kimberly Petro with their pastor, Father Richard Fox, St. Patrick Parish, Scranton.

Joseph Petro

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.





Help provide opportunities for our faithful to grow as Disciples of Christ...Give to the Annual Appeal

Annual Appeal.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 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.

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)