



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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Wednesday: 8am - 7pm

Thursday: 8am - 4pm

Friday: 8am - Noon

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SAINT BENEDICT

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STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY STEWARDS

Due to the mandate, masses are suspended but, we are live-streaming mass on the weekend on the parish website, www.sspeterandpaulplains.com as well as on the parish Facebook page.

Stations of the Cross will be Friday @ 12:15PM

Rosary will be Mondays at 6:30PM

To those of you who are interested in moving to online contributions, you may do so via the website www.sspeterandpaulplains.com and to "Online Giving" where it will lead you through a safe, and secure system for paying dues, etc. online.



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 16	#970	Lenny Lispi
March 17	#858	Marilyn
March 18	#521	Dorothy Kowalski
March 19	#194	Rose Marie Parise
March 20	#632	Irene Keil
March 21	#454	Steve Klug
March 22	#374	Marianne Jasonis

Congratulations to all!!!!

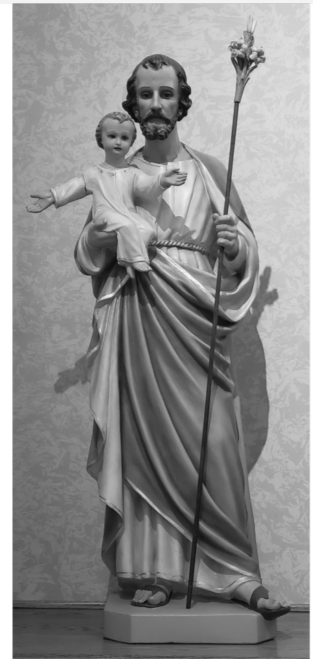
CHURCH HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH

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.

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 daily at Saints Peter and Paul this week

MASSES AT SAINT BENEDICT THIS WEEK

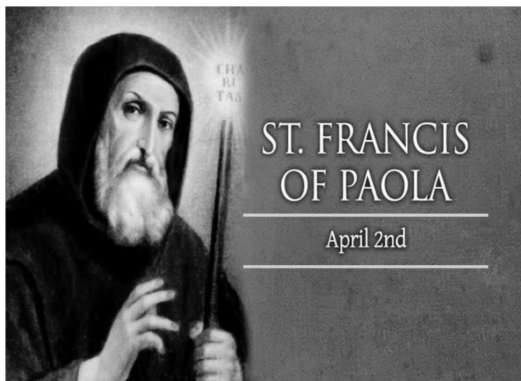
Tuesday	03-31	8am	Sophie Dreabit (A) by Martha & Gordon Price Frank Malacheski by Loretta & Jeff
Wednesday	04-1	8am	Mary Seasock by Mr. & Mrs. Scott Seasock Dorothy Stucker by Carol & Tom Davis
Thursday	04-2	8am	Ruth Jescavage (A) by Agnes Gregory Theresa Mond by Sister Margaret
Friday	04-3	8am	Sean Kane (A) by Kevin & Micky Kane Joseph Kozemko by Benedetti Family

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Saturday	04-4	4pm	Gerald Vissotski by family
Sunday	04-5	8am 10:30am	Mary Seasock by Mr. & Mrs. Scott Seasock Dorothy Nestorick by MaryAnn, Paul, & Gabrielle Gottlieb

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE SAINT BENEDICT

Saturday	04-4	5:30pm	Living & Deceased Parishioners
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During the pre-recorded weekend masses, all deceased parishioner's names will be read by the lector and included as always in the daily prayers but, given the circumstances, we are including the names in the schedule above in the weekend mass as well.
God Bless

SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH

Sanctuary Candle

Lady of Lourdes

Louie & Irene Bechetti

Irene Stanski



Holy Family Votive

Anthony J. Sluhocki

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday

Ez 37:12-14;
Rom 8:8-11;
Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27,
33b-45

Monday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or
13:41c-62;
Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday

Nm 21:4-9;
Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95;
Jn 8:31-42

Thursday

Gn 17:3-9;
Jn 8:51-59

First Friday

Jer 20:10-13;
Jn 10:31-42

First Saturday

Ez 37:21-28;
Jn 11:45-56

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 29, 2020

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



*My loving Lord,
it's so hard to love the
world sometimes
and to love it the way
Jesus did seems
impossible.
Help me to be inspired
by his love and
guided by his example.
Most of all, I want to
accept that I can't do
it alone,
and that trying is an
arrogance of
self-centeredness.
I need you, dear God,
to give me support in
this journey.
Show me how to
unlock my heart
so that I am less
selfish.
Let me be less fearful
of the pain and
darkness
that will be
transformed by you
into Easter joy.*

Amen

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

This reading is a loving promise that the Lord will put His spirit into his people and will let them live.

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Paul reminds the Romans that they are not people of the flesh but people of the Spirit because the Spirit of God dwells in them.

Gospel: John 11:1-45

In great detail, John tells the story of the raising of Lazarus to life. Upon learning of the death of Lazarus, his dear friend, Jesus goes to comfort Martha and Mary. After proclaiming, "I am the Resurrection and the Life," Jesus goes to the tomb of Lazarus and restores him to life.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 29, 2020

"I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you in your own land, thus you shall know that I am the Lord. I have promised, and I will do it, says the Lord... If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the One who raised Christ from the dead, will give life to your mortal bodies also, through the spirit dwelling in you."

Jesus told us He came that we might have life, and have it in its fullness. The pending celebration of Holy Week and the Paschal Mystery are the steps He took to restore us to that life. As He brought Lazarus from death, He wishes us to be renewed. His promises never fail and He wishes to give life to our mortal bodies. What is this life? It is the life of grace, the very life of God, given as a gift, and accepted.

Is the spirit of God dwelling in you? Do you want Him to restore you to life in abundance? Perhaps the Sacrament of Reconciliation, confession, are the steps we can take to be sure that His gift is in us.

We never learned how Lazarus felt when Jesus touched him. How will you feel?

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 **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 Zirmelt, 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.

Marriage Moments

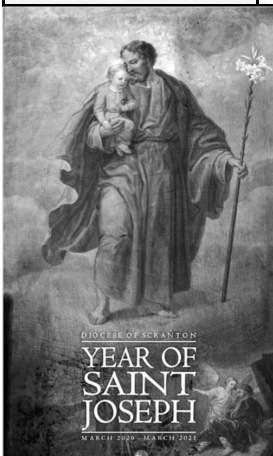
As we start Holy Week, we will fast, remember a sacred
communal meal, suffering, death, and resurrection.
Recall a time in your marriage when you went without,
ate with joy, had physical or emotional pain, or
experienced the death of a loved one. And still you are
together.

Susan Vogt

SERVICE

MARCH/APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 Office Closed	11
12	13 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
19 Faith Formation 9-10am	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 Treasures 10am	25



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. Portage 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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Harold Golomb

Jack Keeley

Joanne Brague

Lou Zuzelski

Steven McGough

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Ben Berrini, *Vice Chairman*

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Gerald Cross, *Capital Budget Chairman*

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Steve Yenchak, *Chairman*

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

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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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.

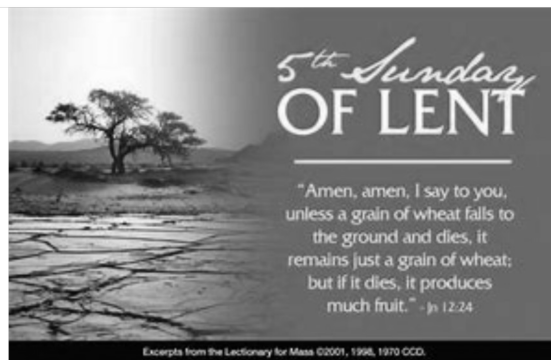
From Youth retreats to Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation, Men's and Women's Convocations to Catechesis Camp and Lay Ministry certifications, the actual cost to participants for programs offered by the Office for Parish Life is offset with funds from the Annual Appeal. For a complete list of offerings visit 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)