



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.

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.

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

"A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

GOSPEL OF JOHN



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

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|----------|------|---------------------|
| April 27 | #611 | Paulinette Tippins |
| April 28 | #554 | Randy Ledsame |
| April 29 | #317 | Saints Peter & Paul |
| April 30 | #785 | Saints Peter & Paul |
| May 1 | #089 | B. Gubbiotti |
| May 2 | #608 | Saints Peter & Paul |
| May 3 | #633 | Nancy O'Donnell |

Congratulations to all!!!!



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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 | 5-12 | 8am | Mother's Day Mother's Day |
| Wednesday | 5-13 | 8am | Mother's Day Mother's Day |
| Thursday | 5-14 | 8am | Mother's Day Mother's Day |
| Friday | 5-15 | 8am | Mother's Day Mother's Day |

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE SAINTS PETER & PAUL

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|----------|------|----------------|------------------------------|
| Saturday | 5-16 | 4pm | Mother's Day |
| Sunday | 5-17 | 8am 10:30am | Mother's Day Mother's Day |

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE SAINT BENEDICT

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|----------|------|--------|--------------|
| Saturday | 5-16 | 5:30pm | Mother's Day |
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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

Gerald Vissotski

Lady of Lourdes

John Kupstas



Holy Family Votive

Edward & Elizabeth Glzenski

WORD

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH - MAY

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.

Treasures

Treasures is the parish community clothing closet that provides clothing and necessary items to those in need in our communities at NO cost.

Donations: Gladly accepted gently used or new clothing at The Benedict House (155 Austin Ave) during shopping hours. We also accept shoes, and purses that are in excellent condition.

Volunteers: Volunteers are always welcome and needed to sort and inspect clothing.

Contact: Laura Rudloff
treasures@sspeterandpaulplains.com

WEEKLY READINGS

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday

Acts 6:1-7;
1 Pt 2:4-9;
Jn 14:1-12

Monday

Acts 14:5-18;
Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday

Acts 14:19-28;
Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday

Acts 15:1-6;
Jn 15:1-8

Thursday

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26;
Jn 15:9-17

Friday

Acts 15:22-31;
Jn 15:12-17

Saturday

Acts 16:1-10;
Jn 15:18-21

Faith Formation

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

The Sunday Good News

CHURCH OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL / SAINT BENEDICT

MAY 10, 2020



*Father of mercy,
bring us face to
face with our own
weakness when we
are tempted to
judge others.
May we find peace
and life in simply
stepping back and
allowing you to be
the merciful Judge
of us all.*

Amen

Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 6:1-7

During the early growth of the Church, the apostles realized that they needed more disciples in order to carry out effectively the ministry of the Church. The community selected seven men, one of whom was Stephen.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Citing many uses of the word “stone” in the sayings of Jesus and in the Old Testament, Peter urges the Christians to be “living stones...an edifice of spirit.”

Gospel: John 14:1-12

In this beautiful passage from the words of Jesus at the Last Supper, Jesus promises that he is preparing a place for the apostles. He tells them, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through me.” When Philip asks Jesus to show them the Father, Jesus answers, “Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.”

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2020

“So the twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, ‘It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.’”

The life of the early church depicts the importance of the works of mercy. Surely the judgment scene of Matthew’s gospel of addressing the hungry, thirsty, naked, immigrant and sick was part of the life of the first community. What should we do to make sure these needs are met?

The Holy Spirit directed the church to call others to diaconal ministry, a blessing for the church today. Although this office, part of holy orders, was restored to the practice of the church by the Vatican Council, we find its roots in the Acts of the Apostles. Deacons are a blessing for the church community in liturgy, preaching and as ministers of charity. With all members of the church community we are all called to address the social and spiritual needs of the church and the world.

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 **May** will be collecting
canned soups

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

As per state directives, Treasures will reopen at a
date to be announced. 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 Zimhelt, 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

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

\$10 Elizabeth Kupstas
In Memory of Lebro & Lena Felli
\$100 Rick & Diane Melvin & Elaine Felli
In Memory of Joan Garey
\$25 Barbara & Carmen Oliveri
In Memory of Joseph M. Osmanski
\$50 Linda Vislocky
In Memory of Tony Szymanski
\$25 Barb & Joe Salus
In Memory of Helen Georgetti
\$50 Barbara Lammert
\$25 Marie Wenhold
\$25 John & Mary Ellen Luchetti

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.

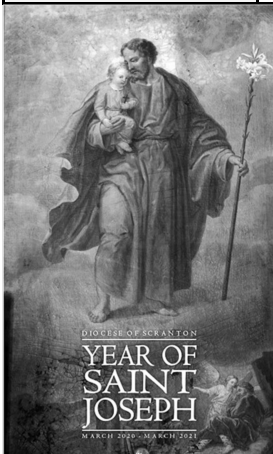
**Treasures will be closed until Further notice. We will
not be accepting donations until a date to be
announced.** Additionally, we will **only** accept donations
during business hours. The following are restrictions
set by the Federal, State and Local governments
regarding our industry:

- 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.

SERVICE

MAY/JUNE

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--------|---------|-----------|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 Food Pantry Prep | 15 Food Pantry 9am | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |



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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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

*Our love is not to be
just words or mere talk
1 John 3:18*

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)