



## 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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Monday: 8am - 7pm

Tuesday: 8am - 4pm

Wednesday: 8am - 7pm

Thursday: 8am - 4pm

Friday: 8am - Noon

*\*Closed daily Noon - 12:30pm\**

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# SAINT BENEDICT

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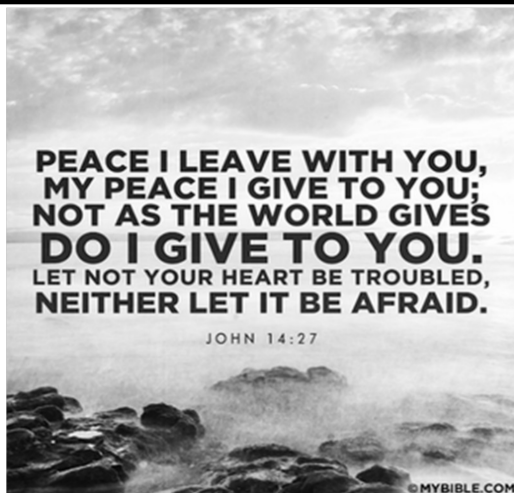
# STEWARDSHIP

## 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](http://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](http://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

|        |      |                       |
|--------|------|-----------------------|
| May 4  | #353 | M. Mattei             |
| May 5  | #701 | M. Mattei             |
| May 6  | #862 | Saints Peter and Paul |
| May 7  | #425 | Nora Lambert          |
| May 8  | #066 | Saints Peter and Paul |
| May 9  | #842 | Saints Peter and Paul |
| May 10 | #168 | Saints Peter and Paul |

*Congratulations to all!!!!*



### 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 at Saint Benedict at 8am*

### MASSSES AT SAINTS PETER & PAUL THIS WEEK

|           |      |     |                                                       |
|-----------|------|-----|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday    | 5-18 | 7am | <b>Communion Service</b>                              |
| Tuesday   | 5-19 | 7am | <b>Mother's Day</b>                                   |
|           |      |     | <b>Mother's Day</b>                                   |
| Wednesday | 5-20 | 7am | <b>Frances Nadzan</b> by Carl Gross & Bonnie Guzenski |
|           |      |     | <b>Suzanne Dunbar</b> by Frank Family                 |
| Thursday  | 5-21 | 7am | <b>Richard Magdon</b> by Stan & Missy Magdon          |
|           |      |     | <b>Grace &amp; Michael Mack</b> by Cathy Mack         |
| Friday    | 5-22 | 7am | <b>Erik &amp; Mark Vannucchi</b> by Aunt Lia          |
|           |      |     | <b>George Leibman</b> by Florence Miller              |

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE SAINTS PETER & PAUL

|          |      |         |                                                    |
|----------|------|---------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Saturday | 5-23 | 4pm     | <b>Joseph Mack</b> by Karen Insalaco & Family      |
| Sunday   | 5-24 | 8am     | <b>Michael Greboniski</b> by Alberta Rowny         |
|          |      | 10:30am | <b>Julia Oley</b> by Jim & Janine Gabriele & Girls |

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE SAINT BENEDICT

|          |      |        |                                                           |
|----------|------|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Saturday | 5-23 | 5:30pm | <b>Bill &amp; Catherine Roughsedge</b> by Maureen & Billy |
|----------|------|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------|

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**

Paul Binker, Jr.

#### **Lady of Lourdes**

Jean Kocher



#### **Holy Family Votive**

Shirley Cook

# 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](mailto:treasures@sspeterandpaulplains.com)

## WEEKLY READINGS

### Sixth Sunday of Easter Sunday

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17;  
1 Pt 3:15-18;  
Jn 14:15-21

### Monday

Acts 16:11-15;  
Jn 15:26—16:4a

### Tuesday

Acts 16:22-34;  
Jn 16:5-11

### Wednesday

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1;  
Jn 16:12-15

### Thursday

Acts 18:1-8;  
Jn 16:16-20

The Ascension of the Lord:

Acts 1:1-11;  
Eph 1:17-23;  
Mt 28:16-20

### Friday

Acts 18:9-18;  
Jn 16:20-23

### Saturday

Acts 18:23-28;  
Jn 16:23b-28

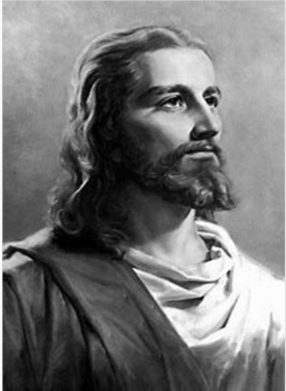
## Faith Formation

*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 17, 2020



Lord help me  
to remember  
that nothing  
is going to happen  
to me today  
that You and I  
together can't handle.  
  
Amen.

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

### First Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Philip preaches to the people of Samaria, who accept his word after witnessing the miracles he performs.

Peter and John pray that they will receive the Holy Spirit.

### Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Christians are urged to remain steadfast in their allegiance to Christ, giving evidence always of gentleness and hope.

### Gospel: John 14:15-21

In his words to the apostles at the Last Supper, Jesus promises to send them a comforter, a Paraclete, the Spirit of truth, who will be with them always.

## A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

**HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2020

**“Beloved: Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear... For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that is the will of God, than for doing evil...for Christ suffered that he might lead you to God.”**

How wonderful if you would take the time or make the opportunity to read the entire letter of Saint Peter. He spent his time, helping the first and persecuted Christians to remain strong in their faith.

Are you ready to answer questions people might pose, because you are a believer? There are so many people hungry for the truth and for the Lord, and you might be the instrument He uses to bring them back, or even to meet Him for the first time.

The reason others approach you is because they find something special in you, they want what you have. If you are not sure how to respond, suggest a bible study or faith sharing group – and join one yourself. In this way all can grow together in faith as we walk the journey together. As someone told me today, they heard a voice saying ‘I am waiting for you.’

# 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](http://SsPeterAndPaulPlains.com)

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

\$500 JLW Mountain Laurel Lions Club  
\$100 Phillip & Marguerite Latinski  
\$50 June Olszewski  
\$50 Patrick Malys  
\$100 John & Barbara Mansfield  
\$50 Ann & Thomas Pellegrini  
\$25 Joseph & Deborah Bronack

In Memory of Anthony A. Szymanski

\$25 James & Patricia Blazejewsk  
\$100 Tina & Carl Lisman  
\$50 Raymond Wysocki  
\$50 Joseph & Mattie Haczewski

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.

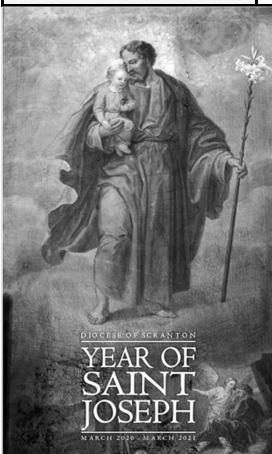
**Treasures will be closed until Further notice. We will  
not be accepting donations until a date to be  
announced.** Additionally, we will **only** accept donations  
**during business hours.** The following are restrictions  
set by the Federal, State and Local governments  
regarding our industry:

- 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 |
|--------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
| 17     | 18     | 19      | 20        | 21       | 22     | 23       |
| 24     | 25     | 26      | 27        | 28       | 29     | 30       |
| 31     | 1      | 2       | 3         | 4        | 5      | 6        |
| 7      | 8      | 9       | 10        | 11       | 12     | 13       |



**Year of Saint Joseph** This year marks the 150<sup>th</sup> 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.

# SAINTS PETER & PAUL AND SAINT BENEDICT STAFF

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Jill Fiedorczyk –Organist

Steve Chronowski –Organist

Tom Zurla –Organist

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## **Combined Pastoral Council**

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Donna Mansfield, *Vice Chairperson*

JoAnn Chukinas, *Secretary*

Barbara Gubbiotti

Debby Zuzelski

Harold Golomb

Jack Keeley

Joanne Brague

Lou Zuzelski

Steven McGough

## **Saints Peter & Paul Finance Committee**

Don Prescavage, *Chairman*

Ben Berrini, *Vice Chairman*

Charlotte Dominick, *Secretary*

Gerald Cross, *Capital Budget Chairman*

Tony Dente, *Online Giving Coordinator*

Tracy Schooley, *Human Resources*

## **Saint Benedict Finance Committee**

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.DiocesefScranton.org](http://www.DiocesefScranton.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:

- 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.DiocesefScranton.org](http://www.DiocesefScranton.org)

## 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 [DiocesefScranton.org/parish-life](http://DiocesefScranton.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](http://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](http://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)