



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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Thursday: 8am - 4pm
Friday: 8am - Noon

Closed daily Noon - 12:30pm

Reverend John C. Lambert M.S.W.
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SAINTS PETER & PAUL

13 Hudson Road, Plains, PA 18705-2015



SAINT BENEDICT

155 Austin Ave., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18705-2603



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STEWARSHIP

SUNDAY STEWARDS

Contributions for the week ending
July 5, 2020

Saints Peter and Paul

\$11,202

Saint Benedict

\$709

Mass Schedule Saints Peter and Paul

Monday - Friday 7am

Monday-Wednesday– Friday 12:15pm

Saturday-4:00pm

Sunday-8:00am & 10:30 am

Saint Benedict

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.

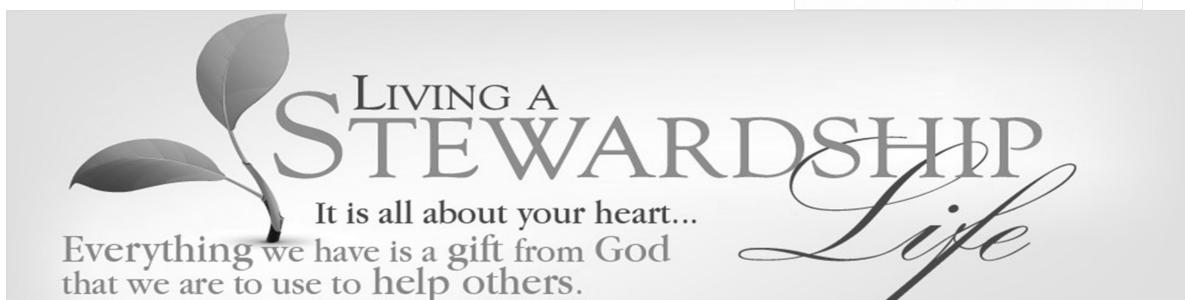
SAINTS PETER & PAUL LOTTERY

June 29	#177	JoAnn Chukinas
June 30	#163	Saints Peter and Paul
July 1	#351	Saints Peter and Paul
July 2	#137	Saints Peter and Paul
July 3	#031	Saints Peter and Paul
July 4	#650	Saints Peter and Paul
July 5	#862	Saints Peter and Paul

Congratulations to all!!!!

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 THIS WEEK

Monday	7-13	7am	Communion Service
Tuesday	7-14	7am	Szymanski & Martin Families by Tony & Stella Irene Koschak by Mary Jo Clark
Wednesday	7-15	7am	Zaremba & Gardjulis Families by Condo & Bonn Families Claire Macarelli by Harry & Joann Burger
Thursday	7-16	7am	Gerald Vissotski by family Kathleen McDermott by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Moore
Friday	7-17	7am	Helen Wolczyk by Daughter Jeanine Wolczyk Dorothy Stucker by Mr. & Mrs. Terry Warren

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Saturday	7-18	4pm	Raymond S. Kownacki by Kathy & Ray Kownacki
Sunday	7-19	8am	Peter Paul Olszewski by Family
		10:30am	Lia Vannucchi by Family

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE SAINT BENEDICT

Saturday	7-18	5:30pm	Foster Brague by Jerry & Donna Kisielewski
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Bulletins are not allowed to be distributed in
Church.

The bulletin will continue to be on our website.

SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH

Sanctuary Candle

Raymond S. Kownacki



Lady of Lourdes

Paul Binker, Jr.

Holy Family Votive

Shirley Cook

WORD

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH - JULY

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.

Prayer Shawl

The prayer shawl ministry is a group of new, and seasoned crochet, and knitting enthusiasts who use their gifts to create beautiful prayer shawls, and pocket prayer squares for those in need of a spiritual boost.

The prayer shawl ministry had been meeting every Monday at 5PM, or it may be done at your convenience from home. Weekly commitments aren't necessary.

Contact: Mary Jo Marek mjmarek75@gmail.com

WEEKLY READINGS

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Is 55:10-11;
Rom 8:18-23;
Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Monday

Is 1:10-17;
Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday

Is 7:1-9;
Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday

Is 10:5-7, 13b-16;
Mt 11:25-27

Thursday

Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19;
Mt 11:28-30

Friday

Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8;
Mt 12:1-8

Saturday

Mi 2:1-5;
Mt 12:14-21

Faith Formation

Saturday, August 15th- 12pm First Holy Communion

Wednesday, August 19th– 5:30pm Confirmation

Sunday, August 16th– 10:30am Scholarship Mass

We will honor four recent High School Graduates with College Scholarships

The Sunday Good News

CHURCH OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL / SAINT BENEDICT

JULY 12, 2020



*Almighty God,
we know that
everything is in Your
sovereign control.
We ask that You keep
this new coronavirus
from continuing to
spread.*

*Give government
officials the ability to
safely handle people
arriving from other
countries.*

*Help people decide to
stay home instead of
traveling or going out
needlessly.*

*Holy Spirit, remind
people to wash their
hands properly.*

*And while it may be
heartbreaking,
comfort families as
they decide to keep
their distance from
elderly or other
high-risk family
members.*

Amen

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10□11

Just as the rain and snow water the earth and make it fruitful, so does the word of God bring forth good seed.

Second Reading: Romans 8:18□23

Reminding all that the trials and sufferings of this life are “as nothing,” Paul says that the glory we shall receive will overshadow all things.

Gospel: Matthew 13:1□23

Jesus tells the parable of the sower and the seed. The seed that landed on the footpath, on rocky ground, or among thorns withered and died; the seed that fell on good ground □□ “the man who hears the message and takes it in” ... “bears a yield of a hundred□fold.”

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12, 2020

“Thus says the Lord: Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows, and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth, my word shall not return to me void...achieving the end for which I sent it.”

As our own gardens are bursting with colorful flowers and the vegetable plants continue to grow, the image of the seed, fertility and fruitfulness are so appropriate.

The prophet Isaiah, writing six centuries before the Christian era, used the same example as the parable of the seed, but also the need for water, warmth and care for the word to achieve its purpose.

We listen to the Word of God, we open the text and reflect upon it, we are so familiar with what is written and read. A more important step must be taken. The rain and snow must penetrate the earth to provide the necessary support for growth. The water cannot just run off as often happens with the sudden summer downpour.

A soft, penetrating shower offers the condition necessary to accomplish its end. So too, does reflection upon the word, weighing and pondering its meaning for me today. May my listening heart allow that growth to take place 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 13:12-15)

Loaves and Fishes

For the month of **July** will be collecting
canned soups and tuna

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 is now open! Hours are Monday evenings 6-8pm, and Fridays 10am-12pm. We are now accepting Spring/Summer clothing. 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

The Mass book for 2021 is open

Office hours are:

Monday 8am-4pm

Tuesday 8am-4pm

Wednesday 8am-2pm

Thursday 8am-4pm

Friday 8am-12pm

Summer Lottery Tickets

Awards will begin July 1st-September 30th

Prizes are \$25 Mon. through Sat., \$100 on Sun.

\$300 on Special Days

Fourth of July-July4

Labor Day— September 7

Cost \$10

Winners match the PA Lottery Pick 3 Evening Drawing

**Tickets will be sold in the Parish Office
during business hours.**

Free!!! Motorized Jazzy Wheelchair

350 lbs. weight capacity

Like new!

Contact Mary Ann at Parish Office.

(570) 825-6663

The Women's Society is sponsoring a bus trip to **Sight and Sound in Lancaster** to see "**Queen Esther**" on Thursday, August 27th. The cost of \$125 for adults and \$60 for children includes Martz bus, grand smorgasbord lunch at Hershey Farm Restaurant, ticket for 3:00 PM show and bus driver gratuity. There will be time for shopping at the Hershey Farm Boutiques. Reservations may be made by calling Irene Martin at 570-825-4464. Payment is required by July 20th. In case of cancellation of the show, all money will be refunded.

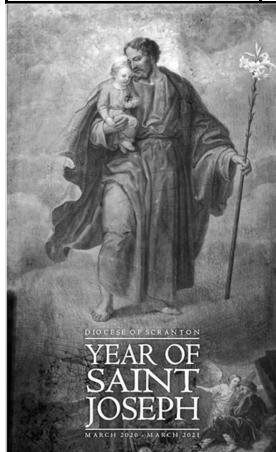
Although the coronavirus has been hard on everybody, it is especially difficult for those who live alone. Cherish the companionship you share. Who do you know who doesn't have someone at home to talk with? Give them a call.

Susan Vogt

SERVICE

JULY/AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12	13	14	15	16 Food Pantry Prep	17 Food Pantry	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8



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

Mass in Remembrance of Victims of Violent or Tragic Death The Diocese of Scranton is offering the annual Mass in remembrance of victims of violent or tragic death. This Mass is offered for the families and friends of those who have died in tragedy, especially through murder, suicide, and accident. This year we keep in our hearts those who lost their struggle with COVID-19. The Mass is scheduled for **Thursday, July 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in Saint Peter's Cathedral, 315 Wyoming, Scranton.** All persons who have lost a loved one through tragic and traumatic death are invited to this liturgy. Seating is limited to 70 people. Please call the Office for Parish Life 570-207-2213 ext 1102 to reserve a seat. The mass will be televised on CTV. We ask that the names of deceased loved ones are registered on registration forms which are available in the parish office or on the Diocese of Scranton's website, www.dioceseofscranton.org. All forms must be received by July 13, 2020.

National NFP Awareness Week– July 19-July 25, 2020. Natural Family Planning Awareness Week is an ideal time to focus attention on Natural Family Planning methods and Church teachings which support their use in marriage. To learn more about a wealth of resources relating to NFP, and ways to celebrate NFP week, please contact Jennifer Housel, 570-207-2213, jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org.

Sacred Heart Polish Picnic in Dupont, 215 Lackawanna Ave., July 31 and August 1 from 2-8pm. This year's picnic will be a take out event. We will offer our delicious homemade Polish foods, some games of chance and theme baskets. Food order forms listing the foods that will be available, can be found on the Parish website at www.sacredheartdupont.com. Please complete your order form and return with payment to the Parish office by Monday, July, 20.

The Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser sponsored by Breathe Deep NEPA/LUNGevity has been postponed due to Covid-19. It has been rescheduled for Sunday, September 27, 12-4pm. Previously purchased tickets will be honored, and tickets will be sold in the back of the Church before and after Mass in September. There will be raffles available also.

SAINTS PETER & PAUL AND SAINT BENEDICT STAFF

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Jay Garcia –Organist

Jill Fiedorczyk –Organist

Steve Chronowski –Organist

Tom Zurla –Organist

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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 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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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.



SERVING IN *faith* 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 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)