



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

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# STEWARDSHIP

## SUNDAY STEWARDS

Contributions for the week ending  
July 19, 2020

Saints Peter and Paul

\$10,485

Saint Benedict

\$4,840

## 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](http://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

July 13	#857	Mary L.
July 14	#235	Saints Peter and Paul
July 15	#129	Allan Makowski Jr.
July 16	#797	Denise Scalzo
July 17	#907	Saints Peter and Paul
July 18	#683	Betty Tkach
July 19	#126	Santina Morreale

*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.

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
of  
Ordinary  
Time



# WORSHIP

## WE REMEMBER

### MASSES AT SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Monday	7-27	7am	<b>Communion Service</b>
Tuesday	7-28	7am	<b>Michael McGrady</b> by Wife <b>Jacqueline Marut</b> by Husband
Wednesday	7-29	7am	<b>Barbara Olsakowski</b> by Husband Mike <b>Dr. Peter Andrews, Sr.</b> by St. Benedict CCW
Thursday	7-30	7am	<b>Dessoie Family</b> by Annabelle & Family <b>Georgiana Bart</b> by Al & Pat Larson
Friday	7-31	7am	<b>Rite Gayoski</b> by Carl Gross <b>Mary Burridge</b> by Ciel & Barbara Bartoletti

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Saturday	8-1	4pm	<b>Marie Brunetti</b> by Marlene Kluger
Sunday	8-2	8am 10:30am	<b>George &amp; Mary Antosh Family</b> by Bernard Antosh & Family <b>Dorothy Sheraski</b> by Gill Family

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE SAINT BENEDICT

Saturday	8-1	5:30pm	<b>Living &amp; Deceased Parishioners</b>
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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**

Michael McGrady



##### **Lady of Lourdes**

Edmund Pienta

##### **Holy Family Votive**

Edmund Pienta

# 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](mailto:mjmarek75@gmail.com)

## WEEKLY READINGS

### Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Sunday

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12;  
Rom 8:28-30;  
Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

#### Monday

Jer 13:1-11;  
Mt 13:31-35

#### Tuesday

Jer 14:17-22;  
Mt 13:36-43

#### Wednesday

Jer 15:10, 16-21;  
Jn 11:19-27 or  
Lk 10:38-42

#### Thursday

Jer 18:1-6;  
Mt 13:47-53

#### Friday

Jer 26:1-9;  
Mt 13:54-58

#### First Saturday

Jer 26:11-16, 24;  
Mt 14:1-12

## 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 26, 2020



*Holy Spirit,  
as families adjust to  
everyone being home  
as businesses close,  
we ask that You guide  
people in their new  
realities.  
Give spouses grace for  
each other.  
Prompt worn-out  
parents to speak  
words of kindness and  
encouragement to  
their children.  
Help children find  
creative ways to  
experience the beauty  
of all You have  
created and continue  
learning.*

*Amen*

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Solomon, realizing that he will succeed his father David as King of Israel and Judah, begs the Lord to give him wisdom and understanding in order to rule his people well. The Lord grants his request saying, "...there will come no one to equal you."

### Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

As heirs of God and heirs with Christ, we suffer in order to be glorified with Christ.

### Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus speaks again about the "reign of God," telling the parables of the buried treasure and the merchant's search for pearls. In each parable, Jesus emphasizes that the "reign of God" is more precious and valuable than any treasure.

## A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

### Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 26, 2020

**"Jesus said to his disciples: The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again and out of joy goes and sells all he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price he goes and sells all he has and buys it."**

At this time of the year it is not rare late in the day to find a person on the beach, moving from left to right, with a metal detector, listening for a sound to reveal a coin, or other valuable, beneath the sand. I often wonder if something of value surfaces.

Jesus tells us what the treasure is, what the pearl of great price is, but how do I react? Does it move me, to put other things aside, to move below the surface and discover how blessed I am? We might hear the detector signal us, but we must bend, sift and reach out to discover what is really important for our spiritual lives. The treasure and the pearl are the life of grace, the gift of God's very life, accepted by me, and shared with others.

What are the treasure and pearl for me 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 12:2-15)*

### 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

Thank you for your generous donations but we are  
no longer accepting clothing at this time.

We look forward to fall/winter donations in the late  
summer. We will post an update as to when  
donations will be open again.

### 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

## 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.**



The Parish of Saints Peter & Paul has

created scholarships that will be given  
annually to graduates who have given time  
and talent to the parish. This year's

recipients will be honored at a special

mass, August 16th at 10:30AM, where they will receive a

certificate, a gift from the parish, and a scholarship check to be  
used toward their collegiate dreams.

**Please congratulate, and pray for, the following 2020 recipients**

Saints Peter & Paul Scholarship—**Morgan Gayton**—\$2,000

Sacred Heart Scholarship—**Ethan Cegelka**—\$1,000

Saint Joseph Scholarship—**Michaela Minnick**—\$1,000

Saint Dominic Scholarship—**Ryan Gardjulis**—\$1,000

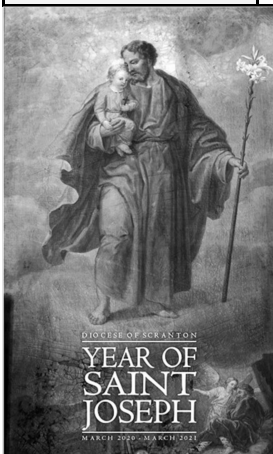
If you, or your business, would like to contribute to the  
scholarship fund, email [scholarships@sspeterandpaulplains.com](mailto:scholarships@sspeterandpaulplains.com).

If your future graduate, is interested in applying for the  
scholarships, email [scholarships@sspeterandpaulplains.com](mailto:scholarships@sspeterandpaulplains.com)

# SERVICE

JULY/AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 First Communion 12pm
16 Scholarship Mass 10:30am	17	18	19 Confirmation 5:30pm	20	21	22



**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

**\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](http://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

## **Pastor**

Rev. John C. Lambert

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## **Permanent Deacon**

Deacon Don Crane

## **Parish Secretary**

Mary Ann Gottlieb

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Nina Cinti

## **Faith Formation Coordinator**

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## **Scholarships**

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## **Business Office**

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## **Music Ministry**

Scott Coates - Music Director

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Gina Macaravage –Organist

Jay Garcia –Organist

Jill Fiedorczyk –Organist

Steve Chronowski –Organist

Tom Zurla –Organist

## **Maintenance**

Greg Day

Michael Lambert

## **Sacristan**

Ben Berrini

## **Ministers Scheduler**

Dave Loiacono

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## **Ushers**

Paul Muczynski

*pmuczynski@epix.net*

## **Altar Servers**

Nathan Smith

## **Combined Pastoral Council**

Kathy Grinaway, *Chairperson*

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

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## **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.DiocesefofScranton.org](http://www.DiocesefofScranton.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 [DiocesefofScranton.org/parish-life](http://DiocesefofScranton.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)



**Give us  
this day  
Our  
Daily  
Bread!**

### **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)