



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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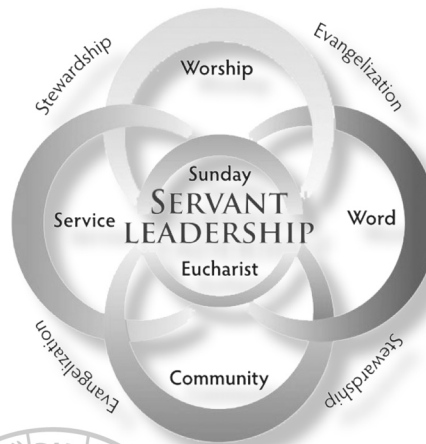
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Monday: 8am - 7pm
Tuesday: 8am - 4pm
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SAINT BENEDICT

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STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY STEWARDS

Contributions for week ending
July 26, 2020 will be listed in next
weeks bulletin

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

July 20	#322	Sylvia Waskiewicz
July 21	#868	Saints Peter & Paul
July 22	#173	Saints Peter & Paul

The rest of the numbers for the week will be in
next weeks bulletin

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.

18th Sunday
of
Ordinary
Time



WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

MASSES AT SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Monday	8-3	7am	Communion Service
Tuesday	8-4	7am	Geraldine Rogers by Family Patrick O'Donnell by James & MaryAnn O'Donnell
Wednesday	8-5	7am	Oliver Lee Dominick by Gina Dominick & Family Joseph Ornoski by Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Stachrik
Thursday	8-6	7am	John Woloski, Sr. by Woloski Family Robert Schuster by Bill Mitchell
Friday	8-7	7am	Josephine Lapsansky by Mattick Family Mary Ryan by Dinan Family

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Saturday	8-8	4pm	Joseph Gill by Gill Family
Sunday	8-9	8am 10:30am	Carl Puskar by Mullery Family Bill Holena by Mr. & Mrs. Ben Berrini

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE SAINT BENEDICT

Saturday	8-8	5:30pm	Living & Deceased Parishioners
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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

Tomasetti Family

Lady of Lourdes

Edward Januskevitz



SAINT BENEDICT PARISH

Sanctuary Candle

Foster Brague

Holy Family Votive

Paul Binker, Sr.

WORD

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH— AUGUST

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.

Women's Societies

The Women's Society's ministry of St. Peter and Paul fulfills the ideals of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy—feed the hungry, visit the sick, bury the dead, comfort the afflicted and pray for the living and the dead. Additionally, the women conduct a variety of activities throughout the year, working together both prayerfully and socially to enrich themselves and our parish. Meetings are held throughout the year on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30PM in the Parish Center Dining Hall. All women are invited to attend a meeting to become acquainted with the society and its mission. New ideas are always welcome.

The Council of Catholic Women is the women's group at St. Benedict's. They spearhead the annual Mother Teresa's Haven mission at the parish, including all meals and entertainment. They support the Faith Formation program by donating monetarily to the program, specifically benefiting those receiving their sacraments. At Easter they coordinate baskets, and the 6 and under egg hunt festivities. They are also actively involved in the annual Trunk or Treat activity in St. Benedict's parking lot for Halloween.

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WEEKLY READINGS

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Is 55:1-3;
Rom 8:35, 37-39;
Mt 14:13-21

Monday

Jer 28:1-17;
Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday

Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22;
Mt 14:22-36 or
Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday

Jer 31:1-7;
Mt 15:21-28

Thursday

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14;
2 Pt 1:16-19;
Mt 17:1-9

First Friday

Na 2:1, 3, 3:1-3, 6-7;
Mt 16:24-28

Saturday

Hb 1:12—2:4;
Mt 17:14-20

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

AUGUST 2, 2020



*O Lord our God,
source of all
goodness and love,
accept the fervent
prayers of your
people;
in the multitude of
your mercies look
with compassion
upon all who turn
to you for help;
for you are
gracious, O lover
of souls, and to you
we give glory,
Father, Son, and
Holy Spirit, now
and forever.*

Amen

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3

With great enthusiasm and fervor, God urges his people to come to him and to accept the gifts he extends to them.

Second Reading: Romans 8:35, 37-39

In words that are both stirring and courageous, Paul exclaims that nothing will separate him and his followers from the love of Christ—neither trial—nor persecution—nor death.

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

Matthew gives us a straightforward and convincing account of the miracle of the loaves and fishes. Because the crowds following Jesus were hungry, he took five loaves and two fish, blessed them, and gave them to the crowds. Although the people numbered about five thousand, there was still food remaining.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 2, 2020

“Thus says the Lord: All you who are thirsty, come to the water. Come without paying and without cost... Heed me and you shall eat well. You who have no money, come receive grain and eat. Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. I will renew with you the everlasting covenant.”

During the hot days of summer we are constantly looking for relief. A refreshing drink, a cool breeze, a pool or lake, a break from oppression and toil. Water is often the most welcome solution.

It was the water of baptism which gave us new life, and allowed us to live the covenant the Lord made with His people. Water was a constant in the bible from creation, the flood, the Red Sea, and even the side of Jesus on Calvary.

It is the water of grace which enables us to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. When we celebrate the sacraments, every time we receive the Eucharist, we are touched by God's saving grace. Maybe it is worth a minute to ask the Lord to help me appreciate the great gift He offers me constantly.

Remember this spring when the virus reminded us to wash our hands for twenty seconds? It was not only a precaution, but a remedy. May we “come to the water” and be renewed.

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 **August** will be collecting
pasta & spaghetti sauce

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

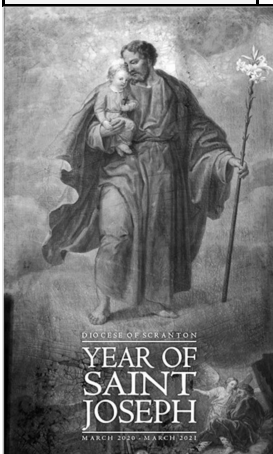
If you, or your business, would like to contribute to the
scholarship fund, email scholarships@sspeterandpaulplains.com.

If your future graduate, is interested in applying for the
scholarships, email scholarships@sspeterandpaulplains.com

SERVICE

AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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
23	24	25	26	27	28	29



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

Holy Family Parish, Sugar Notch will be sponsoring a Chicken BBQ & Chinese Auction (held under tents) on Sunday, August 23, 2020 from 12-3pm on the parish picnic grounds (828 Main Street, Sugar Notch). The cost of the BBQ is \$12 and includes half a chicken, baked potato, baked beans, cole slaw, roll & butter, beverage and dessert. Chinese Auction information-\$10 for 20 tickets w/advanced ticket sales & preview in our Parish Hall on August 15th after 4pm Mass & August 16th after the 9:30am Mass.

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.

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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

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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

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.



You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

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)