



## 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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### Office Hours:

Monday: 8am - 7pm  
Tuesday: 8am - 4pm  
Wednesday: 8am - 7pm  
Thursday: 8am - 4pm  
Friday: 8am - Noon  
*\*Closed daily Noon - 12:30pm\**

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# STEWARDSHIP

## SUNDAY STEWARDS

Contributions for week ending  
August 16, 2020  
Saints Peter and Paul  
\$8,606

Saint Benedict  
\$3,281

### Mass Schedule – Effective August 24, 2020

**Saints Peter and Paul**  
Monday - Communion Service 7am

Tuesday - Friday 7am

Wednesday/Friday 12:15pm

Saturday-4:00pm

Sunday-8:00am & 10:30 am

**Saint Benedict**

Saturday-5:30pm

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

Aug. 10	#509	Herb Dutt
Aug. 11	#713	Michael P. Wanyo
Aug. 12	#548	Saints Peter and Paul
Aug. 13	#344	Saints Peter and Paul
Aug. 14	#688	Saints Peter and Paul
Aug. 15	#579	Father Jack
Aug. 16	#782	Keeley-Brague

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

Monday	8-24	7am	<b>Communion Service</b>
Tuesday	8-25	7am	<b>Helen Wolczyk</b> by Lizzie, Helene, & Brian Breznay <b>Ruth Wojcik</b> by Hank & Nancy Williams
Wednesday	8-26	7am	<b>Michael &amp; Frances Wanek</b> by Family <b>Carol Trubunak</b> by Vera Cardimora & Family
Thursday	8-27	7am	<b>Bernard &amp; Mary Orzechowski</b> by Daughter Ann <b>Paul Sorokos</b> by Judy Lendacky
Friday	8-28	7am	<b>Genevieve Stella</b> by Daughters, Pat & Sandra <b>Dolores Serafin</b> by Tom E. Iskra

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Saturday	8-29	4pm	<b>John &amp; Mary Ann Krulack</b> by Kim, Michelle & John
Sunday	8-30	8am 10:30am	<b>Marianne Lynch</b> by Lynch Family <b>Living &amp; Deceased Parishioners</b>

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE SAINT BENEDICT

Saturday	8-29	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**

Edward Johnson

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

Paul Binker, Jr.



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

Bernard Paciga

# 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.

**Contact: Irene Martin [imartin9647@gmail.com](mailto:imartin9647@gmail.com)**

**Contact: Barb Zirnhelt 570-823-1491**

## WEEKLY READINGS

### Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Sunday

Is 22:19-23;  
Rom 11:33-36;  
Mt 16:13-20

#### Monday

Rv 21:9b-14;  
Jn 1:45-51

#### Tuesday

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17;  
Mt 23:23-26

#### Wednesday

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18;  
Mt 23:27-32

#### Thursday

1 Cor 1:1-9;  
Mt 24:42-51

#### Friday

1 Cor 1:17-25;  
Mt 25:1-13

#### Saturday

1 Cor 1:26-31;  
Mk 6:17-29

## Faith Formation

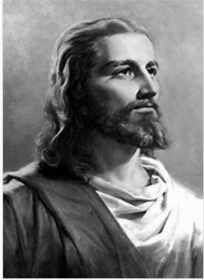
***Further information on Faith Formation will be available at the end of the month.***



# The Sunday Good News

CHURCH OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL / SAINT BENEDICT

AUGUST 23, 2020



*Dear Lord,  
thank you for the  
blessing of seeing  
another day.  
We lift up to you all  
who we love and care  
for and ask you to  
bless them and meet  
their needs.  
May your peace and  
joy fill our cups to  
overflowing and may  
your grace sustain us.  
Thank you for being  
our healer, protector  
and provider and for  
every good thing that  
comes from your  
hands.  
We commit this day to  
you and ask you to go  
before us.  
In Jesus' name we  
pray.  
Amen*

## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

This passage refers to the use of authority and indicates the Key as the symbol of authority. The words "open" and "shut" refer to the power that will eventually be given to Peter.

### Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36

Paul writes ecstatic and praise-filled words about God's plan for his people. In him, he writes, "all things are."

### Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter exclaims, "You are the Messiah!" Christ then declares that Peter is the "Rock" upon which he will build his Church, promising him the power "to bind" and "to loose."

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

### Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time August 23, 2020

**"Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter said in reply, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' Jesus said to him in reply, 'Blessed are you son of John...'"**

We are no different, because we are disciples of the Lord. He asks us the same question, but I wonder if we answer as did Peter, or as the other disciples responded.

There are countless ways we use to describe someone. We can speak of size, talent, profession, family. All might be true. But it's more important to know the person, rather than know about the person.

Peter's response is quite clear and to the point. Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of God. We have accepted His invitation to consider what reply is most fitting for me to describe Jesus. We echo Peter's response, He is not just the Savior of all humankind, but my personal Savior as well. If that is true for me, Jesus affirms me as He did Peter and entrusts to me my responsibility in the church, missionary discipleship

# 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

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

\$100 Phillip & Marguerite Latinski

\$40 Patrick & Donna Malys

In Memory of Mary Ruth Latsko

\$35 Family

In Memory of Geraldine Rogers

\$100 Ellen & Gary Watkins

\$200 John & Kathy Brody

\$50 Dave & Dawn Holley

\$50 Christine Moran

\$25 Barbara Bonita

\$25 Christiana Baron

\$25 Ann Reynolds

\$20 David & Andrea Dorilack

May God bless you all for your generosity.

### Free!!! Motorized Jazzy Wheelchair

350 lbs. weight capacity

Like new!

Contact Mary Ann at Parish Office.

(570) 825-6663

### Marriage Moments...

**Time:** During Covid-19 you may feel you have more  
free time or the opposite, "I don't have enough time."  
Either way, we all have 24 hours in a day. It's a matter  
of prioritizing. What's the most important thing you can  
do for your beloved today?

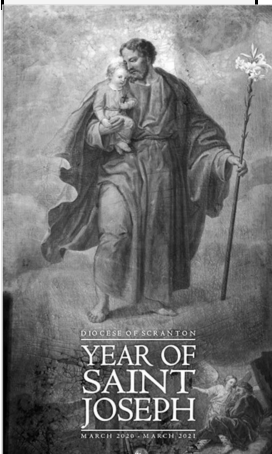
**Susan Vogt**

*Blessed*  
are they who  
hope in the Lord.

# SERVICE

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19



**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

**Part-time position available** - church sexton - at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 215 Lackawanna Ave., Dupont. Job description: grounds keeping, building cleaning, and light maintenance. Interested parties are asked to submit their resume to the attention of Fr. Petro by Monday, August 24. Job hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**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.

# 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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## **Cemeteries**

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## **Scholarships**

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## **Business Office**

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## **Youth Ministry**

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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**

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## **Ushers**

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## **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.DioceseofScranton.org](http://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](http://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](http://AnnualAppeal.org)

21<sup>st</sup> Sunday  
of  
Ordinary  
Time

### 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)