



## 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 week ending  
August 23, 2020  
Saints Peter and Paul  
\$10,458

Saint Benedict  
\$2,561

### 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. 17	#755	Margaret Wilk
Aug. 18	#457	Saints Peter and Paul
Aug. 19	#768	Saints Peter and Paul
Aug. 20	#012	Amy Lynch-Binieck
Aug. 21	#924	Saints Peter and Paul
Aug. 22	#556	Kevin O 'Connor
Aug. 23	#702	Corinne Kresge

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.

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

...when you hold a banquet,  
invite the poor, the crippled, the  
lame, the blind;  
blessed indeed will you be because  
of their inability to repay you.  
For you will be repaid at the  
resurrection of the righteous.

Lk 14:1, 7-14



LIVING A  
**STEWARDSHIP**  
Life

It is all about your heart...  
Everything we have is a gift from God  
that we are to use to help others.

# WORSHIP

## WE REMEMBER

### MASSES AT SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Monday	8-31	7am	<b>Communion Service</b>
Tuesday	9-1	7am	<b>Peggy Doyle</b> by Mark & Theresa Choman <b>Mary Loomis</b> by Husband
Wednesday	9-2	7am	<b>Cliff Jones</b> by Family <b>William Everett</b> by Larson Family
Thursday	9-3	7am	<b>Rinaldi Family</b> by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Rinaldi <b>Michael Bart</b> by Sue & Tom Hoffman
Friday	9-4	7am	<b>Gabriel Albertelli</b> by Family <b>Richard Lussi</b> by Jim Gabriel & Family

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Saturday	9-5	4pm	<b>John &amp; Eleanor Binker</b> by Joseph Seprish
Sunday	9-6	8am 10:30am	<b>Living &amp; Deceased Parishioners</b> <b>Wilk Family</b> by Margaret Wilk

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE SAINT BENEDICT

Saturday	9-5	5:30pm	<b>Jessie Sarti</b> by Daughter
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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**

Jenny Stella

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

Marianne Lynch



##### **Floral Arrangement**

Marianne Lynch

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

Anne Serafin

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

## WEEKLY READINGS

**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **Sunday**

Jer 20:7-9;  
Rom 12:1-2;  
Mt 16:21-27

### **Monday**

1 Cor 2:1-5;  
Lk 4:16-30

### **Tuesday**

1 Cor 2:10b-16;  
Lk 4:31-37

### **Wednesday**

1 Cor 3:1-9;  
Lk 4:38-44

### **Thursday**

1 Cor 3:18-23;  
Lk 5:1-11

### **First Friday**

1 Cor 4:1-5;  
Lk 5:33-39

### **First Saturday**

1 Cor 4:6b-15;  
Lk 6:1-5

## **Faith Formation**

***Further information on Faith Formation will be available this week.***

# The Sunday Good News

CHURCH OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL / SAINT BENEDICT

AUGUST 30, 2020



*When evil darkens our  
world,  
give us light.  
When despair numbs  
our souls,  
give us hope.  
When we stumble and  
fall,  
lift us up.  
When doubts assail us,  
give us faith.  
When nothing seems  
sure,  
give us trust.  
When ideals fade,  
give us vision.  
When we lose our  
way,  
be our guide!  
That we may find  
serenity in Your  
presence,  
and purpose in doing  
Your will.*

*Amen.*

## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

In this particularly poetic passage, Jeremiah complains that while teaching the Lord's word, he is subjected to insults and derision. He determines to remain silent, but he cannot because the desire to speak the Lord's name is "like a fire burning in my heart."

### Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Paul tells the Christians to make sacrifices to avoid the trappings of the times, and to do God's will.

### Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus tries to make his disciples realize that by following him, they will endure suffering, degradation, and death. He tells them that they must deny themselves and take up the cross in order to be his disciples.

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

### Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time August 30, 2020

**"I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more. But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in. I cannot endure it... Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good, pleasing and perfect."**

Recently some friends told me that they have an agreement, to speak with others about Jesus and their relationship with Him. One person found it exciting, as the person was so receptive to learn of her joy in revealing her story. The second, found it more difficult, as the person resisted, but she was convinced something good had happened.

Like excited children, we want to tell our story, the Jesus story. Others are ready to hear it but someone must bring it to them. If I hesitate, the story will never be known. As the story transformed my life, I look for a way to discern God's will for me to do what is good, pleasing and perfect.

We all have a Jesus story, are you willing to tell it?

# 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 Zirmhelt, Council of Catholic Women

Kathy Grinaway, Hospitality

Donna Mansfield, Hospitality

2019 Diocese of Scranton  
**DIOCESAN**  
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SERVING *faith*  
IN WITH HOPE  
AND GRATITUDE

**We** thank parishioners and friends  
for their generosity on behalf of our  
brothers and sisters in Christ.

You are part of the Gospel in action  
through the good works of our Diocese.

Peace and all blessing to you!

## *Thank You for Sharing*

Your gifts helped to raise \$4.1 million for Diocesan Ministries

- Catholic Social Services
- Catholic Media
- Care & Education of Clergy
- Parish Life
- Catholic Education
- Parish Social Justice Grants
- Parish Faith Formation Grants

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

\$25 Gino Roebuck

**In memory of Joseph Zawatski**

\$100 Frank & Elizabeth Zuraf

\$50 Megan & Grant Palfey

May God bless you all for your generosity.

**The Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser sponsored by  
Breathe Deep NEPA/LUNgevity** has been  
rescheduled for **Sunday, September 27, 12-4pm**. It will  
be **take-out only** and everyone must wear a mask.  
Previously purchased tickets will be honored.

**Free!!! Motorized Jazzy Wheelchair**

350 lbs. weight capacity

Like new!

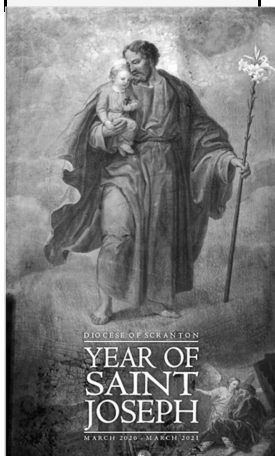
Contact Mary Ann at Parish Office.

(570) 825-6663

# SERVICE

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Food Pantry Prep	18 Food Pantry	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26



**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

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# SAINTS PETER & PAUL AND SAINT BENEDICT STAFF

## **Pastor**

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Deacon Don Crane

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Jay Garcia –Organist

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

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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.

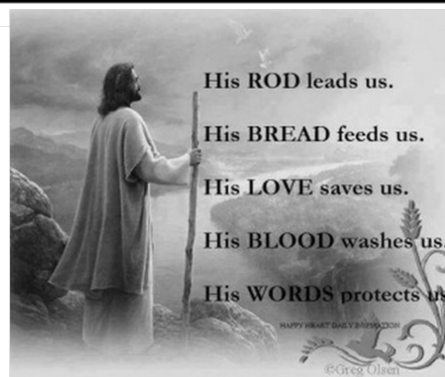
From Youth retreats to Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation, Men's and Women's Convocations to Catechesis Camp and Lay Ministry certifications, the actual cost to participants for programs offered by the Office for Parish Life is offset with funds from the Annual Appeal. For a complete list of offerings visit [DioceseofScranton.org/parish-life](http://DioceseofScranton.org/parish-life).

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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)