



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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Reverend John C. Lambert M.S.W.
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STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY STEWARDS

Contributions for week ending
August 30, 2020
Saints Peter and Paul
\$11,126

Saint Benedict
\$2,208

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. 24	#890	Saints Peter and Paul
Aug. 25	#216	Mary Dew
Aug. 26	#763	Michael Szymanski
Aug. 27	#713	Michael P. Wanyo
Aug. 28	#599	Joseph Urban
Aug. 29	#756	Candice Berrini
Aug. 30	#352	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.



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	9-7	7am	Communion Service
Tuesday	9-8	7am	Alvida Eustice by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Sabatini Lillian K. Walker by Robert & Rita Everett
Wednesday	9-9	7am	Tom Lanza by Delphine Biondi Robert J. Schuster by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Malacheski
Thursday	9-10	7am	Helen & Frank Kaminski by Irene Stubb & Allison Carmella Bianconi by Donald Totino & Family
Friday	9-11	7am	Raymond Butch Deiter by Rosalie Zekus Edward Ciprich by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Sensy

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Saturday	9-12	4pm	Edmund Suchocki by Tony & Stella Szymanski
Sunday	9-13	8am 10:30am	Living & Deceased Parishioners Arthur Kline (A) by Josephine

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE SAINT BENEDICT

Saturday	9-12	5:30pm	William Everett by Wife & Children
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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

Stanis & John Kunicki

Lady of Lourdes

Helen & Frank Kaminski



Holy Family Votive

Stanis & John Kunicki

WORD

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH— SEPTEMBER

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.

Quilt Ministry

The Quilt Ministry normally meets every Monday at 5PM and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9AM-Noon on the second floor of the Parish Center. The Quilt Ministry spends the year making the quilts that are used for the Quilt Bingo held yearly in October. No previous experience is required! Members of the ministry will gladly teach everyone who would like to learn

Contact: Parish Office 570-825-6663 ext 2, 1

WEEKLY READINGS

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Ez 33:7-9;
Rom 13:8-10;
Mt 18:15-20

Monday

1 Cor 5:1-8;
Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday

Mi 5:1-4a or
Rom 8:28-30;
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Wednesday

1 Cor 7:25-31;
Lk 6:20-26

Thursday

1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13;
Lk 6:27-38

Friday

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27;
Lk 6:39-42

Saturday

1 Cor 10:14-22;
Lk 6:43-49

Faith Formation

Registration forms are available at the Parish Center.

The Sunday Good News

CHURCH OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL / SAINT BENEDICT

SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

God has appointed the prophet as a watchman over his people. If he fails to give them warning against sin, he will be held responsible.

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

In this beautiful letter, Paul says that all commandments are contained in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus explains to his disciples how to respond to those who wrong them – with gentleness and practical wisdom. He promises that whenever "two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in their midst."

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev William J. Reilly

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 6, 2020

"Jesus said to his disciples, 'If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen take one or two others along with you, so that every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses... Amen I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three...'"

Which seems better, that everyone know about a disagreement with you, or discreetly find a way to address it, with no one else being aware of it? Certainly, there is faster healing resulting in peace and contentment.

One of the greatest powers we possess, is the power to forgive. Unfortunately, it is a power we seem to hold in reserve and often refuse to use.

How often we have heard the phrase 'forgive and forget', but an unfair accusation or allegation cannot be easily forgotten. A wise, holy monk taught me to respond to a hurt with 'forgive and remember without bitterness.' Try it, it works.

*O Mary,
you always shine on
our path as a sign of
salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves
to you,
Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took
part in Jesus' pain,
keeping your faith
firm.
You, Salvation of the
Roman People,
know what we need,
and we are sure you
will provide so that, as
in Cana of Galilee, we
may return to joy and
to feasting after this
time of trial.
Help us,
Mother of Divine
Love,
to conform to the will
of the Father and to
do as we are told by
Jesus,
who has taken upon
himself our sufferings
and carried our
sorrows to lead us,
through the cross,
to the joy of the
resurrection.*

Amen

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 **September** will be collecting **canned soups**

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

We are now accepting clean, gently used **Fall/Winter clothing** for men, women, and children. Donations may be dropped off during business hours only.
Mondays from 6-8pm and Fridays 10am-12 pm.

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

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

\$100 Richard Lupinski

\$40 Pagnotti Family

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. Tickets are also available at the Parish office.

Diocese of Scranton Sets September 14 as Day of Prayer and Gratitude for Priests

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera has set Monday, September 14, 2020, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, as a Day of Prayer and Gratitude for Priests in the Diocese of Scranton.

The bishop invites all priests and the faithful to join together for Evening Prayer with the Renewal of Priestly Promises live at 4:00 p.m. via CTV: Catholic Television, the Diocese of Scranton website or any of the Diocese of Scranton social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or YouTube).

During the COVID-19 pandemic, our priests have continued to do Christ's work by offering the sacraments to the sick and dying, finding creative ways to serve parishioners and serve the poor through food pantries and personal outreach. We thank them for their priestly commitment and service.

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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

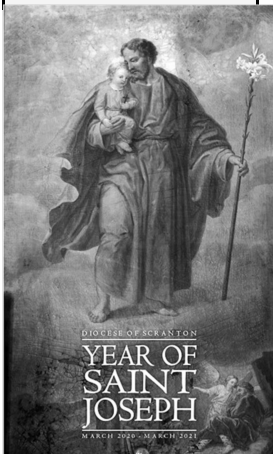
Your gifts helped to raise \$4.1 million for Diocesan Ministries

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

SERVICE

SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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
27	28	29	30	1	2	3



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

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Debby Zuzelski

Harold Golomb

Jack Keeley

Joanne Brague

Lou Zuzelski

Steven McGough

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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

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%

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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.

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Help provide opportunities for our faithful to grow as Disciples of Christ...Give to the Annual Appeal

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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)