



## 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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Wednesday: 8am - 7pm

Thursday: 8am - 4pm

Friday: 8am - Noon

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

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# SAINT BENEDICT

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# STEWARDSHIP

## SUNDAY STEWARDS

Contributions for week ending  
September 27, 2020  
Saints Peter and Paul  
\$8,057

Saint Benedict  
\$1,435

### 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

Sep. 21	#660	Saints Peter and Paul
Sep. 22	#138	Saints Peter and Paul
Sep. 23	#805	Elaine Salus
Sep. 24	#992	Saints Peter and Paul
Sep. 25	#656	Saints Peter and Paul
Sep. 26	#714	Joseph Urban
Sep. 27	#860	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.

*If you don't live it,  
you don't believe it!*



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	10-5	7am	<b>Communion Service</b>
Tuesday	10-6	7am	<b>Edmund Pienta</b> by Genevieve Figel <b>Anthony Bartoletti</b> by Mr. & Mrs. Albert Bartoletti
Wednesday	10-7	7am	<b>Joseph Popielarski</b> by William & Sandra Orr <b>John Wychock</b> by Bob & Helene Tinsley
Thursday	10-8	7am	<b>Marianne Lynch</b> by Lynch Family <b>Suzanne Dunbar</b> by Fran & Mike Bonieski
Friday	10-9	7am	<b>Joseph Gill</b> by Gill Family <b>Frank Malacheski</b> by Ruth & Randy Savage

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Saturday	10-10	4pm	<b>Joseph &amp; Albert Guzenski</b> by Caroline & Joseph Guzenski
Sunday	10-11	8am 10:30am	<b>Stanley &amp; Florence Sierko</b> by Family <b>Savitsky &amp; Murray Families</b> by Family

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE SAINT BENEDICT

Saturday	10-10	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**

Marianne Lynch

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

Marianne Lynch



##### **Floral Arrangement**

Marianne Lynch

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

Orella, Nello, & Roger Caparoni

# WORD

## MINISTRY OF THE MONTH—OCTOBER

*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.*

### **Youth Ministry**

The Youth Ministry seeks to nurture spiritual life of those from Confirmation through 12<sup>th</sup> grade by giving them an avenue to relate to their faith on a personal level. They do this through involvement in the community through service activities. They also connect with each other by participating in social events just to have an enjoyable time. The Youth Ministry will begin meeting upon resumption of regular activities. Please watch the bulletin for updates.

**Contact- Jay Garcia—  
youthministry@sspeterandpaulplains.com**

## WEEKLY READINGS

**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **Sunday**

Is 5:1-7;  
Phil 4:6-9;  
Mt 21:33-43

### **Monday**

Gal 1:6-12;  
Lk 10:25-37

### **Tuesday**

Gal 1:13-24;  
Lk 10:38-42

### **Wednesday**

Gal 2:1-2, 7-14;  
Lk 11:1-4

### **Thursday**

Gal 3:1-5;  
Lk 11:5-13

### **Friday**

Gal 3:7-14;  
Lk 11:15-26

### **Saturday**

Gal 3:22-29;  
Lk 11:27-28

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## ***Faith Formation***

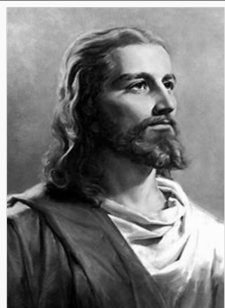
***Classes begin this Sunday, October 4th.***



# The Sunday Good News

CHURCH OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL / SAINT BENEDICT

OCTOBER 4, 2020



*Give us peace,  
Oh Merciful Father,  
within our  
communities,  
our country  
and the world.  
Lord, protect us from  
crime;  
the robberies,  
the gang wars,  
the rape and the  
murders.  
We declare peace in  
our neighborhood  
today!  
Oh Jesus,  
help us all,  
especially the families,  
who have recently lost  
loved ones;  
be their comforter in  
these difficult times.*

*Amen*

## TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

This passage about the failure of the Lord's vineyard is a metaphor for the ingratitude of the people of Israel and Judah. In tones of sadness and rebuke, the Lord asks, "What more was there to do for my vineyard?"

### Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

In a moving appeal to the Philippians, Paul exhorts them to embrace all that is pure, decent, and admirable; then God's peace will be theirs.

### Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

In another rebuke to the chief priests and the elders, Jesus recounts a parable in which the owner of a vineyard leases his vineyard to tenant farmers. When the owner sends his servants and even his son to claim his rightful share of the crops, the tenants kill all of them. With some bitterness, Jesus warns the chief priests that "the Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to people that will yield a rich harvest."

## A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

**HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**October 4, 2020**

**"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Finally... whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received, and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you."**

Consider for a moment your favorite teacher. Why does this person stand out? Was it knowledge shared and shown, was it the method and technique used, or was it the example lived by that teacher?

St. Paul, humbly, but clearly, invited others to share in his mission, in imitation of his lifestyle. Today, the feast of the beloved St. Francis, we find another model for our Christian living. Paul wrote, preached and visited through the written and spoken word. Francis, spoke by his example of a simple lifestyle, through ministry to the poor, and obedience to his loving Lord.

Jesus says to us: 'Go and do likewise.'

# 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 **October** will be collecting  
**canned vegetables**

### 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 Zimhelt, Council of Catholic Women

Kathy Grinaway, Hospitality

Donna Mansfield, Hospitality

## Fall Lottery Tickets

Awards will begin Oct.1 - Dec.31

Prizes are \$25 Mon. through Sat., \$100 on Sun.

\$300 on Special Days

All Saints Day-Nov. 1

Thanksgiving- Nov. 26

Christmas-December 25

Cost is \$10

Winners match the PA Lottery Pick 3 Evening Drawing

**Tickets will be sold in the Parish Office  
during business hours.**



**Rosary Rally...**Everyone is invited to  
attend a Rosary Rally being held on **October  
10th at 12 noon on the lawn of the Parish  
Center.** This is part of a Rosary Crusade, scheduled for  
thousands of cities all over the United States at the same  
time and date. The rosary intention is to ask God and  
our Lady to save America from today's chaos,  
immorality and social upheaval. Please join us.

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

\$100 Richard Lupinski

\$20 Karen Werner

In Memory of Lebro & Lena Felli

\$50 Rick & Diane Melvin & Elaine Felli

May God bless you all for your generosity.

**GIVE  
BLOOD**

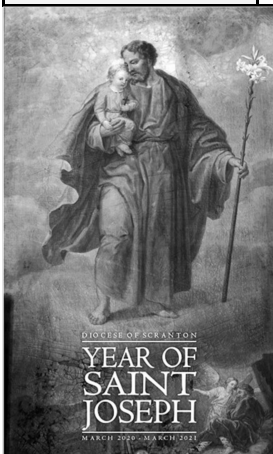
**Saints Peter and Paul Parish** will  
be hosting an **American Red Cross  
blood drive on Wednesday,  
October 7th from 1:00 to 6:00 PM  
at Bernardine Hall.** Masks must be

worn and temperatures will be taken. All CDC  
pandemic guidelines will be followed. Appointments are  
required. Register at [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) - find a drive - see  
times, or call 1-800-733-2767. Every pint donated  
benefits three patients.

# SERVICE

OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4	5	6	7 Blood Drive 1-6pm	8	9	10 Rosary Rally 12pm
11	12	13	14	15 Food Pantry Prep	16 Food Pantry	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



**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

**Saints Peter and Paul Parish** will be hosting an American Red Cross blood drive on Wednesday, October 7th from 1:00 to 6:00 PM at **Bernardine Hall**. Masks must be worn and temperatures will be taken. All CDC pandemic guidelines will be followed. Appointments are required. Register at [redcross.org](https://redcross.org) - find a drive - see times, or call 1-800-733-2767. Every pint donated benefits three patients.

**St. Robert Bellarmine Parish** will hold a Fall Food Festival at (St. Aloysius Church parking lot), corner of Barney & Division Streets, Wilkes-Barre, on Saturday, October 10th from 12-6pm. Clam chowder, Haluski, Sausage & Peppers and Potato Pancakes! Take-outs only-Pre-order by October 5th. For more information call 570-823-3791 ext. 2.

**Plains Lions Club** will hold an Outback Steakhouse Dinner dining out event on Tuesday, October 27th, from 5-7 pm, at the Plains Lions Club Pavilion, Plains Twp. Municipal Park, Clarks Lane, Plains. A complete chicken & Steak dinner with all the fixin's. Take-out only. Adults \$15 & children under 12 -\$10. Tickets available through any Plains Lions member or by calling 570-954-6914 or 570-606-9944.

**Saint John the Evangelist Parish in Pittston** will be holding a Gift Card Giveaway for the month of November -- a chance to win gift cards for stores, restaurants, and online shopping valued at \$50 per day from November 1-25, along with a special prize to be awarded on Thanksgiving Day, November 26. A \$10 donation will enter your name in the fundraiser! Drawings will be shown daily during videos that will be posted on the parish Facebook page, and winners will be notified by phone. If you would like to enter the drawings and receive a calendar showing the prizes, please e-mail [msowa@stjohnspittston.com](mailto:msowa@stjohnspittston.com) or call the parish office at 570-654-0053. All returns must be made by Friday, October 30 to Saint John's parish office at 35 William Street, Pittston, PA 18640

**St. Maria Goretti Church** to hold Fall Take-Out Pasta Supper and Basket Raffle at 42 Laflin Road, Laflin, on Sunday, November 8th, from 12-4pm. Take-out includes salad, dinner roll & dessert. Donation \$12. Face masks required. Contact information-Church office 570-655-8956.

# SAINTS PETER & PAUL AND SAINT BENEDICT STAFF

## **Pastor**

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Deacon Don Crane

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Mary Ann Gottlieb

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Nina Cinti

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Gina Macaravage –Organist

Jay Garcia –Organist

Jill Fiedorczyk –Organist

Steve Chronowski –Organist

Tom Zurla –Organist

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Michael Lambert

## **Sacristan**

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Nathan Smith

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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**

**%**

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!

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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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## CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

*There are many new faces  
who come because they  
need the food to survive...*

*One little child asked  
her father, 'What are we  
eating tonight?' He said,  
'Whatever that lady  
is going to give us.'*



Lee Ann Lywiski, St. Joseph  
Food Pantry Supervisor, Hazleton

**10,501 families were served in Catholic Social  
Services food pantries from March to July, 2020.**

Diocese of Scranton  
**DIOCESAN**  
ANNUAL APPEAL

BOUND  
TOGETHER  
IN  
*Hope*

**C**atholic Social Services touches more than 300,000  
lives each year, offering more than food and shelter  
to the poor and forgotten. Staff and volunteers  
restore human dignity and give hope to needy individuals  
and families through counseling, emergency help,  
employment assistance and permanent and transitional  
housing, including special care and support for veterans.

Visit [AnnualAppeal.org](http://AnnualAppeal.org)

As long as we love one another,

God will live in us

1 Jn 4:12



## 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)