



## 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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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  
October 18, 2020  
Saints Peter and Paul  
\$6,731

Saint Benedict  
\$2,404

### 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.

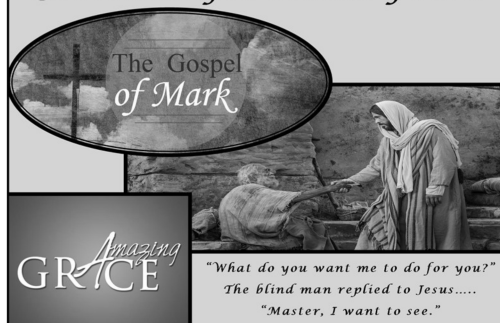
## SAINTS PETER & PAUL LOTTERY

Oct. 12	#501	Donald Jones
Oct. 13	#989	D. Bilby
Oct. 14	#827	Debbie Wychock
Oct. 15	#184	Mary Jones
Oct. 16	#729	Father Jack
Oct. 17	#405	Saints Peter and Paul
Oct. 18	#430	Saints Peter and Paul

### 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.

*30th Sunday in Ordinary Time*



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

*Life*

# WORSHIP

## WE REMEMBER

### MASSES AT SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Monday	10-26	7am	<b>Communion Service</b>
Tuesday	10-27	7am	<b>Carol Rossi</b> by Family <b>Marie Kilgallon</b> by Estate
Wednesday	10-28	7am	<b>Stanley Szustak</b> by Leonard & Barbara Insalaco <b>Claire Macarelli</b> by Benedetti Family
Thursday	10-29	7am	<b>Joseph Burko</b> by Barry & Jean Kresge <b>John McGowan</b> by Mary Ann Dougherty & Family
Friday	10-30	7am	<b>Liz &amp; Joe Segeda</b> by Monica Chulvick <b>Mary Ryan</b> by Fred Pissott & Family

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Saturday	10-31	4pm	<b>Dorothy Luchetti</b> by Mr. & Mrs. Mark Luchetti & Family
Sunday	11-1	8am 10:30am	<b>Edward Mangan</b> by Wife and Children <b>Raymond Polak, Sr.</b> by Bernadine Polak & Family

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE SAINT BENEDICT

Saturday	10-31	5:30pm	<b>Padegonus &amp; Koniecki Family</b> by Margaret Mond
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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**

Joe Flynn & Ron Milgate

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

Louis & Marion Bocci



#### SAINT BENEDICT PARISH

##### **Sanctuary Candle**

Sophie & Nicholas Barna, Sr.

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

Richard Smith

# 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

### Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Sunday

Ex 22:20-26;  
1 Thes 1:5c-10;  
Mt 22:34-40

#### Monday

Eph 4:32—5:8;  
Lk 13:10-17

#### Tuesday

Eph 5:21-33;  
Lk 13:18-21

#### Wednesday

Eph 2:19-22;  
Lk 6:12-16

#### Thursday

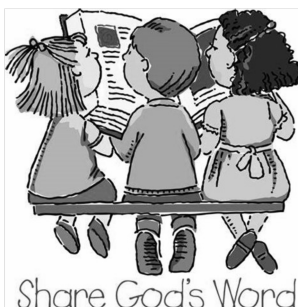
Eph 6:10-20;  
Lk 13:31-35

#### Friday

Phil 1:1-11;  
Lk 14:1-6

#### Saturday

Phil 1:18b-26;  
Lk 14:1, 7-11



### Faith Formation

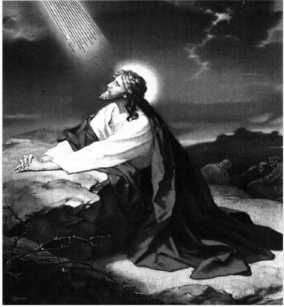




# The Sunday Good News

CHURCH OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL / SAINT BENEDICT

OCTOBER 25, 2020



*Lord,  
I ask for your  
healing over every  
part of my life -  
physically,  
emotionally,  
mentally, and  
spiritually.  
I ask that you'd  
make me strong  
and resilient for  
the days ahead.  
I know that you  
have great purpose  
for those who  
believe in your  
name.  
I lean fully on you  
Lord,  
for You alone are  
able.  
I love you; I need  
you this day, and  
always.  
In Jesus' name,  
Amen.*

## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26

This passage from the book of Exodus enjoins all to adhere to specific religious and social laws. It urges all to act with justice and compassion towards others.

### Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Paul praises the Thessalonians for receiving the word of God so eagerly and totally. Word of their faithfulness has spread throughout Macedonia and Greece; they have become a model for all Christians.

### Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

Matthew recounts the incident in which a lawyer, seeking to entrap Jesus, asks, "Teacher, which commandment of the law is the greatest?" With simplicity and authority, Jesus responds that the first commandment is to love God with one's entire being; the second is to love one's neighbor as oneself.

## A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

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

### Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 25, 2020

**"Thus says the Lord. 'You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt. You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry. My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword, then your own wives will be widows and your children orphans... the second is like it: you shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"**

A clear, strong teaching in the second book of the bible. The words were perhaps directed at abuses taking place, and God spoke to correct them. We fast forward to our time of millions of refugees seeking more than survival. Years ago we labeled them as 'displace persons.' Today we see tragedies at sea, drowning at river crossings, separation of families, creation of cages, changes in time honored asylum laws. As with the victims of the coronavirus, they are not statistics, they are persons.

From Exodus until today, God's people have served the widow, orphan and immigrant. Read the scriptures, it's right there. Watch the news. Restore our rich heritage. Change begins with my attitude, matched with the need and hope of the alien. Jesus reminds us: 'love your neighbor as yourself.'

# 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.**



**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.

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

\$100 John & Maureen Magda

In Memory of Nello & Rosemary Carozzoni

\$75 Marijo Carozzoni

In Memory of John T. Zavada

\$25 Marijo Carozzoni

In Memory of John Wolczyk

\$20 Jean Ornoski

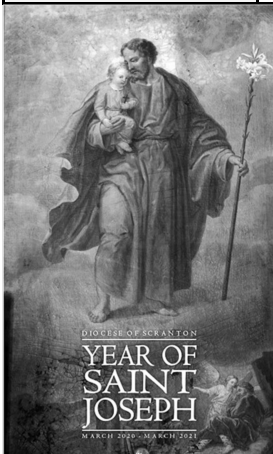
\$20 Joe Sindelar

May God bless you all for your generosity.

# SERVICE

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26 Treasures 6-8pm	27	28	29	30 Treasures 10-12pm	31
1	2 Treasures 6-8pm	3	4	5	6 Treasures 10-12pm	7
8	9 Treasures 6-8pm	10	11	12	13 Treasures 10-12pm	14
15	16 Treasures 6-8pm	17	18	19 Food Pantry Prep	20 Food Pantry Treasures 10-12pm	21



**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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**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

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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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Michael Lambert

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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**

**%**

We are grateful to the parishioners who supported the 2020 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)

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## CATHOLIC *Communications*



*The Daily Mass is a big part of my life. It brings our Lord into your home. It connects you with your faith and faith community. It gives me hope and courage! You don't feel so left out when you're homebound.*

*The Catholic Light does the same. I enjoy seeing our school kids putting their faith into action...When you give to the Appeal you can see how the money is used.*

**Karen Magnotta, Dunmore**

Sharing the Gospel message is the vital mission of Diocesan Catholic Media and Communications, a ministry made possible by the Annual Appeal. Helping people stay connected with their faith has perhaps never been so important as during the isolation of the virus pandemic.

The Diocese delivers the Good News through *The Catholic Light* Newspaper, the Diocesan website, [DioceseofScranton.org](http://DioceseofScranton.org), and CTV broadcasting the Daily Mass from St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, and producing "Our Faith Our Diocese," local programming.

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TOGETHER  
IN  
*Hope*

To learn more and make a gift visit [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)