



ST. PAUL PARISH

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 21, 2024



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.”
- Mk 1:17

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ST. PAUL CHURCH

Mon.-Fri. 8:00am

Saturday 8:00am & 4:30 p.m.— Vigil Mass

Sunday 8a.m. & 10:30a.m.

ST. CLARE CHURCH

Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary
Monday-Friday 3:30p.m.-4:30p.m.
Rosary begins at 3:345p.m.

Rev. Mon. Neil J. Van Loon, V.F., Pastor

St. Paul Staff

Rita Cicco - Director of Religious Education

Robert Fitzsimmons - Sacristan

Eugene Mentz - Director of Liturgical Music

Marci Stevens-Scanlon - Administrative Assistant

Phoebe Wilson - Operations Manager



Lord God, you appointed Paul your apostle to preach the good news of salvation to the nations. May his example and prayers inspire the faithful of our parish to be more fully Alive in Christ.

Fill our hearts with the spirit of your charity so that we may please you in our thoughts, words and deeds and be witnesses to hope that does not disappoint.

May the prayers of St. Paul and all the saints be our constant encouragement so that we may walk worthily as disciples of Your Son.

Amen

St. Paul Church

Corner of Penn Avenue
and Marion Street,
Scranton, PA 18509

St. Paul Rectory

1510 Penn Ave.,
Scranton, PA 18509
Phone: 570-961-1549
Fax: 570-961-0335
Office Hours: Mon-Fri
8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

CONFESSIONS- Sat.-4pm
8 am Mass ~ Mon.-Sat.
4:30 Mass ~ Sat. (Vigil)
8 am & 10:30 am ~ Sun

St. Clare Church

2235 N. Washington Ave.
Adoration and Rosary
Monday ~ Friday
3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Rosary at 3:345p.m.

FOOD PANTRY

FRIDAYS: 3pm ~ 4:30 pm
St. Clare Church Basement

JOIN US FOR MASS

Join us on Facebook at St.
Paul's Parish for our
live-streaming of the
Celebration of Mass.
info@stpaulscranton.org
Facebook ~ Saint Paul's
Parish Scranton
www.stpaulscranton.org

**Sacrament of
Baptism**

All first time parents are
asked to attend
a baptismal preparation
meeting prior
to the Baptism.
Please call the parish
office to schedule dates.

**Sacrament of
Matrimony**

A meeting with the
parish priest should
precede all other
wedding plans.
Contact the parish
office at least six months
before the
date of the intended
marriage.

**Sacrament of
Holy Anointing**

All who are seriously
sick, hospitalized,
or having surgery can
receive this sacrament.
Please call the rectory
if you wish to be
anointed.

Sponsor Cards

Sponsor cards for
Baptism or Confirmation
will be issued to
parishioners who attend
Mass regularly;
are Baptized and
Confirmed Catholics;
are married in
conformity with the
laws of the Church.

ST. PAUL MASS INTENTIONS

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, January 20 Vigil: Third Sunday Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. † Robert McAndrew (Family)

Sunday, January 21 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Willard & Rosella Palla (Family)

10:30a.m. † Joseph Salerno (Salerno Family)

Monday, January 22 Day of Prayer for the Unborn

8:00 a.m. † Janet Monahan (Carol Warner)

Tuesday, January 23 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Sam Cottone (Family)

Wednesday, January 24 St. Francis of de Sales

8:00a.m. † Nicole Haddix (St. Paul Daily Mass Group)

Thursday, January 25 Conversion of St. Paul

8:00 a.m. † Julie Whelan (Cochrane Family)

Friday, January 26 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary
(St. Paul Jr. Legion of Mary Members)

Saturday, January 27 Vigil: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Mary Cantafio (Family)

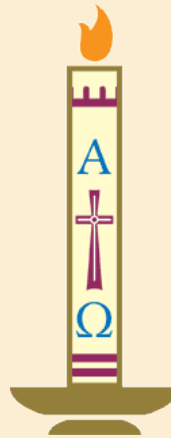
4:30p.m. † Gene Pidich (Wife, Regina)

Sunday, January 28 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † William Haggerty (Regina & Family)

10:30a.m. † Mary Rose Salerno-Smith
(Salerno Family)

REMEMBERED AT THE ALTAR:



St. Paul's Sanctuary Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† Louis Boino

With Love From:

Celia & Pat Brier

St. Paul's St. Joseph Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† Mary Cantafio

With Love From:

Joanne & Family

St. Paul's Marian Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† Nicole Haddix

With Love From:

St. Paul Daily Mass Group

St. Paul's Wine & Host

In Loving Memory of:

† Michael Barrett

With Love from:

Family



Food Pantry Hours: Fridays 3-4pm

Food Pantry Volunteers for Friday January 26

Jen Clark, Sally Walsh, Noreen Rowland,

Jody Maloney, Barbara Burkehouse

St. Paul Food Pantry Donations

In Loving Memory of:

† Sr. Mary William
Philbin, IHM

With Love,
A Friend



Giving
in Memory



RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the souls
of **Thomas Yeager and
Louis Boino**. May their souls and all
of the souls of the faithful departed,
through the Mercy of God, rest in peace.

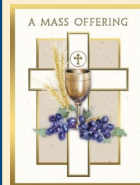
An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are
present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things, And I
desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You
sacramentally, come at least spiritually into
my heart. I embrace you as already there and
unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen.



**If you would like to have a Mass
offered or a candle lit
for someone please
contact the parish office
at 570-961-1549.**



Every donation counts!!

If you have not yet pledged, please...

Help us reach our Annual Appeal Parish Goal!

OUR PARISH IS AT

63% OF OUR \$66,000 goal

**Our parish is reimbursed 75% for any gifts
made to the Appeal in excess of our Appeal goal.**



January 14th Collection

Offertory Total: \$ 5,596.00

Online Total: \$2,196.50

RECENTLY BAPTIZED:

Lila Boniewicz, child of Alicia & John, has recently received the sacrament of baptism at St. Paul Parish.

We welcome Lila to our parish community!



FROM THE CATECHISM

Mission— A Requirement of Catholicity (Para 849-851)

When the founder of the Catholic Church, Jesus Christ, instructed His first “staff,” the apostles, to go forth and teach all nations, He gave them a mission.

That mission is central to the lifeblood of the Church: inviting people to share the communion of the Father and the Son in the Spirit of Love.

The Church’s missionary zeal and vigor came from God’s love for all mankind and His desire that all be saved. The *Catechism* tells us that “ God wills the salvation of everyone through the knowledge of the truth. Salvation is found in the truth.”

The spirit of truth prompts souls, and those souls who respond are already on their way to salvation. But it is the obligation of the Church to reach to those desiring the truth, so as to bring it to them. “Because she believes in God’s universal plan of salvation,” the Catechism declares, “The Church must be missionary.” *-Peggy Stanton, DM*

**Join us for Eucharistic Adoration at our
St. Clare Church Monday through Friday
where we pray the Holy Rosary together
beginning at 3:45 pm each weekday!
2235 N. Washington Ave. Scranton, PA 18509**

What is Eucharistic Adoration?

Understood simply, Eucharistic Adoration is adoring or honoring the Eucharistic Presence of Christ.

In a deeper sense, it is

“the contemplation of the Mystery of Christ truly present before us”.

During Eucharistic Adoration, we “watch and wait”, we remain “silent” in His Presence and open ourselves to His Graces which flow from the Eucharist ...

By worshipping the Eucharistic Jesus, we become what God wants us to be! Like a magnet, The Lord draws us to Himself and gently transforms us.

In its fullest essence ... Eucharistic Adoration is...

“God and Man reaching out for each other, at the same time!”

The Eucharist is: Jesus truly present - Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity!

Jesus waits for us in the Blessed Sacrament. He waits for our little Acts of faith, adoration, love, thanksgiving, repentance, reparation and charity that we can offer Him as we contemplate -- His Divine Majesty -- in the Blessed Sacrament.

St. Alphonsus Liguori wrote: “Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the Sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us”.

The Eucharist is a priceless treasure: By not only celebrating the Eucharist, but also by praying before It outside of Mass, we are enabled to make contact with the very wellsprings of Grace.

Financial Transparency FAQ

Through the Diocese of Scranton's listening efforts during the Synod on Synodality in 2022, one of the main themes that emerged from online surveys and in-person listening sessions was a broad demand for greater transparency from church leadership in all matters of importance. One of the areas frequently mentioned is parish financial matters.

On August 31, 2022, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera signed a decree instituting "Norms for Annual Parish Financial Reporting" which are to be considered law in the Diocese of Scranton. *Each year beginning in 2023, on the second weekend in*

January, every parish in the Diocese will be required to publish a five-year financial trend analysis in its bulletin, which will include a narrative to help people understand the document. (narrative can be found on following page.)

While a pastor/parish life coordinator is primarily responsible for the day-to-day supervision of a parish's financial and physical resources, they receive assistance from a Parish Finance Council. The Parish Finance Council is a consultative body of laypersons that advise a pastor in matters pertaining to the financial affairs of the parish. It is widely accepted that an active, well-informed Parish Finance Council strengthens accountability and assists the pastor with his responsibilities. Parishes are much more expensive to maintain now than they were in the past. As the Diocese of Scranton continues in its Vision 2030 Pastoral Planning Process, striving to meet the opportunities and challenges of the coming decade, it is critical for parishioners to have an understanding of the financial position of their parish. It is the hope that by having more financial transparency between a parish and its parishioners, there can be greater trust and cooperation to further the mission of the Church. Pastors and parish staff must be open and consultative in the conducting of affairs and parishioners must accept responsibility for their parish and contribute generously to its programs and projects.

Parish Financial Report St. Paul - Scranton TREND ANALYSIS					
	2023	Fiscal Year July 1 - June 30			
		2022	2021	2020	2019
Revenue					
Collections	505,642	513,597	489,374	525,584	574,785
Faith Formation Fees	4,600	4,913	3,750	5,341	5,407
Fundraising/Development	3,364	40,824	17,232	43,537	33,365
Other Income	79,729	74,650	87,054	95,202	96,924
Designated Income/Grants/PPP Loan	145,023	-	-	4,276	-
Transfers Savings Account/Other	11,033	69,976	22,333	41,098	19,063
Diocesan Special Collections	22,163	28,343	14,913	23,557	29,030
Total Revenue	771,554	732,303	634,656	738,595	758,574
Expenses					
Administration	224,899	299,682	251,256	260,772	254,880
Rectory	24,840	21,342	33,461	32,341	34,855
Liturgy	64,666	58,397	62,155	53,794	94,994
Faith Formation	35,171	32,883	40,223	46,044	53,532
Social Justice	15,911	12,076	9,535	11,127	15,731
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	96,764	106,268	69,933	121,495	109,295
Fixed Expense	26,179	25,171	26,173	23,218	22,326
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlays	146,060	-	-	16,032	22,464
Designated Expenses /Transfers Out	(59)	43,391	13,368	10,861	16,587
Catholic School Assessment	86,628	98,090	112,875	108,535	103,387
Diocesan Special Collections Remittance	-	10,542	10,425	17,642	26,809
Total Expense	721,059	707,842	629,404	701,861	754,860
Parish Surplus/(Deficit) - CASH Basis	50,495	24,461	5,252	36,734	3,714
(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	21,649	(14,824)	26,324	(9,209)	(23,056)
Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit)	72,144	9,637	31,576	27,525	(19,342)
NOTE					
Outstanding Diocesan Obligations could include: Diocesan assessments, School assessments, health insurance, self-insurance, pension and other expenses.					
End of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	17,103	38,752	23,928	50,252	41,043
Beginning of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	38,752	23,928	50,252	41,043	17,987
(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	21,649	(14,824)	26,324	(9,209)	(23,056)
Diocesan Loan/Debt	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Understanding Your Parish Financial Report

Revenue

- **Collections** include all offertory envelopes, online giving and loose collections, including for holidays, Holy Days and any special collection (flowers) envelopes.
- **Faith Formation Fees** include all registration and program fees for both faith formation and adults programs.
- **Fundraising/Development** includes any gifts or donations that are not regular parish offertory, bequests and memorials, parish activities (dinners, picnics, bingo, lottery, etc.), donations from parish societies and any parish rebate from the Diocesan Annual Appeal (75% over goal is refunded to the parish).
- **Other Income** includes rental of facilities, insurance refunds, interest income, sale of assets, funeral/wedding perquisites or any other income.
- **Designated Income/Grants/PPP Loan** includes donations or grants specifically earmarked for a designated purpose, reimbursements from linked parishes to help cover expenses and any Paycheck Protection Plan grant income.
- **Transfers Savings Account/Other** includes transfers from bank accounts that are excluded from operating income or have already been reported as operating income.
- **Diocesan Special Collections** are special collections (Care & Education of Priests or Emergency collections following a natural disaster) which get remitted back to the Diocese.

Expenses

- **Administration** includes clergy salary and benefits, office staff salary and benefits, administrative expenses, telephone, computer services, postage, printing, envelopes and the Cathedralism (9.5% parish assessment to the Diocese) and Clergy Care and Wellness Assessment.
- **Rectory** expenses include the costs to run and maintain the rectory, as well as household expenses for the pastor(s).
- **Liturgy** includes salaries and benefits for musicians and liturgical staff including directors, musicians and sacristans. This also includes all liturgical equipment and supplies (printed materials, candles, flowers, decorations, etc.)
- **Faith Formation** includes salaries and benefits of faith formation director and staff, including family and/or youth director. This also includes the cost of all textbooks and supplies, retreats, etc.
- **Social Justice** includes all social justice salaries and benefits, as well as the cost of all social justice expenses.
- **Operation & Maintenance of Plant** includes salaries and benefits of all maintenance staff. This also includes the occupancy costs of the parish buildings, including electricity, heat, water, cleaning, janitorial, repairs and maintenance, and any plant and maintenance supplies.
- **Fixed Expense** includes insurance premiums from the Diocesan self-insured program for property, liability and workers compensation, real estate taxes (if any) and rental of facilities.
- **Debt Service** includes the interest and principal payments paid on outstanding parish debt.
- **Capital Outlays** includes any major repairs on the parish building or site or any new construction costs.
- **Designated Expenses/Transfers Out** includes all expenses designated for a specific purpose (i.e., food pantry) or transfers out to savings/building fund.
- **Catholic School Assessments** paid are included here. These represent the parish's portion allocated for the support of the Diocese of Scranton Catholic School System which are 14.5% for a parish with a Catholic School in its county and 8% if there is no school in its county.
- **Diocesan Special Collections Remittance** are the remittals of the Diocesan collections above.

Parish Surplus/(Deficit) - CASH Basis

- This line represents the **increase or decrease** in parish cash balances from the beginning of the year to the end of the year on a **CASH BASIS** based on actual expenses paid.

(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations

- This amount represents the change in the parish's **unpaid obligations** over the year. If there is an **increase** in unpaid obligations, this number will be **negative**. If the parish **reduced** its unpaid obligations, this will be a **positive** number.

Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit)

- This value is the sum of the Parish Surplus/(Deficit) and the (Increase)/decrease of Unpaid Diocesan Obligations. The cash balance represents the net effect of operating activity on a cash basis. If a parish is current on all of its obligation, there would be no difference between the Cash and ACTUAL Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit). However, if a parish is unable to stay current on its obligations, the increase of unpaid obligations will reduce their CASH Basis Net Surplus/(Deficit) by the amount of the increase in unpaid Diocesan obligations.

This Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit) reflects a parish's true ability to pay its current obligations.

Outstanding Diocesan Obligations

- This section highlights the change in a parish's unpaid Diocesan obligations over each fiscal year. If a parish has an increase in unpaid obligations for the year, this will result in a lower Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit) as these are an annual obligation of the parish that was not paid in the current year.

Diocesan Loan/Debt

- This is the amount of outstanding loans of the parish.

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. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services 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 you may contact them electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. 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).