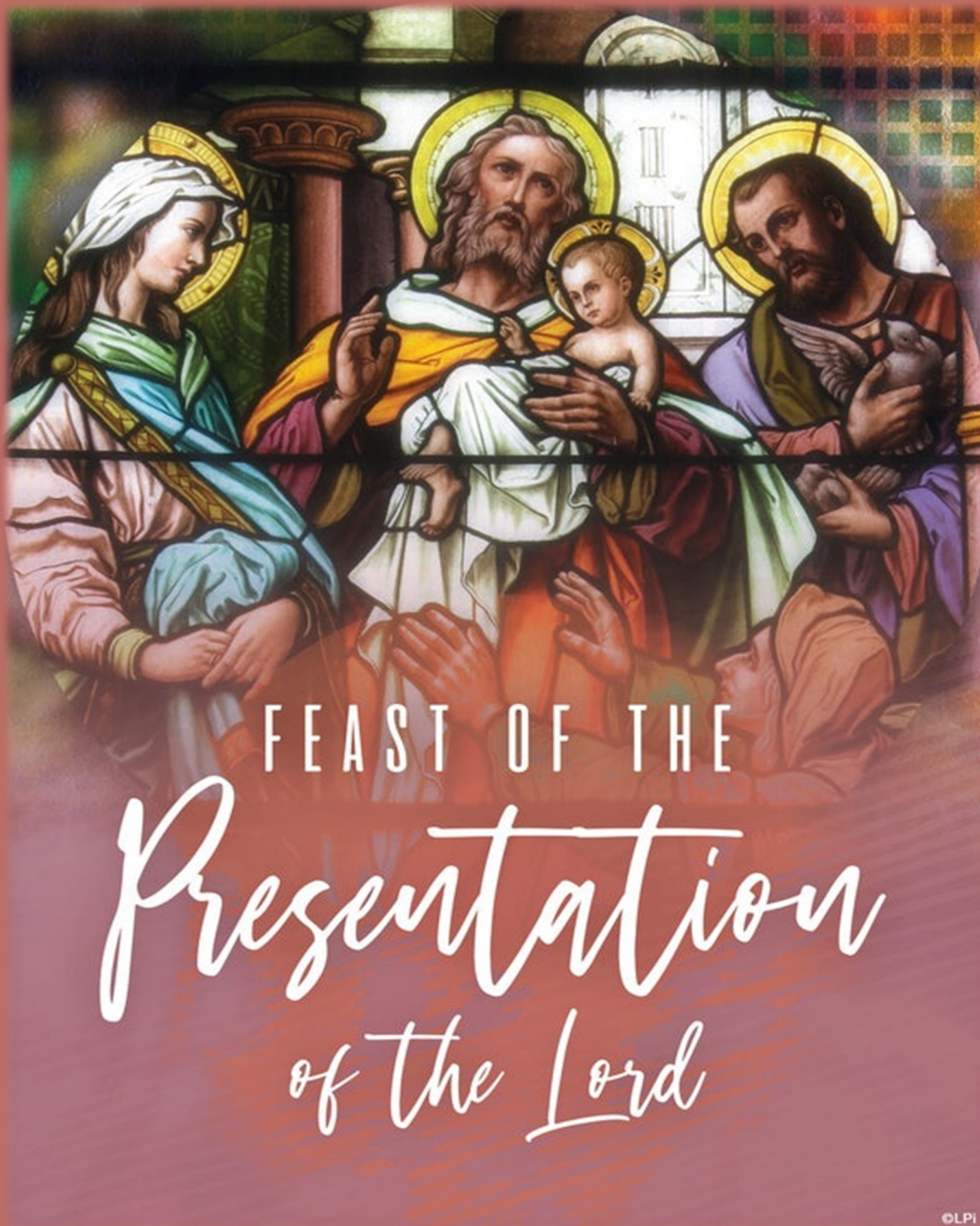




ST. PAUL PARISH

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28, 2024



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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, January 27 Vigil: Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time

4:30 p.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)

Monday, January 29 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Stanley & Blanch Bednarz (Stan & Betty)

Tuesday, January 30 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Nicole Haddix (Nancy Wilson)

Wednesday, January 31 St. John Bosco

8:00 a.m. † Peter Herie (Wife, Peggy Herie)

Thursday, February 1 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Robert Louis Toman (Mom & Dad)

Friday, February 2 The Presentation of the Lord

8:00 a.m. † Ann Marie "Nancy" Kelly
(Louis & Marisa Buonomo & Tina Amato)

Saturday, February 3 Vigil: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † James Tyrell (Terry Rizzo)

4:30p.m. † Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Coolican
(Washo & McGinnis Families)

Sunday, February 4 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † John Yeager (Family)

10:30a.m. † Johnine Cummings (Renard Family)

RECENTLY DECEASED



Please pray for the repose of the souls of those recently deceased.

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.

REMEMBERED AT THE ALTAR:



St. Paul's Sanctuary Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† Pat Dougher

With Love From:

Joanne Cantafio

St. Paul's St. Joseph Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† Robert Louis Toman

With Love From:

The Cantafio Family

St. Paul's Marian Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† Robert Gibbons

With Love From:

The Jadick Family



St. Paul's Wine & Host

In Loving Memory of:

† Jack Seitzinger

Food Pantry Hours: Fridays 3-4pm

Food Pantry Volunteers for Friday February 2
U of S Students, 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

In Loving Memory of:

† Louis Boino

With Love,

Pete & Judy McCarthy

Every donation counts!!

If you have not yet pledged, please...

Help us reach our Annual Appeal Parish Goal!

OUR PARISH IS AT

64% OF OUR \$66,000 goal

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



January 21st Collection

Offertory Total: \$ 3,113.00 — Online Total: \$2,696.00

The Parish Wish List Grows

As you know, we instituted the “Parish Wish List Program Envelope” several years ago to address some issues and improvements surrounding our parish plant.

Since that time, we have cleaned the pews in the church, painted the church interior, made some upgrades to the sanctuary, improved the lighting, electrified the side and central doors of the church to allow for handicapped access, installed a handicap accessible restroom and replaced the church public address system.

As you would imagine, there is always something to be addressed in a large plant such as ours and so the Wish List grows. We are continuing the program with the added target areas of improving the exterior church lighting, exterior church painting, addressing security issues with alarms and cameras and upgrades to improve utility usage.

We thank you for your support of our parish projects in the past and ask for your continued support in the future.



FROM THE CATECHISM

Who Leads the Church? (Para 849-855)

Who leads the Church on its missionary path through history? The principal agent is the Holy Spirit, according to the Holy Spirit, According to the *Catechism*.

Urged by the Spirit of Christ, the Church must walk the path Christ trod, a way of poverty, obedience, service and self-sacrifice, even unto death. The “blood of martyrs is the seed of Christians,” says the *Catechism*.

Throughout her history, the Church has experienced the discrepancy between the message and the messengers. That is why She follows the way of the Cross, a way of penance and renewal, to extend Christ’s reign. The process of evangelizing involves bringing the Gospel to ears that have never heard it— establishing God’s presence through Christian communities and eventually local churches.

“There will be times of defeat,” the *Catechism* admits, as the Church touches individuals and communities, “and so receives them into a fullness which is Catholic.” —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



Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration with exposition needs a great push. People ask me: 'What will convert America and save the world?' My answer is prayer. What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in holy hours of prayer.

— Mother Teresa —



THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Traditionally, the Church has set aside Feb. 2 in observance of the Presentation of the Lord – or the day in which Joseph and Mary presented Jesus to the priests and elders in the Temple. For years, this feast – which in the United States is only formally celebrated when it falls on a Sunday – marked the end of the Christmas season. In old days, the Presentation was often referred to as “Candlemas” and was celebrated

by a candle-lit procession into the church, signifying Christ as the “light of nations.”

Known originally as the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is a relatively ancient celebration. We know that the Church at Jerusalem was observing the feast as early as the first half of the fourth century, and likely earlier.

According to Jewish law, the firstborn male child belonged to God, and the parents had to “buy him back” on the 40th day after his birth, by offering a sacrifice of “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons” (Luke 2:24) in the temple – thus the “presentation” of the child. On that same day, the mother would be ritually purified – thus the “purification.”

St. Mary and St. Joseph kept this law, even though, since St. Mary remained a virgin after the birth of Christ, she would not have had to go through ritual purification.

In his Gospel, Luke (2:22-39) recounts the story.

Originally, the feast was celebrated on Feb. 14, the 40th day after Epiphany (Jan. 6), because Christmas wasn’t yet celebrated as its own feast, and so the Nativity, Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord (Theophany), and the feast celebrating Christ’s first miracle at the wedding in Cana were all celebrated on the same day. By the last quarter of the fourth century, however, the Church at Rome had begun to celebrate the Nativity on Dec. 25, so the Feast of the Presentation was moved to Feb. 2, 40 days later.

When Christ was presented in the temple, “there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel.” When St. Mary and St. Joseph brought Christ to the temple, Simeon embraced the Child and prayed the Canticle of Simeon: “Now thou dost dismiss thy servant, O Lord, according to thy word in peace; because my eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples: a light to the revelation of the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel” (Luke 2:29-32).

Because of the words of the canticle – “a light to the revelation of the Gentiles” – by the 11th century, the custom had developed in the West of blessing candles on the Feast of the Presentation. The candles were then lit, and a procession took place through the darkened church while the Canticle of Simeon was sung. Because of this, the feast also became known as Candlemas. While the procession and blessing of the candles is not often performed in the United States today, Candlemas is still an important feast in many European countries.

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).



SCAN TO REGISTER
College Age +

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A RETREAT FOR MEN DISCERNING THE
PRIESTHOOD

Rev. Alex Roche



Holy Family Spiritual Renewal Center, Nanticoke

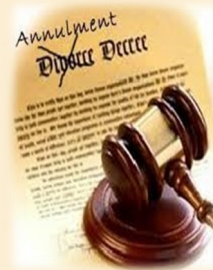
Hosted by the Diocese of Scranton Vocations Office

MARCH 1-2, 2024

REGISTER AT DIOCESEOFSCRANTON.ORG/VOCATIONS



Do You Want To Know About the Annulment Process?



In the Diocese of Scranton, the annulment process is now more “user friendly” than you might expect, and there is no longer a processing fee.

Please contact your pastor or the Diocesan Tribunal Office (570-207-2246) to begin a conversation.

Get clear answers to these questions and to renew your connection with the Church!

UKRAINIAN PYSANKY CLASSES

offered by St. Cyril's Church
Olyphant

February 18th and March 3rd,

with two classes each day:

12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m.

Students will learn about this beautiful Ukrainian tradition.

The beginner class is approximately 2 hours long, with step-by-step instructions to create your own egg.

The cost is \$25 per person, with supplies included. Class size is limited, and registration is required. Pysanky, additional supplies, jewelry and mosaics made from broken eggshells will be available for sale.

Contact: Tammy Budnovitch 570-766-1919 to register for this parish fundraiser held at St. Cyril's Parish Hall, 207 River St., Olyphant.

GREENRIDGE HOMETOWN HERO BANNERS

BANNERS FOR SALE ON:
FEBRUARY 17 AND MARCH 2, 2024

HONOR YOUR HERO

FROM 1:00PM TO 4:00PM
IN THE BASEMENT OF ST.
CLARE'S

Location: St. Clare's Church
Basement
Address: 2251 N Washington Ave,
Scranton, PA 18509

\$270 Per Banner Cash or Check
Only

Order a banner for a family member or friend who is active duty, retired or deceased. Requirements:

- Full Name
- Rank
- Military Branch
- Printed Photo (if available)