



ST. PAUL PARISH

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 29, 2023



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter
every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be
glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." - Mt 5:10-12a

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ST. PAUL CHURCH

Mon.-Sat. 8:00 a.m.- Daily Mass
Saturday 4:30 p.m.- Vigil Mass
Sunday 8a.m. & 10:30a.m.

ST. CLARE CHURCH

Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary
Monday-Friday 4p.m.-5p.m.
Rosary begins at 4:30 p.m.

Rev. Mon. Neil J. Van Loon, V.F., Pastor
Deacon John A. Hanni

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



St. Paul Parish

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

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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

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Rosary at 4:30 p.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
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 28 Vigil: Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. † Joseph P. McCormack (Wife, Anne & Family)

Sunday, January 29 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Members of the Parish

† Patrick Dougher (Dougher & Angeloni Family)

10:30 a.m. † Stanley & Blanch Bednarz (Stan & Betty Bednarz)

Monday, January 30 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Maryagnes Brown (Brown Family)

Tuesday, January 31 St. John Bosco, Priest

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

Wednesday, February 1 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Daniel Novitsky (The LaTorre Family)

Thursday, February 2 The Presentation of the Lord

8:00 a.m. † Robert Fitzsimmons (Helen, Robbie & Noel)

Friday, February 3 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Coolican
(Washo & McGinnis Family)

Saturday, February 4 Vigil: Fifth Sunday
In Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † John Yeager (Family)

4:30 p.m. † John O'Keeffe (Peggy O'Keeffe)

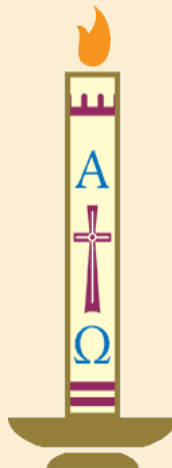
Sunday, February 5 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Members of the Parish

† Scott Eshelman (Mom, Dad, Toodd & Blake)

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

REMEMBERED AT THE ALTAR:



St. Paul's Sanctuary Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† Robert Louis Toman

With Love From:

The Cantafio Family

St. Paul's St. Joseph Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† Pat Dougher

With Love From:

The Cantafio Family

St. Paul's Marian Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† John Yeager

With Love From:

Family

St. Paul's Wine and Host

In Loving Memory of:

† Robert Louis Toman

With Love From:

Mom & Dad



Food Pantry Hours: Fridays 3-4:30pm

Food Pantry Volunteers for Friday February 3

*U of S students, Jody Maloney &
Barbara Burkhouse*



**Food Pantry supporters: Are
you wondering what pantry
items are especially needed &
desirable in this winter season?**

**Best answer: cocoa, cereal, pasta, tuna,
hearty soups, bake mixes**

Thank you for your continued support!

St. Paul Food Pantry Donations



In Loving Memory of:

† Robert Timlin

With Love,

Tom & Lenore McGowan



If you would like to have a Mass said for
someone please contact the parish office at
570-961-1549. There are many weekday

Mass available throughout Lent and the
remainder of the year. Mass Cards can also
be given to you for mailing to family mem-
bers if you choose. Mass Intentions are published weekly
in the Sunday bulletin. Mass Intentions are a personal
donation, but the customary amount is \$10.



RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the souls of
Robert Cron, Jr. May his soul and all 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.*



*We ask for your ongoing
prayers for Deacon John
Hanni of our parish
as he convalesces.*

THANK YOU
FOR ALL YOUR
**GENEROUS
SUPPORT**

January 29, 2023
OFFERTORY:
\$4,594.00
ONLINE: \$2,706.91

Help us reach our Annual Appeal Parish Goal!
OUR PARISH IS AT
67% OF OUR \$66,000 goal
*Our parish is reimbursed 75% for any gifts
made to the Appeal in excess of our Appeal goal.*

Donate now at:
annualappeal.org
or click the QR code below



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

February 5, 2023: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

I recently decided to learn to cook. As I sit at the feet of various YouTube cooking masters, I notice

YOU ARE THE
Salt
OF THE EARTH



YOU ARE THE
Light
OF THE WORLD

how much of cooking is adding ingredients that don't provide any more nourishment, like herbs and other seasonings. But man! They make all the difference because they make the meal delightful to eat and share. Jesus calls his disciples "salt of the world." No one eats just salt. So, Christians are not meant to replace or do away with the world. They are meant to be agents of preservation and glorification. Notice how often these days the Church seeks to preserve what is threatened: the goodness of marital and family love, the desires of young people for greatness, the value of honest work, healthy economics, and altruistic political engagement, the dignity of the poor and vulnerable. Over and over, we say

to a world who wants to throw things out, "It's worth saving! We'll preserve it! We'll show you it's wonderful." If we can't engage the world like that, Jesus says we are the ones who get thrown out,

because salt alone is worthless. Jesus only asks us to do for others what he does for us.

He is the "salt" of everything in our lives. Is there something in your life starting to rot a bit? Something tasting bland and boring? Let Jesus salt it and see if you like it better. -Father John Mui ©LPi

The characteristics mentioned in Matthew 5:4-12 are based upon being poor in spirit. When those characteristics are evident in our lives we will be salt and light in a world that needs Jesus. Salt preserves, flavors and purifies. We are to be salt in this world.

Also, our light will not be hidden when we live Christlike lives.

We are called to be salt and light in a world that desperately needs God. Our actions will help others see God. What are you doing this week to be salt and light in your sphere of influence?

Diocese of Scranton's

International Student Leadership Institute

A Peer-Facilitated
Leadership Retreat
for High School
Students

**FEBRUARY
17-19, 2023**

@ Holy Transfiguration
Retreat Center, Dalton

For More Information:
Further details and
applications are
available online at
Dioceseofscranton.org
or call (570)207-2213
x1155 for more info.



Dinner Event to Benefit Providence Pregnancy Center

Providence Pregnancy Center (PPC) will
be hosting a dinner benefit on Thursday,
March 16 from 5pm-9pm at
St. Mary's Center in Scranton.

The event will feature guest speaker pro
life activist Mark Houck and speakers from
the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. The evening will include
live music, delicious food, inspirational stories and fellowship.
Tickets are \$15/person and include event entry and dinner.

A cash bar will be available.

Reservations will be accepted until March 13 by visiting
www.ppcscranton.org/events or by contacting
Sandy Campell at 570-862-3001

Called to Serve

Ministries are the lifeblood of the church
volunteers are the lifeblood of the ministries
your service matters to our community

LITURGICAL & MUSIC MINISTRIES: These ministries occur during Mass, or in support of Mass during the week. We rely on the tireless work of our Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Counters & Choir Members to be able to serve our congregation; the Mass has many moving parts, and their service makes it possible!

If you are interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Communion please take a look at the following information for upcoming 1-day training sessions:

The Office for Parish Life periodically offers training sessions for new Extraordinary Ministers of Communion at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, or to those looking for a refresher to his or her prior training.

This training session is based on the Liturgical Ministry Resource created by the Office for Parish Life, and covers the theology of the Eucharist and the Mass, the history and spirituality of the ministry, as well as the particular functions of the Extraordinary Minister of Communion, and how to properly prepare and carry out this ministry. Candidates for the training should have the approval of his or her pastor/parish life coordinator.

There is no fee for the training, and lunch will be provided. Please note that it is necessary for candidates to attend the entire session to receive certification as an Extraordinary Minister of Communion. Current Extraordinary Ministers of Communion seeking a refresher course are also welcome to attend.

To register, visit the Diocese of Scranton website or **contact David Baloga at the Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213.**

The cutoff to register for the Extraordinary Minister of Communion training is the Tuesday prior to each session.

Saturday, February 11, 2023 from 9:00AM to 2:30PM

Saturday, May 6, 2023 from 9:00AM to 2:30PM

Saturday, August 19, 2023 from 9:00AM to 2:30PM

Saturday, November 11, 2023 from 9:00AM to 2:30PM



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

What's the Buzz?

When a new store or restaurant opens in the area, there can be quite a buzz. People want to see what the place is like. If the establishment is lucky, a positive word of mouth can spread all over the area. The challenge then becomes keeping that buzz alive. If people start to think that the new place is not as good as advertised or they had hoped, the crowds will dwindle and soon the new place will simply become an old place. Even worse, it could become a closed place.

If you were a store owner, what would you do to attract people? Would you always put your best foot forward? How hard would you work to show everybody that your place is worth repeated visits and patronage?

You may not be an entrepreneur with your own business, but you do have your parish community. This is your community and what you do and how you act in the world around you will either add to a buzz or a lack of interest. How you use the gifts you and your community have been given will do a lot to attract people and cause them to talk. You will be like a city on top of a mountain that no one can miss. Can your light shine so bright that it can be seen from miles around? You may be only one person, but you are a part of something greater than yourself. Your stewardship can easily become contagious. At a time when too many are choosing to disregard the Church, it is time to create a positive buzz. - Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



World Day of the Sick Mass

**FRIDAY, FEB. 10, 2023
12:10 P.M.**

CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PETER,
SCRANTON

Principal Celebrant: Bishop Joseph C. Bambera

**CTV: CATHOLIC TELEVISION TO BROADCAST MASS LIVE
AND LIVESTREAM ON DIOCESAN WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA**

We are collecting old palm to burn for use on Ash Wednesday. If you have any old palm, kindly leave them in the back of church. Thank you!



A Prayer in Solidarity with Victims of Violence

We Pray- Amid despair, we stand in love and in justice for those who could not stand for themselves.

As we pause to remember those who have lost their lives to violence, victims of every manner of abuse, we are remembering those who were promised a land of milk and honey, but who died along the way—never having seen the Promised Land.

As we pause to remember the communities who are left to mourn, may our mourning join with theirs; and may you comfort us, Oh God.

In ways only You know, facilitate in us a spirit of love, mercy, healing and justice so that one day we might live in a land not consumed by violence and hatred; that one day we might live in love and neighborliness and that peace might begin with us.

In your mercy, Oh God, hear our prayer.
Amen.



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ADORATION AND ROSARY

Monday thru Friday 4-5pm at St. Clare Church with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Rosary is recited at 4:30 p.m. Special intentions for our country and our world include:

- † A return to God and the Ten Commandments
- † An end to violence, public, private and in the womb
- † Any other intentions



THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel." - Lk 2:34a

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Almighty and ever-living God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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 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 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.