



# ST. PAUL PARISH

*5th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

February 5, 2023



## LIGHT



“You are the light  
of the world.”

MATTHEW 5:14A

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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

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  
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](mailto:info@stpaulscranton.org)  
Facebook ~ Saint Paul's  
Parish Scranton  
[www.stpaulscranton.org](http://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

### FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, February 4 Vigil: Fifth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

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, Todd & Blake)

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

Monday, February 6 St. Paul Miki and Companions

8:00 a.m. † Robyn Biagioli Reilly (Walter & Kate Hoban)

Tuesday, February 7 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Lorie Carroll (Family)

Wednesday, February 8 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † John M. Dougherty (June Ellen Buckley)

Thursday, February 9 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † MaryLou McDonald (Family)

Friday, February 10 Saint Scholastica

8:00 a.m. † James P. Kennedy (Family)

Saturday, February 11 Vigil: Sixth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Margaret Rogan (Family)

4:30 p.m. † Robert McAndrew (Family)

Sunday, February 12 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Members of the Parish  
† Lindsay Doherty (Family)

10:30a.m. † Daniel Finnerty (Family)

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Cantafio. Eternal rest, grant to her O Lord, And let Perpetual light shine upon her. May her 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.

## 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 10

U of S students, Noreen Rowland & Barbara Burkhouse

## St. Paul Food Pantry Donations

In Loving Memory of:

† Robert Cron

With Love,

Tom & Marilyn Hunt

In Loving Memory of:

† Sister Mary William Philbin, IHM

With Love,

John & Roseanne Skaluba

In Loving Memory of:

† Alice Grogan

With Love,

Friends of Gene & Ellen Grogan



If you would like to have a Mass said or a candle lit for someone please contact the parish office at 570-961-1549. *There are many weekday Masses & weekly candles available throughout Lent and the remainder of the year.* Mass Cards can also be given to you for mailing to family members if you choose. Mass Intentions and Candle Memorials are published weekly in the Sunday bulletin. Mass & Candle Intentions are a personal donation, but the customary amount is \$10.



**January 29, 2023**  
**OFFERTORY:**  
**\$4,738.00**  
**ONLINE: \$2,481.55**

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](http://annualappeal.org)**  
or click the QR code below



## **GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

*February 5, 2023: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

I recently decided to learn to cook. As I sit at the feet of various YouTube cooking masters, I notice 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](http://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](http://www.ppcscranton.org/events) or by contacting Sandy Campell at 570-862-3001



**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, **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**



It is our sincere hope that this virtual celebration of table will remind all of us who have enough to eat that so many others in our world and in our local communities are hungry. As we thank God for our own blessings - of food, family, faith and friends - we can all work toward a world in which everyone will have three square meals and at least three friends with whom to share them.

Your voting dollars will directly support Catholic Social Services' food kitchens, food pantries and other anti-hunger efforts **AS WELL AS THE PASTOR CHEF'S PARISH**. All sponsorship dollars will stay with Catholic Social Services, while Catholic Social Services **AND** the participating parish will share voting dollars.

Please enjoy as many visits and videos as you wish! Our site will be live for the next few weeks, with voting open until noon on Fat Tuesday, Feb. 21, and winners announced by 5 p.m. that same day.

**NOW PLAYING . . .**  
**YOUR FAVORITE PASTOR CHEFS ARE BACK IN THE KITCHEN!**

32 collared cooks on 24 teams...  
In an epic food fight vs. hunger!  
Which priests will win bragging rights?

View the videos on a screen of your choice!  
Support the anti-hunger initiatives of Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton by voting on [dioceseofscranton.org](http://dioceseofscranton.org) before noon on Fat Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2023!  
Follow Diocese of Scranton on Facebook for continuing event updates.

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Questions? Call event director Sandra Snyder at 570-591-5004 or email [Sandra-Snyder@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:Sandra-Snyder@dioceseofscranton.org).





## 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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## "The Lighter Side"



How long did Cain hate his brother?

*As long as he was Abel.*

What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth?

*He was Ruth-less*

Which area of Palestine was especially wealthy?

*The areas around Jordan ... the banks were always overflowing.*

Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?

*Because Noah was standing on the deck.*



### **ADORATION AND ROSARY**

**Monday thru Friday 4-5pm at our 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**



### **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](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. [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.](#)