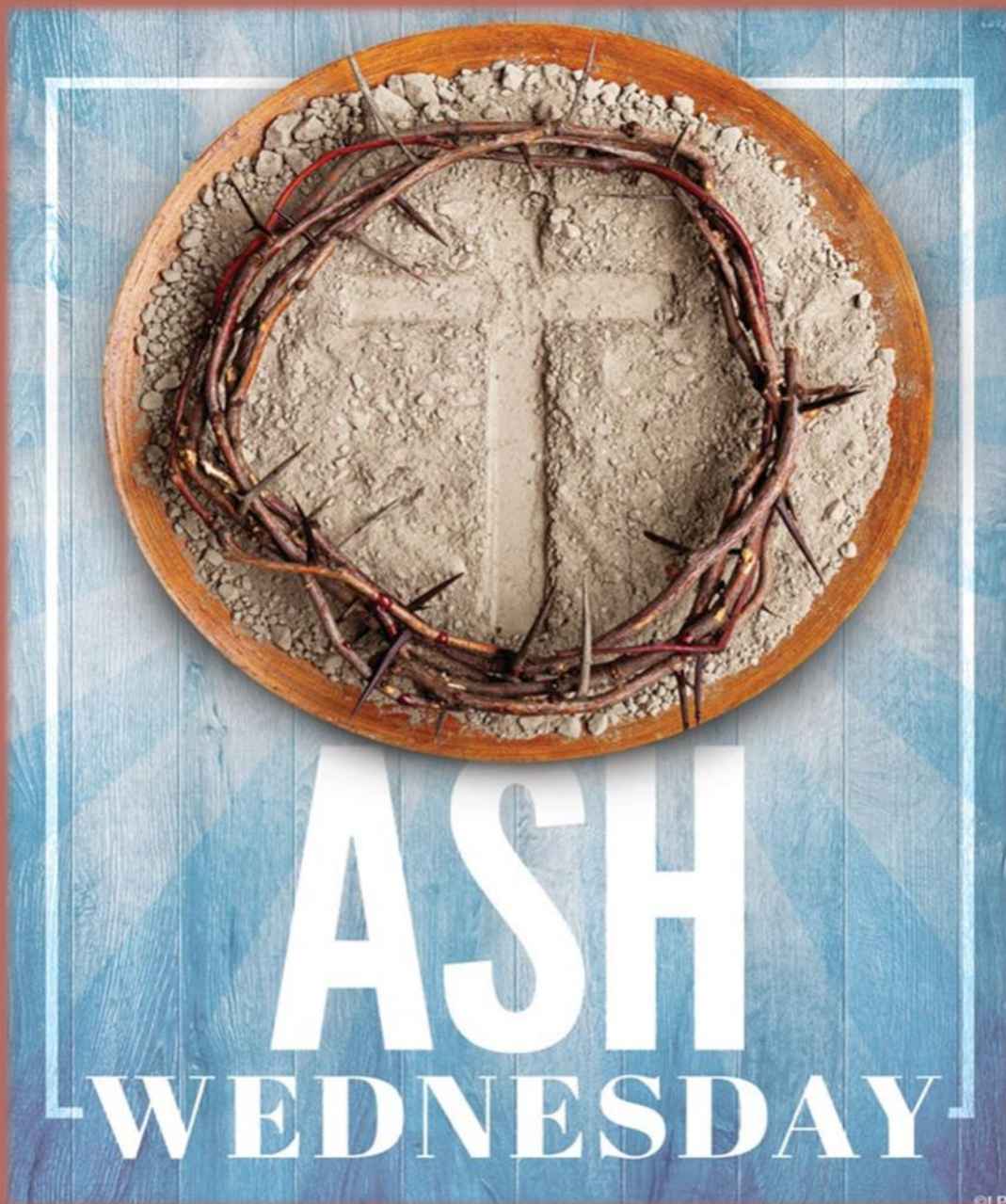




ST. PAUL PARISH

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 11, 2024



ST. PAUL CHURCH

Mon.-Fri. 8:00am & 12:10pm (Lent)
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



2024 POT OF GOLD SPRING RAFFLE ST. PAUL PARISH

*"Pot of Gold" 50/50 tickets: \$20 or 3 for \$50
\$2,000 & \$1,000 prize tickets: \$ 5 each or 6 for \$25*



Everyone should have received their letter regarding this year's Spring fundraiser for St. Paul Parish.

Purchasing these raffle tickets is an easy way that you can support our parish! If you would like to purchase more, please contact the rectory at 570-961-1549. When complete, you can mail them, drop them in the collection basket, or bring them to the rectory.

Your financial assistance is truly needed, appreciated & a great gift to our parish community!

LAST 50/50 WINNER WON \$4,497.50!

Ash Wednesday Masses with Distribution of Ashes:

Wednesday February 14th

8:00 am & 9:00 am

12:10pm & 5:00pm

Reconciliation/Confessions:
Each Monday throughout Lent
5:30-6:30

Stations of the Cross:
Each Friday throughout Lent
5:00 pm

Join us for 12:10pm Mass
Monday-Friday throughout
Lent

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

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, February 10 Vigil: Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. † William & Mary Auriemma (Family)

Sunday, February 11 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Lindsay Doherty (Family)

10:30 a.m. † Mary Melvin-Walsh (Julia & Fred Miller)

Monday, February 12 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Louis Boino (Pete & Judy McCarthy)

Tuesday, February 13

8:00 a.m. † Thomas Yeager (Jim & Nancy Wilson)

Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday

8:00 a.m. † Lorie Carroll (Family)

9:00 a.m. † Rose Langan (Langan Family)

12:10 p.m. † Robert T. Cron, Jr. (Bob & MaryAnn Cron)

5:00 p.m. † Mrs. Ellen Casey (Ms. Amy Schoonover)

Thursday, February 15 Thursday after Ash Wednesday

8:00 a.m. † Thomas Yeager (Jack & Delores Felondis)

12:10 p.m. † Mr. & Mrs. Michael Washo (Washo Family)

Friday, February 16 Friday after Ash Wednesday

8:00 a.m. † James P. Kennedy (Family)

12:10 p.m. † Deacon John Hanni (Wife, Charlotte)

Saturday, February 17 Vigil: First Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. † Michael Muraca (Michael Murphy)

4:30 p.m. † O'Keefe Family (Peggy O'Keefe)

Sunday, February 18 First Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. † Mary Beth Fueshko-Barry (Family)

10:30 a.m. † Mrs. Ellen Casey (The Jordan 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.**



St. Paul's is once again participating in the **Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl** program. Rice Bowls are available in the back of our churches. Drop off Rice Bowls at rectory or in with Sunday collections.

REMEMBERED AT THE ALTAR:



St. Paul's Sanctuary Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† Sean Gaylets

With Love From:

Grandma

St. Paul's St. Joseph Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† Florence Jacoby & Jeff Jacoby

With Love From:

Family

St. Paul's Marian Candle

In Loving Memory:

† Theresa Durkin

With Love From:

Joan Blaker



St. Paul's Wine & Host

In Loving Memory—Birthday in Heaven

† Deacon John Hanni

With Love From:

Loving Wife, Charlotte

Food Pantry Hours: Fridays 3-4pm

Food Pantry Volunteers for Friday February 16

U of S Students, Noreen Rowland,

Barbara Burkehouse

St. Paul Food Pantry Donations

In Loving Memory of:

† Michael Monahan

With Love,

The Robert McKenna

Family

In Loving Memory of:

† Marie & John &

Joe O'Malley

With Love,

Helene & Jack O'Malley

HELPING HANDS

Our **Helping Hands Lenten Food Drive** is a tradition of Almsgiving at a local level. We ask you to take a bag and make your donations during the Lenten season.

Food Drive bags will be placed at the entrance of the Church. Suggested Items much needed for the Food Pantry are listed on each bag. Food can be placed in the returned bag in the church or rectory.

Grocery store gift cards are also a great way of giving back. You are the **Hands of Christ** in our community.

Thank you so much for your continued support!





Lent Regulations 2024

Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It is a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter.

The following fasting and abstinence regulations are observed:

FASTING is to be observed on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14) and Good Friday (March 29) by all Catholics over 18 to the beginning of their 60th year. When fasting, one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together should not equal another full meal, unless dispensed or excused.

ABSTINENCE from meat is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age or older.

Ash Wednesday, all of the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday are days of abstinence.

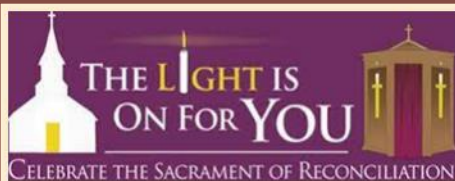
During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully.

We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ. Lent is a penitential season. It is a time to seek forgiveness, to look inward, and to admit our shortcomings and failures. All faithful of the Diocese of Scranton are reminded of Diocesan Statute No. 41, which addresses the penitential aspect of Lent: "The season of Lent is penitential in nature and during Lent penance should be not only internal and individual, but also external and social (Sacrosanctum Concilium, No. 5, 109). Pastors are obliged to avoid scheduling activities which in any way could possibly detract from the external and social penance required by Lent."

How can you spend your time during Lent?

By "giving up" things you hunger after, such as sweets or alcohol; or activities you desire, such as vacations, concerts or movies. By "doing" things to help others, such as offering an extra donation to the poor or helping those in need by providing food or clothing. By "adding" to our normal routine, such as going to daily Mass, praying the Stations of the Cross and going to confession.

One of the greatest opportunities given by the Church to assist us in our response to the Lord's invitation to conversion is found in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



Mondays throughout Lent 5:30– 6:30pm at St. Paul Parish

All parishes in the Diocese of Scranton will be open for confessions

In this season of renewal, Catholics are invited to experience Christ's healing love through the Sacrament of Reconciliation as an important dimension of the Lenten journey.

The website, www.dioceseofscranton.org/light has materials to assist you in preparing to make a good confession, prayers you may find helpful, and answers to common questions. Please make plans to come on a Lenten Monday & spread the word of this special outreach of mercy to those you know!

How to return to confession

If you have been away from the church, or if you have been reluctant or unable to see a priest for confession, you are invited to experience the reconciling peace of Christ through the grace of this sacrament, also called the sacrament of reconciliation.

The Scranton Area's
2024
ROAD TO RESURRECTION

Make your Lenten journey a special one this year by following the Road to Resurrection

Thursday February 22- 7:00 PM
St. Paul Parish
1510 Penn Ave. Scranton, PA 18509

Thursday February 29- 7:00 PM
Immaculate Conception
801 Taylor Ave., Scranton, PA 18510

Thursday March 7- 7:00 PM
Mary Mother of God
316 Williams St. Scranton, PA 18508

Thursday March 14- 7:00 PM
Prince of Peace
123 Grace St. Old Forge, PA 18518

Thursday March 21- 7:00 PM
Divine Mercy
312 Davis St. Scranton, PA 18505

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON
SCRANTON DEANERY

**LENTEN
HOLY HOUR**
with Bishop Bambera

Wednesday, March 20
at 7:00 P.M.

St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish
1217 Prospect Avenue
Scranton, PA 18505



NATIONAL
Eucharistic
Revival

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON
VOCATIONS OFFICE



**"Get Up
and Pray"**

Luke 22:46

Join us in praying for our
priests and seminarians
Holy Thursday, March 28th!

1. Assemble a group to visit
the Altar of Repose in as
many churches as you can
2. Look for the "Add Yours"
sticker on @Scrantonvoc
stories Thursday night
3. Share photos using the
sticker & tell us which priests
and/or seminarians you're
praying for!



We invite you to dive deeper into the mystery of Christ's
passion this Lent in praying the Way of the Cross

St. Paul Parish

The Stations of the Cross is a reminder of the struggle and
humiliation that our Lord Jesus Christ went through on His way
to crucifixion and His ultimate resurrection.

Join us each Friday evening at 5 p.m. during this holy season of
Lent (February 14th-March 31st) at

St. Paul Church 1510 Penn Ave., Scranton PA 18509

As our Diocese continues to plan for the opportunities and challenges of the future with the Vision 2030 process, we recognize the value in the information that is contained in the October Mass Attendance Survey and the Annual Parish Report. In keeping with the new Financial Transparency Initiative, it is in our best practice to share our annual Attendance and Parish Life Statics.

Saint Paul Parish

Saint Paul Church, Scranton
Saint Clare Church, Scranton

Pastor: Msgr. Neil J. Van Loon, V.F.

Scranton Deanery

-Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton
-Divine Mercy, Scranton
-Immaculate Conception, Scranton
-Mary, Mother of God, Scranton
-Prince of Peace, Old Forge
-Saint Ann Basilica, Scranton
-Saint John Neumann, Scranton
-Saint Lucy, Scranton
-Saint Michael, Scranton
-Saint Patrick, Scranton
-**Saint Paul, Scranton**
-Saint Paul of the Cross, Scranton
-Saints Peter and Paul, Scranton

PARISH DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Number of Households	1288	1465	1444	1477	1498
Number of Parishioners	3274	4311	4284	4359	4399
Total Number of Weekend Masses	3	3	3	3	5
Total Average Weekend Mass Attendance	320	331	324	375	652

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Baptisms	28	31	40	24	35
First Holy Communions	33	51	83	43	36
Confirmations	39	48	82	44	31
RCIA/Baptism	1	1	2	0	0
RCIA/Full Communion	0	0	0	0	0
Marriages	12	10	12	7	9
Funerals	26	56	38	-	58

FAITH FORMATION PARTICIPATION

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Religious Education K-8	52	72	74	-	102
Religious Education 9-12	0	3	0	0	0
Catholic School Students	453	191	250	-	235
Adult Faith Formation	0	2	0	0	0

*All data in this report has been supplied to the Diocese by your Parish. 2023 data is from July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023.



VISION 2030

*Creating Parish Communities
Rooted in the Life of Jesus Christ*



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