



ST. PAUL PARISH

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 12, 2023



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"I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother
will be liable to judgment." - Mt 5:22a

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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
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

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, February 11 Vigil: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday, February 12 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Members of the Parish
† Lindsay Doherty (Mom, Dad, Todd & Blake)

10:30 a.m. † Daniel Finnerty (Family)

Monday, February 13 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Mary & William Quinlan (Family)

Tuesday, February 14 Sts. Cyril, Monk & Methodius

8:00 a.m. † Edward M. Jordan (Family)

Wednesday, February 15 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Mr. & Mrs. Michael Washo
(Craig Brittain & Caiden Washo)

Thursday, February 16 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Robert Holtham (Friends)

Friday, February 17 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Flo & Jeff Jacoby (Family)

Saturday, February 18 Vigil: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Orlando Barbetti (Family)

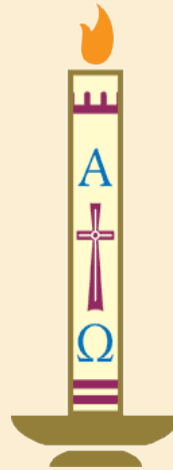
4:30 p.m. † Domenico Piraino (Rita Cicco)

Sunday, February 19 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Members of the Parish
† James P. Kennedy (Family)

10:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Martin Family
(Shaffern & Martin Family)

REMEMBERED AT THE ALTAR:



St. Paul's Sanctuary Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† Antoinette & William Pasko

With Love From:

Helen, Robbie & Noel

St. Paul's St. Joseph Candle

Happy Birthday in Heaven:

† Jean Barnable

With Love From:

Sister, Bev Detrick & Family

St. Paul's Marian Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† Jack & Richard Pasko

With Love From:

Helen, Robbie & Noel

St. Paul's Wine and Host

In Loving Honor of:

† Karen Finnerty

With Love From:

Friends



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,

Craig & Mary Grace Washo



RECENTLY DECEASED

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



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!



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 & 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.



February 5, 2023
OFFERTORY:
\$8,311.00
ONLINE: \$3,271.35

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Catholic Schools Week 2023

St. Clare/ St. Paul School



St. Clare/ St. Paul School celebrated Catholic Schools Week in a big way this year...

They celebrated our Nation & Our Community, Our Students, Faculty & Staff, Our Vocations, and Our Church & School.

Some of the fantastic activities included themed dress-up days, fun-filled games throughout the week, along with movies, treats, fun presentations, and even a dance party!

Looking for the best school for your student?

Explore the benefits of choosing a faith-based education for your child.
Join us at our Open House on Sunday March 12, 2023
11am-1pm
at

Primary Campus (Grades PK-2)
2215 N. Washington Ave.
Scranton, PA 18509
Main Campus (Gr. 3-8)
1527 Penn Ave.
Scranton, PA 18509





VISION 2030

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

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. While some parishes routinely share this information, just like our new Financial Transparency Initiative, it should become a best practice of every parish to share their annual Attendance and Parish Life Statics.

PARISH DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Number of Households	1465	1444	1477	1498	1538
Number of Parishioners	4311	4284	4359	4399	4488
Total Number of Masses	3	3	3	5	5
Total Average Weekend Mass Attendance	331	324	375	652	536

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Baptisms	31	40	24	35	20
First Holy Communions	51	83	43	36	55
Confirmations	48	82	44	31	48
RCIA/Baptism	1	2	0	0	3
RCIA/Full Communion	0	0	0	0	0
Marriages	10	12	7	9	11
Funerals	56	38	-	58	56

FAITH FORMATION PARTICIPATION

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Religious Education K-8	72	74	-	102	67
Religious Education 9-12	3	0	0	0	0
Catholic School Students	191	250	-	235	-
Adult Faith Formation	2	0	0	0	0



Feb. 7-14 is National Marriage Week!
Let us pray for married couples and those discerning marriage - that Christ will be at the heart of their relationship, and that every married couple would make heaven their goal.



Prayer for Married Couples

Almighty and eternal God, You blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with his Church: look with kindness on them.

Renew their marriage covenant, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children, they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.



Old Love

Is there anything more beautiful in life than a young couple clasping hands and pure hearts in the path to marriage?

Can there be anything more beautiful than young love?

Yes, there is a more beautiful thing. It is the spectacle of an old man and an old woman finishing their journey together on that path. Their hands may be gnarled, but still clasped; their faces wrinkled but still radiant; their hearts may be tired and slow as well as their brain, but still strong and wise with love and devotion to each other. Yes, there is a more beautiful thing than young love: *Old love.*



Scranton Mental Health: Crisis Line- (844) 348-6100

SCRANTON MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

at the CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PETER

SPIRITUAL SUPPORT GROUP

Mental Health Ministry support groups:

LOCATION: Bishops Hall at the Cathedral Rectory
315 Wyoming Ave., Scranton (rear entrance, downstairs)

- For anyone experiencing mental illness.

10 AM on 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month.

- For parents, family members, and friends of those who are experiencing mental illness. 6 PM on 1st Tuesday of the month. The meetings last approximately 90 minutes.



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Expecting Mothers...NEED HELP?



Providence Pregnancy Center provides material assistance, community referrals, peer counseling, and soon we will also offer safe housing for pregnant moms. All services are free of charge.
116 Theodore Street, Scranton, PA 18508
917-239-3021

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



Reminder to Parishioners to be on alert, and not fall victim, to ongoing scams that continue to surface at various parishes throughout the region from time-to-time.

Scams come in the form of malicious emails or text messages pretending to be from religious leaders or pastors. The scams themselves can take many variations from asking for a "favor," including asking you to purchase gift cards or asking you to send money.

We encourage you to call our parish office if there is ever a concern about any message you receive! Some other warning signs that might indicate a scam include:

Poor spelling or grammar in emails or text messages, Requests for you to provide personal information immediately, Requests that you provide monetary assistance immediately.

One of the most obvious red flags is the sender's email address – making sure it comes from a legitimate parish email.

Once again, if you are unsure about a text message or email you receive, do not respond. Call the parish office right away to notify our staff.

You can also report the scam to law enforcement and the Federal Trade Commission's

Complaint Assistant, which helps the FTC detect patterns of fraud and abuse by going to

<https://reportfraud.ftc.gov/>

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.