



# ST. PAUL PARISH

*The First Sunday of Lent*

February 18, 2024



## 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand.  
Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:15

### 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 3:45p.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!**

***The Light Is On For You***  
**Reconciliation/Confessions:**  
**Each Monday throughout Lent**  
**5:30-6:30**

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

**Join us at 8am or 12:10pm Mass**  
**Mon-Fri throughout Lent**

**See Holy Week Schedule**  
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### **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](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 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

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday, February 17 Vigil: First Sunday of Lent

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

Sunday, February 18 The First Sunday of Lent

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

10:30 a.m. † Ellen Casey (The Jordan Family)

Monday, February 19 Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Damian Flasser (Joanne Ratchford & Family)

12:10 p.m. † Tom Walsh (Walsh- Dempsey Family)

Tuesday, February 20 Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Nicole Haddix (Barb Politowski)

12:10 p.m. † Marilyn Tully (Marita Kearney)

Wednesday, February 21 Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Lorie Carroll (Family)

12:10 p.m. † Mary Dougherty (Dr. Chris Connery Phillips Family)

Thursday, February 22 The Chair of St. Peter

8:00 a.m. † Mary Hendricks (Family)

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

Friday, February 23 Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Thomas Yeager (Mary Kay Dwyer)

12:10 p.m. † James Tyrell (Mrs. Joseph Dougherty)

Saturday, February 24 Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. † Joan Shaffern (The Shaffern Family)

4:30 p.m. † Ann Coleman (Mary Ellen Coleman)

Sunday, February 25 The Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. † Ann Wagner (Robert Wagner & Family)

10:30 a.m. † Mrs. Ellen Casey (Rose Kelly-Murphy)

## 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.*



## 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.



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:

† Nicole Haddix

With Love From:

**Barb Politowski**

### St. Paul's St. Joseph Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† Louis Boino

With Love From:

**Bridget McCarthy**

### St. Paul's Marian Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† Mary Beth Fueshko

With Love From:

**Family**



### St. Paul's Wine & Host

† Mary Hendricks

With Love From:

**Family**

## Food Pantry Hours: Fridays 3-4pm

Food Pantry Volunteers for Friday February 23

U of S Students, Jerry Burns & Jen Clark

## St. Paul Food Pantry Donations

In Loving Memory of:

† Mary Port

With Love, **Friends**

In Loving Memory of:

† Robert McAndrew

With Love, **Family**

In Loving Memory of:

† Jack Seitzinger

With Love,  
**Bobbie and Harry Jadick**

In Loving Memory of:

† Tom Yeager &

**Nicole Haddix**

With Love, **Friends**

## 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

Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving.

## 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.

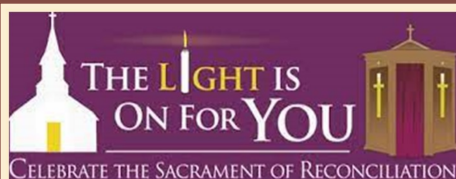
During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully.

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](http://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**



# **SAINT PAUL PARISH**

## **EASTER SCHEDULE 2024 Saint Paul Church**

*1510 Penn Ave., Scranton, PA*

### **Reconciliation Service/The Light is on For You**

Every Monday during Lent - 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

### **Palm Sunday Services**

Vigil: Mass and Distribution of the Palm

Saturday, March 23rd at 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 24th at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

## **Holy Week Schedule**

### **Monday, March 25th**

Confessions "The Light Is On For You"

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

### **Monday-Wednesday ~ March 25th , 26th & 27th**

Confessions: 11:45 a.m.

Daily Mass: 8:00 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.

### **Holy Thursday, March 28th**

Morning Prayer: 8:00 a.m.

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 p.m.

(Livestreamed & Church will remain open until 9:30 p.m.)

### **Good Friday, March 29th**

Morning Prayer: 8:00 a.m.

Solemn Commemoration of the

Lord's Passion & Death 3:00 p.m. (Livestreamed)

Stations of the Cross: 5:00 p.m.

### **Holy Saturday, March 30th**

Morning Prayer: 8:00 a.m.

Blessing of the Easter Baskets: 12:00 noon

Easter Vigil: 8:00 p.m.

### **Easter Sunday, March 31st**

Easter Masses- 8:00 a.m. and

10:30 a.m. (Livestreamed)

***Wishing everyone a blessed Lent.***

**May you find renewal for your spirit and an awakening  
of your faith this Lenten Season!**