



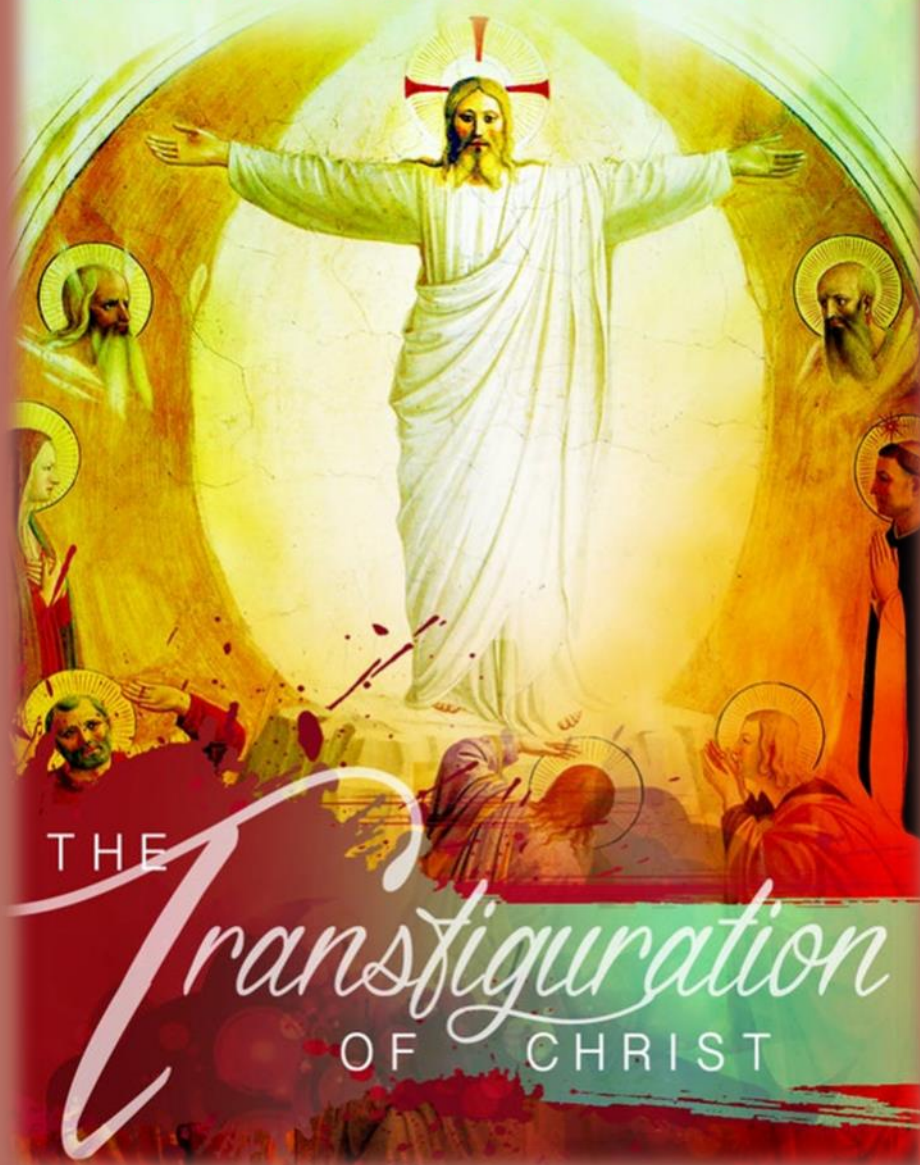
ST. PAUL PARISH

The Second Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2024



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



THE Transfiguration OF CHRIST

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.

LENT 2024

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent: 5:00 p.m.- St. Paul Church

CONFESSIONS:

Mondays of Lent from 5:30-6:30p.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!

"May you live a long life full of gladness and health, with a pocket full of gold as the least of your wealth!"

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 12:10pm Mon-Fri
throughout Lent

See Holy Week Schedule
at
www.stpaulscranton.org

Email us: info@stpaulscranton.org
to sign up for weekly
parish email letter & bulletin

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

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday, February 24 Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent

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. † Ellen Casey (Rose Kelly-Murphy)

Monday, February 26 Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Julie Whelan (The Volz Family)

12:10 p.m. † Virginia Frankenfield (Craig & Brittany Washo)

Tuesday, February 27 Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Thomas Yeager (Pete & Judy McCarthy)

12:10 p.m. † Julie Whelan (Jim & Ann Marie McCrone)

Wednesday, February 28 Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Robert T. Cron, Jr. (Bob & Mary Ann Cron)

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

Thursday, February 29 Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. ♥ Intentions Barrett-Jordan Family (Barbara)

12:10 p.m. † Mary Jean Walsh (Jim & Ann Marie McCrone)

Friday, March 1 Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Margot Merrigan (Washo Families)

12:10 p.m. † Patrick Dougher (Dougher & Angeloni Family)

Saturday, March 2 Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. † Ann Marie Boyce (Family)

4:30 p.m. † Irene Burkhouse (Ellen & Barbara Burkhouse)

Sunday, March 3 The Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. † Stephen Arnone, Sr. (Family)

10:30 a.m. † Anthony Cantafio (Joanne & Family)

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:

† John Seitzinger

With Love From:

Tom & Margi McLane

St. Paul's St. Joseph Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† Karen Finnerty

With Love From:

Alicia Dougherty

St. Paul's Marian Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† Johnine Cummings

With Love From:

Alicia Dougherty



St. Paul's Wine & Host

† Deacon John Hanni

With Love From:

The Shaffern Family

Food Pantry Hours: Fridays 3-4pm

Food Pantry Volunteers for Friday March 1

U of S Students, Noreen Boland & Barbara Burkhouse

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!





January 7th Collection

Offertory Total:

\$ 4,936.00

Online Total: \$2,649.00

RECENTLY BAPTIZED:

Alivia Ranella, child of Thomas & Kayla, has recently received the sacrament of baptism at St. Paul Parish.



We welcome Alivia to our parish community!



FROM THE CATECHISM

The Church Is Apostolic (Para 857)

How can the Catholic Church claim to be missionary and apostolic? The Catechism teaches that the missionary task continues through worldwide evangelization and dialogue with non-believers. Believers can benefit from this dialogue through encounters with elements of truth and grace found in other religions and worldviews, which reflect the work of the secret presence of God in the hearts and minds of non-believers.

The Catechism asserts that the Church is apostolic because “she was and remains built on “the foundation of the Apostles,” the witnesses chosen and sent on mission by Christ Himself.” With the assistance of the Holy Spirit, the Church keeps and hands on the teaching of the apostles, and she continues to be taught, sanctified, and guided by the apostles through their successors, the College of Bishops, assisted by the priests with the union of the Pope until Jesus’ return. -Peggy Stanton, DM 02

The Women’s Society of St. Joseph Melkite Catholic Church on N. St. Frances Cabrini Avenue-

West Scranton, is sponsoring its annual **St. Joseph Day Breakfast, Sunday, March 17, 2024: 9am-1pm.**

Eat In or Take Out.

Our abundant meal includes: Eggs, scratch pancakes, Home Fries, Olives, HoneyBaked Ham, Breads, juice & coffee.

Adults \$12.00 and children age 6-10 \$6.00.

Take Out \$10/\$6 with no beverage. Our fragrant St. Joseph Bread available in two loaf packages for \$5 until sold out. Tickets at the door. For more information 570-468-0529, melkite.scranton@gmail.com, facebook or melkitescranton.org.



2024 Wedding Anniversary Mass

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples

celebrating their **25th or 50th** wedding anniversary in 2024 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 23rd.**

The event includes a **2:30 PM mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter followed by a reception.**

The registration deadline for this event is May 26, 2024. To register, please go to <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org> or contact Bridget Guarnieri (570-207-2213 x 1133 or familylife@dioceseofscranton.org).

Prayer Service for Peace and to Commemorate the Second Year of War in Ukraine

Sunday, Feb. 25, 2024

2:30 p.m.

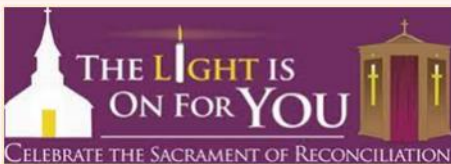
Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton

This month will mark two years since the Russian invasion of Ukraine began and all people of goodwill are invited to join together to pray for an end to the war.

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera of the Diocese of Scranton, and Father Myron Myronyuk, Pastor, Saint Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic Church of Scranton, will celebrate a

‘Prayer Service for Peace and to Commemorate the Second

Year of War in Ukraine’ at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 25, 2024, at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, 315 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton. While in-person attendance is highly encouraged, the Prayer Service will also be broadcast live on CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton.

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

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

How to Go to Confession: A Step by Step Guide

1.) Enter the confessional and greet the priest.

Make the sign of the cross and say “Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It’s been [however many days/ months/years] since my last confession.”

2.) List your sins- Mention venial (everyday) sins and mortal sins, which are more serious. Try to be thorough, but it’s OK if you don’t remember every single sin. It may be more of a conversation, as the priest may ask questions or comment. It doesn’t have to be a non-stop laundry list of sins. When you’re done, conclude by saying “I’m sorry for these and all my sins.”

3.) Listen to the priest. When you’re done confessing your sins, the priest may offer some guidance and suggest ways to avoid sins in the future. He’ll then give you a penance, which could be a form of prayer, a service or some work of mercy. Often, you’ll be able to complete your penance while still at church.

4.) Pray the Act of Contrition.

This prayer is short and simple: *My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against You whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with Your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.*

5.) Receive absolution from God, via the priest.

The priest will say the following prayer to absolve you of your sins: *God, the Father of mercies, through the death and the resurrection of His Son has reconciled the world to Himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.* Make the sign of the cross and close with Amen.

6.) Depart and fulfill your act of penance.

Deepen your prayer life and draw near to God!

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

**The Light is
ON for You.**



Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

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. 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 you may contact them electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. 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).