



# ST. PAUL PARISH

*The Third Sunday of Lent*

March 3, 2024



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

**ZEAL FOR**  
YOUR HOUSE WILL  
CONSUME ME.

— JOHN 2:17 —

## 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!

**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](http://www.stpaulscranton.org)**

Email us: [info@stpaulscranton.org](mailto: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](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 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday, March 2 Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent

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

Sunday, March 3 The Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. † Stephen Arnone (Family)

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

Monday, March 4 Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Meg Cullen-Brown (Family)

12:10 p.m. † Thomas Moran (John F. Brzycki)

Tuesday, March 5 Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Deacon John Hanni & Michael Hanni (Family)

12:10 p.m. † Julie Whelan (John & Linda Wandalowski)

Wednesday, March 6 Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Laura Flanagan (Family)

12:10 p.m. † Frederick Leibold, Sr. (Sally Walsh)

Thursday, March 7 Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. † John M. Dougherty (Family)

12:10 p.m. † Paul & Lani McCrone (Family)

Friday, March 8 Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. † James P. Kennedy (Family)

12:10 p.m. † Damian Flasser (Family)

Saturday, March 9 Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. † Julia Whelan (Midge & Bob Cooney)

4:30 p.m. † Clare & David Granville (Family)

Sunday, March 10 The Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. † Jerome Burke (Family)

10:30 a.m. † Daniel Finnerty (The Renard 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 soul of **John R. O'Brien & David Allegrucci**. 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:

† **Deacon John Hanni**

With Love From:

**Wife, Charlotte**

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

In Loving Memory of:

† **John O'Brien**

With Love From:

**Family**

### St. Paul's Marian Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† **Damian Flasser**

With Love From:

**Family**



### 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 8

**Karen Durkin, Deb May, AnnMarie McCrone, Noreen Rowland & Barbara Burkhouse**

## St. Paul Food Pantry Donations

In Loving Memory of:

† **Leona Weston**

With Love,

**Tom & Lenore McGowan**



## 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.

**\*Additional food can be added to grocery bags or boxes of your choosing.**

**Thank you so much for your continued support!**





## February 25th Collection

**Offertory Total:**

**\$ 3,696.00**

**Online Total: \$2,222.00**

## RECENTLY BAPTIZED:

**William Rader**, child of Matthew & Jenna, has recently received the sacrament of baptism at St. Paul Parish. *We welcome William to our parish community!*



THE EVANGELICAL CATHOLIC

“Since the laity, in accordance with their state of life, live in the midst of the world and its concerns, they are called by God to exercise their apostolate in the world like leaven, with the ardor of the spirit of Christ.”

VATICAN II: DECREE ON THE APOSTOLATE OF THE LAITY

## FROM THE CATECHISM

### *Apostolates?* (Para 863-865)

All of us, clergy and laity alike, have an apostolate, the *Catechism* teaches. An apostolate is defined in the *Catechism* as “every activity of the Mystical Body’ that aims ‘to spread the Kingdom of Christ over all the earth’”

The source of the Church’s apostolate is Christ.

So the fruitlessness of an apostolate depends on the apostle’s union with Christ. Thus, charity, says the *Catechism*, “drawn from the Eucharist above all, is always, ‘as it were, the souls of the whole apostolate.’”

The Kingdom of God has already come in the Person of Jesus Christ, and continues to grow in a mysterious way in the hearts of those incorporated in Him, until its full eschatological manifestation. “Then,” the *Catechism* promises, “all those He has redeemed and made ‘holy and blameless’... will be gathered together as People of God.” -Peggy Stanton, DM

### **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](mailto:melkite.scranton@gmail.com), facebook or [melkitescranton.org](http://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](mailto:familylife@dioceseofscranton.org)).

## ANNUAL CHRISM MASS

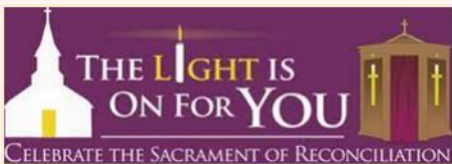
All the faithful of the Diocese of Scranton are invited to attend the annual Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, 315 Wyoming Ave. Scranton, on **Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.**

At this Mass, priests from throughout the Diocese will renew their priestly promises before the

Bishop, and the oils to be used for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick and Holy Orders will be blessed. Participation in the Chrism Mass is a beautiful way to pray for and support our priests and to express our unity as the Diocese of Scranton.

For reserved seating, please contact the Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213 or email [oplgeneral@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:oplgeneral@dioceseofscranton.org).



## 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 what ever 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


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**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

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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*



### Gorzkie Zale devotions are near!

Gorzkie Zale, the traditional Polish-language Lenten devotion known as the "Bitter Lamentations," will be held on Sunday, March 17, at 3 pm at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Dupont. The devotion is a sung reflection on the Passion of Christ and his Sorrowful Mother. Our choir will lead us in the singing. Fr. Michael Drevitch, parochial vicar of Corpus Christi and St. Barbara Parishes, will be the guest homilist. A light reception will follow in the church hall. All are invited to attend !