



ST. PAUL PARISH

Second Sunday of Lent

March 5, 2023



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT



"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him." - Mt 17:5b

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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 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



WEEKDAY LENTEN MASS SCHEDULE MONDAY—FRIDAY

8:00 a.m. -Daily Mass

12:10 p.m. -Daily Mass



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays at 5:30 p.m.
at St. Paul Church

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

Confessions

Mondays at 5:30-6:30p.m.
at St. Paul Church

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday, March 4 Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent

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

Sunday, March 5 Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. † Members of the Parish
† Stephen Arnone (Family)

10:30 a.m. † William & Mary Auriemma (Auriemma Family)

Monday, March 6 Lenten Weekday

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

12:10 p.m. † Robert Holtham (Parish)

Tuesday, March 7 Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Lindsay Doherty (The Wilson Family)

12:10 p.m. † Thomas W. Sheehan (Family)

Wednesday, March 8 Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Bridgid Suraci Thomas (The Wilson Family)

12:10 p.m. † Paul Scanlon (Helen, Robbie & Noel)

Thursday, March 9 Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Margaret Rogan (Family)

12:10 p.m. † Dale Detrick Happy Birthday
(Love, Wife Bev, Dawn, Michael, Cullen & Candace)

Friday, March 10 Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. † James P. Kennedy (Family)

12:10 p.m. † Joseph P. McCormack (Wife, Anne & Family)

Saturday, March 11 Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. † Jack Roche (Family)

4:30 p.m. † James Pappas Jr. (Washo & McGinnis Family)

Sunday, March 12 Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. † Peggy Boland (Bill & Lisa Gaynord & Family)

10:30 a.m. † Clare & David Granville (Family)



RECENTLY DECEASED

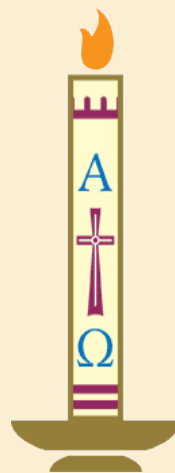
Please pray for the repose of the souls of the recently deceased. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace!

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.



REMEMBERED AT THE ALTAR:

St. Paul's Sanctuary Candle

In Loving Memory of:
† Bridgid Suraci Thomas
With Love From:
Wilson Family

St. Paul's St. Joseph Candle

Happy Birthday in Heaven:
† Jack Roche
With Love From:
Family

St. Paul's Marian Candle

In Loving Honor of:
♥ Maryjule Kapacs
With Love From:
St. Paul Parish

There are still many memorial candles & Masses available throughout the 2023 Mass Book. If you would like to honor or memorialize your loved one in this way, please call the rectory at 570-961-1549 to schedule the Mass day or Candle week. (Many daily Masses still available.)

Food Pantry Hours: Fridays 3-4:30pm

Food Pantry Volunteers for Friday March 10

Sandi Cadden, Jen Clark, Renee Fontana, Jean Weinschenk, Noreen Rowland, Barbara Burkhouse

A big thank you to Holy Cross Parish for their generous donation of over 350 lbs. of food to our pantry last week and another to The Electric City Roasting Company for their donation of delicious coffee to our patrons.

To all who have readily begun donating to our Lenten Helping Hands Food Drive your generosity is so very appreciated—especially at this time of great need.!

thank you



St. Paul's HELPING HANDS

Please remember that 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 throughout Lent.

Food Drive bags can be found 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 vestibule of St. Paul Church or brought to the rectory.

Gift Cards to a grocery store is also a great way of giving back. You are the *Hands of Christ* in our community.

Thank you so much for your continued support!

Diocese of Scranton 2023 Lent and Easter Guidelines Regulations on Fasting and Abstinence

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 in the parishes which in any way could possibly detract from the external and social penance required by Lent."

**Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023, marks the beginning of Lent.
The following fast and abstinence regulations are observed:**

-FASTING is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, April 7, 2023, by all Catholics over 18 years of age to the beginning of their 60th year. On days of 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.



**Mondays throughout Lent
Feb. 27th – April 3rd
5:30– 6:30 pm**

All parishes in the Diocese of Scranton will be open for individual 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.

6 steps for a good confession

- Examine your conscience – what sins have you committed since your last good confession.
- Be sincerely sorry for your sins.
- Confess your sins to the priest.
- Make certain that you confess all your mortal sins and the number of them.
- After your confession, do the penance the priest gives to you.
- Pray daily for the strength to avoid the occasion of sin, especially for those sins you were just absolved from.

How to make a confession

Whether you confess your sins in a confessional booth or face to face with a priest, the process is the same:

- Make the sign of the cross.
- Say, "Forgive me Father, for I have sinned, it has been (period of time) since my last confession."
- The priest will welcome you and may read briefly from scripture.
- Tell the priest your sins, and how often you have done them. Talk with the priest about your actions, if he invites you to. If he doesn't, or after you have done so,
- Say the act of contrition prayer.

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you, and I detest all my sins because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell; but most of all because they offend you, my God, who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of your grace, to confess my sins, to do penance and amend my life. Amen.

- The priest will give you a penance — prayers to say, or something to do in reparation for your sins and to help you refrain from sinning again — and ask if you will do it. If you can't do what the priest asks, tell him and he will assign you another penance.
- The priest will then extend his hands and absolve you of your sins. He does this, not himself, but standing in the place of Christ for you to see and hear. It is Christ who forgives you.

February 19
OFFERTORY:
\$6,775.00
ONLINE:
\$2,306.50



February 26
OFFERTORY:
\$9,421.00
ONLINE:
\$2,559.00

Help us reach our Annual Appeal Parish Goal!

OUR PARISH IS AT
68% OF OUR \$66,000 goal
*Our parish is reimbursed 75% for any gifts
made to the Appeal in excess of our Appeal goal.*

Donate now at:
annualappeal.org
or click the QR code below



EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

*If you would like to memorialize
flowers for Easter, simply fill out
this form, place it in an envelope
marked **Easter Flowers**, and
return in the collection basket or to the rectory.
Flower envelopes can also be found in your
monthly envelope packet. Our churches will be
decorated for Easter with flowers.
Requests must be received by March 27th.*

Suggested Donation: \$20.00

In Loving Memory/Honor

Of: _____

Donated

By: _____

Enclosed Donation: _____



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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 5:30 p.m. during this holy season
of Lent (February 24th-April 7th) at
St. Paul Church 1510 Penn Ave., Scranton PA 18509

Scranton Area Road to Resurrection 2023

February 23 - 7:00PM

St. Ann's Basilica
1250 St. Ann St.
Scranton, PA 18504

March 2 - 7:00PM

St. Paul of the Cross
1217 Prospect Ave.
Scranton, PA 18505

March 9 - 7:00PM

St. Patrick Church
1403 Jackson St.
Scranton, PA 18504

March 16 - 7:00PM

Prince of Peace
123 Grace St.
Old Forge, PA 18518

March 23 - 7:00PM

Immaculate Conception
801 Taylor Ave.
Scranton, PA 18510

March 30 - 7:00PM

Divine Mercy Parish
312 Davis St.
Scranton, PA 18505

Make your Lenten journey a special one this year by following the road to resurrection.

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL

Dinner Event

FEATURING MARK HOUCK

TICKETS ONLY \$15

- COCKTAIL HOUR
- DINNER
- SPEAKERS
- MUSIC
- RAFFLES
- DESSERT

MARCH
16
St. Mary's Center
320 Mifflin Ave
Scranton

BENEFIT FOR
PROVIDENCE PREGNACY
CENTER

www.ppcscranton.org/events

TRUE PRESENCE

CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH NIGHT
704 MONTDALE RD., SCOTT TOWNSHIP

MARCH 10
6:30PM

LIVE MUSIC DYNAMIC SPEAKERS
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

FREE

JOIN US FOR DINNER
IN THE PARISH CENTER
5PM-6PM
To register:
Visit stjvp.org/TPN or call 570.445.7167

HOSTED BY
St. John Vianney
PARISH COMMUNITY

THE VIGIL PROJECT

DIocese of SCRANTON

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL 2023

Annual Saint Joseph Day

EAT IN ♦ TAKE OUT
BREAKFAST

Sun. MARCH 19, 2023

9 am – 1 pm

Eggs-Pancakes-Potatoes-Ham-Olives
St. Joseph Bread-Juice-Coffee/Tea

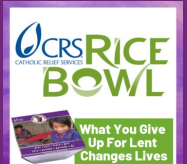
Adults \$12.00 ~ Children 6-10 \$6.00
Takeout \$10.00/\$6.00 NO Beverages

St. Joseph Melkite
Greek-Catholic Church

Cabrini Ave off lower Jackson St. **WEST SCRANTON**
melkitescranton.org - melkite.scranton@gmail.com

♦ Tickets at door ♦ **570-343-6092**

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 your Rice Bowls to the rectory or in our Sunday collections.



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](tel:570-862-7551).