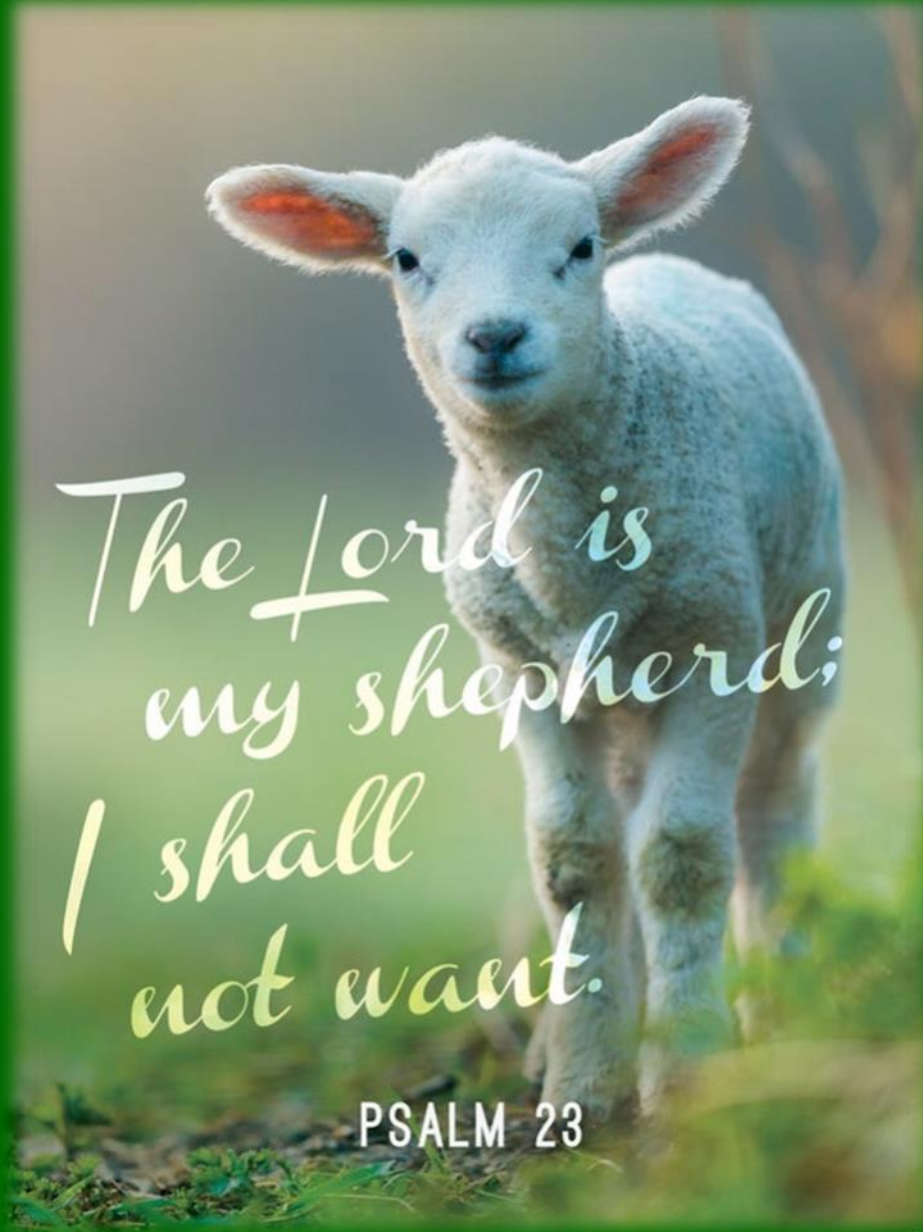




# ST. PAUL PARISH

*The Fourth Sunday of Lent*

March 10, 2024



## 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

Every Friday: 5:00 p.m.- St. Paul Church

### CONFESSIONS:

Every Monday: 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](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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**Saturday, March 9** Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent

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)

**Monday, March 11** Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Jack Roche (Family)

12:10 p.m. † James Pappas Jr. (Washo & McGinnis Families)

**Tuesday, March 12** Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Dale Detrick (Wife, Bev, Dawn, Michael, Cullen & Candace)

12:10 p.m. † Margot Merrigan (Jim & Nancy Wilson)

**Wednesday, March 13** Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Alice McCormick (Cantafio Family)

12:10 p.m. † Elizabeth Birkeland (Family)

**Thursday, March 14** Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Monsignor Demuth (Family)

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

**Friday, March 15** Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Sal Cottone (Family)

12:10 p.m. † Bruce T. Brown (Children)

**Saturday, March 16** Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. † Ann Lapinski (Stan & Betty Bednarz)

4:30 p.m. † Robert McAndrew (Family)

**Sunday, March 17** The Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. † Hugh O'Brien (Helen, Robbie & Noel)

10:30 a.m. † Karen Holmes Rodgers (Joan & Family)

## An Act of Spiritual Communion

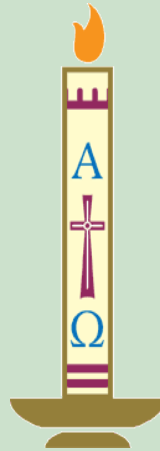
My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, And I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as already there and unite myself wholly to you. 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.

## REMEMBERED AT THE ALTAR:



### St. Paul's Sanctuary Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† John R. O'Brien, Esq.

With Love From:

Phoebe Wilson & Family

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

In Loving Memory of

† Jack Roche

With Love From:

Family

### St. Paul's Marian Candle

In Loving Memory:

† Ellen Mesko

With Love From:

Mom & Dad

### St. Paul's Wine & Host

† Jerome Burke

With Love From:

Family



## Food Pantry Hours: Fridays 3-4:30pm

## Food Pantry Volunteers for Friday March 15

Kathy Manley, Ellie Pyles, Jean Weinshen

Noreen Rowland & Barbara Burkhouse

## St. Paul Food Pantry Donations

In Loving Memory of:

† Thomas Yeager

With Love,

St. Clare Holy Hour Group

In Loving Memory of:

† Ann Marie Boyce

With Love,

Mary Louise Zavada

In Loving Memory of:

† Julie Whelan

With Love,

Tom & Barbara Earley

In Loving Memory of:

† John R. O'Brien Esq.

With Love,

Brian Finnerty  
& Liz Connery

In Loving Memory of:

† Vickie DeSantis &

Lenny Malys

With Love, Liz Connery

& Brian Finnerty



In Loving Memory of:

† Frank & Margaret

Mckenna

With Love,

Robert McKenna Family

## ST. PAUL PARISH- HELPING HANDS LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

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. **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.

**\*Food can also be added to grocery bags or boxes of your choosing. Thank you so much for your support!**





## March 3rd Collection

**Offertory Total:**

**\$ 5,757.00**

**Online Total: \$3,616.35**

## **RECENTLY BAPTIZED:**

**Perry Zimmerman**, child of Noah & Nicole,  
has recently received the sacrament of  
baptism at St. Paul Parish.



**We welcome Perry to our  
parish community!**



## **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



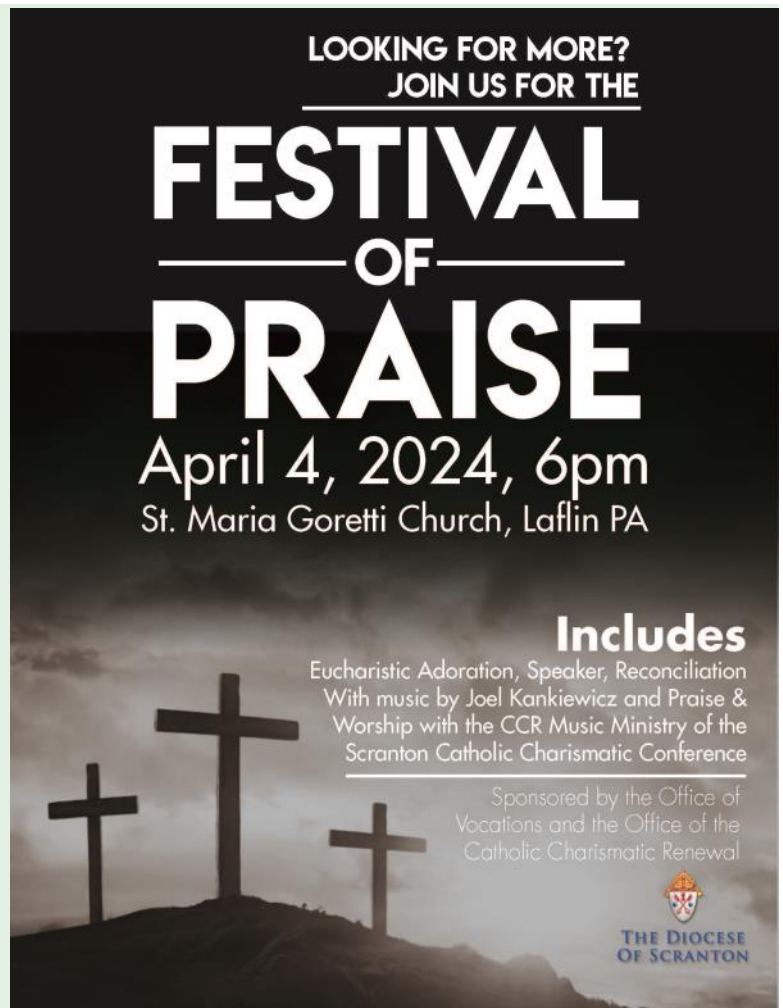
## ***ANNUAL CHRISM MASS***

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

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

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!



**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](http://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).