



# ST. PAUL PARISH

*The Fifth Sunday of Lent*

March 17, 2024



“

**I FEAR  
NOTHING,  
BECAUSE  
OF THE  
PROMISES  
OF HEAVEN.**

”

- ST. PATRICK

APOSTLE OF IRELAND



## 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



**ANYONE IS WELCOME TO  
PURCHASE TICKETS!**

**You can still purchase  
tickets directly at the  
Parish Rectory until  
Friday 3/15 at 2:30 pm!**

Drawing will take place on  
Saturday March 16th after  
4:30 Mass at St. Paul Church!

**50/50 TOTAL IS AT  
\$3,500 SO FAR!**

***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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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

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)

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

**Monday, March 18** Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Joseph O'Brien (Family)

12:10 p.m. † John Carroll (Family)

**Tuesday, March 19** Lenten Weekday

8:00am. † Gene Pidich (Wife, Regina)

12:10 p.m. † Dr. & Mrs. Anthony Mangione (Family)

**Wednesday, March 20** Lenten Weekday

8:00am. † Louis & Fernanda DePaola (Family)

12:10 p.m. † Damian Flasser (Paul & Mary Theresa Paterson)

**Thursday, March 21** Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Joseph Langan (Langan Family)

12:10 p.m. † Monica Brett (The Mullany Family)

**Friday, March 22** Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Jack Seitzinger (The Krupski Family)

12:10 p.m. † John Sacco (Joe & Trisha LaTorre)

**Saturday, March 23** Vigil: Palm Sunday

8:00 a.m. † Lee DeMuth II (Wife, Mary & Sons)

4:30p.m. † Catherine Mulderig (Family)

**Sunday, March 24** Palm Sunday

8:00 a.m. † Lindsay Doherty (Family)

10:30a.m. † Paul Dougherty (Renard Family)



## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## REMEMBERED AT THE ALTAR:

### St. Paul's Sanctuary Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† Harry McGrath

With Love From:

**Wife, Joell**

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

In Loving Memory of

† Lee Demuth

With Love From:

**Wife, Mary & Sons: Lee III, Ryan & James**

### St. Paul's Marian Candle

In Loving Memory:

† Eleanor Cimino

With Love From:

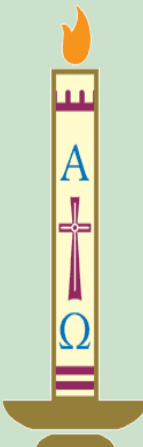
**The Scanlon Family**

### St. Paul's Wine & Host

† Rita Pagnotti

With Love From:

**Sister, Joan**



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

**Food Pantry Volunteers for Friday March 22**

**U of S Students, Noreen Rowland & Barbara Burkhouse**

## St. Paul Food Pantry Donations

*In Loving Memory of:*

† Bishop Joseph C. Bambera,  
D.D. J.C.L.

*With Love, Elizabeth & Robert Troy*

*In Loving Memory of:*

† John O'Brien

*With Love,*

**Todd & Elizabeth O'Malley**

*In Loving Memory of:*

† John R. O'Brien

*With Love,*

**Joe, Anne & Christian Grady**

*In Loving Memory of:*

† Mrs. Helen Magas

*With Love,*

**Helene & Jack O'Malley**



## RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Eleanor Cimino. May her soul and all of the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace.



**An Act of Spiritual Communion:** My Jesus, I believe 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.**



## March 10th Collection

**Offertory Total:**

**\$ 4,455.24**

**Online Total: \$2,283.17**



## SAVE THE DATE

**First Holy Communion:**  
*Saturday May 4th–10am*

**Confirmation:**  
*Sunday May 19th–12pm*

**FAITHFUL  
CHRISTIAN  
SERVANT**

## FROM THE CATECHISM

### ***Who Are the Christian Faithful?*** (Para 871-873)

Just who are the Christian faithful? The Christian faithful are those who have been incorporated into Christ through Baptism and thus constitute the People of God. Since they have been reborn in Christ, they are equal in terms of dignity and activity in which they engage to build up the body of Christ according to their own circumstances.

The *Catechism* tells us there is "diversity of ministry but unity of mission," and the very differences that God has willed to put between the members of His Body actually serve this unity and mission.

The roles of teaching, sanctifying, and governing are the tasks given to the hierarchy.

The laity are made "to share in the priestly, prophetic, and kingly office of Christ; they have therefore, in the Church and in the world, their own assignment in the mission of the whole 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).



**Sincere thanks to everyone who continues to donate to our Lenten Food Drive this year. With our food pantry needs increasing—your contributions are so very needed and appreciated!**

**So many people took the time to shop for just what was most needed at our pantry and it is truly heartwarming to see the level of compassion and true almsgiving this Lent. ♥**

## **ST. PAUL PARISH— HELPING HANDS LENTEN FOOD DRIVE**

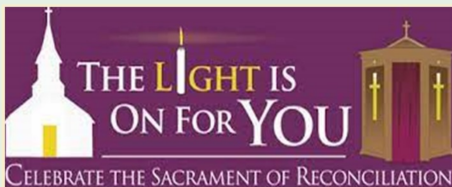
Our *Helping Hands Lenten Food Drive* is a tradition of Almsgiving at a local level. We ask you to take a bag and make your donations during the Lenten season.

***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!***





## 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 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



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**

Donate now at:  
[annualappeal.org](http://annualappeal.org)  
or click the QR code below



### Help us reach our Annual Appeal Parish Goal!

**OUR PARISH IS AT**  
**65.64% OF OUR \$66,000 goal**  
*We are reimbursed 75% for any gifts made to the Appeal in excess of our Appeal goal!*

**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).