



ST. PAUL PARISH

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 24, 2024



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." - Mt 21:9

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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.

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



Over the next few weeks, you will be hearing about the upcoming **“God’s Love Unites Us”** Program at St. Paul Parish. This effort is very important as we move forward with the mission and vision of St. Paul Parish.

We, as a parish family, have changed so many lives in our community!

In order to continue our mission and ministries, we encourage all parishioners to spend time in prayer and discussion with your family reflecting on the work we do.

Our special Commitment Weekend will be celebrated on **April 13 & 14**. If you have any questions regarding the **“God’s Love Unites Us”** Program, please feel free to contact the parish office.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Reconciliation/Confessions:

Mon-Wed: 25th-27th - 11:45 am

Daily Mass: 8am & 12:10 pm

Holy Thursday– March 28th

Morning Prayer: 8am

Mass of the Lord’s Supper: 7pm

Good Friday– March 29th

Morning prayer: 8am

Solemn Commemoration of the

Lord’s Passion & Death: 3pm

Stations of the Cross: 5pm

Holy Saturday– March 30th

Morning Prayer– 8am

Easter Basket Blessing: 12pm

Easter Sunday– March 31st

Easter Masses– 8am & 10:30am

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

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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

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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

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

Sunday, March 24 **Palm Sunday**

8:00 a.m. † Lindsay Dougherty (Family)

10:30 a.m. † Antonette & William Pasko (Helen, Robbie & Noel)

Monday, March 25 **Monday of Holy Week**

8:00 a.m. † Mary & Robert O'Brien (Family)

12:10 p.m. † Julie Whelan (Walt & Karen Bullett)

Tuesday, March 26 **Tuesday of Holy Week**

8:00 a.m. † Mary Grady (Family)

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

Wednesday, March 27 **Wednesday of Holy Week**

8:00 a.m. † Deacon John Hanni (Wife, Charlotte)

12:10 p.m. † Thomas P. Quinn (51' S. Scranton Catholic High)

Thursday, March 28 **Holy Thursday**

8:00 a.m. —Morning Prayer

7:00 p.m. † Michael King (Family)

† Margot Merrigan (St. Paul Parish Choir)

Friday, March 29 **Good Friday**

8:00 a.m.— Morning Prayer

3:00 p.m.— The Lord's Passion & Death (Solemn Commemoration)

5:00 p.m.— Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 30 **Holy Saturday**

8:00 a.m.— Morning Prayer

12:00 p.m.— Blessing of the Easter Baskets

8:00 p.m.—Easter Vigil

Sunday, March 31 **Easter Sunday**

8:00 a.m. † Mariclare Jordan (Dr. Arthur Jordan & Family)

10:30 a.m. † Thomas P. Quinn (The Walsh Family)

An Act of Spiritual Communion

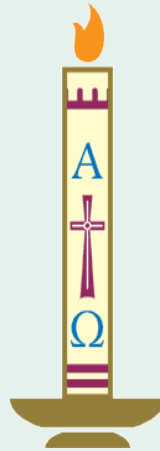
My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, And I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. *Amen.*



RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Edward "Ned" Holmes & 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:

† Antonette & William Pasko

With Love From:

Helen, Robbie & Noel

St. Paul's St. Joseph Candle

In Loving Memory of

† Paul Dougherty

With Love From:

The Renard Family

St. Paul's Marian Candle

In Loving Memory:

† Robert Fitzsimmons

With Love From:

Helen, Robbie & Noel

St. Paul's Wine & Host

† Jerome Burke

With Love From:

Family



Food Pantry Hours: Fridays 3-4:30pm

Food Pantry Volunteers for Friday March 29

FOOD PANTRY CLOSED FOR GOOD FRIDAY

St. Paul Food Pantry Donations

In Loving Memory of:

† Nicole Haddix & Tommy Yeager

With Love, Judy Messoline

In Loving Memory of:

† Joseph & Mary Kupchak

With Love,

Robert McKenna Family

In Loving Memory of:

† Julie Whelan

With Love,

Tom & Barbara Earley

In Loving Memory of:

† Marie Eltrich

With Love, Mary Elizabeth

& Maureen Kenny

In Loving Memory of:

† Jerry & Kathryn Maushart

With Love, Family



In Loving Memory of:

† Janet Monahan

With Love, Family

LAST WEEK FOR OUR 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 17th Collection

Offertory Total:

\$ 6,043.00

Online Total: \$2,398.00



SAVE THE DATE

First Holy Communion:
Saturday May 4th–10am

Confirmation:
Sunday May 19th–12pm



FROM THE CATECHISM ***Authority in the Catholic Church*** (Para 880-887)

How is authority structured in the Catholic Church?

Christ is the source of all authority in the Church.

The Lord made St. Peter the "rock" of His Church — the shepherd of the whole flock. "The Pope, Bishop of Rome and Peter's successor, 'is the perpetual and visible source and foundation of the unity both of the bishops and the whole company of the faithful,'" according to the Catechism.

Thus His successor, the pope and Vicar of Christ on earth, has "full, supreme and universal power ... which he can always exercise unhindered."
The College of Bishops has no power unless linked to the Roman pontiff. When united to the pope as its head, the College has supreme and full authority over the Universal Church. But that power cannot be exercised without the agreement of the Roman pontiff.

The College of Bishops exercises power over the Church in an ecumenical council, but, the Catechism reminds us, "there never is an ecumenical council which is not confirmed or at least recognized as such" by the pope. -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.



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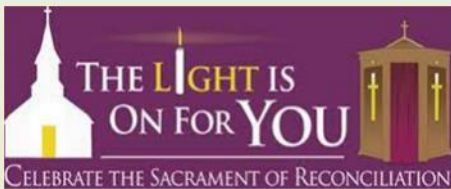
FESTIVAL OF PRAISE

April 4, 2024, 6pm
St. Maria Goretti Church, Laflin PA

Includes
Eucharistic Adoration, Speaker, Reconciliation
With music by Joel Kankiewicz and Praise & Worship with the CCR Music Ministry of the Scranton Catholic Charismatic Conference

Sponsored by the Office of Vocations and the Office of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal

THE DIOCESE OF SCRANTON



Last Monday: March 25th 5:30-6:30pm

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!

You're Invited

Prayer and Performance of

The Living Stations

presented by

St. Clare/ St. Paul 7th Grade Students

On

Tuesday, March 26th at 7pm

And

Wednesday, March 27th after 8am Mass



7th Grade Students practicing inside St. Paul Church



**THE LIVING
STATIONS
— OF THE CROSS —**

