



# ST. PAUL PARISH

*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

March 26, 2023



## LIFE



"I am the resurrection and  
the life; whoever believes in  
me, even if he dies, will live."

JOHN 11:25

### 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**

**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](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  
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

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**Saturday, March 25** Vigil: The Fifth Sunday of Lent

4:30 p.m. † Sr. Mary Williams Philbin, IHM (Family)

**Sunday, March 26** The Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. † Members of the Parish  
† Mary Grady (Family)

10:30 a.m. † Johnine Cummings (Alicia Dougherty)

**Monday, March 27** Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Maryclaire Jordan (Dr. Arthur Jordan, Sr.)  
12:10 p.m. † Peggy Boland (Karen & Walt Bullett)

**Tuesday, March 28** Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Antonio Sacco (Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Verdeti)  
12:10 p.m. † Thomas P. Conway (Mrs. Joseph Dougherty & Family)

**Wednesday, March 29** Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Michael King (Family)  
12:10 p.m. † John & Anna Sochovka (Ann McCormack)

**Thursday, March 30** Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. † John M. Dougherty (Maureen Saunders)  
12:10 p.m. † Robert Holtham (Helen, Robbie & Noel)

**Friday, March 31** Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. ♥ In Honor of Mary Rogan (Family)  
12:10 p.m. † Robert T. Cron, Jr. (Carol McHale)

**Saturday, April 1** Vigil: Palm Sunday

8:00 a.m. † Deacon John Hanni (Green Ridge Apts. Communion Group)  
4:30 p.m. † Fr. Paul F. Cottone (Family)

**Sunday, April 2** Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00 a.m. † Lindsay Doherty (Family)  
10:30 a.m. † Clarence Granville (Family)



If you would like to have a Mass said or a candle lit for someone please contact the parish office. *There are many weekday Masses & candles available throughout the remainder of the year.*

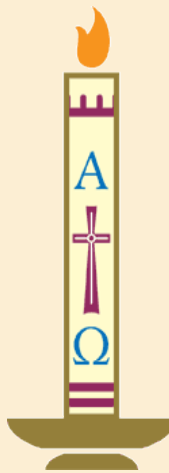


### RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of those recently deceased. May their souls 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 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.*



### REMEMBERED AT THE ALTAR:

#### St. Paul's Sanctuary Candle

In Loving Memory of:  
† Timothy T. Cummings  
With Love From:  
*Joe, Anne & Christian Grady*

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

In Loving Memory of:  
† Deacon John Hanni  
With Love From:  
*Green Ridge Senior Apts. Communion Group*

#### St. Paul's Marian Candle

In Loving Honor of  
♥ Mary Rogan  
With Love From:  
*Friend*

#### St. Paul's Wine & Host

In Loving Memory of  
† Deacon John Hanni  
With Love From:  
*Jim & Nancy Wilson*



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

### Food Pantry Volunteers for Friday March 31

*U of S students, Jody Maloney, Barbara Burkhouse*

## St. Paul Food Pantry Donations



In Loving Memory of:  
**Deacon John Hanni**

With Love,  
**Liz Connery & Brian Finnerty**



### 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 are also a great way of giving back. You are the *Hands of Christ* in our community.

*Thank you so much for your continued support!*

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  
74% OF OUR \$66,000 goal  
*We are reimbursed 75% for any gifts made to the Appeal in excess of our Appeal goal!*



March 19th  
OFFERTORY:  
**\$3,967.00**  
ONLINE:  
**\$2,668.91**



### RECENTLY BAPTIZED

Claire Greco, child of James & Kerri, and Emmalynn Harris, child of Brooklyn, have recently received the sacrament of baptism at St. Paul Church. Welcome to our parish community!



Pennsylvanians for  
**Human Life**  
PAforHumanLife.org



### Pennsylvanians for Human Life

is conducting a fundraiser in which our parish is participating. The donations will be used to promote respect for life, to educate the public, and to help women choose life during crisis pregnancies or heal after an abortion.

This weekend (March 25 & 26), we ask you to take home baby bottles, fill them with pocket change, cash, or a check made payable to PHL, and return them the following weekend of April 1 & 2 (Palm Sunday Weekend).

Thank you for your support!



### 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*

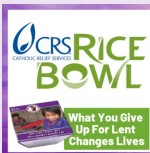
In Loving Memory/Honor

Of: \_\_\_\_\_

Donated

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed Donation: \_\_\_\_\_



St. Paul's is once again participating in the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl program. Rice Bowls are available in the back of the church. Drop off your Rice Bowls to the rectory or in our Sunday collections.

# PALM SUNDAY

Saturday APRIL 1st: 4:30

Vigil: Mass and Distribution of the Palm

Sunday APRIL 2nd at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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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

## DIOCESE OF SCRANTON 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, April 4, 2023 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 and consecrated. 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).

**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](http://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).



# **ST. PAUL PARISH**

## *Easter Schedule*

**Monday, April 3rd**

**Confessions "The Light Is On For You"**

**5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

**Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday**

**April 3rd, 4th & 5th Confessions: 11:45 a.m.**

**Daily Mass: 8:00 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.**

**Holy Thursday, April 6th**

**Morning Prayer: 8:00 a.m.**

**Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 p.m.**

**(Livestreamed)**

**(Church will remain open until 9:30 p.m.)**

**Good Friday, April 7th**

**Morning Prayer: 8:00 a.m.**

**Solemn Commemoration of the  
Lord's Passion & Death 3:00 p.m. (Livestreamed)**

**Stations of the Cross: 5:30 p.m.**

**Holy Saturday, April 8th**

**Morning Prayer: 8:00 a.m.**

**Blessing of the Easter Baskets: 12:00 noon**

**Easter Vigil: 8:00 p.m.**

**Easter Sunday, April 9th**

**Easter Masses- 8:00 a.m. and**

**10:30 a.m. (Livestreamed)**

