



# ST. PAUL PARISH

*Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*

April 2, 2023



## *Palm Sunday*



Those preceding him as well as those  
following kept crying out:

"Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord!

Blessed is the kingdom of our  
father David that is to come!

Hosanna in the highest!"

- Mk 11:9-10

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### ST. PAUL CHURCH

Mon.-Fri. 8:00am

Saturday 8:00am 4:30 p.m.— Vigil Mass

Sunday 8a.m. & 10:30a.m.

\* See Holy Week Mass Schedule on next page

### 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**

## **Holy Week Schedule**

### **Monday, April 3rd**

Confessions "The Light Is On For You"

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

~April 3rd, 4th & 5th~

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

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)

### **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

### PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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

4:30 p.m. † Fr. Paul P. Cottone (Family)

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

8:00 a.m. † Members of the Parish

† Lindsay Doherty (Family)

10:30 a.m. † Clarence Granville (Family)

**Monday, April 3** Monday of Holy Week

8:00 a.m. † Maryclaire Jordan (Dr. Arthur Jordan, Sr.)

12:10 p.m. † Jack Malloy (Malloy Family)

**Tuesday, April 4** Tuesday of Holy Week

8:00 a.m. † Jack & Richard Pasko (Helen, Robbie & Noel)

12:10 p.m. † Margaret M. Maines (Family)

**Wednesday, April 5** Wednesday of Holy Week

8:00 a.m. † Michael King (Family)

12:10 p.m. † Thomas Jimmie (Family)

**Thursday, April 6** Holy Thursday

8:00 a.m. † Morning Prayer

7:00 p.m. † Mollie M. Conway (Mark & Children)

**Friday, April 7** Good Friday

8:00 a.m. † Morning Prayer

3:00 p.m. † Solemn Commemoration of the Passion

5:30 p.m. † Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, April 8** Vigil: Holy Saturday

8:00 a.m. † Morning Prayer

12:00 p.m. † Blessing of Easter Baskets

8:00 p.m. † Maryclaire Jordan

**Sunday, April 9** Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:00 a.m. † James P. Kennedy (Family)

10:30 a.m. † Daniel Finnerty (Renard 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:

† Rhiannon Marie Duck

With Love From:

*Nancy Longo & Family*

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

In Loving Honor of:

♥ Val Pochis

With Love From:

*Stan & Betty Bednarz*

#### St. Paul's Marian Candle

In Loving Honor of

† Margaret M. Maines

With Love From:

*Family*

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

In Loving Memory of

† Deacon John Hanni

With Love From:

*The Grady, Cottone & Hawley Families*



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

The Food Pantry will be **CLOSED**

Good Friday April 7th

### St. Paul Food Pantry Donations

In Loving Memory of:

Deacon John Hanni

With Love,

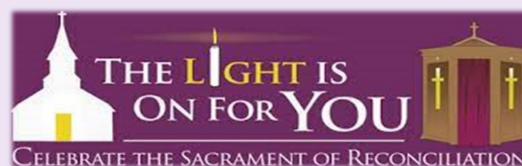
Joanne Cantafio

In Loving Memory of:

Sr. Mary William, IHM

With Love,

The Skaluba Family



CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION



### LENTEN CONFESSIONS

There is no better way to prepare for Easter than by going to confession and allowing yourself to rediscover the life-giving grace of God's mercy.

St. Paul Parish offers confessions:

**Monday, April 3rd 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, April 3rd, 4th and 5th at 11:45 a.m. at St. Paul's Church.** Feel free to use the guide found on the last page of the bulletin if needed!

**March 26th**  
**OFFERTORY:**  
**\$5,116.00**  
**ONLINE:**  
**\$2,480.00**



Lest you wonder about parish generosity.... From Ash Wednesday through March 24, St Paul grocery donations to the pantry **exceeded 1300 pounds!!!** That total excludes supplies from Weinberg, National Bakery, Zummo's, Electric City Coffee, U of S OT group, and other parishes, as well as monetary contributions; hence increasing numbers of clients have been well served. Thank you so much to all those who contributed!



## **PALM SUNDAY**

**This Weekend**, we commemorate *Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion*, Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The blessing and distribution of palm will take place at each of our regularly scheduled Sunday Masses.

Many people display the palms received at this liturgy behind a crucifix or religious picture in their homes. It is traditional

for some families to weave the palms into the form of a cross.

An Old Italian custom worth reviving is to present your palm branch to someone you have offended, as a gesture of reconciliation.

When it is time to dispose of your blessed palm **DO NOT THROW IT AWAY**, return it to church next year to be made into ashes for next Ash Wednesday.



**Holy Week is the most solemn and glorious week in Christianity, the pinnacle of the liturgical year— more sacred than Christmas! This is because Holy Week commemorates the final week of Our Lord's life, the very purpose for which Christmas happened.**

It begins with Palm Sunday (when Jesus made his final entrance into Jerusalem) and culminates with Easter Sunday. As Holy Week progresses to its final days, the solemnity heightens.

***THE SACRED TRIDUUM: Sundown on Holy Thursday to sundown on Easter Sunday is considered the most solemn part of the liturgical year.*** This three-day period is referred to as the Easter Triduum, also known as the Sacred Triduum, or Paschal Triduum. The Triduum “reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil, and closes with evening prayer on Easter Sunday” (The General Norms for the Liturgical Year).

The word “triduum” comes from the Latin word triduum, which comes from tris (“three”) + dies (“day”). Basically, the Sacred Triduum is one great festival recounting the last three days of Jesus' life on earth, the events of His Passion and Resurrection, when the Lamb of God laid down his life in atonement for our sins.

“Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery.”

It is known as the “Paschal Mystery” because it is the ultimate fulfillment of the ancient Jewish Passover (or Pasch), which itself was a recollection of how God brought the Jews out of their slavery in Egypt. The spotless lamb was slaughtered at the Passover meal and consumed—that same night the destroying angel “passed over” the homes marked with the blood of the Passover Lamb, and those covered by the Blood were saved. This was the Old Testament prefigurement of Jesus' work at the Last Supper—where He inserted himself as the Paschal Lamb—and Calvary, where the sacrifice was offered to save us from our slavery to sin. With the Holy Eucharist, we consume the victim that died for our sins. The Paschal Mystery is, therefore, God's plan of redemption for the fallen human race through the passion, death, and resurrection of the God-man Jesus Christ. It is one marvelous event stretched out over three days...

## **RULES FOR FASTING AND ABSTINENCE**

Fasting is required of all Catholics age 18-59 only two days each year: Ash Wednesday & Good Friday. On fasting days, only one full meal is allowed, with two smaller meals, as needed.

Eating solid food between meals is not allowed.

Abstinence from meat is required of all Catholics over age 14 on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays in Lent. These regulations are considered to be a serious obligation for all Catholics. However, those who are ill, pregnant, on medication or special diets for health concerns, or those who must work at extremely physical jobs may be exempt from these regulations.



# ST. PAUL PARISH *Spring* RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

1st Prize: \$2,000  
2nd Prize: \$1,000

BUY YOUR  
TICKETS

50/50 : Half of all  
ticket proceeds!

Call or visit Parish office for additional tickets!

570-961-1549  
1510 Penn Ave. Scranton, PA 18509

*Drawing will take place in April...  
Get your tickets while they last!*

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## 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).

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



# A GUIDE TO CONFESSION

(take this with you ... it's really okay)



## BEFORE YOU GO

Examine your conscience, that is, reflect on what sins you've committed. To guide you, just Google "examination of conscience" and you'll find resources to help you. It's even all right to make a list to bring with you if that helps.



## INTRODUCTION

When you come before the priest, begin by making the Sign of the Cross (praying the words out loud), and continue by saying, "Bless me, Father, I have sinned. It has been (how long) since my last confession. These are my sins..."



## CONFESSION

List the sins you've committed that came to mind during your examination of conscience. Don't be too general ("I haven't been a good person"), but a lot of detail isn't necessary (you don't need to tell the whole story of how a sin came about). If you're not sure if something is a sin, ask the priest. This isn't counseling, so unless you ask, the priest likely won't give you advice. He'll just move on to ...



## PENANCE

The priest will suggest something for you to do or pray as a response to God's mercy. You'll have to remember what this is and do it after the confession is over, so pay attention.



## ACT OF CONTRITION

The priest will then ask you to pray out loud your "Act of Contrition," to demonstrate your sorrow for your sins: "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."



## ABSOLUTION

Don't get up to leave after that prayer, because the best part is yet to come: The priest will extend his hands in your direction and he will pray the Prayer of Absolution: "God, the Father of Mercies, through the death and 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 grant 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. Amen." You respond: "Amen."



## CONCLUSION

The priest will then likely say something like, "God has freed you from your sin. Go in Peace." To which you can respond: "Thanks be to God." Don't forget to do your penance. If it is saying certain prayers, it's best to do it right away in the church before you forget.