



ST. PAUL PARISH

Fifth Sunday of Lent

APRIL 3, 2022



WEEKDAY LENTEN MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday: St. Paul Church

8:00 a.m. -Daily Mass
12:10 p.m. -Daily Mass

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent: 5:30 p.m.- St. Paul Church

CONFESSIONS:

Mondays of Lent from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Rev. Mon. Neil J. Van Loon, V.F., Pastor

Deacon John A. Hanni

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 Church

Corner of Penn Avenue and
Marion Street, Scranton

St. Paul Rectory

1510 Penn Ave., Scranton, PA

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Office Hours ~ Mon-Fri

8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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Facebook ~ Saint Paul's
Parish Scranton

www.stpaulscranton.org

St. Clare Church

2235 North Washington Ave.

Adoration and Rosary

Monday ~ Friday

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. ~

Rosary at 4:30 p.m.

Food Pantry

3:00 p.m. ~ 4:30 p.m.

St. Clare Church Basement

JOIN US FOR MASS

Join us on Facebook at St.

Paul's Parish for our

Saturday 4:30 p.m. live-

streaming of the

Celebration of Mass.

St. Paul Church is now open

for Masses with social
distancing seating.

Mass Schedule

8 am Mass ~ Mon.-Sat.

Vigil Mass ~ Saturday 4:30

(Livestreamed for those who
cannot attend in person.)

Mass ~ Sun. 8 am or

Sun. 10:30 am

Confessions - Sat.-4:00 pm

Lenten Schedule

MON-FRI

8am & 12:10 Daily Mass

Stations of the Cross

EACH FRIDAY during Lent

5:30 pm

St. Paul Church

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

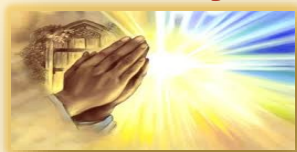
All who are seriously sick, hospitalized,
or having surgery can receive this sacrament.

Please call the parish office
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.

Please Pray For...



The People of Ukraine:

Please pray that all parties involved, refrain from any action that would cause even
more suffering to the people of Ukraine. May the Lord restore peace,
protect the people of Ukraine, and guide those providing emergency aid.

Our Deceased Family & Friends:

Please remember all of our deceased family, friends, and fellow
parishioners. May our faithful departed enjoy eternal rest in heaven.

Our Sick and Suffering:

Please remember the sick, suffering and all who have asked for a remembrance in our prayers, May the Lord grant them
health and peace in body, mind and spirit!

Our Military Men and Women:

Please remember all our men and women in military and government service, especially those who serve in
foreign lands. May the Lord preserve them from all harm.

Persecuted Christians:

Please remember our fellow Christians around the world who are being persecuted for their religious beliefs.

Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life:

Please pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life, especially here in the Diocese of Scranton, that
more men and women will respond to the call to serve God in religious vocations.

The Sanctity of Human Life:

Please pray that the life of every human person, from conception to natural death may be protected in our laws.

ST. PAUL MASS INTENTIONS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday, April 2 Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent

4:30 p.m. † James Volz
(Jimmy & MaryRose Brozzetti)

Sunday, April 3 Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. † Members of the Parish
† Lindsay Doherty (Family)

10:30 a.m. † Patricia Mellody (McAndrew Family)

Monday, April 4 Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Robert Barstow
(Kevin & Chrissy Jones & Family)

12:10 p.m. † Jerry Maushart (Kathy & Family)

Tuesday, April 5 Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Mary Shea (Family)

12:10 p.m. † Clarence Granville
(Miller & Grandville Families)

Wednesday, April 6 Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. † John Barrett (Sue & Jim Flanagan)
12:10 p.m. † Clair Kenny (Mary McAndrew)

Thursday, April 7 Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Frank Rosenella (Maryann Answini)
12:10 p.m. † Eileen Pocius (A Friend)

Friday, April 8 Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Maryclaire Jordan (Marita Kearney)
12:10 p.m. † Daniel Finnerty (Anne Boles)

Saturday, April 9 Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Joseph & Grace Luby
(Michael & Maryjule Kapacs)

4:30 p.m. † Edwin Burkhouse
(Ellen & Barbara Burkhouse)

Sunday, April 10 Sixth Sunday of Lent

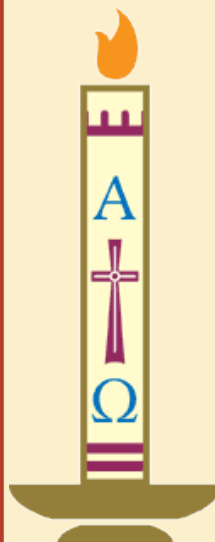
8:00 a.m. † Members of the Parish
† Edgar Morano (Michael & Maryjule Kapacs)

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



SUNDAY APRIL 3rd: The Scranton Half Marathon will be affecting traffic to St. Paul Church-Penn Ave. due to road closures on Green Ridge St. to Sanderson and Wyoming to Green Ridge St. The race begins at 8am and should be cleared up by 9:30am affecting 8am Mass only.

REMEMBERED AT THE ALTAR



St. Paul's Sanctuary Candle

In Memory of:

† Margaret M. Maines

With Love From:
Family

St. Paul's St. Joseph Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† Frank Rosenella

With Love From:
MaryAnn Answini

St. Paul's Marian Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† Patrice Rives

With Love From:
Bartlebaugh Family



St. Paul's Wine and Hosts

In Loving Memory of:

† Jeanette Quigley

Food Pantry

Food Pantry Volunteers for Friday 4/8

U of S students, Jody Maloney & Barbara Burkhouse

**Pantry Hours: Fridays~ 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
(Will be closed on Good Friday 4/15)**

Food Pantry Donations:

In Loving Memory of:

Jeanette Quigley

With Love,

Mary Kryanowski

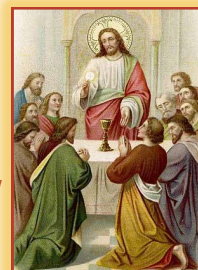
An Act of Spiritual Communion

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.



March 27th

Offertory: \$ 8,641

Online: \$ 2,596



Villa Saint Joseph: Housekeeping Position

The Villa Saint Joseph is looking for a dependable individual to perform general housekeeping duties. Hours: Monday through Thursday 7:30 am – 2:30 pm and Friday 7:30 am – 1:30 pm. This is a full-time position with a benefit package. Inquires may contact the Villa St. Joseph at (570) 343-4791 for an application.

MERCY, FORGIVENESS & COMPASSION: Sunday, April 3– 5th Sunday of Lent

The Gospel for the fifth Sunday of Lent continues to offer lessons about God's mercy and forgiveness. Last Sunday we heard the Parable of the Prodigal Son from the Gospel of Luke. Today we hear not a parable, but the report from John's Gospel of an encounter among Jesus, the scribes and Pharisees, and a woman caught in adultery. In John's Gospel, the conflict between Jesus and the scribes and Pharisees occurs much earlier than in the Synoptic Gospels. Jesus' cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem is reported at the beginning of John's Gospel. Even after this event, Jesus continues to teach in the Temple. After returning to Galilee for a time, Jesus again enters Jerusalem and cures a man on the Sabbath. From this point forward in John's Gospel, the Pharisees are described as making plans for Jesus' arrest and seeking his death.

In the chapter preceding today's Gospel, Jesus was teaching in the Temple area. Feeling threatened by his teaching and his actions, the chief priests and the Pharisees are already sending guards to arrest Jesus. The guards return, however, without arresting Jesus because they have been impressed by his words. Even more than this, some among the crowds are considering the possibility that Jesus is the Messiah. The chief priests and the Pharisees change their plan. Before making an arrest, they seek to gather more evidence against Jesus by posing a question intended to trap Jesus. Today's Gospel begins by reporting that Jesus is again teaching the crowds in the vicinity of the Temple. The scribes and the Pharisees approach Jesus, bringing a woman who has been caught in the act of adultery. They put to Jesus the question of what ought to be done in this case.

The Pharisees state clearly that according to the Law of Moses, those caught in the act of adultery were to be stoned to death. Under Roman occupation, however, the Jewish people did not have the authority to execute people; this is cited in John's passion narrative.

To answer the Pharisees' question, Jesus must propose an action that will be either contrary to the Law of Moses or contrary to Roman law. The purpose of the question appears to be similar to the question about paying taxes found in Mark 12:13-17. Either answer, yes or no, will support the Pharisees' case against Jesus.

Jesus avoids the trap, however, by offering an answer that was not anticipated by those who posed the question. Jesus, after writing on the ground with his finger, addresses those who stand before him and suggests that the one without sin cast the first stone. Jesus then returns to his writing. This Scripture reading, by the way, is the only evidence we have of Jesus writing. Yet there are no specific details about what he wrote.

We can easily imagine the scene as the Pharisees and the elders disperse, one by one. Jesus has eluded the trap they had prepared. We might also give credit to the elders and the Pharisees who do not, in the end, claim to be sinless and worthy of passing judgment. These Pharisees are not as self-righteous as the portrait found in the parable of the pharisee and the tax collector (See Luke 18:9-14). Left alone with the woman, Jesus asks where the accusers have gone. With no one remaining to condemn the woman, Jesus (the one who truly is without sin) sends the woman on her way, refusing to pass judgment on her and exhorting her to avoid future sin.

Jesus' response to those who accuse the woman is more than a caution to us about making judgment of others. It is a profound lesson in divine mercy and forgiveness. As sinners, we are all unworthy to judge the sins of others and we would stand convicted by God for our transgressions. Yet Jesus, the one without sin and thus our judge, offers us who are sinners his mercy and forgiveness. Redeemed by Jesus' compassion, we are sent to sin no more and to live in God's love and peace.

Pope Francis has called on all Catholics to pray for peace in Ukraine.
Pray with us Monday-Friday 4-5pm at St. Clare Church.

Corner of N. Washington Ave. & Park Street in Scranton

Join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary beginning at 4:30, and Pray with us in Solidarity for the Imminent Restoration of Peace in Ukraine.



We Are Listening!

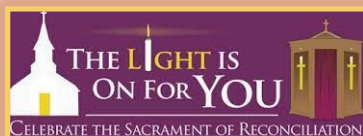
The Church wants to hear from you.

Online Survey Available Until Friday, April 29, 2022

Visit dioceseofscranton.org and click "Synod on Synodality"



(Available in both English and Spanish)



Every Monday during Lent: 5:30 - 6:30p.m.

St. Paul's Church and all the parishes in the Diocese of Scranton will be open for individual confessions. In this season of renewal, Catholics are invited to experience Christ's healing love through the Sacrament of Reconciliation as an important dimension of the Lenten journey. The website, www.dioceseofscranton.org/light has materials to assist you in preparing to make a good confession, prayers you may find helpful, and answers to frequently asked questions. Please make plans to come on a Lenten Monday, and spread the word of this special outreach of mercy to those you know!

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 (March 4th-April 15th) at

St. Paul Church 1510 Penn Ave., Scranton PA 18509

Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00pm: Apr 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17 at Diocese of Scranton Pastoral Center, Second Floor Conference Room, 330 Wyoming Ave, Scranton: The Scranton Mental Health Ministry at the Cathedral of Saint Peter is presenting a five-part series for families on mental health and mental illness to reduce stigma and discrimination through education and factual information about mental health conditions. The series reinforces the core Christian belief that everyone has dignity and value and should be fully welcomed into the Church and the community

The Impact of Mental Illness on Individuals & Families A discussion on what it is like to live with a mental illness and how it can impact a family. How the person's faith helped them will be part of the discussion. The discussion will be led by Jeri McNulty and Amy Morgan who are with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) "In Our Own Voice" program. They will provide a personal perspective on living with mental health conditions. Their presentation will change attitudes, assumptions, and ideas about people with mental health conditions.

Diocese of Scranton Chrism Mass



All the faithful of the Diocese of Scranton are invited to attend the annual Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton, on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, 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 the priests of the Diocese. For reserved seating, please call David Baloga in the Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213 ext. 1158 or email: David-Baloga@dioceseofscranton.org.

Eucharistic Adoration

at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish

SPEAKER, MUSIC,
RECONCILIATION,
AND SOCIAL.

Wednesday, April 20th
7:00 PM
339 N Maple Ave
Kingston Pa. 18704

Sponsored by the Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations

“NOW LET
US PRAY FOR
THOSE WHO
SUFFER, AND
THAT GOD
MAY CONVERT
HEARTS TO
A STEADFAST
WILL FOR
PEACE.”
—POPE FRANCIS



Covid Safety Updates: *Masks are not required for Mass but any parishioner is welcome to wear one any time.*

The faithful are encouraged to be familiar with the level of COVID-19 transmission in their community and make an informed decision on what is best for them.

- Individuals who are at high risk for severe illness should talk to their healthcare provider to discuss their activities.
- Any individual with symptoms, a positive test or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention.
- People are asked to be respectful of a person's choice to wear/not wear a face covering or mask in churches throughout the Diocese of Scranton.
- Simply as a practice of good hygiene rather than a pandemic protocol, Priests, Deacons and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are encouraged to continue washing or sanitizing their hands prior to the distribution of Holy Communion.
- The Diocese of Scranton reinstated the obligation to attend Mass in person on Sundays and Holy Days on Sunday, August 15, 2021. However, by longstanding Church law, this obligation does not apply to those who are: sick, have a serious health risk, live in a household with those at risk, are primary caregivers to those at risk or have serious anxiety or concerns about being in a large-group setting due to COVID-19.