



ST. PAUL PARISH

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day.” - Lk 24:46

ST. PAUL CHURCH

Mon.-Sat. 8:00 a.m.- Daily Mass
Saturday 4:30 p.m.— Vigil Mass
Sunday 8a.m. & 10:30a.m.

ST. CLARE CHURCH

Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary
Monday-Friday 3:30p.m.-4:30p.m.
Rosary begins at 3:45 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 Parish

"God's Love Unites Us" Program

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 May 4 & 5. If you have any questions regarding the "God's Love Unites Us" Program, please feel free to contact the parish office.

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 3:45 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

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday, April 13 Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter

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

Sunday, April 14 Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. † Lindsay Doherty (Family)

10:30 a.m. † Margaret M. Maines (Family)

Monday, April 15 Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. † John "Sonny" & Betty Lenko
(Stan & Betty Bednarz)

Tuesday, April 16 Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Maryanne Donohue (Joe & Family)

Wednesday, April 17 Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Antoinette & William Pasko (Helen, Robbie & Noel)

Thursday, April 18 Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Mollie M. Conway (Mark & Children)

Friday, April 19 Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Nancy Kelly (Tim Doherty)

Saturday, April 20 Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. † Tom Gilgallon (Helen Gilgallon)

4:30 p.m. † Eugene P. Grady (Marge & Family)

Sunday, April 21 Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. † Joseph Donohue, Sr. (Family)

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



RECENTLY DECEASED

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



MOTHER'S DAY MASS INTENTION ENVELOPES

Special Mother's Day Mass Intention envelopes can be found in your March/April monthly packet to remember both living and deceased Mothers. Please write the names of your loved ones on the back of the envelope. The envelopes will be placed on the altar during all of the Mother's Day Masses to remember your intentions. Please place the envelopes in the collection basket.

REMEMBERED AT THE ALTAR:

St. Paul's Sanctuary Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† Brad Jerome

With Love From:

The Blaker Family



St. Paul's St. Joseph Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† Jerome P. & Jerome J. Flynn

With Love From:

Family

St. Paul's Marian Candle

† Ned Holmes

With Love From:

Joanne Cantafio



St. Paul's Wine and Host

† Lindsay Doherty

With Love From:

The Wilson Family

Food Pantry Hours: Fridays 3-4:30pm

Food Pantry Volunteers for Friday April 19

U of S Students, Noreen Roland & Barbara Burkhouse

St. Paul Food Pantry Donations

In Loving Memory of:

† Frank & Alice Fontinell

With Love,

Richard Fontinell

In Loving Memory of:

† William Lagler Jr.

With Love,

Tom & Lenore McGowan



There are still many memorial candles available throughout the 2024 Mass Book. If you would like to honor or memorialize your loved one in this way, please call the rectory at 570-961-1549 to schedule which candle (Sanctuary, Marian, or St. Joseph Candle) & which week you would like the candle lit in your loved ones name.



April 7th Collection

Offertory: \$ 5,339.00

Online: \$ 3,117.02



RECENTLY BAPTIZED:

Sophia Kenney, child of Zachary & Kaela,
has recently received the sacrament of
baptism at St. Paul Parish.

We welcome Sophia to our parish community!



FROM THE CATECHISM

Mary's Role (Para. 970-971)

What does the Catechism teach us about the Church's devotion to the Virgin Mary? "The Church's devotion to the Blessed Virgin," the *Catechism* tells us, "is intrinsic to Christian worship."

"From the most ancient times the Blessed Virgin has been honored with the title of 'Mother of God, to whose protection the faithful fly in all dangers and needs.'"

Liturgical feasts dedicated to Mary along with

Marian prayer such as the Rosary express this devotion.

Mary's function as mother of men in no way obscures or diminishes the unique mediation of Christ, the Catechism states. In fact, Mary's role derives its power from her Son's role. Just as the priesthood of Christ is shared in many ways both by His priests and the faithful, so is His mediation shared with the Blessed Mother. *-Peggy Stanton, DM*

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS: *By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman - ©LPi*

The Twist Ending

Any reader of psychological thrillers will come across the "dead main character trope" fairly often. This is the famous Sixth Sense twist ending (I would say "spoiler alert," but the movie is older than most of the people who work in Youth Ministry at your archdiocese, so you've probably seen it by now) where the reader finds that the main character has been dead for all or most of the story.

I'm always a little disappointed when this happens. It delivers shock value, sure, but it also undermines everything that happens in the story. You've come on a journey with this character, only to find out that nothing you saw transpire was real in the way you thought it was.

You feel a little stupid, because the whole time you only had part of the truth.

I suspect Jesus knows this about us. He knows we don't like to have the rug pulled out. It's why he is so up-front about his humanity following the resurrection. See how Jesus, resurrected, shows the disciples his feet, his hands. See how he asks them for food and lets them watch him eat it. See how this creates in them an understanding, a belief.

The humanity of Jesus Christ is absolutely crucial. It's what bridges the divide between the sons of Eve and the God she defied. Our reconciliation with God cannot happen unless human flesh pays the price that will balance the scales. Human flesh: skin that can tear and bleed, bones that can break, a mouth that can thirst, a stomach that can ache with hunger.

The passion and death of Jesus Christ is not a thriller with a twist ending: he was a ghost the whole time! The twist, if anything, is this: he was human the whole time.

"Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." *Luke 24:39*

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. 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).

Angels Q & A



Question: I've heard that we become angels when we die. Is this what the Church teaches?

Answer: As human beings, we are both spiritual and corporeal. We are body and soul. This makes us unique in all creation. No other physical creature — plant or animal — possesses an immortal soul made in God's image and likeness. Like the distinction with plants and animals, angels have an entirely different sort of existence. Angels are pure immortal spirit, and they have been so since the moment of their creation. While they may take on an appearance of a body in Biblical history, they are not a body like we are. Angels are neither male nor female, despite the art we often see.

As the result of the Fall, human beings experience death. Our souls are temporarily separated from our bodies. However, we do not become something other than human. Every Sunday in the Creed we profess "I believe in the resurrection of the body." As Jesus was united with his body on the third day, so too will we be united with our bodies at the end of time. ©LPi



FIAT DAYS

• HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP •

JUNE 24-26 High school women are invited to join us for 3 days of adventure, prayer, dynamic talks, Mass, Adoration, and outdoor activities at **Marywood University!**



Fiat is a 3-day summer camp for high school women that is designed to teach them about vocations, help them better discern where God is calling them, and enrich their faith through prayer, fellowship, speakers, small group discussion, activities, and more. Cost is \$25.

Scan the QR code to register!

QUO VADIS DAYS

• HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP •

JUNE 24-26 High school age men join us for 3 days of adventure, prayer, dynamic talks, Mass, Adoration, and outdoor activities at **Marywood University!**



During the retreat, they discover how to better discern where God is calling them, learn about different vocations, interact with our priests and seminarians, and meet Bishop Bambera! Cost is \$25.

Scan the QR code to register!



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Sponsored by the Diocesan Vocations Office



Thursday,
May 2nd

7:00 PM

St. Maria Goretti Church
42 Redwood Drive - Laflin

SPEAKER, RECONCILIATION,
AND SOCIAL.

LIVE MUSIC BY JOEL KANKIEWICZ



Earth Day

Saturday, April 20 | 11AM-3PM

McDade Park, 1 Bald Mountain Rd, Scranton
Pavilion #2

Join us for a pre-event
cleanup from 9am to 11am!

Registration is required for those who wish to participate in the clean-up.

Register at: www.sierraclub.org/pennsylvania/upcoming-outings



Stop by for arts and crafts with local
artists, music, and to interact with local
organizations and businesses!



@Lackawanna County Environmental Office

Diocese of Scranton DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL



Every donation counts!!
If you have not yet pledged, please...
Help us reach our Annual Appeal Parish Goal!

**OUR PARISH IS AT
65% OF OUR \$66,000 goal**
**Our parish is reimbursed 75% for
any gifts made to the Appeal in
excess of our Appeal goal.**



Alhambra Caravan #4 slates dinner dance for Special Olympians
Local caravan Alhambra #4, Order of Alhambra is hosting a Spring Dinner Dance for Special Olympics bowlers and their families on Wednesday, May 1 on the campus of King's College, Sheehy-Farmer Campus Center: Snyder Room, 3rd floor. Address: 133 North Franklin St, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711 (Parking available in lot A).

All are invited to attend the gala which will be held from 5-8pm.
Plated dinner includes: fruit salad cup, breaded chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans & apple pie for dessert. Coffee, tea, lemonade and soda will be provided.

Musical entertainment will feature Jester Entertainment.

Cost: \$35.00 each. Reservations, including guests' names and check payable to Alhambra Caravan #4 are required by April 18. Remit to: Alhambra Caravan #4, 17 English St. West Wyoming, PA 18644. For more info contact Ada Magni at 570-693-1338.

The Order of Alhambra was founded in 1904 and is a Catholic fraternal organization dedicated to assisting the intellectually disabled. Alhambra members meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month on the campus of King's College in Wilkes-Barre.



2024 Wedding Anniversary Mass

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their **25th or 50th** wedding anniversary in 2024 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 23rd**. The event includes a **2:30 PM mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter** followed by a reception. The registration deadline for this event is **May 26, 2024**. To register, please go to <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org> or contact Bridget Guarneri (570-207-2213 x 1133 or familylife@dioceseofscranton.org).