



ST. PAUL PARISH

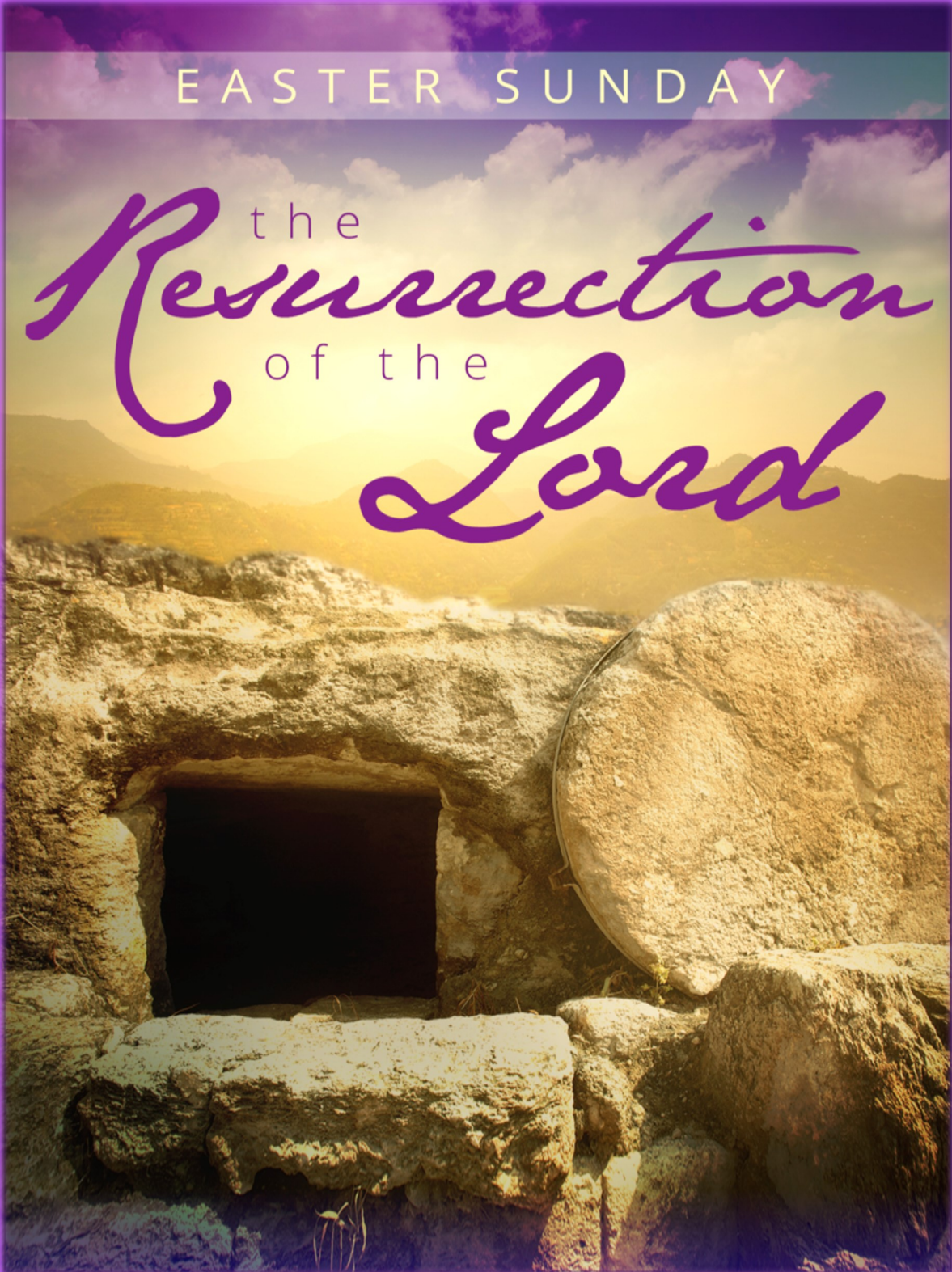
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

APRIL 17, 2022



EASTER SUNDAY

the
Resurrection
of the
Lord



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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

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.

Mass Schedule

8 am Mass ~ Mon.-Sat.

4:30 Mass ~ Sat. (Vigil)

Confessions - Sat.-4pm

8 am & 10:30 am ~ Sun.

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.



Dear Parishioners,

Easter is glorious not because of the beauty of spring nor because
Lent has passed but because the tomb of Jesus is empty. At this time of
Easter, we rejoice that Jesus, who is for us Light of the World, rose
from the dead. In his resurrection, we find our hope and joy.

With joyful hearts Easter calls us to promote with renewed vigor the
sanctity of human life. Easter calls us to move beyond the tomb with the
conviction to share the good news of the Resurrection with one
another. Easter calls us to courageously follow Jesus Christ, the risen one, and to boldly
proclaim that out of darkness and suffering comes new life.

We wish you blessings in this Easter season and every day. We pray that our Risen Lord
will be revealed to you in Word and Sacrament, in the love of family, friends and Church,
in the witness of charity and holiness of life.

We sincerely wish you a blessed Easter celebration today and every day.

Sincerely in Christ

Reverend Monsignor Neil J. Van Loon, V.F. & Deacon John A. Hanni

ST. PAUL MASS INTENTIONS

EASTER SUNDAY

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Saturday, April 16 Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil

8:00 a.m. † Morning Prayer
 12:00 p.m. † Blessing of the Easter Baskets
 8:00 p.m. † Maryclaire Jordan
(Husband, Dr. Arthur Jordan)

Sunday, April 17 Easter Sunday
 Resurrection of the Lord

8:00 a.m. † Members of the Parish
 † Antoinette & William Pasko
(Helen, Robbie & Noel)
 10:30 a.m. † Mollie Maloney Conway
(Mark & Children)

Monday, April 18 Monday within the
 Octave of Easter

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

Tuesday, April 19 Tuesday within the
 Octave of Easter

8:00 a.m. † Robert McAndrew
(Mary McAndrew & Family)

Wednesday, April 20 Wednesday within the
 Octave of Easter

8:00 a.m. † Stephen O'Keeffe *(Peggy O'Keeffe)*

Thursday, April 21 Thursday within the
 Octave of the Easter

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

Friday, April 22 Friday within the
 Octave of Easter

8:00 a.m. † Marge Darger *(Sally Walsh)*

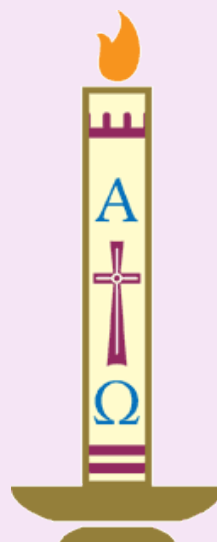
Saturday, April 23 Saturday within the
 Octave of Easter

8:00 a.m. † Frank, Veronica & Lucille Shimkus
(Family)
 4:30 p.m. † Eugene P. Grady *(Marge & Family)*

Sunday, April 24 Second Sunday of Easter
 Divine Mercy Sunday

8:00 a.m. † Members of the Parish
 † John & Ann Sabatini *(Stan & Betty Bednarz)*
 10:30a.m. † Jerry Maushart *(Kathy & Family)*

REMEMBERED AT THE ALTAR



St. Paul's Sanctuary Candle

In Memory of:
 † Fr. Paul P. Cottone
 With Love From:
Family

St. Paul's St. Joseph Candle

In Loving Memory of:
 † Billy Bochicchio
 With Love From:
Dee, Brett & Liz

St. Paul's Marian Candle

In Loving Memory of:
 † Margaret M. Maines
 With Love From:
Family

St. Paul's Wine and Hosts

In Loving Memory of:
 † Jerry Maushart
 With Love From:
Kathy & Family

MEMORIALIZING A LOVED ONE

You may memorialize a loved one by having the candles lit at St. Paul's Church for the week & noted in our bulletin. Call the rectory for more information!



Food Pantry Volunteers for Friday 4/22

U of S students, Jody Maloney, Barbara Burkhouse
Pantry Hours: Each Friday~ 3p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

St. Paul Food Pantry Donations

In Loving Memory of: In Loving Memory of:

† Mary Donatelli

† Paul Harrington

With Love,

With Love,

Daughter, Mary
 Louise Zavada

Maribeth & Megan
 Harrington

St. Paul Parish

† First Holy Communion:

Saturday, May 7, 2022 at 10am

† Confirmation:

Sunday, May 29, 2022 at 1 pm

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the souls of those recently departed. May all the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace!



GOSPEL MEDITATION: April 17, 2022

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

There are many stones in our paths that keep us from truly living and being free. Some of these boulders have been there for a very long time. They have been there so long that they have even settled into the soil of our lives with other weeds, vines, and compacted soil keeping them firmly in place. We find them hard to move and trying to do so can be exhausting. What are these suffocating albatrosses that keep us so tethered and immobile? They are many things.

They are past childhood wounds and hurts that stem from disappointment, rejection, or abuse. People may have told us we were unwanted, that the world is frightening, that there are only some acceptable feelings you can have and others you cannot. We may have tried to love someone or struggled to figure out how and were met with rejection. Maybe we trusted someone completely and were betrayed. We come to life collecting barnacles that begin to attach to other barnacles and before you know it, we have a mass of solid matter blocking our vision and keeping us from moving. We live in fear. We are afraid of losing what we have, afraid that the future will be empty, afraid that we won't succeed and even more afraid that we will not be loved. There is so much fear. Didn't Jesus tell us not to worry and to not be afraid?

Either we believe in the message of Easter, or we don't!



Go confidently into the night. Walking with God you will find the light and strength you need. Often without even knowing, God will move those boulders and stumbling blocks that bind us and, with putting one foot in front of the other and looking forward, we will move. The resurrection of Christ is really all about receiving the gifts of trust and faith and doing new things. The rocks that bind us keep us spinning the same wheels and doing the same things. When was the last time you threw caution to the wind and actually did something totally out of character and different? This is where we find God, in the spontaneous, the adventurous, the fun, and the creative choices we make! God is not boring and stuck. God is exciting and engaging. Jesus Christ is risen from the dead! Find a way to trust that this is true and live. ©LPi





SCRANTON MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

at the CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PETER

DO YOU WANT TO LEARN ABOUT MENTAL
ILLNESS AND SUPPORT FROM THE CHURCH?

The Scranton Mental Health Ministry at the Cathedral of Saint Peter is presenting a five part series on mental illness in order to reduce the stigma of these illnesses 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 series will be held on the five Tuesdays spanning April 19 to May 17.

ALL SESSIONS WILL BE HELD FROM 6:30 TO 8 PM AT THE
DIOCESE OF SCRANTON PASTORAL CENTER
330 WYOMING AVENUE, SCRANTON

For more information contact Deacon Ed Shoener
at 570.344.7231 or DeaconEd@stpeterscathedral.org

Retrovaille Weekend Coming to Our Diocese This Summer August 19-21

Retrovaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. Is it designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to *rediscover* each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped 10s of 1000s of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and misery. For confidential information about, or to register for the August Weekend, please call 631-338-5413 or email philmlazzo2@gmail.com. You can also visit the Retrovaille website at www.helpourmarriage.com.

Rachel's Vineyard Post-Abortion Healing April 29-May 1, 2022

This weekend retreat provides a compassionate and confidential opportunity to those suffering from the impact of abortion to encounter our God of Mercy on a journey of spiritual and psychological healing. For more information, click here or contact denisemengaklcsw@gmail.com, or leave a message at 570-239-6173.

Fruits of Holy Communion

Question: What are the "fruits" of holy Communion?

Answer: The Eucharist, like all sacraments, offers its own unique grace. We receive a special share in God's life that helps us in our faith journey. We are given all we need to sustain and nurture our relationship with God. The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. Everything we are and everything we hope to become is found in this sacrament. It is essential to the life of the church, to each member of the church. Without it, there is no church. The Eucharist is the center of our spiritual life and has enormous effects on our growth, our holiness, and our way of life. The fruits of holy Communion are the benefits one receives from the sacrament. These fruits of holy Communion are discussed in the catechism in the article on the Eucharist. The primary benefit is union with Christ. We become one with him sacramentally, just as we hope to become one with him for eternity. The Eucharist also separates us from sin, both past and future. It forgives the venial sins of the past and, by the love we receive, protects us from mortal sin in the future. The church community is also unified and strengthened by the Eucharist. It unites us to the poor and offers the pledge of eternal life. ©LPi



ADORATION AND ROSARY

Monday thru Friday 4-5pm at St. Clare Church with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Rosary is recited at 4:30 p.m.
Special intentions for our country and our world include:

- † A return to God and the Ten Commandments
- † Peace and an end to war & violence, public, private and in the womb
- † Any other intentions



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)



APRIL Is Child Abuse Prevention Month



Did you know... Child abuse comes in many forms. Most people identify child abuse as physically hitting a child. Neglect is also a form of abuse.

Failing to provide a child with proper nutrition, housing and supervision can cause irreparable harm. Expectations that a child be an active participant in the care of home and family, or even age-appropriate jobs is a part of healthy development. But excessive demands can cross into a form of servitude that is beyond the societal norms. Child pornography is a form of sexual abuse, with real victims in every image. The viewing of these images is an offence against the human dignity.

Did you know... Child abuse can occur in every culture and every socio-economic demographic. Peer reviewed research, especially that of the past 30 years, repeatedly shows this to be true. This same research indicates that the vast majority of child abuse occurs at the hands of someone known to the victim. Those who seek to do harm to children will pursue opportunities that provide access to children and may even ingratiate themselves into the home. You can protect children by respecting the safe environment protocols established at youth serving organizations. More importantly, you can implement many of these protocols in your home and be ever observant and vigilant in all public and private setting

Did you know... Hope is rising. Throughout scripture there is evidence that we are called to be ambassadors of hope and healing. Did you know children of abuse long to hear this message of hope. Victims of crime, their family and loved ones need to know that their voices are heard. Organizations throughout the nation are striving to share the message that He has risen and there is hope. Each of us has a unique ability to support individuals who are hurting, to promote healthy relationships, and to build communities that are safe from those who may want to do harm. How has He called you to be an ambassador of hope and healing?

Q: What can parishioners do to help prevent the physical or sexual abuse of children? Are there physical or behavioral signs people can look out for?

Parishioners can certainly help by making sure children are never put in a situation where abuse can occur. This is not just in the case of clergy abuse but in any situation such as school events, sports, youth clubs or anywhere they may be vulnerable to a predator they should not be left alone. Also, if you see or hear of a child being abused, please report it. Many of us have occupations which make us mandated reporters, but anyone can and should report any possible abuse. Reports can be made to Children and Youth, ChildLine of PA or local or State Police. Because of the many types of abuse, there are different signs. Bruising, and any unexplained injuries, burns (particularly cigarette burns), multiple injuries at various stages of healing, and injury marks with a pattern like a hand or belt are common signs of physical abuse. These children will shy away from any touch and will wear weather inappropriate clothing to cover up bruises. They may appear withdrawn and distant to adults and other children. Signs of sexual abuse include avoidance of a certain person, bloody or torn underwear, bruising or bleeding around genitals, signs of sexually transmitted diseases, pregnancy especially under age 14, running away from home, changes in moods and behaviors. The behavioral changes may include withdrawal or acting out, grades dropping in school, low self-esteem and depression, frequent headaches and stomach aches and delays in speech, learning and emotional maturity. One of the key signs of sexual abuse in young children is sexual activity or knowledge they are too young to know about.

PROMISE TO PROTECT



PLEDGE TO HEAL

SECRETARIAT OF CHILD AND YOUTH PROTECTION



United States Conference of Catholic Bishops