



# ST. PAUL PARISH

*Third Sunday of Easter*

**APRIL 23, 2022**



## Confirmation Class of 2023

Alex Ancherani  
Nicholas Ancherani  
Jacob Belcher  
Chase Beistline  
Anthony Beradelli  
Evan Bernotsky  
Edward Bonin  
Margaret Butler  
Yandel Cardenas  
Elizabeth Collins  
Jake Conaboy  
Kassia Drinkwater  
Olivia Evans  
Maria Alexis Fernandez  
Liam Haggerty  
Edie Hann  
Kevin Hayes  
Ryan Hertman  
Maxwell Hoffner  
Riley Hrebín  
Sadie Hughes

Brian James  
Eddie James  
Patrick James  
Samantha Kelly  
James Kennedy  
Keelin Kirby  
Sophia Laffey  
Lorenzo Leo  
Reid Lewis  
Christian Dellacave Magus  
Chloe Mancuso  
Christopher Manning  
Ava Mauro  
Ava Maus  
William McCabe  
Patrick McDonnell  
Emily McGowan  
Robert McGrath  
Kiley McLain  
Timothy McNamara  
Zoey Mears

Nicholas Michel  
Finn Mulligan  
Olivia Murray  
Leighna Narvae  
Kathleen O'Donnell  
Aniya Osgood  
Roman Remedios  
Vincent Remedios  
Rebecca Remedios  
Caroline Renda  
Alexander Scanlon  
Charlie Scoff  
Jack Skeras  
Abigail Stalica  
Cartrick Thompson  
Jaydie Trently  
Aiden Turner  
Andrew Walsh  
Matthew Watkins  
Flynn Williamson  
Julia Zwick



### **PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:**

*Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people,  
so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent.  
Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to  
Your voice. Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to  
fulfillment the good work that You have begun in them.  
Make each of us an instrument of Your love. Teach us to  
appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we  
do not understand.*

*Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our  
example.*

*We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us.  
Through Christ our Lord, Amen*

**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**

**St. Paul Church**

**Corner of Penn Avenue  
and Marion Street,  
Scranton**

**St. Paul Rectory**

**1510 Penn Ave.,  
Scranton, PA**

**Phone: 570-961-1549 ~**

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**Office Hours ~ Mon-Fri**

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

**info@stpaulscranton.org**

**Facebook ~ Saint Paul's  
Parish Scranton**

**www.stpaulscranton.org**

**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- 3 ~ 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.**

***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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Saturday, April 22 Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter**

4:30 p.m. † Robert McAndrew (Family)

**Sunday, April 23 Third Sunday of Easter**

8:00 a.m. † Members of the Parish

† Barbara & Thomas Martin (Shaffern & Martin Families)

10:30 a.m. † Paul Dougherty (Alicia Dougherty)

**Monday, April 24 Saint Mark, Evangelist**

8:00 a.m. † John & Ann Sabatini  
(Stan & Betty Bednarz)

**Tuesday, April 25 Easter Weekday**

8:00 a.m. † Frank, Veronica & Lucille Shimkus (Family)

**Wednesday, April 26 Easter Weekday**

8:00 a.m. † Louis & Fernanda DePaola (Gene Pidich)

**Thursday, April 27 Easter Weekday**

8:00 a.m. † Gene Pidich (Wife, Regina)

**Friday, April 28 Easter Weekday**

8:00 a.m. ♥ Intentions of Sheila Kochmer (Mary Kay Dwyer)  
† "Jim" Dempsey (Walsh Dempsey Family)

**Saturday, April 29 Easter Weekday**

8:00 a.m. † Robert Barstow (LaTorre Family)

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

**Sunday, April 30 Third Sunday of Easter**

8:00 a.m. † Members of the Parish  
† Dan Sullivan (Family)

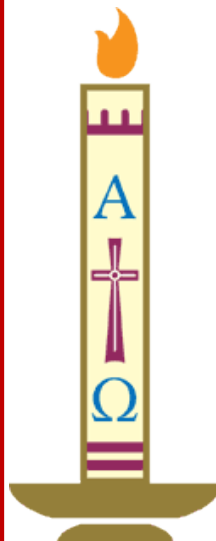
10:30 a.m. † Frank & Helen McAndrew & Clyde & Florence Eshelman (Jim & Paula)

### 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 Memory of:

† John Howell

With Love From:  
Jim, Paula, Todd & Blake

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

In Loving Memory of:

† Eugene Boyd

With Love From:  
Joan Yontas

### St. Paul's Marian Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† Deacon John Hanni

With Love From:  
Wife, Charlotte

### St. Paul's Wine and Hosts

In Loving Memory of:

† The Most Reverend  
Bishop James Timlin, D.D.

## MEMORIALIZING A LOVED ONE

*You may memorialize a loved one by having the candles lit at St. Paul's Church for the week. This beautiful tribute will be noted in our bulletin. Please call Marci at the rectory for more information.*



**Regular Pantry Hours: Fridays~ 3—4:30 p.m.**

**Food Pantry Volunteers for Friday April 28**

U of S students, Jody Maloney, Barbara Burkhouse

Pennsylvanians  
for Human Life  
would like to  
express our



Pennsylvanians for  
**Human Life**  
PAforHumanLife.org

deepest appreciations to St. Paul Parishioners for contributing \$815.62 in baby bottles to help promote the dignity of Human Life from conception to natural death.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

*Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have recently departed. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace!*







In response to the *Vocation Ministry*'s  
**"Uplift Your Priest"** Project, Our Teachers, Staff,  
and Students at St. Clare / St. Paul School would like  
to extend their heart-felt appreciation to  
Monsignor VanLoon for everything he does.  
"It is always appreciated but we wanted to share our  
appreciation especially this week."

*Thank you from all of us here at St. Clare/ St. Paul School & Parish!  
We are so blessed to have you!*





**Collection totals for this week and next will be posted in next week's bulletin.  
Thank you for your donations!**

# EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

*Sponsored by the Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations*



Thursday,  
May 4th

7:00 PM

St. Maria Goretti Church  
42 Redwood Drive - Laflin

**SPEAKER, RECONCILIATION,  
AND SOCIAL.**

*LIVE MUSIC BY JOEL KANKIEWICZ*



## **Do You Want To Know About the Annulment Process?**

In the Diocese of Scranton, the annulment process is now more “user friendly” than you might expect, and there is no longer a processing fee.

Please contact your pastor or the  
Diocesan Tribunal Office (570-207-2246)  
to begin a conversation.

It is possible to get clear answers to these  
questions and to renew your connection with  
the Church.



## **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
- † An end to war, violence, public, private and in the womb
- † Any other intentions



A Crossing  
Guard will be  
needed at the  
Primary Campus  
of St. Clare St.  
Paul School.

Position pays \$20.00 per day,  
and a background check is required.  
Interested applicants may call the  
Scranton Police Department at  
570-348-4130. Thank you!

**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.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

April 23, 2023: 3rd Sunday of Easter

I always feel a little sad when someone begins to speak to me with the words, “Father, I know you’re so busy, but ...” It happens a lot. And I get it. He or she is trying to be respectful of my time. But it saddens me because a priest makes Jesus present to people in a special way, and Jesus always has time for us. Don’t we all feel at times that God just doesn’t have time for us?

Nonsense. Just look at the stunning “Road to Emmaus” story we hear this week. It’s the day Jesus rose from the dead. And the Risen One appears in disguise to two disciples. He walks with them, chats with them, and eventually eats with them. It could have been hours he spends with them — two unnamed persons — in the middle of nowhere. On the day he rose from the dead!

My friends, please take this to heart: The Risen Jesus is not too busy to spend time with you! He doesn’t have “better things to do.” You and I are members of this crucified and risen Body. He therefore has all the time in the world to be with us.

So, I challenge you this week to approach him confidently in prayer and conversation. After all, being with you and me is the reason he rose from the dead. - Father John Muir ©LPI



The Cathedral of Saint Peter will hold

### **Cathedral Derby: A Night at the Races on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>.**

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Post Time is 7:00 p.m.

The event will be held at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton. Parking available. Tickets are \$10 per person and include light fare, dessert, beer, wine, soft drinks and water. You are welcome to bring your own table snacks. **Please reserve your seat today by phone: 570-344-7231 or online at [www.stpeterscathedral.org](http://www.stpeterscathedral.org).**

Reservations are available for tables of 8.

If interested, horses are being sold for \$10 each. If your horse comes in first, you will win \$50! Hope to see you there!

## St. Joseph's Center

### **Donations for the Sidewalk Sale**

**Will be accepted  
at the DeNaples Building  
Pine Street Side**

Every Saturday 9 am to noon  
starting April 1st until May 6th  
Every Wednesday 5 pm to 7pm  
starting April 5th until May 3rd

(After these dates, call Jeannie 570-335-7150 for arrangements)

Accepting small furniture and new or gently used housewares,  
jewelry, home accents/décor, purses, lamps,  
holiday decorations, tools, toys, books & DVD's

**PLEASE NO CLOTHES OR LARGE FURNITURE**



If the change of seasons has you tempted to change your wardrobe, please consider donating unwanted men's work clothing to the Clothes Line for Men program at Friends of the Poor! We specifically need Jeans, Dickie-brand Work Pants, Sweatshirts, T-shirts, Sneakers, and Work Boots – especially steel toe! Clothes Line for Men has a wide variety of clothing, from thermals

and work boots to tuxedos and formal wear. The program has clothed men re-entering the workforce from prison, changing career fields, students for school formals, and even for funerals or weddings. Men are referred by other local agencies or can apply for clothes on our website at [friendsofthepoorscranton.com/clothes-line-for-men](http://friendsofthepoorscranton.com/clothes-line-for-men).