



# ST. PAUL PARISH

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

April 30, 2023



## 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy;  
I came so that they might have life and have it more  
abundantly." - Jn 10:9-10

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### ST. PAUL CHURCH

Mon.-Fri. 8:00am  
Saturday 8am & 4:30 p.m.- Vigil Mass  
Sunday 8a.m. & 10:30a.m.

### 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



***Please Pray For...***

For people around the world suffering from war, oppression,  
famine, and disease:

May the Lord restore peace, protect all His people and guide those providing 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 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

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Saturday, April 29** Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

**Sunday, April 30** Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

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

**Monday, May 1** Easter Weekday

**8:00 a.m.** † Mary Grady (Family)

**Tuesday, May 2** St. Athanasius

**8:00 a.m.** † Mr. & Mrs. James Pappas Sr.  
(Washo & McGinnis Families)

**Wednesday, May 3** Sts. Philip & James

**8:00 a.m.** † Joe Benginia (Wife, Caroline)

**Thursday, May 4** Easter Weekday

**8:00 a.m.** † Kathy Gilgallon (Helen Gilgallon)

**Friday, May 5** Easter Weekday

**8:00 a.m.** † Joseph Dogherty (Margaret Dougherty & Family)

**Saturday, May 6** Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter

**8:00 a.m.** † Thomas Merrigan (Mary Judith Colleran)

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

**Sunday, May 7** Fifth Sunday of Easter

**8:00 a.m.** † James P. Kennedy (Family)

**10:30 a.m.** † Clara & AL Nemetz  
(Granville & Miller Families)



## REMEMBERED AT THE ALTAR:

### St. Paul's Sanctuary Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† **Deacon Hanni**

With Love From:

**Loving Wife, Charlotte**

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

In Loving Honor of:

† **Joe Benginia**

With Love From:

**Wife, Caroline  
Natalie & Luciano**

### St. Paul's Marian Candle

In Loving Memory of

† **Denni McGrath**

With Love From:

**Friend**

### St. Paul's Wine & Host

In Loving Memory of

† **Bishop James Timlin**

With Love From:

**Parish**

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

### Food Pantry Volunteers for Friday May 5th

U of S students, Jody Maloney & Barbara Burkhouse

## St. Paul Food Pantry Donations

In Loving Memory of:

**Michael Comerford**

With Love,  
**Barbara & Ellen  
Burkhouse**



Loving Memory of:

**Deacon John Hanni**

With Love,  
**Maureen  
Saunders**



If you would like to have a Mass said or a candle lit for someone please contact the parish office at 570-961-1549.

*There are many daily Masses & weekly candles available throughout the remainder of the year.*



## RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the souls 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.**



## The drawing for St. Paul Parish Spring Raffle

**Saturday: April 29th after 4:30 Mass**

**Congratulations to all winners and much gratitude to everyone who participated/donated!**



April 16th  
**Offertory: \$ 3,978.00**  
**Online: \$2,296.50**



April 23rd  
**Offertory: \$ 4,689.00**  
**Online: \$ 2,553.91**



## 2023 National Day of Prayer

It's no news that faith is a big part of American culture. It's a diverse nation filled with people from various ethnicities with a variety of beliefs. Americans sure are no stranger to faith, and so it shouldn't be a big surprise that they've decided to create a day that has a theme all about these religious diversities (May 4).

Throughout history, there have been few national days of prayer. In fact, there were only a few noteworthy ones between the 1700s – 1900s. The National Day of Prayer that we know today was founded in 1952, and it was co-founded effort between the United States Congress and President Harry S. Truman. The holiday was signed into law by President Truman, and every president since has signed a proclamation that encourages Americans to pray on and celebrate this day.

The national holiday has always been the first Thursday of May every year since it was founded in 1952. It stands as a day that continues the decision-making of the country's founding fathers, which used the morals from biblical lessons in difficult situations. Basically, using God's guidance to make important decisions in the country and for yourself. Just like Thanksgiving and Christmas, the National Day of Prayer has become recognized by Americans nationwide, and it is even recognized and celebrated in all Hallmark calendars.

Although the National Day of Prayer was officially signed into law in 1952, the practice of praying over our country was really nothing new. Ever since our nation's founding, our nation's leaders have always called for days of fasting, prayer, and thanksgiving. Prayer has been an integral part of daily life for centuries.

The mission of the National Day of Prayer is to mobilize prayer in America and to encourage personal repentance and righteousness in the culture. The theme of the National Day of Prayer 2023 in the U.S. is "Pray Fervently in Righteousness and Avail Much." This is from James 5:16b, which reads, "The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much".

This theme is chosen each year by the National Day of Prayer Task Force, a Christian nonprofit organization that helps organize and coordinate prayers for our nation throughout the country on this annual observance.

The annual National Day of Prayer has profound significance for our country. It is an unprecedented opportunity to see the Lord's healing and renewing power made manifest as we call on citizens to humbly come before His throne. Together we pray for America, its leaders, and Armed Forces.



### *Please Pray For:*

- Our Nation: the President, his Cabinet, Congress, the Court System and Judges
- National and World Affairs: US Military, conflicts in the US and around the world
  - Our State and Local Governments: Governor, state legislators, mayors, and city councils
- The Triangle: universities, schools, law enforcement, firefighters, rescue workers, and businesses/workplaces
- Our Church: leaders, missionaries, ministers, and our church body
- Our Families: marriages, children, financial difficulties, and health issues



# Annual Quo Vadis Days, June 26-28<sup>th</sup> at Marywood University!

## What to Expect:

Quo Vadis is a 3 day summer camp for high school men designed to help them better discern God's call in their lives through fellowship, sports, prayer, games and dynamic talks.

Participants will also have the opportunity to meet Bishop Bambera and talk with the seminarians of the Diocese of Scranton.



## Prayer

Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

Liturgy of the Hours

Reconciliation



**Dynamic Talks on Christian Vocation,  
Priesthood,  
Marriage and more!**



## Small Group Discussion



## Games and Outdoor Activities



Online Registration:  
[vocations.dioceseofscranton.org](http://vocations.dioceseofscranton.org)

### Mail-In Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nametag: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduating Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Email (if under 18): \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommender: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommender's Position (please circle):

Priest    Deacon    PLC

DRE/DRF    Youth Minister

Cost: \$25

Vocations Office  
300 Wyoming Avenue  
Scranton, PA 18503

## Diocese of Scranton Vocations Office

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## QUO VADIS DAYS

High School Summer Camp

**JUNE 26-28, 2023**  
**MARYWOOD UNIVERSITY**  
2300 Adams Avenue  
Scranton, PA 18509

Those interested need to  
have a **letter from their  
pastor** in order to attend.  
We hope see many  
participate!







## 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.



## Eucharistic Adoration & Holy Rosary Hour Mon-Fri 4-5pm St. Clare Church

2251 N. Washington Ave. Scranton, PA 18509  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Rosary is recited at 4:30 p.m.

Special intentions for our country and world:

- A return to God and the Ten Commandments
- An end to violence, public, private and in the womb
- Any other intentions

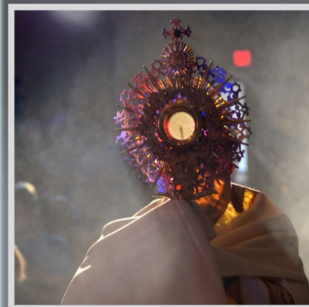
"We should consider those moments spent before the Blessed Sacrament as the happiest of our lives" - St. John Vianney



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## 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 - Laffin

**SPEAKER, RECONCILIATION,  
AND SOCIAL.**

LIVE MUSIC BY JOEL KANKIEWICZ



## SCRANTON MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY *at the* CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PETER

**SPIRITUAL SUPPORT GROUP**

**Scranton Mental Health: Crisis Line- (844) 348-6100**

### **Mental Health Ministry support groups:**

LOCATION: Bishops Hall at the Cathedral Rectory  
315 Wyoming Ave., Scranton (rear entrance, downstairs)

- For anyone experiencing mental illness.

10 AM on 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month.

- For parents, family members, and friends of those who are experiencing mental illness. 6 PM on 1st Tuesday of the month. The meetings last approximately 90 minutes.



### **Expecting Mothers...NEED HELP?**

Providence Pregnancy Center provides material assistance, community referrals, peer counseling, and soon we will also offer safe housing for pregnant moms. All services are free of charge.

116 Theodore Street, Scranton, PA 18508  
917-239-3021