



# ST. PAUL PARISH

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

May 7, 2023



## 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father." - Jn 14:6-7

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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**

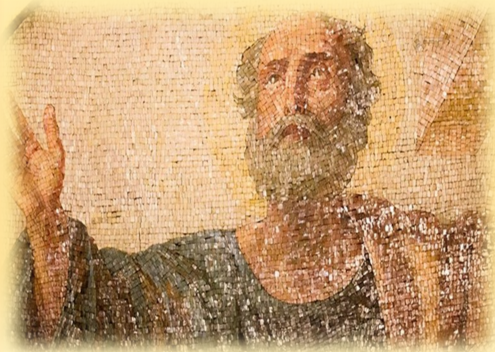
Rita Cicco - Director of Religious Education

Robert Fitzsimmons - Sacristan

Eugene Mentz - Director of Liturgical Music

Marci Stevens-Scanlon - Administrative Assistant

Phoebe Wilson - Operations Manager



Lord God, you appointed Paul your apostle to preach the good news of salvation to the nations. May his example and prayers inspire the faithful of our parish to be more fully Alive in Christ.

Fill our hearts with the spirit of your charity so that we may please you in our thoughts, words and deeds and be witnesses to hope that does not disappoint.

May the prayers of St. Paul and all the saints be our constant encouragement so that we may walk worthily as disciples of Your Son.

*Amen*

**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](mailto: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

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

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

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

8:00 a.m. † Members of the Parish

† James P. Kennedy (Family)

10:30 a.m. † Clara & Al Nemetz (Granville & Miller Family)

**Monday, May 8** Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. † David Yeager & Billy Bochicchio (Families)

**Tuesday, May 9** Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Gerald R. Walsh (Mary Walsh Dempsey)

**Wednesday, May 10** Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Fr. Thomas Yuen (A Friend)

**Thursday, May 11** Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Theresa Barrett-Male (Family)

**Friday, May 12** Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Tom Rittenhouse (Jean Steppacher)

**Saturday, May 13** Vigil: Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. † Paul Dougherty (The Renard Family)

4:30 p.m. † Ed Padelford & Maureen O'Hara  
(Ellen & Barbara Burkhouse)

**Sunday, May 14** Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. † John M. Dougherty (Evelyn & Henrey Hinz)

10:30 a.m. † ClarRobert McAndrew (Family)



## REMEMBERED AT THE ALTAR:

### St. Paul's Sanctuary Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† Deacon John Hanni

With Love From:

**Loving Wife, Charlotte**

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

In Loving Honor of:

† David Yeager

With Love From:

**Family**

### St. Paul's Marian Candle

In Loving Memory of

† Nancy & Vincent Sweeney

With Love From:

**The Sweeney & Reynolds Family**

### St. Paul's Wine & Host

In Loving Memory of

† Sr. Angela Miller, IHM

With Love From:

**Parish**



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

## Food Pantry Volunteers for Friday May 12th

**Sandi Cadden, Mary Kryzanowski, Noreen Rowland  
Jody Maloney & Barbara Burkhouse**

As our pantry hours move to noon in June, new volunteers are welcome to join the team by calling the office! And, of course, continuing volunteers can expect an email request before long!

## St. Paul Food Pantry Donations

In Loving Memory of:

**Michael Comerford**

With Love,

**Todd & Elizabeth**

**O'Malley**



Loving Memory of:

**Deacon John Hanni**

With Love,

**Maureen**

**Saunders**

We encourage parishioners to get the word to individuals and families needing groceries that our pantry is ready to serve them once they complete the "Self-Declaration of Need" form, indicating that income does not exceed the limits set by USDA. Once that is done, (*on site, in very few minutes*), they are welcome to choose food and other supplies on

**Fridays, from 3-4:30,  
(Summer hours begin June 9th: Fridays 12-1:30pm)  
in the lower level of St. Clare Church.**



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 soul of **Joan Birtel**. May her soul and 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.**



# CONGRATULATIONS TO ST. PAUL PARISH 2023 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS!

*James Barrett  
Kelsey Buck  
Christopher Butler  
Emma Butler  
Amy Cardenas  
Vincenzo Cícco  
Addison Colosímo  
Owen Cummings  
Mía Davis  
Anthony Donato  
Jacob Escobar  
Jack Garvey  
Hazel Harrison  
Maxwell Horter  
Alfonso Jaramillo  
Sydney Jones*



*Penelope Joyce  
Caroline Kelly  
Thomas Kelly  
James Kennedy  
Lily Kennedy  
Eloise Kerrigan  
Christian Liuzzo  
William Mackrell  
Rachel McKenna  
Marian Pappas  
Quin Reager  
Rosalie Tomko  
Jordan Vescovi  
Caitlyn Walega  
Julia Walker  
Robert (Jack) Walker*

*Lord Jesus Christ, bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time.*

*May this day be the step toward a life-long love of the Eucharist.*



*Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.*

*Thank you for their innocence and goodness.*

*May their hands, extended in anticipation of your body and blood, inspire all of us to cherish this sacred Sacrament. Amen.*



April 30th

**Offertory: \$5,498.00**

**Online: \$2,763.00**



### RECENTLY BAPTIZED

Claire Polkowski, child of Daniel & Amber,  
and Harrison Hughes, child of Brian & Alyssa,  
have recently received the sacrament of  
baptism at St. Paul Church.

We welcome Claire & Harrison to our parish community!

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

May 7, 2023: 5th Sunday of Easter



If you had to summarize the essential core of the Christian life, what would it be?

Mercy, truth, or love, perhaps?

The readings today suggest another word which may surprise you.

***That word is priesthood.***

St. Peter says to us, "You are a 'chosen race, a royal priesthood...'"

To be part of a priesthood is to offer a particular sacrifice in order for the community to survive and thrive. Jesus is the great high priest because he offers the one perfect sacrifice which heals and perfects the entire human race. Peter the Apostle wants us to know that all the baptized share in this priestly ministry.

The whole of our lives, including every detail, is meant to become our acceptable offering to God.

The baptized exercise this priesthood in many ways, I'll mention three. At Sunday Mass, in private prayer, and in daily work. At Mass, we offer the sacrifice of our lives with that of the priest, who symbolizes Christ the Priest. In our prayer, a "morning offering" prayer is a great way to offer up all the joys and sufferings of the day to come. In our daily work, we sacrifice our time, comfort, money, and energy to do good for others.

All this gives the deepest possible meaning to our lives: we share in the priesthood which saves the world.

That's at the core of our faith. - Father John Muir ©LPI

## Question & Answer Topic Obligation: Mass or Communion?

### Question:

**Are Catholics obligated to attend Mass each Sunday, or receive Communion each Sunday?**

### Answer:

The questions about Mass attendance and the reception of Holy Communion are clearly outlined in what are traditionally called the "Precepts" of the Church. These specific teachings are intended to stand alongside the Ten Commandments as fundamental practices for Catholics and are outlined in the *Code of Canon Law*. The obligations related to Mass attendance and receiving Communion are outlined in the first and third precepts, which we find quoted in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (no. 2042):

The first precept ("You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor") requires the faithful to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord as well as the principal liturgical feasts honoring the mysteries of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints; in the first place, by participating in the Eucharistic celebration, in which the Christian community is gathered, and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days.

The third precept ("You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season") guarantees as a minimum the reception of the Lord's Body and Blood in connection with the Paschal feasts, the origin and center of the Christian liturgy.

Rather than seeing these as obligations that are simply to be fulfilled out of a sense of duty, Pope Saint John Paul II reminds us of the grace that is made available to us when we gather for Sunday celebrations of the Eucharist: "Sunday is the day which is at the very heart of the Christian life... Time given to Christ is never time lost, but is rather time gained, so that our relationships and indeed our whole life may become more profoundly human" (*Dies Domini*, no. 7). ©LPi



## *With the Holy Spirit*

**Catholic Women's Conference**

**Marywood University**

**Saturday, June 10, 2023**



Over the past five years, more 2,000 women from the Diocese of Scranton have deepened their faith by attending the "Refresh Your Faith" Catholic Women's Conference. I am happy to announce that the conference will return this year on Saturday, June 10, 2023 with an outstanding line-up of speakers and music. The theme will be:

***"With the Holy Spirit."*** The day-long conference will be generously hosted by Marywood University.

Jonette Benkovic Williams and Kathleen McCarthy are this year's speakers. Both are nationally acclaimed, and we are pleased to have them refresh the faith of women in our diocese.

Jonette Benkovic Williams is Founder and President of Women of Grace, a Catholic apostolate for women featuring a number of outreaches including conferences, media, study groups and more. She has a well-known presence on EWTN TV. She is also the founder and President of Living His Life Abundantly International, Inc. Kathleen McCarthy is a published author, Catholic radio broadcaster and has been involved in healing ministry for over four decades. She has the gift of storytelling that readily touches the hearts of all individuals. She is a dynamic instrument for proclaiming God's word to both believers and inactive Catholics of all ages.

Music will be provided by Maria Salamida, talented musician and composer, who is the Coordinator of Liturgical Music at Franciscan University.

***Tickets also include breakfast, lunch, and admittance to a Catholic Marketplace with beautiful gifts, books, and sacramentals.*** For more information or to purchase tickets call: 570-430-2735 or email: [cwcnepa@gmail.com](mailto:cwcnepa@gmail.com) or to registration & purchase tickets online go to: [www.cwcnepa.com](http://www.cwcnepa.com)

### **Catholic Women's Conference: Marywood University June 10, 2023**



**GOOD SAMARITAN  
TICKETS  
AVAILABLE**

If you or someone you know would like to attend the conference but can't afford the price of the ticket, call the number below or E-mail to reserve a SAMARITAN TICKET.

The Conference is approaching fast so don't delay!  
Tickets are limited and are first come first serve.

Come, Refresh your Faith on June 10 at  
Marywood University!!!

Please contact: Cecilia Carr: CWC Committee Member  
(570) 430-2735 or via email: [ccarr18414@yahoo.com](mailto:ccarr18414@yahoo.com)

### ***St. Clare/ St. Paul Family Night Out***

625 Deacon Street Scranton, PA 18509

*(Behind Mickey Gannons)*



**Monday May 8th-Wednesday May 10th  
Come and Join us for 10% off your order!**

**\*Mention St. Clare/St. Paul  
for your discount & don't forget your pups  
for a complimentary pup cup!**