

ST. PAUL PARISH

The Ascension of the Lord

May 21, 2023



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” - Mt 28:19-20

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1999, 1970 OGD, ©LPI

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

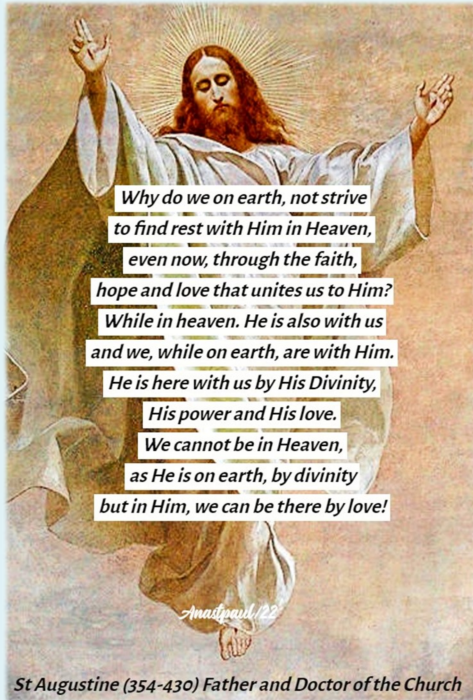
Eugene Mentz - Director of Liturgical Music

Marci Stevens-Scanlon - Administrative Assistant

Phoebe Wilson - Operations Manager



All forms of separation from our loved ones are painful. But in the case of Jesus, His Ascension is not exactly a separation. In fact, He would be even closer to us, as in His living inside us...



St Augustine (354-430) Father and Doctor of the Church

Dear Lord Jesus Christ, right before Your Ascension into heaven you told your apostles to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth upon receiving the Holy Spirit. May I be similarly inspired to spread your Gospel message in word and deed, according to Your will for me. And may I do so prudently and joyfully, with Your help, Your guidance, and Your grace! Let me labor diligently all my life with a greater appreciation for the present. Let me realize that only by accomplishing true human fulfillment can I attain Divine fulfillment and ascend to You at the completion of my work. Help me to always seek what is above, Heaven, where you are seated at the right hand of God the Father. Help all who believe in You and who belong to You one day join You in that heavenly home forever and ever. 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
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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday, May 20 Vigil: The Ascension of the Lord

4:30 p.m. † Mrs. Mary Pappas
(Washo & McGinnis Families)

Sunday, May 21 The Ascension of the Lord

8:00 a.m. † Members of the Parish
† Lindsay Doherty (Family)

10:30 a.m. † Robert Gibbons (The Jadick Family)

Monday, May 22 Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Thomasina Mascelli (Mike & Donna Barbetti)

Tuesday, May 23 Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Jack & Midge Conway (Conway Family)

Wednesday, May 24 Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Deacon John Hanni (Craig & Mary Grace Washo)

Thursday, May 25 Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. † William Pappas (McGinnis & Washo Families)

Friday, May 26 St. Philip Neri

8:00 a.m. † James P. Kennedy (Family)

Saturday, May 27 Vigil: Pentecost Sunday

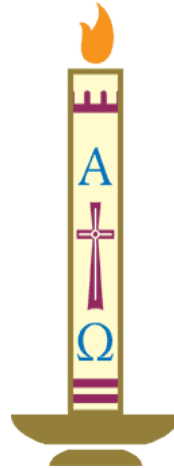
8:00 a.m. † Mrs. Virginia Frankenfield
(Craig, Brittany & Caiden Washo)

4:30 p.m. † Martha Voinski (Family)

Sunday, May 28 Pentecost Sunday

8:00 a.m. † Sr. Mary William Philbin, IHM (Mary Lou Riley)

10:30 a.m. † Thomas J. Quinn (The Walsh Family)



REMEMBERED AT THE ALTAR:

St. Paul's Sanctuary Candle

In Loving Honor of:

Deacon John Hanni

With Love From:

Stan & Betty Bednarz

St. Paul's St. Joseph Candle

In Loving Honor of:

† **Thomas McCormick**

With Love From:

The Cantafio Family

St. Paul's Marian Candle

In Loving Memory of

† **Dorothy Nicodem**

With Love From:

Family

St. Paul's Wine & Host

In Loving Memory of

† **Deacon John Hanni**

With Love From:

**St. Paul Parish Eucharistic
Ministry Members**

Food Pantry Hours: Fridays 3-4:30pm

Food Pantry Volunteers for Friday May 26th

**Kris Pocius, Jean Weinschenk, Nancy Wilson
Jody Maloney & Barbara Burkhouse**

St. Paul Food Pantry Donations

In Loving Memory of:

Ann Coleman

With Love,

Elizabeth &

Robert Troy



Loving Memory of:

Ann Coleman

With Love,

Ellen & Barbara

Burkhouse



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.

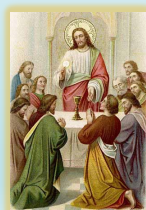


RECENTLY DECEASED

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.



A special thanks to everyone who contributed to the postal carriers delivery on May 13th. The donations to our pantry totaled nearly 600 pounds!



May 14th

Offertory Total:

\$ 5,568.00

Online Total: \$2,062.50





RECENTLY BAPTIZED *Emma Ehnnot*, child of Thomas & Sarah, *Lily Clark*, child of Kevin & Annie, *Nora Brennan*, child of Matthew & Maggie, *Mae Clark*, child of Jordan & Ana, *Nora & Margaret Cottone*, children of David & Jacqueline and *Cashel Thomas*, child of Timothy & Amalia, have all recently received the sacrament of baptism at St. Paul Church.



We welcome each to our parish community!



Greetings St. Paul Parish,

We want to thank everyone who supported our St. Paul Parish Spring Raffle by participating and purchasing tickets. Our three lucky winners are Michael Alcaro, Karen Bullet and Cashel Thomas—who happens to also be our newest member here at St. Paul Parish and was just baptized this past weekend!

The proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit our Parish, particularly for our most recent cyber security software, training and insurance as well as continued maintenance to our Parish website, database, and social media platform.

Again, thank you very much for supporting this effort! Your commitment to St. Paul Parish is so important and appreciated. It is thanks to the support and generosity of parishioners like you throughout each year that our parish can continue to worship, provide the sacraments, foster prayer, educate and serve — in short, to love one another as God loves us.

We would also like to take a moment to thank you for sending in your completed parishioner contact update cards. This is very helpful in ensuring that we have accurate and up-to-date information in our database. Please notify us if your contact information ever changes so that we can make the necessary updates as well. Another advantage to having your updated email contact is the opportunity to deliver your St. Paul Parish bulletin directly to your fingertips via email each week.

The bulletin is the main way we communicate what's going on in the parish. Beginning June 1st, we will begin emailing our bulletin which as you may know includes information on Sacraments, announcements of upcoming events, Gospel meditations and spiritual reflections, Mass and candle intentions, food pantry donations & announcements, data on the parish, contact information for the parish staff among other interesting and fun information about our parish and community. Of course, you will continue to be able to obtain physical bulletins from the church each week however, some advantages to a digital bulletin are:

- Receiving the bulletin via email earlier in the week to be able to see what is happening that weekend.***
- Not having to worry that you misplaced your physical bulletin...reference your digital copy at any time!***
- Never miss a bulletin if you are sick or away and cannot make it to church that week.***
- The ability to click on links that take you to additional information, webpages, or online applications etc. This enables us to share digital content that cannot be accessed in our bulletin.***

If you have not given us your email address and would like to begin receiving the weekly bulletin please email us at: mstevens@stpaulscranton.org to let us know.

Thank you again for your support and staying connected. Your connection is vital to keeping our parish informed, involved, and strengthens the social ministry of our local community!

Other tools we offer to encourage you to stay connected to your parish while not in church:

Social Media: The parish utilizes social media to communicate to the parish in various ways...

- YouTube:** We have a channel in which we post all of our weekly Masses and special Masses such as Holy Days and Sacramental Masses like First Holy Communion and Confirmation.
- Facebook:** Here we post some pictures of our church and school events, reminders about events at St. Paul and other churches and events at local organizations. We even post some of our other digital content such as YouTube videos of our livestreamed Masses and other events throughout the year.
- Website:** Our website communicates our identity, values and mission to the outside world and is used to communicate to the parish various events and information, such as our bulletin and other important information. The website also contains the most up-to-date information regarding our Parish activities, sacramental information as well as the contact information for parish ministries and service opportunities.

Celebrate



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

With the Diocese of Scranton
Sunday, June 4th 2023
2:30pm

To register, please visit
www.dioceseofscranton.org or by calling the Office for Parish Life at
(570) 207-2213

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

UP & OVER

June 2-3
Camp Orchard Hill in Dallas, PA

Registration Fee of \$120 Includes:

- Meals
- Lodging
- Retreat Materials
- T-shirt

To register and for more information visit:
Dioceseofscranton.org

We hope to see you there!

A cartoon illustration of two people, a man and a woman, climbing a blue rectangular wall. The man is on the bottom, pushing the woman up. The woman is on top of the wall, reaching up. The background is light blue with white clouds and a yellow sun with a face.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

A Peer-Facilitated Leadership Retreat for High School Students

JUNE 20-23, 2023

@ Marywood University, Scranton

For More Information:
Further details and applications are available online at Dioceseofscranton.org

or call (570)207-2213
x1155 for more info.

- ♦ Support
- ♦ Awareness
- ♦ Self-Confidence
- ♦ Positive Thinking
- ♦ Values



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

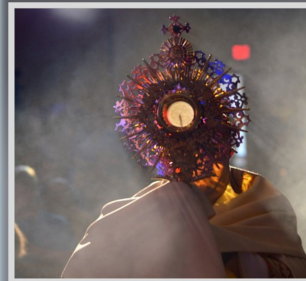
"We should consider those moments spent before the Blessed Sacrament as the happiest of our lives" - St. John Vianney



Made with PosterMyWall.com

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Sponsored by the Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations



Thursday,
June 1st

7:00 PM

St. Maria Goretti Church
42 Redwood Drive - Laflin

SPEAKER, RECONCILIATION,
AND SOCIAL.

LIVE MUSIC BY JOEL KANKIEWICZ



Please Pray 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.