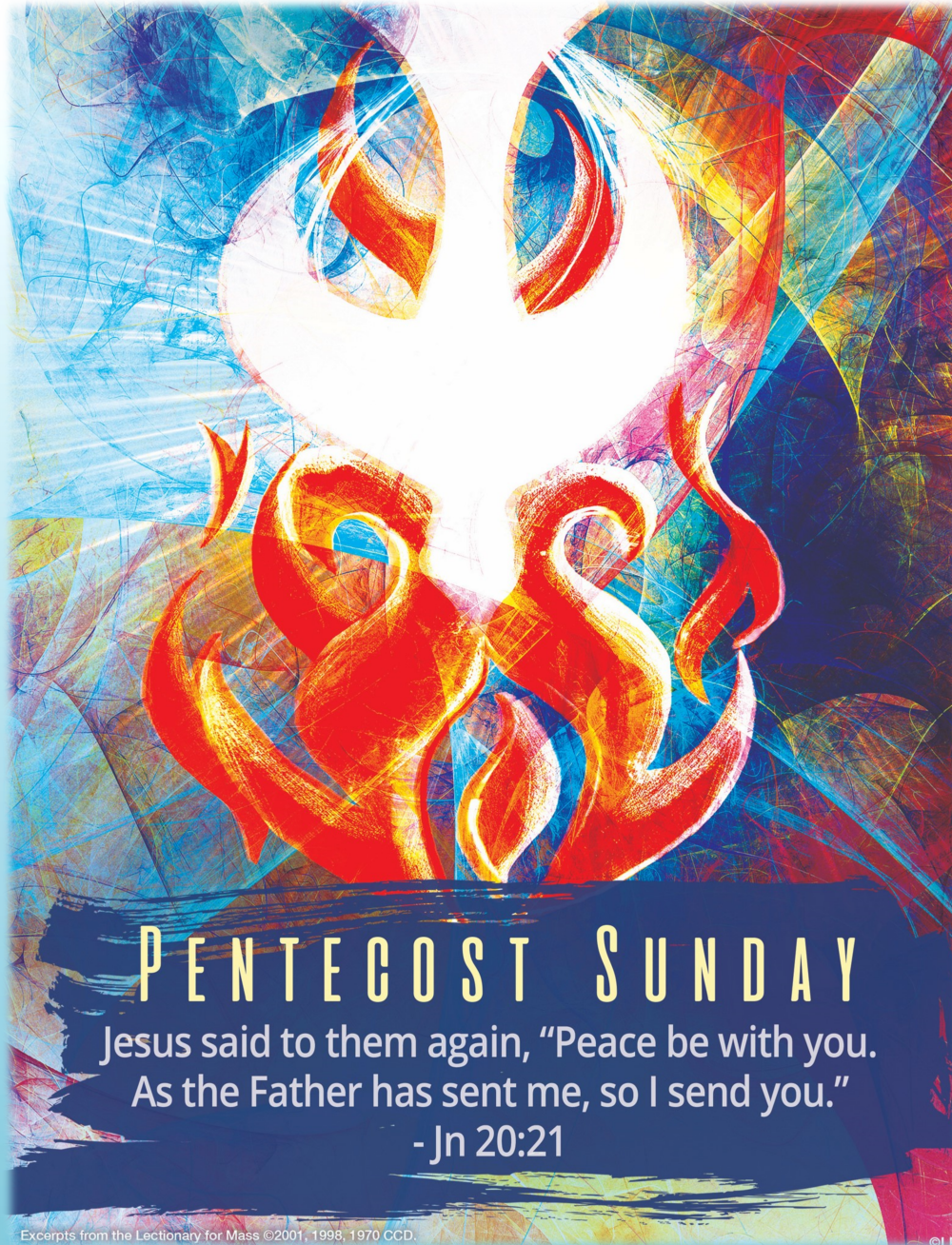




ST. PAUL PARISH

Pentecost Sunday

May 28, 2023



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...



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

**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 27 Vigil: Pentecost Sunday

4:30 p.m. † Martha Voinski (Family)

Sunday, May 28 Pentecost Sunday

8:00 a.m. † Members of the Parish

† Sr. Mary William Philbin, IHM (Mary Lou Riley)

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

Monday, May 29 The Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. † John "Sonny" Lenko (Stan & Betty Bednarz)

Tuesday, May 30 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Michael Burke Comerford (Sally Walsh)

Wednesday, May 31 The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Thursday, June 1 Saint Justin, Martyr

8:00 a.m. † Ann Marie D'Amico Baldassari (Sally Walsh)

Friday, June 2 Weekday

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

Saturday, June 3 Vigil: The Most Holy Trinity

8:00 a.m. † Bob Yeager (Family)

4:30 p.m. † Jacqueline Heelan (Family)

Sunday, June 4 The Most Holy Trinity

8:00 a.m. † Deacon John Hanni (Helen, Robbie & Noel)

10:30 a.m. † Joanne Carroll- Burns (Family)



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.

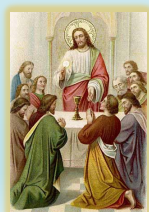


RECENTLY DECEASED

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.



REMEMBERED AT THE ALTAR:

St. Paul's Sanctuary Candle

In Loving Honor of:

Bob Yeager

With Love From:

Family

St. Paul's St. Joseph Candle

In Loving Honor of:

† **Wayne Randolph**

With Love From:

The Cantafio Family

St. Paul's Marian Candle

In Loving Memory of

† **Johnine Cummings**

With Love From:

Alicia Dougherty

St. Paul's Wine & Host

In Loving Memory of

† **Sr. Mary William Philbin, IHM**

With Love From:

St. Paul Parish



Food Pantry Hours: Fridays 3-4:30pm

Food Pantry Volunteers for Friday June 2nd

*Jen Clark, Rene Fontana, Fran Zauhar,
Mary McAndrew & Barbara Burkhouse*

Reminder: Food Pantry Summer Hours

Begin June 9th

Fridays 12pm-1:30pm

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, in the lower level of St. Clare Church.



RECTORY CLOSED/ SUMMER HOURS

Saint Paul's Parish office will be closed to celebrate the Memorial Day holiday on **Monday, May 29th.**

Parish Office Summer hours begin

Friday, May 26th

Mon-Thurs 8:30-2:30

& Fridays: 8:30-12pm



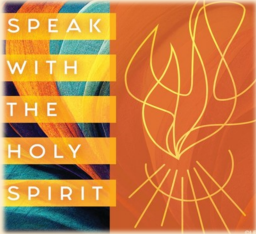
Memorial Day

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

May 28, 2023 ~ Pentecost Sunday

I hope you'll acknowledge with me a simple fact: it's not normal to have tongues of fire "part and come to rest" on people. It is actually pretty strange. Yet that is precisely what we celebrate in this feast of Pentecost. How can this mean something to us in our daily lives?

Jews had a tradition that heaven is a temple made of bricks of fire. So, through the apostles, the heavenly temple is coming to earth. But this fire looks like tongues, not bricks. That means that heavenly speech will be crucial to building a dwelling place for God on earth among men and women. So, it's no surprise when the apostles begin to speak in a miraculous way that is understood by all language groups. They are speaking of what God has done in and through Jesus: bringing heaven to earth and uniting all peoples to God and to each other.



How often our speech divides: gossip, slander, insults, and so on. How strange and rare it is when people speak in ways that truly unite instead of divide. Imagine how powerful it would be if you and I began to speak at home, at work, and in our community in a way that made people hear heavenly speech. Imagine if you spoke of the mighty deeds of God in a way that everyone could understand.

That's precisely what the Holy Spirit descends upon us to do. Ask Him to come as a tongue of fire to you once again, and He will. Then speak! — Father John Muir ©LPI



NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

The dioceses of the United States are currently engaged in a multi-year National Eucharistic Revival to renew the Church by enkindling in the faithful a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. We are now approaching the parish phase of the Revival beginning on Sunday, June 11, 2023, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi).



Please Join Us

To commemorate the beginning of the National Eucharistic Revival,
our parish will be offering

Eucharistic Holy Hour and Vespers

(Evening Prayer, Liturgy of the Hours)

on

**Sunday June 11th at 6pm
at St. Paul Church**



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

*Please plan on joining us and pray for the
fruitfulness of the Revival!*



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.

How to find us online...

St. Paul Parish Website: www.stpaulscranton.org

YouTube: *Search* Saint Paul's Scranton or [@saintpaulsscranton9273](https://www.youtube.com/@saintpaulsscranton9273)

Facebook: facebook.com/stpaulscranton



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



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



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

COME FLY WITH US! NEPA GIVES

ALL ARE INVITED TO OUR 2nd ANNUAL NEPA GIVES RALLY!

Join us for a **FREE** night of fun and games, music and merriment, arts and sciences, tailgate food (both wacky and traditional), adult and all-ages beverages and more.

Who: Two-time Rectory, Set, Cook! champion and Cathedral Capers all-star alumnus Fr. Jim Paisley, the evening's emcee, will sing Sinatra et al while also challenging anyone to cornhole!

When: 6-9 p.m. Thursday, June 1, 2023

Where: The Catholic Youth Center (celebrating its 75th anniversary!), 36 S. Washington St., Wilkes-Barre (**Free parking at CYC, on N. Pennsylvania Avenue side of building or at nearby Holy Redeemer High.**)

Why: To move the Diocese of Scranton and its many ministries up the leaderboards in the annual 24-hours-only **2023 NEPA Gives charitable challenge!** **ALL DONORS AUTOMATICALLY ELIGIBLE FOR A HOST OF RAFFLE PRIZES, INCLUDING A YETI TUNDRA 45 COOLER!**



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. 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.