



# ST. PAUL PARISH

*Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

July 9, 2023



## 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,  
and I will give you rest." - Mt 11:28-30**

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### ST. PAUL CHURCH

Closed for Painting (Re-opening in August)  
Daily Mass: Mon.-Sat. 8:00am at the  
SC/SP School Auditorium: 1527 Penn Ave.

### ST. CLARE CHURCH

2235 N. Washington Ave.  
Saturday 4:30 p.m.- Vigil Mass  
Sunday 8a.m. & 10:30a.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



**St. Paul Church will temporarily be closed for painting  
Daily Mass (Monday-Saturday 8am)  
will be celebrated across the street at  
St. Paul School Auditorium**

**Saturday 4:30 Mass & Sunday 8am & 10:30am Mass  
will be celebrated at  
St. Clare Church  
*until the completion of the project.***

**Thank you for your patience as we  
work to make these necessary  
improvements!**



**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: 12pm ~ 1:30 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

### FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Saturday, July 8 Vigil: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30 p.m. † John M. Dougherty (Maureen Saunders)

**Sunday, July 9 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

10:30 a.m. † Giovina & Joseph Salerno (Family)

**Monday, July 10**

8:00 a.m. † Sr. Rose Marie Mozzachio (Joan Quinlan)

**Tuesday, July 11 Weekday**

8:00 a.m. † Lani McCrone (Family)

**Wednesday, July 12 Weekday**

8:00 a.m. † Ann Coleman (Edward and Maryclaire Coleman)

**Thursday, July 13 Weekday**

8:00 a.m. † Meg Cullen-Brown (Family)

**Friday, July 14 Weekday**

8:00 a.m. † Elizabeth Birkeland (Family)

**Saturday, July 15 Vigil: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. † Deacon John Hanni (Karin Mille)

4:30 p.m. † John M. Dougherty (Maureen Saunders)

**Sunday, July 16 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. † Lindsay Dougherty (Family)

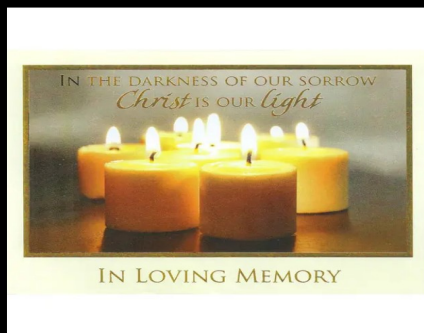
10:30 a.m. † Johnine Cummings (Alicia Dougherty)

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of recently deceased. May their souls and all of the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace!



**St. Paul Parish**  
**2024 Mass Book will be**  
**opening on Friday July 14th**  
**Call or stop by the**  
**Parish Office to request a**  
**Mass or Candle in your loved**  
**one's name.**



## REMEMBERED AT THE ALTAR:

**Week of: June 24-July 1**

**St. Paul's Sanctuary Candle**

In Loving Memory of:

† Thomas Cometa

With Love From:

**Loving Wife, Josephine & Family**

**St. Paul's St. Joseph Candle**

In Loving Memory of:

† Thomas Martin

With Love From:

**Shaffern & Martin Family**

**St. Paul's Marian Candle**

In Loving Memory of

† Barbara Martin

With Love From:

**Shaffern & Martin Family**

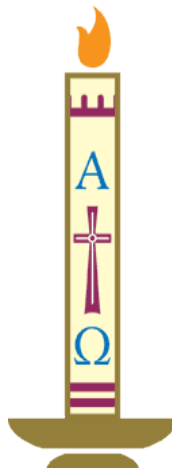
**St. Paul's Wine & Host**

In Loving HONOR of

♥ Nancy Longo

With Love From:

**A Friend**



**Food Pantry Hours: Fridays 12-1:30pm**

**Food Pantry Volunteers for Friday July 14th**

**Jane Farr, Jane Strobino, Judy Sweeney,**  
**Jody Maloney & Barbara Burkhouse**

## St. Paul Food Pantry Donations



**In Loving Memory of:**

**Mrs. Ann Coleman**

**With Love,**

**A Friend**

The pantry continues to be grateful for the generous, weekly donations of baked goods from the National Bakery and Zummo's Cafe. Clients inevitably take the bread and the sweets with much gratitude!

**St. Paul**  
**Parish**

**Food**  
**Pantry**



**OPEN FRIDAYS**

**School Year: 3-4:30 pm**

**Summer Hours: 12-1:30 pm**

Questions? Call: 570-961-1549

### June 18th Collection

**Offertory Total: \$ 3,949.00**  
**Online Total: \$2,423.00**



### June 25th Collection

**Offertory Total: \$ 3,446.00**  
**Online Total: \$ 2,541.91**

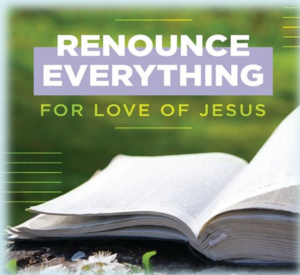


**SAVE TIME & DONATE ONLINE:** We are so very grateful to all who financially sacrifice every week to support our parish and its ministries! We are especially grateful to those who faithfully use their weekly parish contribution envelopes. However, if you find that you tend to forget your envelope more often during the less structured weeks of summer or if you know you will be away for the Summer, please consider our electronic giving program. Go to [stpaulscranton.org](http://stpaulscranton.org) and click the **online giving** link. You can create an account in minutes and set up weekly or monthly contributions with ease. You can also stop or pause payments at any time!

For more info or help, call 570-961-1549.

### **GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

*July 2, 2023- 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time*



As a boy my favorite board game was “Chutes and Ladders.” The players roll dice to move from the start to the finish, from the bottom of the board to the top. If you land on a chute, you slide back and down. It was a bummer. Land on a ladder, and you jump well up the board and near the goal. It was a thrill to find a ladder and draw closer to the goal. That’s life, isn’t it? At every moment, we’re either moving closer or farther from the goal of our lives.

How do we win? Jesus tells us the secret of life’s chutes and ladders hinges on getting our loves rightly ordered. What we love in life is meant to be a ladder, drawing us up into God’s love — including our family, friends, work, play, food, and drink. Even to give your water to someone out of love for Christ leads to a sure reward.

But those ladders of our loves can become chutes. If we love even our family members more than Christ, we slide down and back. If we love the persons and things in our life for the sake of Christ, He says we “surely will not lose our reward.” The key difference between a chute and ladder, between our spiritual regression and advancement, is our willingness to renounce everything — even our own life — for the love of Jesus. To allow everything and everyone we love to draw us to love him more — that’s the difference between chutes and ladders. -Father John Muir ©LPi



**Reverend Mr. Michael J. Boris was ordained to the Order of the Priesthood for the Diocese of Scranton on June 24th**  
**May God bless and keep His face shining on him every day of his priesthood!**

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.



**Blessings to all for the Summer Season...Enjoy!**

## LACKAWANNA COUNTY SENIOR FARMER'S MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM 2023

If you are age 60 or older by 12/31/2023, a Lackawanna County Resident, and meet the income eligibility guidelines listed below, you are eligible for the Senior FMNP vouchers.

### 2023 Household Income Eligibility

1 person - \$26,973	5 people - \$65,009
2 people - \$36,482	6 people - \$74,518
3 people - \$45,999	7 people - \$84,027
4 people - \$55,500	8 people - \$93,536

The PA Department of Agriculture announced a delay in the FMNP/SFMNP checks shipment.

### New 2023 Distribution Schedule

July 14	1 pm - 3 pm	Covington Park
July 17	9 am - 12 pm	Mid Valley Senior Center
July 17	1:30 pm - 3:30 pm	Jefferson Twp. Senior Center
July 18	9 am - 12 pm	Scranton Jewish Community Center
July 20	9 am - 12 pm	Hillside Healthy Aging Campus
July 21	1 pm - 3 pm	Merli-Sarnoski Park - Upper Pavilion
July 22	10 am - 1 pm	South Side Farmer's Market
July 25	9 am - 12 pm	Nay Aug Park Community Room
July 26	11 am - 4 pm	Scranton Co-Op Farmer's Market
July 27	9 am - 12 pm	Dunmore Senior Center
July 27	1:30 pm - 3:30 pm	Throop Senior Center
August 7	9 am - 12 pm	Taylor Senior Center
August 8	9 am - 12 pm	Oppenheim Healthy Aging Campus
August 10	10 am - 1 pm	Fallbrook Healthy Aging Campus

People who reside in a nursing home, personal care home, domiciliary home, or convent are not eligible. Each eligible senior may receive five/\$10 checks for a total one-time benefit of \$50 during the program year. Distribution will begin in July 2023 and will be in-person only. Mailed applications will not be processed. Please bring your ID or documents proving residency and age.

If an eligible senior cannot attend a distribution event in person, a proxy can act in their place, with a completed proxy form. Blank Proxy forms are available to print at [LackawannaAging.org](http://LackawannaAging.org) or can be mailed upon request. A person may be a proxy for up to four (4) people.



## 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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## SUMMER FESTIVAL | JULY 21-22 5-10 p.m.

Homemade Food, Grandma's Attic, & more...

WEEKEND ENTERTAINMENT:

**FRI., JULY 21**

**6-7 PM**

» Electric City Steel  
Drum Project

**7-10 PM**

» Between the Velvet Lies  
(classic rock)

**SAT., JULY 22**

**5-6:30 PM**

» Alex the Crooner

**7-10 PM**

» Electric Rewind  
(classic rock)

**214 Blue Shutters Road, Roaring Brook Township**  
[sainteulalias.com](http://sainteulalias.com)

## Saint Joseph Marello Parish

237 William Street ~ Pittston, PA

## Annual Summer Picnic

July 13, 14, 15 from 5pm to 10pm

### Live Entertainment

Thursday - The Taxmen  
Friday - The Luongo Bros.  
Saturday - Flaxy Morgan

### Picnic Favorites

Ethnic Foods, Pizza Fritta,  
Potato Pancakes, Indoor Flea  
Market, Basket Raffles, Kid Games  
and more!



“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”

- Mt 11:28-30

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## Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

### First Reading

The prophet Zechariah saw the future king of Israel restoring both the land and the people, bringing peace and justice to all the nations. How might you help build toward this promised future?

### Second Reading

Paul speaks of the power of the Spirit living in those who believe in Jesus. When have you felt or experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life?

### Gospel Reading

Jesus invites all who are burdened and laboring to find “rest” in him. What burdens do you or your family need lifted from your life?



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