



# ST. PAUL PARISH

*Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

July 15, 2023



## 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever has ears  
ought to hear.”  
- Mt 13:3, 7-9

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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.

### **Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary— St. Clare Church**

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



**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

### FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

4:30 p.m. † Robert McAndrew (Family)

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

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

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

**Monday, July 17** Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Carolyn Horter (Lisa Gardier)

**Tuesday, July 18** Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Shirley Cook (Betsy Watkins)

**Wednesday, July 19** Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Msgr. Leonard Novak (A friend)

**Thursday, July 20** Weekday

8:00 a.m. † John Sabatini (Stan & Betty Bednarz)

**Friday, July 21** Weekday

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

**Saturday, July 22** Vigil: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Elizabeth Noone (Bob & Judy Quinlan)

4:30 p.m. † Jean Schmidt (Family)

**Sunday, July 23** Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Robert McAndrew (Family)

10:30 a.m. † Paul Dougherty (The Renard Family)

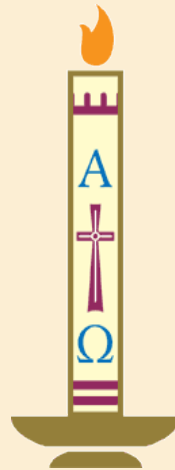


### RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Bernice McAndrew, David Martin & Tom Lewis**. May their souls and all of the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace!

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 daily Masses & weekly candles still available throughout the remainder of the 2023 year and our 2024 book remains open with many dates available as well!*



### REMEMBERED AT THE ALTAR:

Week of: June 24-July 1

#### St. Paul's Sanctuary Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† **Ann Chermak**

With Love From:

**Loving Daughter, Joan**

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

In Loving Memory of:

† **Joseph Krasner Jr.**

With Love From:

**Family**

#### St. Paul's Marian Candle

In Loving Memory of

† **Rita Pagnotti**

With Love From:

**Loving Sister, Joan**

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

In Loving Memory of

† **Daniel Finnerty**

With Love From:

**A Friend**

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

Food Pantry Volunteers for Friday July 21st

**Fran Zauhar, Kathy Manley, Emma Renard,  
Renee Fontana & Barbara Burkhouse**

### St. Paul Food Pantry Donations

In Loving Memory of:

**Rosemarie Kloss**

With Love,

**Patricia Walker**



In Loving Memory of:

**Mary Calvey Port**

With Love,

**John & Roseanne  
Skaluba**

### Pantry pounds?????

In the year July 2022-June 2023,  
pantry volunteers distributed more than 22,500  
pounds to grateful clients!

As has been true over the past five years,  
the percentage of those pounds donated exceeded both  
those purchased and supplied by Weinberg.  
**Obviously, donor generosity is extraordinary!**



### St. Anne's Novena- JULY 17th to JULY 25th

**Saint Paul's Parish will be reciting the St. Anne's novena after 8am Mass for the duration of the novena. The Novena is a powerful way to lay our most precious prayers for our families, marriages, children, grandchildren, and friends before the throne of our Heavenly Father, through the intercession of Saint Anne.**

**Join us in celebrating and praying the novena to Good St. Anne.**



## July 2nd Collection

**Offertory Total: \$ 6,250.00**  
**Online Total: \$3,446.35**



## July 9th Collection

**Offertory Total: \$ 6,036.00**  
**Online Total: \$ 2,434.00**



### **A Novena to St. Anne**

In the novena to St. Anne we ask for help from our Blessed Mother's mother! St. Anne, the mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary, has long been honored by the faithful, including such illustrative figures in our church as St. Augustine, St. John Damascene, and St. Thomas Aquinas. Indeed, a renowned religious historian, the Italian cardinal Cesare Baronius, once wrote that "veneration of St. Anne is as ancient as the Church itself."

**Glorious St. Anne, we think of you as filled with compassion for those who invoke you and with love for those who suffer. Heavily laden with the weight of my troubles, I cast myself at your feet and humbly beg of you to take the present affair which I commend to you under your special protection (name it). Deign to commend it to your daughter, our Blessed Lady and lay it before the throne of Jesus, so that He may bring it to a happy conclusion. Cease not to intercede for me until my request is granted. Above all, obtain for me the grace of one day beholding my God, face to face. With you and Mary and all the saints, may I praise and bless Him for all eternity. Amen.**

**Good St Anne, mother of her who is our life, our sweetness and our hope, pray for me.**

When we pray a novena to St. Anne we are enlisting the aid of one of our most beloved saints. Many churches and chapels have been dedicated to her, and numerous miracles have been ascribed to her over the centuries. She is the patron saint of, among others, mothers, pregnant women and childless couples as well. Her feast day is July 26th. Although she is not mentioned in the Bible, St. Anne appears in the *Protoevangelium of James*,

a second century account of the Blessed Virgin Mary's conception, birth and early life.

St. Alphonsus Liguori relates, following tradition, that St. Anne, along with her husband St. Joachim, vowed to consecrate Mary to God's service in the Temple. The child, conceived in St. Anne's womb without the stain of

Original Sin in what we refer to as the Immaculate Conception, readily assented at the tender age of three! This is also in accordance with another account found in Raphael Brown's book *The Life of Mary as Seen by the Mystics*. Brown compiled church approved visions given to four different religious from the 12th through the 19th centuries for this work. While we are not required as Catholics to believe these accounts, they are nonetheless quite helpful for rosary and other meditations .

Brown gives us a moving narrative of St. Ann and St. Joachim as a deeply devout loving couple who were blessed by God to be Mary's parents, yet had to wait some twenty years after their espousal before the Immaculate Conception. Fortunately during this time they persevered quite faithfully in their prayers to have a child. The first few chapters of *The Life of Mary provide some touching details about Sts. Anne and Joachim, and also of how Mary, conceived and born without the stain of original sin, was supernaturally devoted to God even in her infancy.*

Although Mary would not know of her extraordinarily divine calling to be the mother of our Savior until the Archangel Gabriel informed her of this in the Annunciation, according to Brown's narrative, St. Ann was made aware of this by St. Gabriel himself. Gabriel said to her "Ann, servant of God. The Lord has heard thy petitions...The Most High has resolved to give thee and Joachim holy and wonderful fruit, for those who pray to

Him in humble confidence are most agreeable to Him. Now He sends me to give thee joyful news: He chooses thee to be the mother of her who is to give birth to the Redeemer of mankind! Thou shalt bring forth a daughter and she shall be called Mary. She shall be blessed among women and filled with the Holy Ghost. It is not surprising, that St. Anne has been instrumental in numerous documented healings and miracles over the centuries. St. Teresa of Avila often said, "We know and are convinced that our good mother St. Anne helps in all needs, dangers, and tribulations, for our Lord wishes to show us that He will do in Heaven what she asks of Him for us." Mary herself once said that those who honor her mother "will obtain great aid in every need, especially at the hour of death." Of course! That made perfect sense that our Blessed Mother Mary's mother, our Lord's grandmother, could facilitate miracle healings for those who traveled to that church in need of her assistance. (Not coincidentally I suspect, there are three major relics of St. Anne in the Basilica.) Just as Mary has our back when we're faithful to her Divine Son in our needs, so too does her mother, His grandmother St. Anne.

Don't hesitate to ask for her help in your prayers! -Christopher Castagnoli



## Mass in Remembrance of Victims of Violent or Tragic Death

The Diocese of Scranton is offering the annual Mass in remembrance of victims of violent or tragic death. This Mass is offered for the families and friends of those who have died in tragedy, especially through murder, suicide, and accident.

The Mass is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in Saint Peter's Cathedral, 315 Wyoming, Scranton.** All persons who have lost a loved one through tragic and traumatic death are invited to this liturgy. The mass will be televised on CTV.

We ask that the names of deceased loved ones are registered on the registration form below or on the Diocese of Scranton's website: [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org).

**All forms must be received by July 19, 2023.**



To register the name of your loved one for this liturgy, please complete the following form and mail to:

**Office for Parish Life  
C/O Mass of Remembrance  
330 Wyoming Avenue  
Scranton, PA 18503**

**For questions or further information call 570-207-2213**

### REGISTRATION FORM

**Name of Deceased:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)

(Please complete only if the name has not been registered)

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Relationship to Deceased:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Loving God, you are the author and sustainer of our lives. You know the anguish of the sorrowful,  
you are attentive to the prayers of the brokenhearted.*

*Hear your people who cry out to you in their need; strengthen their hope in your lasting goodness.*

*We pray for those who have died because of violence or tragedy.*

*Draw them to yourself; let your face shine upon them.*

*May they be greeted with choirs of angels and experience your eternal peace and joy.*

*Be near to all those who have been touched by violence: those who have been hurt, lost their loved ones or lost their sense of security. Be for them a steady comfort and safe resting place.*

*Soften the hearts and steady the minds of those who would do violence to others.*

*May hate be replaced with love, violence with peace and darkness with your light. Amen.*

# SOLEMN NOVENA

IN HONOR OF

*Saint Ann*

**JULY 17 TO 26, 2023**

**PREACHERS: FR. MELVIN SHORTER, C.P., AND BRO. ANDRE MATHIEU, C.P.**

## NOVENA DEVOTIONS

After 8 & 11:45 A.M., & 5:30 & 7:30 P.M. Masses  
and at 3:30 P.M. (Novena only)

## DIVINE LITURGY - BYZANTINE RITE

Tuesday, July 18, 5:30 P.M.  
(No 7:30 P.M. Mass and Novena on this day)

## DAILY MASSES

7:00, 8:00 & 11:45 A.M. & 5:30 and 7:30 P.M.

## CONFESSIONS

Lower Basilica for 30 minutes prior to each  
Mass and the 3:30 P.M. Novena Service,  
and after all services

**MASS OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK**  
Thursday, July 20, 1:30 P.M.

## CHILDREN'S MASS & NOVENA PRAYERS

Saturday, July 22, 10:00 A.M.;  
Special Blessing for Families and Grandparents

## SUNDAY, JULY 23

### MASSES

7:00 A.M., 8:00 A.M., 11:45 A.M., 5:30 P.M. & 7:30 P.M.

## SUNDAY, JULY 23

Celebration of Grandparents & Elderly at Mass

## NOVENA DEVOTIONS

After 8:00 A.M. & 11:45 A.M. masses; after 5:30  
& 7:30 P.M. masses; and at 3:30 P.M. (Novena Only)

## SAINT ANN'S FEAST DAY WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

### CONFESSIONS 4:00 AM

### MASSES & DEVOTIONS

4:30, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00 & 11:45 A.M.  
3:30 P.M. (Novena only) & 5:30 P.M.

### LANGUAGE SERVICE

1:30 PM - POLISH in Upper Basilica

**Individual Blessing with Relic of St. Ann After Each Devotion**

## SOLEMN CLOSING WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, AT 7:30 P.M.

Pontifical Mass celebrated by  
Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.

## BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF ST. ANN PASSIONIST MONASTERY

1239 SAINT ANN STREET

SCRANTON, PA 18504

For the convenience of the people attending the novena, refreshments will be available on the monastery grounds during the entire novena.



## Italian Festival: SS. Anthony & Rocco Parish Italian Festival

Aug. 11, 12 & 13 at St. Rocco's  
Church 122 Kurtz St., Dunmore.  
Opens Fri. & Sat. at 5:00 PM; Sunday  
Following Mass & Procession at 12pm

Food, Games and Live Entertainment:

**Friday:** DHS Marching Units &  
Cheerleaders and *Picture Perfect*;

**Saturday:** *Popstar Drive*; Sunday:  
Feast Day Mass & Procession at 12  
Noon followed by *Vinsko Entertain-*  
*ment*, *Scranton Prep Cheerleaders*,  
*The Luongo Brothers Band*, and  
**FIREWORKS- 9 PM.**

St. Joseph Melkite Greek-Catholic Church

## Lebanese-American FOOD FEST

Fri. **Aug 11** 4 - 9 pm

Sat. **Aug 12** 4 - 9 pm

Sun. **Aug 13** 1 - 7 pm

*Middle Eastern food & Pastries*

*Local picnic food favorites*

Basket Raffle - INSTANT BINGO



130 N. St. Frances Cabrini Ave.  
**West Scranton**  
570-343-6092



**TUESDAY, AUGUST 8TH, 2023**  
PARADE STARTS AT 6PM



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DUNMORE COMMUNITY CENTER

