



ST. PAUL PARISH

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 17, 2022



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." - Lk 10:41-42

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ST. PAUL CHURCH

Monday-Saturday 8:00 a.m.- Daily Mass
Saturday 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

Deacon John A. Hanni

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 PARISH

St. Paul Church

Corner of Penn Avenue and
Marion Street, Scranton

St. Paul Rectory

1510 Penn Ave.,
Scranton, PA

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Office Hours ~ Mon-Fri

8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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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

12 p.m. ~ 1:30 p.m.

St. Clare Church Basement

JOIN US FOR MASS

Join us on Facebook at St.

Paul's Parish for our

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

live-streaming of the

Celebration of Mass.

Mass Schedule

8 am Mass ~ Mon.-Sat.

4:30 Mass ~ Sat. (Vigil)

Confessions - Sat.-4pm

8 am & 10:30 am ~ Sun.

**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.

Please Pray For...



**THE LORD IS
NEAR TO THE
BROKENHEARTED**

PSALM 34:18

United in prayer with the
community in Highland Park, IL

-Please remember the innocent men, women and children who have been killed in violent acts throughout the world. May the Lord who created each one of us in his image and likeness now grant them eternal rest in his heavenly kingdom.

-Please pray for those who mourn the loss of their loved ones. May God bring them peace and consolation in their pain and grief, and may the love and compassion of others strengthen and uphold them.

-Please pray for the world and its people. May God in his mercy bring an end to the violence, hatred and bloodshed that plague us.

-Please remember fellow Christians around the world. May the Holy Spirit guide us in being agents of peace and reconciliation in our places of worship, our local communities and in our families.

ST. PAUL MASS INTENTIONS

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, July 16 Vigil: Sixteenth Sunday
In Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. † Robert McAndrew (McAndrew Family)

Sunday, July 17 Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

10:30 a.m. † Rita Pagnotti (Frankie, Joan & Family)

Monday, July 18 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Jerry Maushart (Family)

Tuesday, July 19 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Eugenia Barbetti (Barbetti Family)

Wednesday, July 20 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Sr. Mary William Philbin
(Terry Green & Family)

Thursday, July 21 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Louis & Fernanda DePaola (Family)

Friday, July 22 Saint Mary Magdalene

8:00 a.m. † James P. Kennedy (Family)

Saturday, July 23 Vigil: Seventeenth Sunday in
Ordinary time

8:00 a.m. † Rocco Domiano (Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Torquato)

4:30 p.m. † Judge John S. Cottone (Family)

Sunday, July 24 Seventeenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Members of the Parish
† Maryclaire Jordan Lou & Pat (Hughes) Pistella

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



RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the souls of those recently departed. May all the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace.



MEMORIALIZING A LOVED ONE

You may memorialize a loved one by having the candles lit at St. Paul's Church for the week & noted in our bulletin. Please call the rectory for more information.

REMEMBERED AT THE ALTAR:

St. Paul's Sanctuary Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† Mary Lydon

With Love From:

The Walsh Family



St. Paul's St. Joseph Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† Robert McAndrew

Happy Birthday in Heaven:

With Love, Grandchildren

St. Paul's Marian Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† Robert McAndrew

With Love From:

Mary McAndrew & Children



Correction for St. Paul's
Sanctuary Candle for week of
7/3-7/9:

♥ In Loving HONOR of:

Helen Fitzsimmons

With Love, From: Joann Pasko & Family

PLEASE NOTE: PANTRY HOURS HAVE CHANGED FOR THE SUMMER

Pantry Summer Hours: Fridays 12-1:30pm
Food Pantry Volunteers for Friday July 22

Marita Kearney, Nancy Wilson, Sally Walsh,
Jody Maloney & Barbara Burkhouse

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are
present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

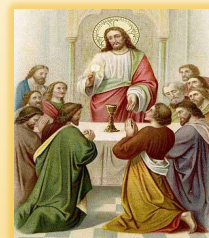
I love you above all things, And I

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.



2022 MASS BOOK INTENTIONS

Praying the Mass and offering Masses for
our loved ones ~ living or deceased, is a great
gift especially for the souls of the faithful
departed. THE 2023 MASS INTENTION
BOOK WILL BE OPEN FOR REQUESTS
ON FRIDAY JULY 22, 2022



July 3, 2022 *Thank You* July 10, 2022

Offertory:
\$6,282.00

Online:
\$3,456.35

Offertory:
\$5,750.00

Online:
\$2,276.50

CCD Registration Packets were just mailed out!
If you did not receive one and would like to register your 1st-8th grade student for CCD please call us at 570-961-1549



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- **Secure and Confidential.** Adheres to banking security standards.
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www.stpaulscranton.org

At the top of the page, click "Online Giving".

Scroll down for easy instructions to our online giving website.

Create a new member login and fill in required information.

Need help? Give us a call and we can walk you through it!
570-961-1549

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 Thursday, July 28, 2022 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 registration forms which are available in the parish office or on the Diocese of Scranton's website:

www.dioceseofscranton.org. All forms must be received by July 22, 2022.

* Registration forms are also located at the back of the church



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. 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 you may contact them electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis.

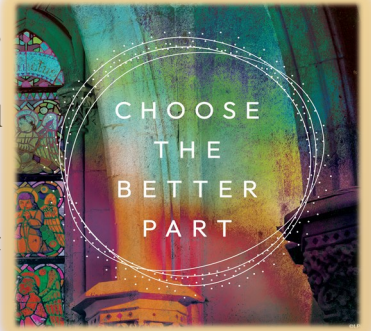
It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting 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).

SUNDAY REFLECTION

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Martha, busy serving and fretting, loses sight of just who this special guest is that has come to her home to dine. There is a subtle connection between this week's Gospel story and the Eucharist. We can come to Mass so busy and distracted that we perfunctorily go through the motions of Mass, forgetting whom we are so privileged to receive. We all easily forget to be like Mary and choose the best part. Jesus has come to visit the family in Bethany and share a meal. At Mass, we come to Jesus' house to visit and, yes, share a meal. We, like Martha, may approach Jesus frenzied, anxious, and worried about many things — work, home, or family. Perhaps we are also aggravated at someone we think should be assisting us, lending a hand, or helping out somehow. Jesus' words to Martha that "there is need of only one thing" should refocus our attention, too, on what is truly important. Like Martha, our eyes should remember who is before us. Sitting at His feet fills us with all the blessings and graces necessary for whatever lies ahead. Whether we face days of strife, hardship, or smooth sailing, it is inconsequential if we've not made developing a relationship with Christ our number one priority. In all things, Jesus' presence can restore and maintain our peace, keeping us steadfast in the hope of what's to come, not just overwhelmed by the task before us. Jesus is truly present before us in the Eucharist. This time in Mass is our opportunity to choose the better part. To leave our toiling behind and sit at the master's feet. To learn from his teaching, absorb his every word, to worship him in thanksgiving, and receive him — body, blood, soul, and divinity. The place we come "to rest under the tree... [and] www.4LPi.com 1 Genesis 18:1-10a Colossians 1:24-28 Luke 10:38-42 refresh yourselves; and afterward, you may go on your way" (Gen 18:1-10). When we eat, we digest the food we've consumed, converting it into fuel for our bodies. However, when we consume Jesus in the Eucharist, he changes us, producing an in-dwelling of grace — fuel for our soul.

Jesus in the Eucharist is fully, truly present under the guise of bread and wine. In the flesh, no wonder Mary of Bethany preferred to sit by his side rather than scurry about and miss



this incredible privilege to be in the master's presence. I remember a time in my life when I attended Mass with more of a Martha than a Mary mindset. I would grab a bulletin on my way into the church. During the Mass readings, I would daydream, running the week's chores and tasks through my mind. During the homily, I would doodle my to-do list in the margins of the bulletin.

My mind would wander again during the Consecration, unaware of the supernatural, glorious, awe-inspiring event happening upon the altar before me. The moment heaven and earth mystically collided — the humble substance of bread and wine became the even more humble substance of my Lord and Savior. The number one to-do on my list unfolded before me, yet I was distracted and longed to be someplace else. Then, driving home, I'd complain about never getting anything out of Mass. Of course, I didn't. Like Martha, I'd let the world cloud my vision and keep me from the one thing needed — the better part. Praise God, like Mary, it was not to be taken from me. Eventually, as I learned more about the Catholic faith and the beauty and magnificence of the Sacred Liturgy, I allowed myself to be present to all Jesus had for me in those moments. I left my agenda at the door and surrendered every moment of this visit to him. In the words of St. Paul and the wisdom Mary possessed which Martha would soon learn, *the better part* exists in "the mystery hidden from ages and from generations past. But now it has been manifested to his holy ones, to whom God chose to make known the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; it is Christ in you, the hope for glory." (Col 1:26-28) Most significantly, in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. *-Allison Gingras*



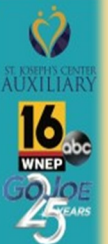
In need of a fresh renewal of your spirit? Our Diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal is sponsoring its annual conference, at the University of Scranton, during the weekend of August 5-7. This year's theme is: **"O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt His name together" Psalm 34:3.** The Conference will feature a variety of inspiring speakers and uplifting music. Mass is celebrated each day. A well-stocked book/gift store will be available. The full-weekend Registration Fee is \$65. Single and partial-day registrations are available during the weekend on-site. **For more information and Registration Forms, please go to ccrscranton.org/conference or call us at 570-344-2214.**

After 3 long years...St. Joseph's Center Festival is back!

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AT
MARYWOOD
UNIVERSITY

**JULY
29-30-31**
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21st Annual Lebanese-American Food Fest

St. Joseph Melkite Greek-Catholic Church: West Scranton

Dates: August 12,13,14, 2022

Fri. & Aug 12-13th: 4 - 9pm

Sun. Aug 14th: 1 -7pm

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St Al's Church Bazaar

*Barney & Division Streets,
Wilkes-Barre*

August 4th, 5th & 6th

Aug 4, 6-10PM: Triple Fret

Aug 5, 6-11PM: Guilty Pleasure

Aug 6, 5-11PM: Sperazza Band

New Bar Menu-Vera Bradley Stand

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ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, PITTSTON "SUMMER FEST '22"

Thursday, Friday & Saturday, August 11-13 from 5-10 p.m.

Fun and food for all the family! Our Summer Fest '22 will have delicious ethnic and American foods, variety booths, bingo, children's games, and baked goods. Entertainment by *Reel in the Years Trio on Thursday, Sweet Pepper and the Long Hots on Friday, and Flaxy Morgan on Saturday.* Special appearances by the Emerald Isle Dancers on Friday and Pat Ward's Magic Show on Saturday. Our Summer Fest will be held in the parking lot at the **corner of Church and Broad Streets, Pittston, in the Msgr. Bendik Pastoral Center.**

Retrouvaille Couples Weekend Retreat

There will be a Retrouvaille Weekend for Couples August 19-21, 2022 at The Towneplace Suites, Moosic. Is your marriage going down the right road or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, as can the challenges you face in marriage. If the distance between you seems wide, if you are looking for a better way, even if you are separated it can still help.

Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, rebuild intimacy, and heal - just as the team couples have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based and Catholic in origin, but welcome couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. For more information, contact 631-338-5413 or visit HelpOurMarriage.org