



ST. PAUL PARISH

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 23, 2023



“
OCCUPY
YOUR MINDS
WITH GOOD
THOUGHTS,
OR THE ENEMY
WILL FILL
THEM WITH
BAD ONES.
”

- ST. THOMAS MORE

LAWYER, CHANCELLOR, MARTYR



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
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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, July 22 Vigil: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. † Jean Schmidt (Family)

Sunday, July 23 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Members of the Parish
† Robert McAndrew (Family)

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

Monday, July 24 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Carolyn Horter (Margaret & Jack McNulty)

Tuesday, July 25 St. James, Apostle

8:00 a.m. † James & Theresa Gardier-Barrett
(Judy & Pete McCarthy)

Wednesday, July 26 Sts. Joachim and Anne

8:00 a.m. † Meg Cullen-Brown (Family)

Thursday, July 27 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Ann Wagner (Family)

Friday, July 28 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Susan Munley (Family)

Saturday, July 29 Vigil: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Bob Yeager (Family)

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

Sunday, July 30 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † James P. Kennedy (Family)

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



RECENTLY DECEASED

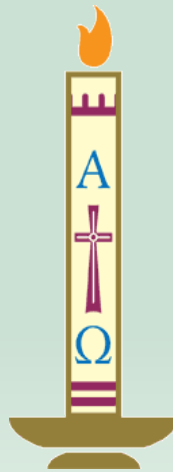
Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ronald Casper. May his soul and all of the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace!

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:



St. Paul's Sanctuary Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† Jerome J. Flynn & Jerome P. Flynn
With Love From:
Family

St. Paul's St. Joseph Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† Anthony Cantafio
With Love From:
Joanne

St. Paul's Marian Candle

In Loving Memory of

† Bob Yeager
With Love From:
Family

St. Paul's Wine & Host

In Loving Memory of

† Robert Holtham
With Love From:
Parish



Food Pantry Hours: Fridays 12-1:30pm

Food Pantry Volunteers for Friday July 28th

Janet Lucas, Ellie Pyles, Gretchen Welby,
Jody Maloney & Barbara Burkhouse

St. Paul Food Pantry Donations

In Loving Memory of:

Synn timer Cummings

With Love,

MaryAlice Grogan

In Loving Memory of:

Mary Barbetti Prokarym

With Love,

Kris & Jim Pocius

In Loving Memory of:

Helen Dende

With Love,

MaryAlice Grogan



The food pantry would like to thank the Diocese of Scranton along with the Bishop's Annual Appeal for the \$5,000 social justice trust fund grant.

As always, we can most certainly put it to good use!



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 16th Collection

Offertory Total: \$ 4,975.00

Online Total: \$2,456.50



RECENTLY BAPTIZED:

Garrett Lowry, child of Nicholas & Martha, has recently received the sacrament of baptism at St. Paul Parish.

We welcome Garrett to our parish community!



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

July 23, 2023- 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Patience is rooted in Hope (an image of a bush filled with birds would be great)
Life, like the church, is often burdened with evil, smallness, and impurities.

The Lord's parables give us a hope-filled perspective on all three.

Evil: in Jesus' parable about the good farmer whose enemy plants weeds at night, Jesus tells us that God is not the cause of evil but permits evil to exist with good out of his patient love.

He will finally deal with it, but his love lets things stay messy for a time.

Smallness: It's funny that Jesus says his kingdom looks like ... wait for it ... a bush. What a letdown!

Yet this little shrub still somehow has room for all the birds of the sky.

The smallness of the Church, and even our own little lives, still provides plenty of room for all whom God sends.
Impurities: divisions and hypocrisies in the Church and our own hearts exasperate us. Recall that Jesus compares his kingdom to a lump of dough with impure leaven eating away at it and therefore making it expand.

It's the secret of the Cross. Not how we'd prefer it. But finally, great news.

The field, the bush, the loaf: all three parables invite us to embrace a patience rooted in hope: one day the field will be weeded, the bush filled with birds, and the risen loaf leaven-free. — Father John Muir ©LPi

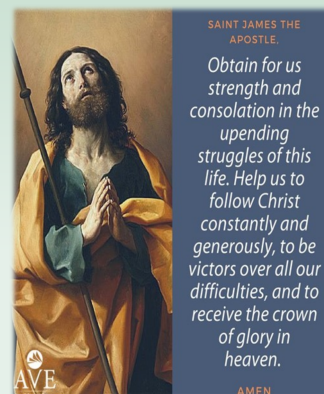
St. James the Apostle | July 25

Saint James the Apostle is also called James, son of Zebedee, or James the Greater to distinguish him from the other James in Jesus' group of twelve. Most of what we know about Saint James is recorded in the New Testament. He and his brother John were collected by Jesus along the sea of Galilee. Matthew 4:18-22 tells the story of Jesus calling first Simon Peter and his brother Andrew and then the sons of Zebedee. In Mark 3:17 the brothers receive a nickname from Jesus who calls them "sons of thunder" because of their many extreme reactions, like that in Luke 9:54 when they offer to call down fire on a Samaritan village.

Saint James was part of Jesus' intimate circle, a witness to the Transfiguration, the resurrection of Jarius' daughter, and the agony in the garden of Gethsemane. In A.D. 44 Herod Agrippa had "James, the brother of John, killed by the sword." (Acts 12:2)

He is the only apostle whose martyrdom is written of in the New Testament.

According to Spanish tradition, his body was taken to Santiago de Compostela, Spain where his relics were rediscovered in 9th century. This tradition has sometimes been attributed to the Song of Roland which tells of St. James appearing to Charlemagne in a dream, prophesying that Charlemagne would conquer the Moors in Spain. This was followed by a vision of stars which if followed would lead to the saint's lost tomb. In the Middle Ages Compostela was a popular pilgrimage site.



The Priesthood and the Eucharist

"These two Sacraments were born together," wrote St. John Paul II of the priesthood and the Eucharist, "and their destiny is indissolubly linked until the end of the world." The Eucharist is such a beautiful example of how God, conscious of our limitations, bends to meet us. He once came to us cloaked in the flesh, that we might recognize Him. Now He comes as the very means by which we nourish ourselves: food and drink, the most familiar and comforting thing in the world to us. How easy He makes it to fulfill his command that we become one with Him. How generous He is to make such a sacred thing also accessible. We can say the same of the priesthood, and of the men He calls to its number. How generous of Him to make such an accessible thing — our sons, our brothers, our uncles, our cousins — sacred. How generous of Him to allow these human creations — who share in our own faults — to be the means through which He comes to us in the Eucharist. Without the Eucharist, we would have no eternal life. Without priests, we would have no Eucharist. Let's give thanks for our priests, and redouble our prayers that God will send us good and holy ones — manna from Heaven in our wandering exile. "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day." — John 6:54

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPi

~ A special thank you for your patience as work continues at our St. Paul Church ~

One might feel a sense of history as daily Mass continues to be celebrated inside of the school auditorium, where many of our ancestors and earliest generations of parishioners regularly celebrated Mass beginning in the summer of 1928 until the Spring of 1952 when St. Paul Church was completed. Our parish continued to celebrate Mass in the auditorium due to financial setbacks throughout World War II and the Great Depression, which left the parish in a sizable deficit.

Thankfully, the Lord sustained the faith of our ancestors in this community.

With their resilient faith, perseverance and generous support, St. Paul Parish was able to clear away the debt and begin to raise funds for their long-awaited church.

Within five years, pastor Msgr. John J. Vaughan and the parish had come together and raised enough money to not only begin construction in January of 1951, but there were so many generous contributions that upon completion, it was fully paid for.

The foundation of St. Paul's church was made up of its community far before the pouring of any concrete and this outpouring of community was then set in stone.

We thank God for our ancestors who paved the way for generations of faithful families who have made up our parish throughout the years. We thank God for our St. Paul and St. Clare churches, schools, our present and past clergy, staff, ministry volunteers, and our parish community.

We will always remember and have immense gratitude for the sacrifices and support of all of our St. Paul parishioners throughout the years whose prayers, faith, compassion, time, service and support in all ways has sustained our parish so that it could continue to meet the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of our community.

Our church stands today much older than in the following photos below. Generations of parishioners have enjoyed celebrating Masses, Holy Days, baptisms, weddings, and funerals of their loved ones at St. Paul church throughout the years. Some say that your church feels like home... it is always there when you need it the most, a place you are welcome, a place you can always return to.

The legacy that our founding clergy and parishioners set forth continues... helping to keep St. Paul Church as beautiful as the day it was dedicated!



Cornerstone, St. Paul's Church, 1951



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THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 1952

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SCRANTON, TO BE DEDICATED

Scranton — His Excellency Most Reverend William J. Hefey, D.D., Bishop of Scranton, will lay the cornerstone and preside at the dedication of the new St. Paul's Church on Sunday morning, March 23, beginning at 10:45.

Immediately after these ceremonies Bishop Hefey will celebrate a Solemn Pontifical Mass in the beautiful Georgian edifice.

The sermon will be delivered by His Excellency Most Reverend Patrick A. O'Boyle, D.D., Archbishop of Washington. The Archbishop is a native of the parish and was baptized in old St. Paul's.

The entire ceremony, including the Pontifical High Mass, will be broadcast over the facilities of Radio Station WQAN.

Rev. Leo M. Gillet, assistant pastor of St. Peter's Cathedral and former assistant at St. Paul's, will serve as commentator.

With few exceptions the officers of the First Solemn Mass in the newly dedicated Church will be natives of the parish. They include: Assistant Priest, Rt. Rev. Msgr. John J. Vaughan, V.F.; deacons of honor, Rev. Joseph M. Madden and Rev. Francis A. Jor...

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Scranton—The new St. Paul's, located on the corner of Marion Street and Penn Avenue, will be dedicated by His Excellency Most Reverend William J. Hefey, D.D., Bishop of Scranton on Sunday, March 23. The edifice, which is complete in every detail, is modified Georgian in style and is built in the form of a cross. (Other pictures on Page 4.)

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 Entertainment*, *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



PROUDLY CELEBRATING

FOLLOWED BY:
CRIME PREVENTION FAIR
DUNMORE COMMUNITY CENTER



SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST, PITTSTON "SUMMER FEST '23"

Saint John the Evangelist Parish Summer Fest '23 will be held **Thursday, August 10 through Saturday, August 12 from 5:00-10:00 p.m.** each evening on the grounds of St. John the Evangelist Church, William Street, Pittston. Featured entertainment this year will include: The Taxmen and "Rising Entertainment" youth theater group on Thursday, Sweet Pepper and the Long Hots on Friday, and Flaxy Morgan on Saturday. A variety of ethnic foods and baked goods will be available for purchase. Games of chance, raffles, cash bingo, dime pitch, and children's games will be available in the Monsignor Bendik Pastoral Center, and food and entertainment will be on the church grounds.

Adult Vacation Bible School

AUG. 10, 17 & 24, hosted by Mary Mother of God Parish at Holy Rosary Church, North Scranton; sessions will be held on three consecutive Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. The Adult Bible School will be based on the current film production of "The Chosen," opening with a Gospel passage/discussion and reflection on one of the film's episodes. All faithful from diocesan parishes are welcome to attend.



Are you in need of **refreshment** for your spirit? **Renewal** of your faith? There is **new life** and a new awareness of **God's power and presence** available to everyone in the **Holy Spirit!**

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Diocese of Scranton

University of Scranton, Scranton, Pennsylvania



Conference 2022

"O magnify the Lord with me
and let us exalt His name together" Psalm 34:3



Fr. Anthony Ozele



Alicia Hartle



Bob Vallante



Fr. Trevor Nathasingh

August 5, 6, & 7, 2022

All are Welcome!

Full weekend Pre-Registration \$50.

Daily Registration available during the event at the U of S!

For more information, go to cerscranton.org/conference



Come join in this celebration and renewal of faith with Praise, Worship, Daily Mass, Adoration, Inspired Teaching by An International group of Speakers!

Blessed Sacrament Annual Family Festival

held on the parish grounds and hall, Rebecca St., Throop-

Aug. 19 & 20. Featuring ethnic and traditional picnic foods, basket & cash raffle drawings, bake sale and bingo games.

Youth wiffle ball game and other competitions open the festival on Saturday at 9 a.m.

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. 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.