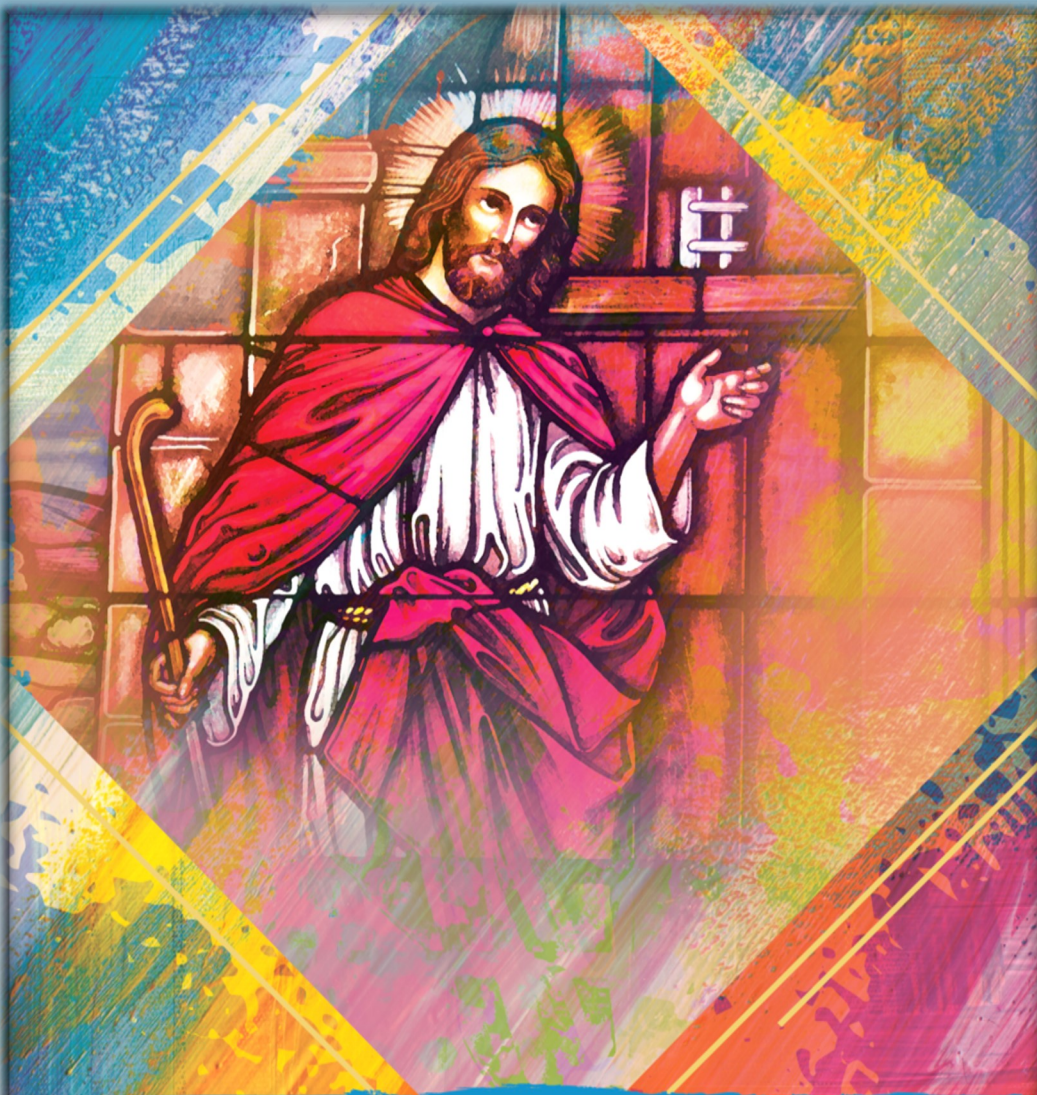




ST. PAUL PARISH

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 24, 2022



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“He will get up to give him whatever he needs
because of his persistence.” - Lk 11:8

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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

Phone: 570-961-1549 ~

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Office Hours ~ Mon-Fri

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

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Parish Scranton

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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.



Thank You!

Because of your generosity, the Diocesan Annual
Appeal met its \$4.5 million goal for 2021



ST. PAUL MASS INTENTIONS

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, July 23 Vigil: Seventeenth Sunday
In Ordinary Time

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

Sunday, July 24 Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

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

Monday, July 25 Saint James, Apostle

8:00 a.m. † Lou LoCascio (Jo Ann & George)

Tuesday, July 26 Sts. Joachim & Anne

8:00 a.m. † Patrick & Patricia Mellody (Children)

Wednesday, July 27 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Ann Wagner (Bob & Family)

Thursday, July 28 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Joseph Kearney (Marita Kearney)

Friday, July 29 Saint Martha

8:00 a.m. † Bob Yeager (Family)

Saturday, July 30 Vigil: Eighteenth Sunday in
Ordinary time

8:00 a.m. † Maryclaire Jordan (Husband, Arthur Jordan)

4:30 p.m. † Robert Kerrigan (Family)

Sunday, July 31 Eighteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Members of the Parish
† Robert Holtham (St. Paul H.S. Class of 1959)

10:30a.m. † Joseph & Eleanor Nicosia
(Tony Nicosia, Nephew)



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 at 570-961-1549 for more information!

REMEMBERED AT THE ALTAR:

St. Paul's Sanctuary Candle

In Loving Memory of:
† Dorothy Gallagher
With Love From:
The Bartlebaugh Family

St. Paul's St. Joseph Candle

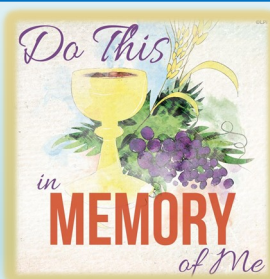
In Loving Memory of:
† Anthony Cantafio
With Love From:
Joann

St. Paul's Marian Candle

In Loving Memory of:
† Bob Yeager
With Love From:
Family

St. Paul's Wine and Hosts

In Loving Memory of:
† Jerome J. Flynn
With Love From:
Family



If you would like to make a Wine and Host donation to St. Paul Parish for the week, in memory of a loved one, please call the rectory for more information.

PLEASE NOTE: PANTRY HOURS HAVE CHANGED FOR THE SUMMER

Pantry Summer Hours: Fridays 12-1:30pm
Food Pantry Volunteers for Friday July 29

Sandi Cadden, Welby Family, Jody Maloney
& Barbara Burkhouse

Food Pantry Donations:

In Loving Memory of:
Matt & Liz Lynott
With Love,
Mary Louise Zavada

In Loving Memory of:
Delores "Lorie" Carroll
With Love,
Joanne Cantafio

In Loving HONOR of:
Jean & Jack Sweeney
With Love,
Jean & Dick Walsh

In Loving HONOR of:
Mary & Bill Kelly
With Love,
Jean & Dick Walsh

*Thank
You*

July 17, 2022

Offertory: \$3,640.00

Online: \$2,538.00



ONLINE GIVING

Going on vacation?

Please use *Online Giving* to catch up on your offertory.

Go to stpaulscranton.org and click on the online giving link at the top of the page. It's quick and easy! Your support during the summer months helps sustain our parish.



Pope Francis has established throughout the Church the Celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and Elderly on the fourth Sunday of July, near the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. The announcement coincided with the celebration of the Year of Amoris Laetitia Family, which began on the Solemnity of Saint Joseph the husband of Mary, on March 19, 2021, and concluded at the World Meeting of Families in Rome in June 2022.

This Year's World Day for Grandparents and Elderly is Sunday, July 24. The theme for this year's celebration is "In Old Age They Will Still Bear Fruit" (Ps. 92:15).

The theme is meant to emphasize how grandparents are a gift to society and the Church.

This year, Pope Francis is also extending the opportunity for a plenary indulgence "to the faithful who devote adequate time to visit, in presence or virtually, through the media, their elderly brothers and sisters in need or in difficulty" on July 24.

PRAYER FOR THE SECOND WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

I give thanks to you, Lord, For the blessing of a long life For, to those who take refuge in You, Grant always to bear fruit.

Forgive, O Lord, Resignation and disillusionment, But forsake me not When my strength declines.

Teach me to look with hope To the future you give me, To the mission you entrust to me And to sing your praises without end.

Make me a tender craftsman Of Your revolution, To guard with love my grandchildren And all the little ones who seek shelter in You.

Protect, O Lord, Pope Francis And grant Thy Church To deliver the world from loneliness. Direct our steps in the way of peace.

Amen.

"This is the first fruits of the Amoris Laetitia Family Year, a gift to the whole Church that is destined to continue into the future. The pastoral care of the elderly is a priority that can no longer be postponed by any Christian community.

In the encyclical Fratelli Tutti, the Holy Father reminds us that no one is saved alone.

With this in mind, we must treasure the spiritual and human wealth that has been handed down from generation to generation".

—Cardinal Farrell, Prefect of the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE
DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE
July 24, 2022: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Meister Eckhart asks, “Who is the man whose prayers God always hears?” He answers, “God hears the man who appeals to God as God. When, however, man appeals to God, hoping for some worldly good, he is not appealing to God at all, but to what he is asking of God. He is trying to make God his servant. On this point, St. Augustine says: ‘You pray to what you love, for true whole prayer is nothing but love!’ Thus, we pray to what we love, and no one rightly prays to God but he who prays for God and has nothing on his mind but God.” We struggle with what we want God to do and how we want our prayer validated. Meister Eckhart is correct. We often want God to be our servant. We further struggle with trusting that God knows what we need and that His will is best.

God’s will is not some predetermined outcome of events that we must simply suggest. “Thy will be done” is not an invocation beckoning us to accept a particular state of affairs passively. Rather, it is the humble and confident placement of ourselves in the presence of the God we seek, whom we call “Father.” We must remember that God is the God of life and light. It is from nothing that God brings something and from the darkness that God brings life. Prayer allows us to seek the One we love with the assurance that all will be well regardless of what course the events of our lives take. God is not about passive submission but the humble trust of love.

That’s what makes the Lord’s Prayer the perfect prayer. It provides us with proper disposition and focus, putting in line all of the essential relationships of our lives.

It celebrates and fosters the ever-deepening relationship of trust we have with our Creator. It also calls us to keep open the doors of love between our brothers and sisters with the power that comes with forgiveness. If in one’s darkest hour they can find the resolve to fervently pray this perfect prayer of Jesus’ conviction, then there is no doubt that God will hear their plea, reach out in love, and

bring them ever closer to His heart. What more does one need to weather the storms of life besides faith, hope, and love? These are God’s most perfect gifts and all we really need. ©LPi



**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE
GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

When I Called, You Answered:

Some of us have that friend about whom we are constantly discovering new things.

Maybe we’ve known this person for ten or even twenty years, and one day at lunch we’ll find out they’re a direct descendant of a dead president or they once met a major celebrity. “You never asked,” they’ll say with a shrug. As annoying as this can be, it makes perfect sense, doesn’t it? We never asked. There is something strangely sacred about the act of asking for something. It requires humility. It requires grace. It requires us to be awake, to be aware, to be vulnerable.

Too often we fall into a pattern of entitlement, even when it comes to information. We go through life thinking that a great cosmic conveyor belt of what we want is going to roll on past us, and we’ll barely even have to extend our arms. We read our Bible and we hear all these amazing promises from the Father who loves us, and we get sort of complacent. He’s got this, we think, and we shut our eyes to take a snooze on the road trip of life, confident that someone else is going to look out for stop signs and wrong turns.

It’s true: God’s got this. He is going to take care of us. But He wants us to be in relationship with Him. He wants us to be an active, receptive participant in our own salvation. See his patience with Abraham’s entreaties on behalf of the righteous of Sodom: He wants to answer, not simply to tell. He wants us to stay awake for the drive.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



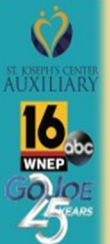
In need of a fresh renewal of your spirit? Our Diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal is sponsoring its annual conference, at the University of Scranton, during the weekend of August 5-7. This year's theme is: **"O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt His name together" Psalm 34:3.** The Conference 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 cscranton.org/conference or call us at 570-344-2214.**

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

SAINT JOSEPH'S CENTER SUMMER FESTIVAL

SAINT JOSEPH'S CENTER
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

St. Joseph Melkite Greek-Catholic Church

130 N. St. Frances Cabrini Ave

(off lower Jackson St) West Scranton, PA

Take Out, Curbside or Seating
Great Lebanese Food & Pastries, Local picnic food favorites, Variety baskets.

www.melkite.scranton.org or facebook.com/melkitescranton and check in August for menu
melkite.scranton@gmail.com or 570-343-6092

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Sponsored by the Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations



Thursday, August 4th

7:00 PM

St. Maria Goretti Church
42 Redwood Drive - Laflin



**SPEAKER,
MUSIC,
RECONCILIATION,
AND SOCIAL.**

SS. Anthony & Rocco Parish Italian Festival

Aug. 12, 13 & 14 St. Rocco's Church Grounds, 122 Kurtz St., Dunmore. Opens Fri. & Sat. at 5:00 PM; Sunday Following Mass & Procession: 12pm.

Food, Games and Live Entertainment:

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

Sunday: Feast Day Mass & Procession

12pm followed by *Vinsko Entertainment*,

Scranton Prep Cheerleaders,

The Luongo Brothers Band. FIREWORKS- 9 PM.

St. Ann Basilica-8th Annual Car show/ chicken barbeque- Aug. 7th. Car show & BBQ will

be 8am-4pm- Registration \$10- Day of: \$15

Chicken BBQ tickets: \$12 PRE-SALE only.

For more info call the rectory at 570-342-5166