



ST. PAUL PARISH

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 30, 2023



17th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME



"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."

- Mt 13:44

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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
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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, July 29 Vigil: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday, July 30 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Members of the Parish
† James P. Kennedy (Family)

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

Monday, July 31 St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

8:00 a.m. † Patrick Sweeney (Family)

Tuesday, August 1 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Robert Holtham (Wife, Christina)

Wednesday, August 2 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Robert Fitzsimmons (Helen, Robbie & Noel)

Thursday, August 3 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Anne & Daniel Penetar (Family)

Friday, August 4 St. John Vianney, Priest

8:00 a.m. † Ann Coleman (Brady & Katie Coleman-Malone)

Saturday, August 5 Vigil: Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00 a.m. † Mary Perrault (Susan Conway)

4:30 p.m. † Mr. Anthony Montana
(Craig, Brittany & Caiden Washo)

Sunday, August 6 The Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00 a.m. † Lindsay Doherty (Family)

10:30 a.m. † Ellen Mesko (Love, Mom & Dad)



RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of those recently deceased. 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:



St. Paul's Sanctuary Candle
In Loving Honor of:
† Robert Fitzsimmons
With Love From:
Helen, Robbie & Noel

St. Paul's St. Joseph Candle
In Loving Memory of:
† Jack & Richard Pasko
With Love From:
Helen, Robbie & Noel

St. Paul's Marian Candle
In Loving Memory of
† Margaret Rogan
With Love From:
Family

St. Paul's Wine & Host
In Loving Memory of
† Patrick Sweeney
With Love From:
Family



St. Paul
Parish

Food Pantry

OPEN FRIDAYS

School Year: 3-4:30 pm
Summer Hours: 12-1:30 pm

Questions? Call: 570-961-1549



Food Pantry Hours: Fridays 12-1:30pm
Food Pantry Volunteers for Friday August 4th
Caroline Benginia, Janet Lucas, Mary Lou Riley
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

Did you know...???

SNAP (food stamps) cannot be used for toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning supplies, and similar non foods. Consequently, these items are especially welcome donations!

July 23rd Collection

Offertory Total: \$ 3,993.00

Online Total: \$2,692.91



RECENTLY BAPTIZED:

Oliver Runko, child of Edward & Megan, has recently received the sacrament of baptism at St. Paul Parish.

We welcome Oliver to our parish community!



PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Going on vacation or would like to make giving easier Please use *Online Giving* to catch up on your offertory.

Online giving is a great way to set up your giving so you do not have to worry about envelopes, writing a check or carrying cash.

Signing up is very easy and only takes a few minutes!

Go to stpaulscranton.org and click on the online giving link at the top of the page. Create an account/ Register

then set up your desired donation amount and frequency. It's

quick and easy and can be changed at any time. Call for assistance— we would be happy to help you set it up: 570-961-1549. Thank you for your generosity and support that helps sustain our parish!

New Series...



FROM THE CATECHISM

Jesus Revealed: The Transfiguration

(Para 554-556)

When and how did Jesus allow some of his apostles to see Him in His glory? After entrusting to Peter the keys to govern the house of God— the Church—the Lord began to reveal to His followers that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things, including death, but that, on the third day, He would be raised from that death.

It is this period, according to the *Catechism*, that He takes Peter, James, and John up on a high mountain and there unveils His divine glory for a brief time.

His clothing, His face, become dazzling with light. He also reveals that He must go by way of the Cross in Jerusalem to enter His glory. All the Trinity is present for the Transfiguration; the Father in the voice declaring Jesus to be His beloved Son; the Son in Jesus; the Spirit in the cloud that covers Jesus.

The transfiguration gives us a window on Jesus' glorious coming and our own transformation from a lowly body to a glorious body like His.

The *Catechism* reminds us, however, that “it is through many persecutions that we must enter the kingdom of God.” It is called following in the footsteps of the Master.

-Peggy Stanton, DM

Question of the Week

Which self-interest of mine will I promise to put aside and what cross will I pledge to carry, transfiguring my life and my little part of the world?



Feasts of some great saints are celebrated between July 29 and Aug. 5—Peter Chrysologus, Ignatius of Loyola, Alphonsus Liguori and Eusebius of Vercelli. They all spoke words of wisdom.

This year we will highlight **St. John Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests, whose feast is on Aug. 4.**

He lived from 1786 to 1859. After overcoming many obstacles because he had great difficulty with his studies, he was ordained a priest and assigned to a parish in the French town of Ars.

It wasn't long before people started to flock to him for the sacrament of penance—or reconciliation. Toward the end of his life, he spent 16 to 18 hours a day in the confessional. He had the gift of being able to read souls and reclaimed thousands of lapsed Catholics.

In one of his catechetical instructions on the subject of prayer, St. John Vianney said, "Reflect on these words: the Christian's treasure is not on Earth but in heaven. Our thoughts, then, ought to be directed to where our treasure is. This is the glorious duty of man: to pray and to love. If you pray and love, that is where your happiness lies."

He said that prayer is nothing else but union with God. "When one has a heart that is pure and united with God," he said, "he is given a kind of serenity and sweetness that makes him ecstatic, a light that surrounds him with marvelous brightness."

He described that intimate union as "God and the soul fused together like two bits of wax that no one can ever pull apart."

He said that our hearts are small, "but prayer stretches them and makes them capable of loving God. Through prayer, we have a foretaste of heaven and something of paradise comes down to us."

St. John Vianney compared prayer to honey that flows into the soul and makes all things sweet. When we pray properly, he said, "sorrows disappear like snow before the sun."

He said that prayer also makes time pass very quickly and he gave an example from his own life: "Once when I was a purveyor in Bresse and most of my companions were ill, I had to make a long journey. I prayed to the good God, and, believe me, the time did not seem long." Some people, he said, are able to immerse themselves as deeply in prayer "as fish in water" because they give themselves totally to God. He mentioned St. Francis of Assisi and St. Colette, who used to see our Lord and talk to him just as we talk to one another.

"How unlike them we are!" he said. "How often we come to church with no idea of what to do or what to ask for." And worse still, he said, some people speak to the Lord like this:

"I will only say a couple of things to you, and then I will be rid of you." We would receive everything we ask in prayer, he said, "if we would ask with living faith and with a pure heart."



Prayer for Priests

St John Vianney (1786-1859) Patron of Priests

God, please give
to Your Church today
many more priests
after Your own heart.
May they be
worthy representatives
of Christ the Good Shepherd.
May they wholeheartedly
devote themselves
to prayer and penance;
be examples of
humility and poverty;
shining models of holiness;
tireless and
powerful preachers
of the Word of God;
zealous dispensers
of Your grace
in the sacraments.
May their loving devotion
to Your Son,
Jesus in the Eucharist
and to Mary His Mother,
be the twin fountains
of fruitfulness
for their ministry.
Amen *Anastpaul/18*



Seminarian Thomas Dzwonczyk, a parishioner of Saint John Vianney Parish, has taken a step closer to the sacred priesthood after receiving Admission to Candidacy for Holy Orders last month at Marywood University from the Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton. The Rite of Admission to Candidacy for Holy Orders is celebrated when a man has reached a maturity or purpose in his formation and demonstrated the necessary qualifications for ordination to the diaconate. In the presence of the bishop, Dzwonczyk publicly expressed his intention to complete his preparation for Holy Orders and also his resolve to fully invest himself to that end, so as to best serve Jesus Christ and His Holy Church. Let us pray for him, all of our seminarians and those who are discerning a call to Diocesan Priesthood.

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

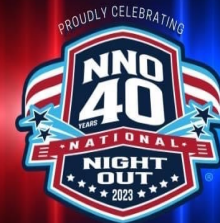
Basket Raffle - INSTANT BINGO



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 Valiante



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.