



ST. PAUL PARISH

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 31, 2022



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves
but are not rich in what matters to God." - Lk 12:21

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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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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.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Over the last six months, people throughout the Diocese of Scranton willingly responded to the call of Pope Francis by sharing their hopes, concerns and dreams for the Catholic Church in preparation for the 2023 General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops.

Our diocese heard from thousands of individuals from every corner of the community, including young adults, long-time parishioners, those experiencing financial and health related challenges, survivors of clergy sexual abuse, prisoners and even those who are struggling with or have left the Catholic faith. Many shared that they had never been asked to reflect on the Church's mission before.

Whether these individuals participated at in-person parish or community listening sessions or through an online survey, many themes began to emerge from what they shared. I would now like to share with you the Diocese of Scranton Synthesis of our Online Survey & Listening Sessions. This report has been submitted to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and will be analyzed with reports from all the other dioceses across the country and combine into one Synod report from the United States that is sent to Rome. In addition to being sent to you, the Diocese of Scranton's report is being made available on our Diocesan website and will be printed in the August edition of *The Catholic Light* newspaper.

It is important for all readers to keep in mind the contents of this document only represent the opinions, insights, thoughts and hopes of our local Synod participants. Pope Francis has continually emphasized that a synodal process is one guided by the Holy Spirit with patience and not a "search for immediate results that generate quick and immediate consequences."

I am deeply grateful to all those who participated in the Synod process up to this point. While our synthesis has been submitted to the USCCB, this cannot be the "end" of our work. In fact, it is merely the beginning. I invite everyone to read and reflect on this synthesis and its content and look for ways that the Church of Scranton can continue to journey together in the months and years ahead.

Our diocese must strive to continue on a synodal path of bringing the faithful together to talk about their faith and the Church - and truly encounter and listen to one another. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to continue to bless, guide and inspire us!

Faithfully yours in Christ,

† *Joseph C. Bambera*

Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.

Bishop of Scranton



ST. PAUL MASS INTENTIONS

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, July 30 Vigil: Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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 Class of 59')

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

Monday, August 1 Saint Alphonsus Liguori

8:00 a.m. † Anthony Montana (Craig & Brittany Washo)

Tuesday, August 2 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Robert Fitzsimmons (Children)

Wednesday, August 3 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Intentions for Dr. Arthur Jordan
(Ed & Katie Veety)

Thursday, August 4 St. John Vianney, Priest

8:00 a.m. † Lindsay Doherty (Family)

Friday, August 5 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Robert Holtham (Lolita & Joe)

Saturday, August 6 The Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00 a.m. † Thomas & Barbara Martin
(Shaffern & Martin Family)

4:30 p.m. † Ellen Mesko (Mom & Dad)

Sunday, August 7 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Members of the Parish
† Maryclaire Jordan (Husband, Dr. Arthur Jordan)

10:30a.m. † Ed Manley (Peggy O'Keefe)



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.

Mark Your CALENDAR

First Penance—December 11, 2022 at 2pm
Holy Communion—May 6, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
Confirmation—To be announced

REMEMBERED AT THE ALTAR:

St. Paul's Sanctuary Candle

In Loving Memory of:
† Harry McGrath
With Love From:
Joell & Family

St. Paul's St. Joseph Candle

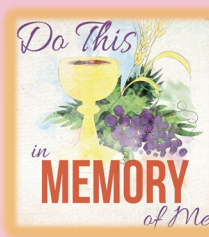
In Loving Memory of:
† Anthony Cantafio
With Love From:
Joann

St. Paul's Marian Candle

In Loving Memory of:
† Lorie Carroll
With Love From:
Jim & Nancy Wilson

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 Aug. 5

Chris Pocius, Ellie Pyles, Regina Pidich,
Jody Maloney & Barbara Burkhouse

Food Pantry Donations:

In Loving Memory of: Mrs. Dorothy Maguire
In Loving Memory of: Delores "Lorie" Carroll
With Love, A Friend With Love, The Jadick Family



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!

*Thank
You*

July 24, 2022

Offertory: \$2,928.00

Online: \$2,194.00



I baptize you in the name
of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit

RECENTLY BAPTIZED

Nylee Toussaint, child of *Nikens & Bianca Toussaint*
& *Jack Judge*, child of *Matthew & Meghan Judge*, have recently received the sacrament of baptism at St. Paul Church.
We welcome Nylee & Jack to our St. Paul Parish community!

Silver Circle

A membership program to benefit the retired IHM Sisters.

Summer 2022

This yearly membership program helps to raise important funds for the retirement needs of the IHM sisters in a fun and engaging way.

How Does it Work?

With each Silver Circle membership, a ticket with contact information is placed into the Silver Circle barrel for chances to win prizes at the monthly Silver Circle drawings. Drawings are held once a month from October to June and include a total of **324 prizes ranging from \$50 to \$1,000**. For each membership ticket in the barrel, there are 36 chances to win at each drawing. This is possible because when a ticket is chosen as a winner for a prize, the ticket is placed back into the barrel for inclusion in the remaining prizes that day. The more memberships purchased, the more chances there are to win! Each Silver Circle membership is a donation of \$25.



Tell Me More!

If you purchase four Silver Circle memberships, you have four chances to win each of the 36 prizes selected at every monthly drawing. If your ticket is chosen as a \$50 winner within the first few minutes of the drawing, your ticket is placed right back in the barrel before the next prize is even drawn; therefore, you could win another \$50 prize, a \$250 cash prize and/or even the \$1,000 grand prize for the day – there's no limit to the number of times a membership ticket can win!!!

Drawings are held the third Wednesday of every month October 2022 through June 2023.

Invite your friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors to become Silver Circle members...
we have all the details you will need to get started! For Only \$25...
Renew your Membership / Become a Silver Circle Member

Please contact Sister M. Rosella at the St. Clare Convent at 570-346-3359 for a Silver Circle Membership form!



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.



ADORATION AND ROSARY

St. Clare Church from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Monday thru Friday with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Rosary is recited at 4:30 p.m.
Special intentions for our country and world:
- A return to God and the Ten Commandments
- An end to violence, public, private and in the womb
- Any other intentions



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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What makes us feel secure? Many people look to tangible forms of security that will safeguard their livelihood and prepare for their future. We tend to associate security with things: the accumulation of goods and possessions, retirement funds, savings accounts, and substantial incomes. While acquiring these promises a life with less anxiety and worry, we actually find ourselves more preoccupied and consumed with their growth and preservation. We worry more!

We can easily become quasi-hoarders, consumed with obtaining more tangible crutches. Our minds and hearts are always restless, and we never seem to be at peace.



Why do we so easily give our self-worth, value, and sense of security over to things? God certainly does not deny us the pursuit of a productive and enjoyable life but where do we draw the line? A sense of well-being and happiness can easily get deferred to sometime “in the future” while we continue to wrestle with the toils of today. There is no guarantee that there will be an earthly tomorrow and all of the frenzy we bring to securing our state in life will be for naught. When we are called from this world, will we even know where to begin to look for the tranquility and repose our souls so desperately need?

We cannot be hoarders, pursuers of vanity, or greedy. They just don't work as they are too dependent on things that can fall apart. Rather than always feeling the need for more, we need to learn how to be grateful for what we have. By learning to look inward we can learn how to live lives of faithful service to others. “Happiness can only be achieved by looking inward and learning to enjoy whatever life has, and this requires transforming greed into gratitude (St. John Chrysostom).” We all need to be good stewards of what has been entrusted to our care. Grateful hearts recognize the true source of what we have and realize that our true treasure lies not in what matters to us but to God. ©LPi

To learn more about how to respond to those who struggle with their own mental health issues or with mental health issues amongst their loved ones:



MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID CERTIFICATION, August 27th

The Scranton Mental Health Ministry at the Cathedral of Saint Peter is hosting a Mental Health First Aid training at the Diocesan Center in Scranton. The training will take place on Saturday, August 27th from 8:30am-3pm. Lunch will be provided.

For information about the curriculum, please visit: <https://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org/take-a-course/what-you-learn/>.

To register for the training please email Deacon Ed Shoener by August 10th : deaconed@stpeterscathedral.org

RACHEL'S VINEYARD POST-ABORTION HEALING RETREAT, November 4 - 6

This weekend retreat provides a compassionate and confidential opportunity to those suffering from the impact of abortion to encounter our God of Mercy on a journey of spiritual and psychological healing.

<https://www.rachelsvineyard.org/> For information contact denisemengaklcsw@gmail.com, or leave a message at 570-239-6173. More information about these and other offerings from the Office for Parish Life can be viewed in our [July Good News Notes](#). If you have any questions, please reach out. Thank you for all you do in ministering our faithful!





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 cerscranton.org/conference or call us at 570-344-2214.**

3rd Annual Irish River Fest



**Saturday, August 20, 2022
1pm - 5pm**

The Ancient Order of
Hibernian's JFK
Division 1 will be hosting
Irish Riverfest

at Sweeney Beach, 41
Poplar St. Scranton PA on Aug. 20th from 1-5pm.
Good music, food, games and raffle tickets.
Cost 10 dollars, kids under 10 free.

All are welcome!



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

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NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL



**ENCOUNTERING
CHRIST:
MUSIC & MEDITATION**
WITH
FR. RICKY MANALO, CSP

CONCERT

FRI., AUG. 26--7PM

"Tune, Text, and Theology: Singing Our Praises to God"

PRESENTATION

SAT., AUG. 27--9AM-NOON

"A Eucharist of Encountering: Crossing Thresholds, Becoming Transformed"

CHURCH OF SAINT GREGORY

330 NORTH ABINGTON RD., CLARKS GREEN, PA

A FREE-WILL OFFERING WILL BE ACCEPTED.

TO MAKE A RESERVATION, PLEASE CALL 570-207-2213,
OR VISIT WWW.DIOCESEOFSCRANTON.ORG.

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 BBQ 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