



# ST. PAUL PARISH

*Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

August 21, 2022



## 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Some are last who will be first,  
and some are first who will be last.” - Lk 13:30

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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 ~

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**

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

St. Clare Church Basement

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Join us on Facebook at St.

Paul's Parish for our

live-streaming of the

Celebration of Mass.

info@stpaulscranton.org

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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.

***Prayer in Honor of the Queenship of Mary***



O Mary Immaculate Queen, look down  
upon this distressed and suffering  
world. You know our misery and our  
weakness. O thou who art our Mother,  
saving us in the hour of peril,  
have compassion on us in these days of  
great and heavy trial.

Jesus has confided to you the treasure  
of His grace, and through you He wills  
to grant us pardon and mercy.

In these hours of anguish, therefore, your children come  
to you as their hope.

We recognize your Queenship and ardently desire your  
triumph. We need a Mother and a Mother's Heart. You  
are for us the luminous dawn which dissipates our  
darkness and points out the way to life. In your clemency  
obtain for us the courage and the confidence of which we  
have such need.

Most Holy and Adorable Trinity, You Who did crown  
with glory in Heaven the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of  
the Savior, grant that all her children on earth may  
acknowledge her as their Sovereign Queen, that all  
hearts, homes, and nations may recognize her rights  
as Mother and as Queen.

Mary Immaculate Queen, triumph and reign! *Amen*



**Eucharistic Adoration & Holy Rosary Hour**  
**Mon-Fri 4-5pm St. Clare Church**

2251 N. Washington Ave. Scranton, PA 18509

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

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



"We should consider those  
moments spent before the  
Blessed Sacrament as the  
happiest of our lives" - St. John Vianney

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## ST. PAUL MASS INTENTIONS

### TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Saturday, August 20** Vigil: Twenty-First Sunday  
In Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. † David Yeager (Family)

**Sunday, August 21** Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Members of the Parish  
† Edward Magas & Ryan O'Malley (Family)

10:30 a.m. † Thomas Gibbons (Faith & Joe Foley)

**Monday, August 22** The Queenship of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. † Chris C. Gardier (Family)

**Tuesday, August 23** Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Sr. Mary William Philbin, IHM  
(Marita Kearney)

**Wednesday, August 24** St. Bartholomew

8:00 a.m. † Judith Neary (St. Paul Class of 59')

**Thursday, August 25** Weekday

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

**Friday, August 26** Weekday

8:00 a.m. † James P. Kennedy (Family)

**Saturday, August 27** Vigil: Twenty-Second Sunday  
St. Monica In Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Gene Pidich (Regina & Family)

4:30 p.m. † Eugene P. Grady (Marge & Family)

**Sunday, August 28** Twenty-Second Sunday  
In Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Members of the Parish  
† Frank, Veronica & Lucille Shimkus (Family)

10:30a.m. † Robert Kerrigan (Family)

**Pantry Summer Hours: Fridays 12-1:30pm**  
**Food Pantry Volunteers for Friday Aug. 26**

*Marita Kearney, Mary McAndrew, Kris Pocius,  
Jane Strobino & Barbara Burkhouse*

## Food Pantry Donations:

<b>In Loving Memory of:</b> <i>Marilyn Carr-Blundell</i> With Love, <i>Sal &amp; Mary Nicastro</i>	<b>In Loving Memory of:</b> <i>Col. James Patterson</i> With Love, <i>Liz Connery</i>
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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.

## REMEMBERED AT THE ALTAR:



### St. Paul's Sanctuary Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† **Lois McHale**

With Love From:

**Family**

### St. Paul's St. Joseph Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† **Billy Bochicchio**

With Love From:

**Dee, Brett & Liz**

### St. Paul's Marian Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† **Anne Barrett Fisher**

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.

### The Light of Hope

*We light this candle to kindle hope for days of healing still to come.*

*We light this candle to represent the light of hope.*

*We are transformed by our loss and now walk an unfamiliar road, but we*

*are surrounded by love and grace, and we are not alone.*

*We allow the promise of hope to take root within us - hope for solace in*

*our moments of despair, healing of our hearts and souls, trust in God's*

*goodness and faithfulness, and hope for our future.*

*-Patricia Burns*



Sanctuary, Marian, & St. Joseph Candles  
still available for this year,  
August-December 2022

These candles burn for one week in  
memory or in honor of a loved one.  
Intentions will be published in the weekly  
bulletin. The customary donation is \$10.00  
per intention.

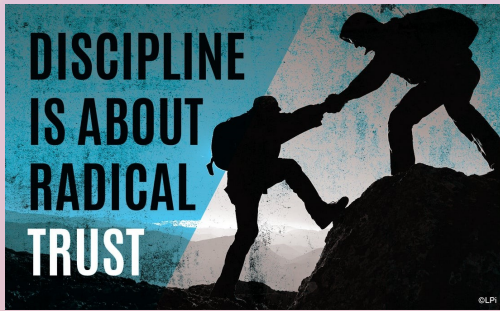
Please contact the Parish Office to  
schedule a Memorial: 570-961-1549

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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The serious disciple knows the necessity and value of discipline. Thinking of discipline as something punitive in nature, we underscore its place in our spiritual lives. Discipline is really about a radical trust in God and his guidance. “When you are conducted by a guide who takes you through an unknown country at night across fields where there are no tracks, by his own skill, asking no advice from anyone, giving no inkling of his plans, what choice do you have but to give yourself completely

to his guidance? If you are convinced that he is a good guide, you must have faith in him and abandon yourself to his care (Jean-Pierre de Caussade).”

If someone wants to be physically fit, they readily find a competent trainer who sets them on a rigorous schedule. Determined to reach their goals, they sacrifice personal pleasure and trust in his guidance. Why should it be any different with God? In order to remain true to the way Jesus places before us, we have to listen, learn, and be willing to change. Falling in love with God and maintaining that relationship requires an investment of time, energy, and hard work. Putting personal preferences aside in pursuit of the Gospel and giving proper attention to our spiritual lives is challenging work. At first, “all discipline seems a cause not for joy but for pain, yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who are trained by it (Hebrews).”

“What God does is essentially good. It does not need to be reformed or controlled... If you would live according to the Gospels, give yourself completely and simply to the action of God (Jean-Pierre de Caussade).” Submission to the holy will of God is not a submission to a set of pre-ordained set of circumstances. Rather, it is an abandonment and trust in God’s creative, life-giving, and salvific power. God brings light out of darkness and life out of death. Nurturing this bond of trust and seeking God in all things creates an intimate and particular relationship and bond between our Creator and us. When He comes, there will be no issue with us recognizing Him or Him recognizing us. We will have met before. ©LPi

## Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary: *Monday- August 22*



As Saint Paul suggests in Romans 8:28–30, God has predestined human beings from all eternity to share the image of his Son. All the more was Mary predestined to be the mother of Jesus. As Jesus was to be king of all creation, Mary, in dependence on Jesus, was to be queen.

All other titles to queenship derive from this eternal intention of God. As Jesus exercised his kingship on earth by serving his Father and his fellow human beings, so did Mary exercise her queenship. As the glorified Jesus remains with us as our king till the end of time (Matthew 28:20), so does Mary, who was assumed into heaven and crowned queen of heaven and earth.

Blessed Pope Pius IX said of Mary: “Turning her maternal Heart toward us and dealing with the affair of our salvation, she is concerned with the whole human race. Constituted by the Lord Queen of Heaven and earth, and exalted above all choirs of Angels and the ranks of Saints in Heaven, standing at the right hand of Her only-begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, she petitions most powerfully with Her maternal prayers, and she obtains what she seeks.”

"Since the great Virgin Mary was raised to the dignity of Mother of the King of Kings, the Church justly honors her, and wishes that she be honored with the glorious title of Queen,"

-St. Alphonsus de Liguori.



Thank  
You

August 14, 2022

Offertory: \$5,197.00

Online: \$2,522.50

## Silver Circle

A membership program to benefit the retired IHM Sisters.



### HELPING THE IHM SISTERS

Silver Circle is a membership program that benefits retired I.H.M. Sisters.

For only \$25.00 per membership, your name is entered in more than 324 drawings from October, 2022 through June, 2023 with cash prizes of \$50.00 to \$1,000.00!

You will also be remembered in a monthly Mass for benefactors and in the prayers of the I.H.M. Sisters. Please contact Sister M. Rosella: 570-346-3359 for a Silver Circle Membership form. Thank you for your kind support of the I.H.M. Sisters!

### REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR PRIESTS AND SEMINARIANS



*Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.*

## SAVE THE DATE:

1st Day of CCD: September 13th  
First Penance: December 11th–2pm  
Confirmation: April 18th–5pm  
First Holy Communion: May 6th–10am

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## St. Paul Parish CCD Open Registration

NOW OPEN FOR REGISTRATION FOR YEAR  
2022-2023

### Note to parents & guardians:

Registration & Information forms were mailed out to students enrolled last year. Please contact us if you did not receive a registration form or would like to enroll your child this year!

To register call:  
570-961-1549 or email:  
[ricco@stpaulscranton.org](mailto:ricco@stpaulscranton.org)

Every effort is made each year to provide a program of religious education that is true to the teachings of the Catholic faith and is presented to the students according to their needs and abilities. Our weekly efforts can only strengthen what your child experiences under your care and supervision at home. Our program is meant to be at your service, to assist you in being your child's first educators in the ways of Faith. As we proclaimed so clearly at their Baptism, ours is a true partnership. We need each other if our children are to learn about and experience the abundant life that Jesus Christ offers us through His Church.

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

## Mass for Suicide Healing & Remembrance

Sunday, September 18, 2022 at 12:15 p.m.  
Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton

Principal Celebrant  
Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.  
Bishop of Scranton

In observance of Suicide Awareness Month in September, the Diocese of Scranton will offer a Mass to remember loved ones lost to suicide and healing for those who still grieve their passing. All are welcome.

The Mass will be broadcast on CTV: Catholic Television and livestream on the Diocese of Scranton website, [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org), YouTube channel, and social media.

Suicide is a leading cause of death in the United States. It was responsible for nearly 46,000 deaths in 2020.

This is about one death every 11 minutes.

In observance of Suicide Awareness Month, Bishop Bambera will celebrate a Mass for Suicide Healing and Remembrance on Sunday, September 18, 2022 at 12:15PM at the Cathedral of St. Peter, Scranton. The Mass will serve to remember loved ones lost to suicide, and to promote healing for those who grieve their passing. During the Mass, those attending will be invited to bring forward to the altar a flower, in remembrance of those lost. All are welcome.

Registration is requested, but not required. To register, go to [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org) or call 570-207-2213.



Diocese of Scranton

# UP & OVER

Middle School Retreat

September  
23rd to 25th

at Camp Orchard Hill  
in Dallas, Pa.

Visit [Dioceseofscranton.org](http://Dioceseofscranton.org)  
for more information or  
to register

## Do You Want To Know About the Annulment Process?

In the Diocese of Scranton, the annulment process is now more "user friendly" than you might expect, and there is no longer a processing fee.



Please contact your pastor or the Diocesan Tribunal Office (570-207-2246) to begin a conversation. It is possible to get clear answers to these questions and to renew your connection with the Church.

## NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ABORTED CHILDREN

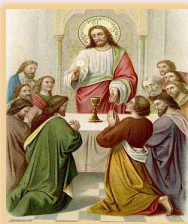
The 10th annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children will be held on **Saturday, Sept. 10** when pro-life Americans will honor the memory of the nearly 65 million unborn victims of abortion since its legalization in 1973. The event on 9/10 will include a

**Memorial Service for Victims of Abortion to be held at 11 a.m. at Mount Olivet Cemetery, 612 Mount Olivet Road, Carverton.**

It will take place at Mount Olivet's Wyoming Valley Knights of Columbus "Tomb for the Unborn," located on the top of the hill on the cemetery grounds. During the memorial observance, the Rosary will be recited in remembrance of all aborted babies. **All faithful are invited.**

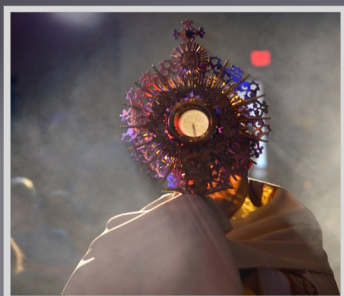
## An Act of Spiritual Communion

*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.***



## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Sponsored by the Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations



Thursday,  
September 1st  
7:00 PM  
St. Maria Goretti Church  
42 Redwood Drive - Laflin

**SPEAKER,  
RECONCILIATION,  
AND SOCIAL.**

Music by Joel Kankiewicz

## ST. LUCY'S CHURCH

949 Scranton St., Scranton, PA

### DRIVE THRU

### PENNE PASTA & MEATBALL DINNER



### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2022

Dinners \$14.00 • 3:00-6:00 P.M.

*Penne Rigate with Meatballs • Salad • Italian Bread • Biscotti*

### DRIVE THRU

THE PARKING LOT IN REAR OF CHURCH  
OR WALK INTO THE AUDITORIUM TO  
PICK UP DINNERS (NO SIT-DOWN) ...

STAY IN YOUR CAR – DRIVE INTO PARKING  
LOT, PLACE YOUR ORDER, THEN PULL  
UP TO THE TENT. THE FOOD WILL BE  
DELIVERED RIGHT TO YOUR CAR!



For Tickets Call: St. Lucy's Rectory (570 347-9421),  
Joe (570 955-7469)

or purchase them at the Drive-Thru on the day of the dinner

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT ST. LUCY'S CHURCH RESTORATION