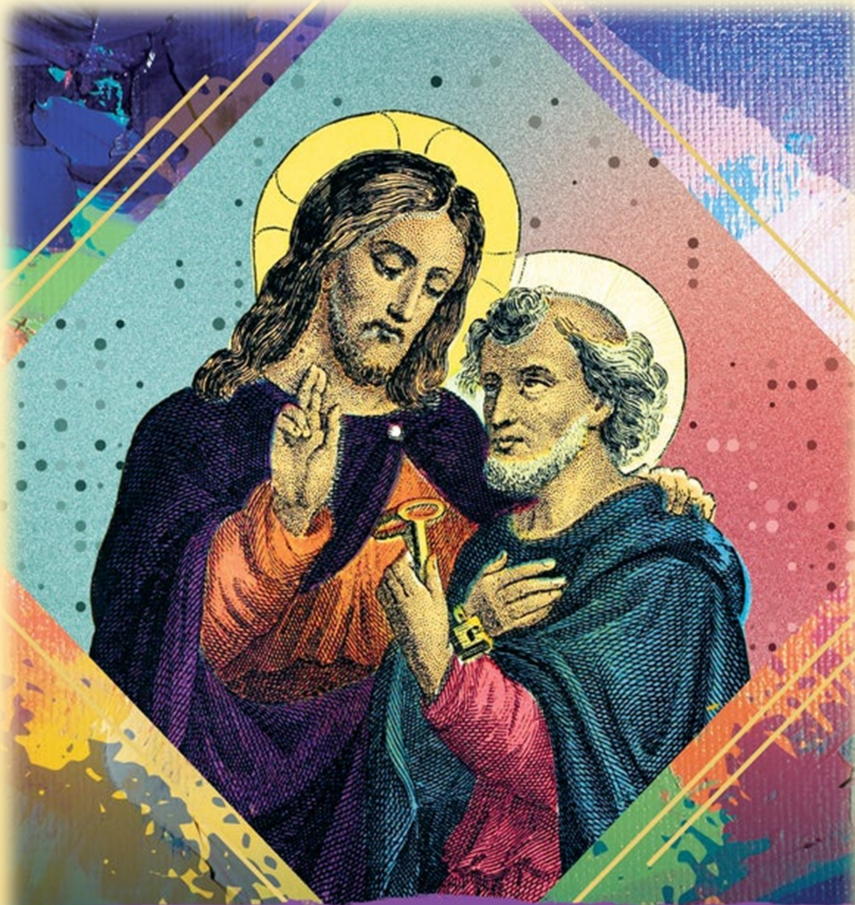




ST. PAUL PARISH

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 27, 2023



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"
Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ,
the Son of the living God." - Mt 16:15-16

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ST. PAUL CHURCH

Mon.-Fri. 8:00am

Saturday 8:00am & 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

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



After many weeks of your patience in waiting,
St. Paul Church is ready to
welcome parishioners back to Mass.
Because of your generous donations to the parish
wishlist fund, St. Paul Church was able to receive
this much needed restoration.

Thank you for your continuous support and
service. It is through your acts of faith,
generosity and love that St. Paul Parish is kept
alive for future generations to grow in their faith.

*Lord we thank you for this church, built
through the sacrifices of our ancestors in
faith. May our worship be genuine and
sincere; may the ministries that
flow out of this place lift up people
in the name of Christ. Amen.*

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

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, August 26 Vigil: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. ♥ Robert & Ann McKenna— (Anniversary) (Family)

4:30 p.m. † Ed & Irene Burkhouse (Ellen & Barbara)

Sunday, August 27 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Members of the Parish

† Peggy Boland (Joe & Patti Gaughan & Family)

10:30 a.m. † Robert Kerrigan (Family)

Monday, August 28 St. Augustine

8:00 a.m. † Patrick Sweeney (Family)

Tuesday, August 29 The Passion of St. John the Baptist

8:00 a.m. † Sal Cottone (Family)

Wednesday, August 30 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Glenn Popien (Edward & Maryclaire Coleman)

Thursday, August 31 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Paul McCrone (Family)

Friday, September 1 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Joan E. Birtell (Helen, Robbie & Noel)

Saturday, September 2 Vigil: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Michael & Gladys Gursky (Walt & Karen Bullet)

4:30 p.m. † Lillian Cottone (Family)

Sunday, September 3 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Jerry Walsh (Paul & Mary Theresa Paterson)

10:30 a.m. † Anthony & Marianne Maro (Maro Family)



RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the souls 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.

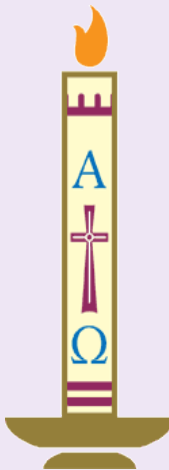
There are daily Masses & weekly candles still available throughout the remainder of the 2023 year and our 2024 book remains open with many dates available as well!



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.**

REMEMBERED AT THE ALTAR:



St. Paul's Sanctuary Candle

In *Honor* of

♥ Nancy Frick

With Love From:

St. Paul's Daily Mass Group

St. Paul's St. Joseph Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† Anne Wagner

With Love From:

Bochicchio Family

St. Paul's Marian Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† Rosalie Gallagher

With Love From:

Patricia and Peter Clarke



St. Paul's Wine & Host

In Loving Memory of

† Mrs. Ellen Casey

With Love From:

Joanne Cantafio

Food Pantry Hours: Fridays 12-1:30pm

Food Pantry Volunteers for Friday September 1

Deborah May, Sally Walsh, MaryLou Riley,

Jody Maloney & Barbara Burkhouse

St. Paul Food Pantry Donations

In Loving Memory of:

† Ellen Casey

With Love,

Ellen & Barbara Burkhouse



In Loving Memory of:

† Ellen Casey

With Love,

Joanne Cantafio



In Loving HONOR of:

♥ Peggy Herie

Happy Birthday!

Family & Friends



If anyone would like to register for CCD and has not received a registration yet, Please call 570-961-1549 to do so. All registrations need to be in by Friday September 1st



August 20th Collection

Offertory Total: \$ 3,143.00

Online Total: \$2,717.90



RECENTLY BAPTIZED:

Mollie Kathryn Conway, child of Mark & Alexandra, has recently received the sacrament of baptism at St. Paul Parish.

We welcome Mollie to our parish community!



FROM THE CATECHISM

Part One: The Profession of Faith

What Exactly is the Soul? (Para 362-366)

What exactly is the soul? Is it what makes a person a living being. Scripture tells us in Genesis 2:7, when God created Adam, He formed him from the dust of the Earth, “and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living being.”

The soul is the innermost aspect of the man, the *Catechism* states, “that which is the greatest value in him, that by which he is the most especially in God’s image: ‘soul’ signifies the *spiritual principal* in man.” The human body is animated by the soul. At no time is this more evident than at the moment of death, when the soul leaves the body and the observer can clearly see the life drained out of it as the body becomes totally still, loses color, and loses all vitality and personality that was once within it. The soul carries all these qualities with it into eternity and will return them to the body when the two are rejoined at the final resurrection.

-Peggy Stanton, DM

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 2023 through June 2024.

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!**

SAVE THE DATE:
1st Day of CCD: September 12th
Grade 6, 7 & 8:

Google classroom by September 13th
Registration due September 1st



**ENROLL
NOW**



St. Paul Parish CCD Open Registration

**NOW OPEN FOR REGISTRATION FOR YEAR
2023-2024**

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:
rcicco@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

*To remember loved ones lost to suicide
and healing for those who still grieve their passing*

Sunday, September 17, 2023
at 12:15 p.m.

Cathedral of Saint Peter
315 Wyoming Ave., Scranton

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

The Mass is open to the public.
The Mass will also be broadcast live on CTV:
Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton
and livestream on the Diocese of Scranton
website, YouTube channel and Facebook.



**TURN YOUR PA TAXES INTO NEED-BASED
SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS AND RECEIVE UP
TO A 90% STATE INCOME TAX CREDIT!**

Did you know that individuals and businesses have the ability to direct your tax dollars to a Diocesan Catholic School?

A gift in support of tuition assistance will provide you with a direct reduction on your state income taxes.

**APPLICATIONS DUE BY AUGUST 31.
TO RECEIVE A FORM TO PARTICIPATE, CONTACT:**

Jim Bebla in the Diocese of Scranton Development Office
(570) 207-2250

Development@dioceseofscranton.org

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. Get clear answers to these questions and to renew your connection with the Church.

The October 7th, 2023 Catholic Men's Conference, from 8 am to 3pm, will be held at Holy Redeemer High School, Wilkes-Barre, To attend, please register either online at www.BeACatholicMan.com, or by mail to: "Be a Catholic Man, Inc", P.O Box # 669, Wyalusing, Pa. 18853. Include your name, address, email & parish with your check payable to "Be a Catholic Man, Inc" with "Men's Conference" on the memo line of the check. Cost is \$40 (Early Bird \$30 until 9-8-23), Students \$15, Priests/Deacons are FREE.

For more information contact: Your Men's Conference Parish Contact Mike Kilmer at 570-721-0872 or mkilmer@thekilmergroup.com.

Featuring a Dynamic Line-up of Speakers

Mark Houck is founder and president of The King's Men, a non-profit men's ministry which promotes authentic masculinity, fatherhood and beloved sonship. He is a former College Football All-American, high school teacher, coach and counselor turned activist, radio host, evangelist and motivational pro-life speaker. In September 2022, Mark, his wife, Ryan-Marie, and 7 young children made international news with an FBI invasion of their home. Mark was falsely charged with felony violations for defending his 12 year-old son from an aggressive abortion escort. Mark was acquitted on all charges.

Fr. John Anthony Boughton, C. F. R. of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal is currently stationed in the New York City Bronx, serving as the General Vicar of the CFRs. Through a life of prayer, fraternity, apostolate, penance, and wholehearted living of the gospel, they work in service of the poor and evangelization, sharing the rich treasures of the Catholic faith by the prophetic witness of their lives. Fr. Boughton is a native of Dallas, Texas. A graduate of the Virginia Military Institute, he was commissioned in the US Naval Reserve, worked as a sales rep, and was vice president and director of operations for St. David's Relief Foundation in Bosnia and Herzegovina 1992-95.

Sam Blair is a passionate cradle Catholic is a former Navy SEAL Officer with experience leading elite teams around the globe. He taught Leadership and Ethics at the United States Naval Academy and helped screen, select, and train over 90 new future SEAL Officers. Before transitioning from Active Duty, Sam was a SkillBridge Fellow at Squadra Ventures, a venture capital firm in Baltimore, MD. Sam is passionate about leveraging his unique skills sets and hard-earned leadership experiences to help corporate leaders, portfolio companies and corporations build robust cultures, clarity of purpose and a relentless focus on execution.

Be a Catholic Man

Who we are: We are ordinary Catholic men, passionate about our Christian Faith. Be A Catholic Man is organized as a 501c3 non-profit corporation. We are entirely funded by our sponsors and registrants. We do not receive financial assistance from the Diocese.

Our Mission: We are on a mission to encourage and empower men to deepen their relationship with Christ, to be spiritual leaders in their families, their parish, and their community and to live their faith in everyday life.

Our Vision: We seek to be faithful disciples of the risen Jesus Christ, loyal sons of his Church, loving and faithful husbands, wise and kind fathers and a band of brothers to one another. We desire that all Catholic men in the Diocese of Scranton will be linked as brothers in Christ, witnessing the Gospel in all aspects of their life, through a process of conversion, transformation, and mobilization.

Tentative Schedule

- 7:00 AM Registration / coffee
- 7:15 AM Rosary begins
- 8:00 AM Opening Ceremonies begin.
- 8:30 AM Speaker
- 9:30 AM Speaker
- 10:30 AM Lunch / Exhibitors / Confessions
- 11:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration / Benediction
- 12:40 PM Speaker
- 1:45 PM Mass: Bishop Joseph C. Bambera
- 3:00 PM Dismissal

Check the website for updates
www.BeACatholicMan.com



8TH ANNUAL DIOCESE OF SCRANTON BE A CATHOLIC MAN CONFERENCE



Brothers, we invite you to join with us in fortitude and strength in professing our Catholic Faith. As the world becomes increasingly hostile to Catholic teaching, St. Polycarp reminds us to "Follow the example of the Lord, being firm and unchangeable in the Faith." St. Paul advises us to "Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to resist on the evil day, having done everything, to hold your ground."



Bishop
Joseph Bambera



Mark Houck

Sat., 8 AM - 3:00 PM
Oct. 7, 2023

**Holy Redeemer
High School**
159 S. Pennsylvania Ave.
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701



Fr. John Anthony
Boughton, C. F. R.



Sam Blair

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.