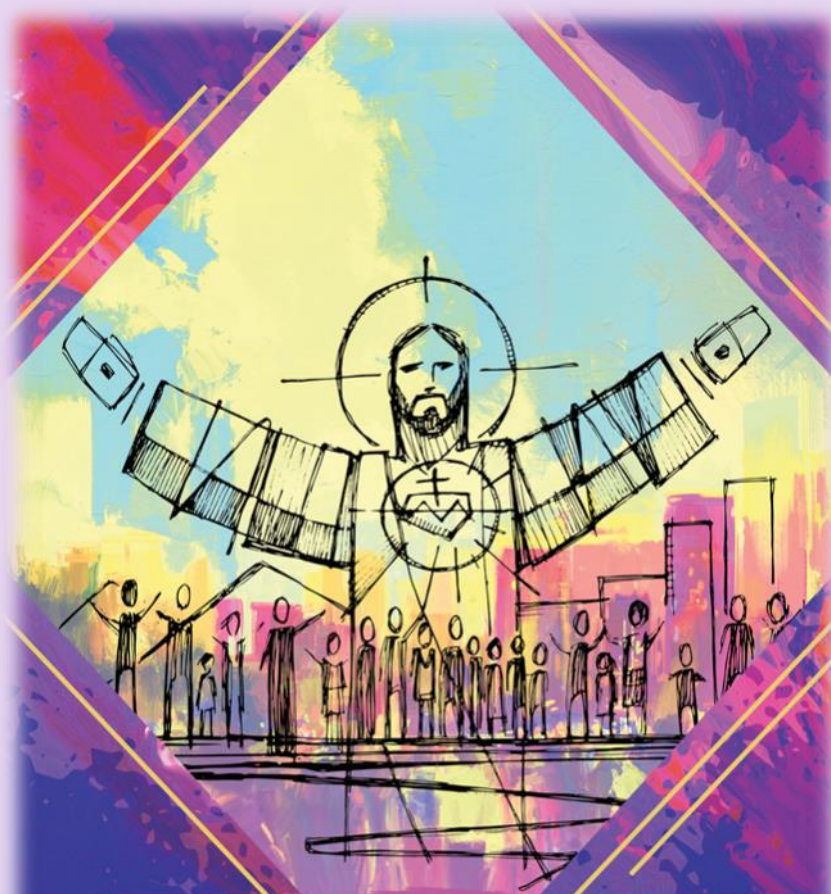




# ST. PAUL PARISH

*Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

September 10, 2023



## 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"For where two or three are gathered together  
in my name, there am I in the midst of them."  
- Mt 18:19-20

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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



**Everyone should soon be receiving their letter regarding this year's raffle fundraiser for St. Paul Parish.**

*Purchasing these raffle tickets is an easy way that you can support our parish!*

For the big raffle, the 50/50, tickets will be \$20.00 a piece or three for \$50.00. Our lucky winner will win half of all 50/50 tickets proceeds. Three 50/50 tickets are enclosed in the letter being mailed to each parishioner.

*If you would like to purchase more, please contact the rectory, 570-961-1549.*

We also have our cash raffle. *This great raffle has a grand prize of \$2,000.00 and \$1,000.00!*

Each chance is \$5.00 or you can purchase a book of six for \$25.00.

(Enclosed with the letter are two books of these raffle tickets.)

Just fill out your information on the return stubs, enclose a check made payable to St. Paul's and return them in the enclosed envelope. Please mail them, drop them in the collection basket, or bring them to the rectory.

If for some reason you have not received this letter or if you would like to purchase additional tickets, please call the rectory and we would be happy to supply you with them.

*We are most grateful for your faithful stewardship as it is extremely essential to our parish.*

*Your financial assistance is truly a great gift to our parish community!*

**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: 3pm ~ 4:30 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](http://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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Saturday, September 9** Vigil: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. † Frank Fontinell (Richard Fontinell)

**Sunday, September 10** 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Gene Pidich & The Intentions of Regina Pidich  
(Wife, Regina)

10:30a.m. † Robert McAndrew (Family)

**Monday, September 11** Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Grace Donohue (Family)

**Tuesday, September 12** Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Thomas Comeda (Wife, Babe & Children)

**Wednesday, September 13** St. John Chrysostom

8:00 a.m. † Rosalie Gallagher (Peter & Patricia Clarke)

**Thursday, September 14** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00 a.m. † Flo Jacoby (The Langan Family)

**Friday, September 15** Our Lady of Sorrows

8:00 a.m. † John Langan (The Langan Family)

**Saturday, September 16** Vigil: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Robert Grady, Sr. (Family)

4:30 p.m. † Merrigan, Gallagher & Butler Families  
(T.J. & Margo Merrigan)

**Sunday, September 17** 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Armond Mascelli (Mike & Donna Barbetti)

10:30a.m. † Pat Malloy (The Malloy Family)

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the souls of  
**Joan Ruane & Lori Hoban.**

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!



St. Paul's Food Pantry

☐ In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

☐ In Loving Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

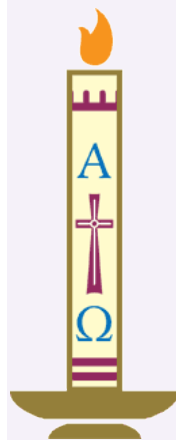
☐ Acknowledge in Bulletin

☐ Please Keep Donation Anonymous

From \_\_\_\_\_

or memory. Thank you so much for your generosity  
which allows us to continue serving those in need.

St. Paul Food Pantry  
Envelopes are placed  
throughout the  
Church. Please  
consider making a  
monetary donation in  
your loved one's honor



## REMEMBERED AT THE ALTAR:

### St. Paul's Sanctuary Candle

In Memory of  
† **Peter Herie**  
With Love From:  
**Wife, Peggy**

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

In Loving Memory of:  
† **Jim Pilgan**  
With Love From:  
**The Bochicchio Family**

### St. Paul's Marian Candle

In Honor of 40th Anniversary:  
♥ **Bobbie & Harry Jadick**  
With Love From:  
**Lauren & Drew**



### St. Paul's Wine & Host

In Loving Memory of  
† **Nancy Butler**

## Food Pantry Hours: Fridays 3-4:30pm

Food Pantry Volunteers for Friday September 15  
**U of S Volunteers, Noreen Rowland &  
Barbara Burkhouse**

Summer hours have come to an end!  
PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE BACK  
TO REGULAR FOOD PANTRY HOURS:  
FRIDAYS from 3pm-4:30pm

## St. Paul Food Pantry Donations

In Loving Memory of:

† **Nancy Butler**  
With Love,  
M.J. Colleran



## DONATIONS NEEDED

Can you help??

Increasing pantry need...  
We need your help!

In August 2022, we provided  
groceries for 47 visits;  
in August 2023 that total escalated to 93!

## What does the pantry need?

In-date, shelf-stable groceries and toiletries, as well  
as monetary contributions.

Thank you for helping us to be able to serve  
everyone who comes to the pantry in need!



## September 3rd Collection

*Offertory Total: \$ 5,658.00*

*Maui Relief Total: 2,567.00*

*Online Total: \$3,454.35*



If anyone would like to register for CCD and has not registered yet, Please call 570-961-1549 to do so.

CCD begins September 12th !



## **FROM THE CATECHISM** *Exile from Eden Leads to Rescue by Divine Redeemer*

What was the sin that exiled man from the Garden of Eden? *(Para 402-406)*

It was the sin of disobedience, according to the Catechism. And it was Jesus' obedience to the

Father that reopened the possibility of Paradise to the human race.

He took our sins— He who never sinned— in order to expiate our offenses.

No mere human, however holy, could achieve, could achieve such a feat. Christ's divinity alongside His humanity made Him unique. Thus He was the only Savior able to reconcile the world to God because He was God.

In taking on a human nature, Jesus opened the avenue for us to partner with Him in the Paschal Mystery. He asks His disciples to take up their own crosses and follow His example by offering our sufferings up as expiation for sin, thus giving redeeming merit to misery.

*-Peggy Stanton, DM*

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](http://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](mailto:mkilmer@thekilmergroup.com).

## **IHM Silver Circle is back**

*Purchase your tickets before the FIRST Drawing in October!*



### **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, 2023 through June, 2024 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 supporting the I.H.M. Sisters!*

## September 11, 2001 —Those Who Were There Remember...

### **A Muslim Serves her Country**

"I feel the resiliency of my faith as the biggest strength in helping build bridges of understanding with my fellow Americans." -Lt. Col. Shareda Hosein, U.S. Army Reserves, Muslim chaplain

### **Choosing Action in the Face of Evil**

"Tom was a hero on Flight 93. He and his fellow passengers were drafted unknowingly as the first citizen-soldiers in the war on terrorism." -Beverly and Thomas Burnett, Sr., parents of Tom Burnett

### **One Firefighter Spared Twice That Day**

"I still try to figure out what God was thinking and why I deserved to be spared twice that day." -Kenneth Zaveckas, New York City firefighter

### **Suffering, Death and Resurrection: a Pastor's Experience of 9/11**

"The preciousness and also the precarious and vulnerable nature of the fundamental gift of life burned its way into the depth of our souls." -Monsignor Anthony Sherman, Brooklyn pastor

### **An Instrument of Peace at Ground Zero**

"I did not see the devil's face at Ground Zero. I saw the face of God in the people working, caring, sweating, crying, rescuing, recovering and being very spiritual in their very humanness." -Franciscan Father Joseph Bayne, chief chaplain of New York's Erie County Emergency Services

### **We Stood Together on September 11**

"People came together in unity that day. We can all remember where we were on 9/11 because we were all together."

-Paulist Father Paul Wierichs, a former chaplain to the Federal Bureau of Investigation

### **The Parable of Ground Zero**

"I thought 'what is God like? God is like the firefighter who rushes into a burning building to save someone. That's how much God loves us.'" -Jesuit Father James Martin, culture editor of America magazine

### **A People Changed by 9/11**

"The years have gone by, but the memories remain for all who were involved in that one single day and its aftermath that changed the lives of so many and of our nation." -Monsignor Robert J. Romano

### **Experiencing 9/11 From Afar**

"I sat the whole day in front of the TV watching the video of the tragedy and listening to the commentary." -Deacon Tom Aumen

### **Minnesota Twins at a Ground Zero Hospital**

"What I learned about faith is that it is active." -Father Jeff Ethen, of the Diocese of St. Cloud, Minnesota

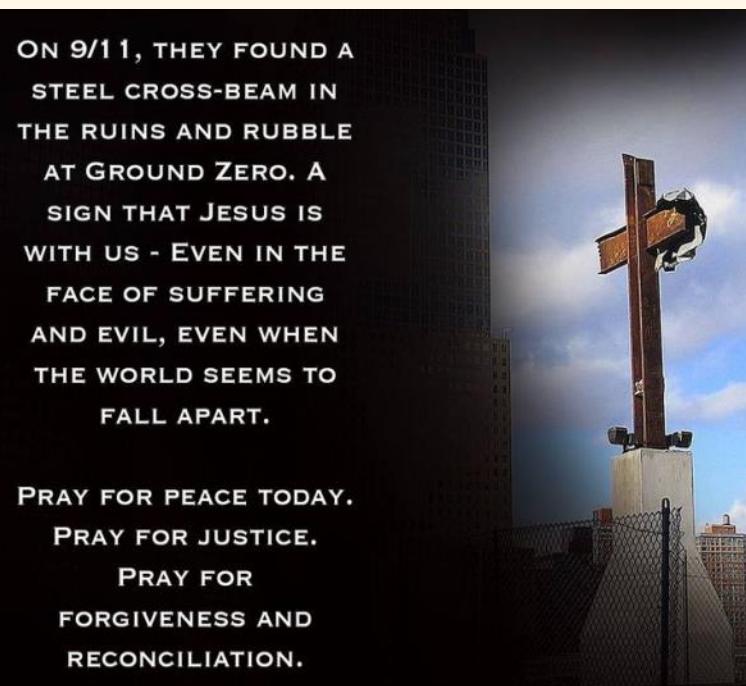
### **Forgiveness and Unity at Ground Zero**

"How in awe I was seeing the crowds along the New York streets praying and saluting as we wheeled the American flag-draped bodies to the makeshift morgue." -Father Bruce Nieli, C.S.P.

### **Remembering 9/11**

"It was a time of great pain and great love. It was a time of testing and a time of faith. It was a time of endings and beginnings." -Father James E. Devlin, pastor of Good Shepherd Parish in the Diocese of Brooklyn

"In this hell I found grace." -Fr. James Martin





There's so much to discover  
& learn when we're together.  
The time spent with you is  
something to treasure.

## Happy National Grandparents Day!



### PRAYER FOR THE THIRD WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY 2023

*Virgin Mary, Mother of faith and hope, an example for  
this humanity bent by indifference, make me as willing  
as You to accept the will of God,  
to magnify and praise His Mercy.*

*Mary, Mother of fortitude, you who knows my heart, do  
not allow me to become discouraged. I confidently  
surrender my life into your hands. Heal my wounds.  
May your tenderness accompany me on the way. Your  
presence, Mother of love, brings us to experience the  
joy of seeing our families united.*

*Help me to transmit the tenderness and Love of God to  
the grandchildren and youth so that, in addition to  
praying for them, we can pray with them.*

*Mary, may the gift of the Holy Spirit intercede for me:  
sustain my weakness; breathe into my heart the  
consolation that I may leave traces of faith among the  
young, bearing witness to the beauty of life, knowing  
that life has a limit and that beyond it lies before us our  
Father's embrace.*

*Amen*

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## 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.



## UP&OVER MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

**SEPTEMBER  
22 - 24**

@ CAMP ORCHARD HILL  
DALLAS, PA

- Develop Teamwork & Problem Solving Skills
- Meet New Friends
- Outdoor Obstacle Course

Arrival:

7:00pm - Friday

Departure:

11:00am - Sunday

Registration Fee: \$170  
includes 5 meals, lodging,  
retreat materials, and a t-shirt

Register Online at  
[www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org)