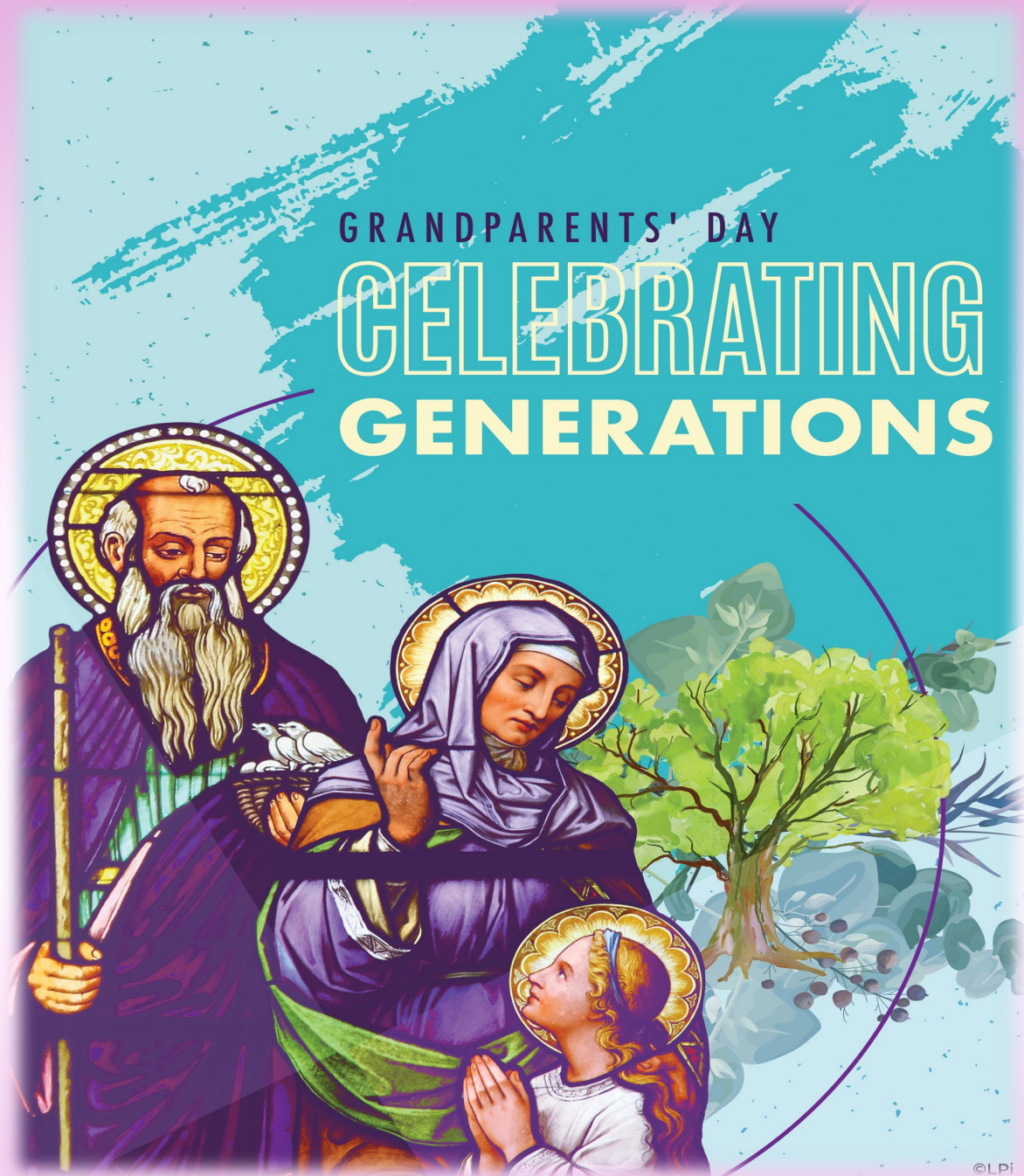




ST. PAUL PARISH

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 11, 2022



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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



Lord God, you appointed Paul your apostle to preach the good news of salvation to the nations. May his example and prayers inspire the faithful of our parish to be more fully Alive in Christ.

Fill our hearts with the spirit of your charity so that we may please you in our thoughts, words and deeds and be witnesses to hope that does not disappoint.

May the prayers of St. Paul and all the saints be our constant encouragement so that we may walk worthily as disciples of Your Son.

Amen



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

3:00 p.m. ~ 4:30 p.m.

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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, September 10 Vigil: Twenty-Fourth Sunday
In Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. † Mrs. Grace Donohue (Family)

Sunday, September 11 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Members of the Parish
† Lindsay Doherty (Family)

10:30 a.m. † Gerald McAndrew (Family)

Monday, September 12 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Nicalena Miraglia
(Ann Marie & Robert Bergman)

Tuesday, September 13 St. John Chrysostom
Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. † Jerry Maushart (Family)

Wednesday, September 14 The Exaltation
of the Holy Cross

8:00 a.m. † Florence Jacoby (Family)

Thursday, September 15 Our Lady of Sorrows

8:00 a.m. † Louis & Fernanda DePaola (Family)

Friday, September 16 St. Cornelius & Cyprian
Martyrs

8:00 a.m. † Robert Grady Sr. (Family)

Saturday, September 17 Vigil: Twenty-Fifth
Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Mary Dougherty (Dougherty Family)

4:30 p.m. † Donald Schoen (Family)

Sunday, September 18 Twenty-Fifth Sunday
In Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Members of the Parish
† Patricia J. Mellody (McAndrew Family)

10:30a.m. † Evely & Weppel Families
(Johann & Peggy O'Keeffe)



RECENTLY DECEASED

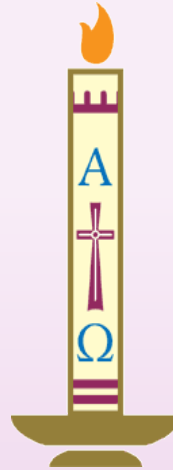
Please pray for the repose of the souls of those recently deceased. May their soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace!

MEMORIALIZING A LOVED ONE

You may memorialize a loved one by having the candles lit at St. Paul's Church for the week. This beautiful tribute will be noted in our bulletin. Please call Marci at the rectory for more information.



REMEMBERED AT THE ALTAR:



St. Paul's Sanctuary Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† Pete Herie

With Love From:

Wife, Peggy

St. Paul's St. Joseph Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† Patricia Jenkins

With Love From:

Dee, Brett & Liz Bochicchio

St. Paul's Marian Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† Mrs. Grace Donohue

With Love From:

Family



St. Paul's Wine and Host

In Loving Memory of:

† Thomas Cometa

With Love From:

Wife, Babe & Children

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN HOURS...

Food Pantry Hours: Fridays 3-4:30pm

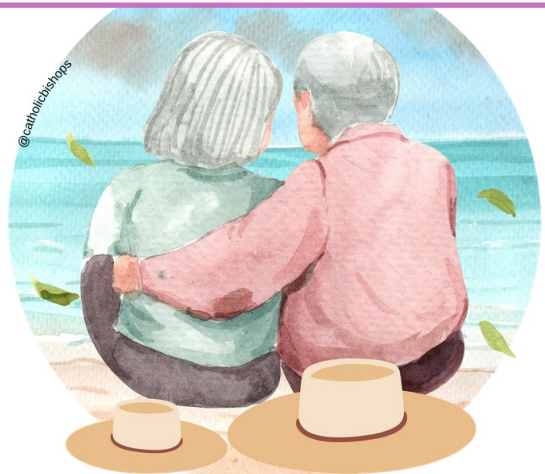
Food Pantry Volunteers for Friday Sept. 16
University of Scranton Students, Jody Maloney
& Barbara Burkhouse

BECAUSE YOU ASKED...



Laundry & Dish Detergent are a few items our food pantry clients are in need of at times but are among the items not purchased for our pantry.

Any donations for these items would be greatly appreciated. Thank you! ♥



The elderly enter the promised land, which God desires for every generation, when they offer to the young the beautiful initiation of their witness. Then, guided by the Lord Jesus, the old and the young together enter into His Kingdom of life and love. - Pope Francis

Due to early submission deadline for Labor Day holiday, the offertory collection amount will be added to next week's bulletin!



RECENTLY BAPTIZED

Isla Sargent, child of Michael & Catherine Sargent, has recently received the sacrament of baptism at St. Paul Church.



We welcome Isla to our parish community!

GOSPEL MEDITATION - DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

September 11, 2022: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Since God created human beings, we have struggled to keep our focus on God. We wrestle with the question of "who is God" and foolishly believe some of God's job description can be better completed by us. We wander in different directions, lose our way, think that happiness can be found elsewhere and even construct golden calves to worship.

Are we simply too independent or just blatantly stubborn? It's a good question to ask. Even with all of our silliness and distractions, God compassionately and patiently waits. He lets us assert our wills and knows that perhaps one day we will actually wake up and realize how lost we are.

"Since happiness is nothing other than the enjoyment of the highest good and since the highest good is above, no one can be made happy unless he rises above himself, not by an ascent of the body but of the heart. But we cannot rise above ourselves unless a higher power lifts us up ... Divine aid is available to those who seek it from their hearts, humbly and devoutly; and this means to sigh for it in this valley of tears, through fervent prayer (St. Bonaventure)." One of the biggest human struggles is discerning what, exactly, is the highest good. We are ordered to achieve it but if we pursue it with clouded vision, we will never truly find it.

One of the greatest obstacles to God's power and love is a stubborn, closed heart of stone. When we are fiercely determined to set our sights elsewhere for happiness or simply ride the popular currents of the day, we will never satisfy the deep ache and longing within. We know that ache well. It is precisely why we scurry all over the place, attempting to find the next best thing to take away its pain. Nothing in the created world ever can or will. We continue our journey. One day, people may wake up and realize that they are grazing in the wrong pasture and putting themselves in harm's way. When this awakening occurs, it will be a most joyous day as we will see God's wide-open arms waiting to receive us. "Lead me, Lord, in your path, and I will enter in your truth. Let my heart rejoice that it may fear your name (St. Bonaventure)." ©LPi

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

**Happy National
Grandparents Day!**



This year will mark the 44th year that Grandparents Day has been observed in the United States, but its founding didn't come easily.

In 1978, after almost 9 years of lobbying from citizens, President Jimmy Carter officially proclaimed the first Sunday Labor Day as National Grandparents Day.

The connection between grandparents and grandchildren is unlike any other relationship. Science shows that grandparents live longer and kids are more emotionally resilient when they spend time together.

Close inter-generational relationships also help kids to have a stronger sense of personal identity.

Pope Francis said, "They remind us that old age is a gift and that grandparents are the link between generations, passing on the experience of life and faith to the young."

Lord God almighty, bless our grandparents with long life, happiness, and health. May they remain constant in your love and be living signs of your presence to their children and grandchildren. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Patriot Day is observed every Sept. 11th to mark the anniversary of the terrorist attacks against the United States. As we work for peace, forgiveness and reconciliation, let us make this a time for hope in God's grace, in ourselves and in one another.



*O Lord God, our heavenly Father, regard,
we pray, with your divine pity,
the pains of all your children.*

As we remember the horrifying events of September 11, 2001, hold us in the shelter of your enduring love. Grant that the passion of our Lord and His infinite love may make fruitful for good the tribulations of the innocent, the sufferings of the rescuers and the sorrows of the bereaved. We ask this in the name of your son and our brother, who suffered and died for the sake of all people. Amen.



SEPTEMBER IS SUICIDE AWARENESS MONTH

Suicide and suicide attempts affect the health and well-being of friends, loved ones, co-workers, and the community. When people die by suicide, their surviving family and friends may experience shock, anger, guilt, symptoms of depression or anxiety, and may even experience thoughts of suicide themselves. **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 or call 570-207-2213.

BE NOT AFRAID

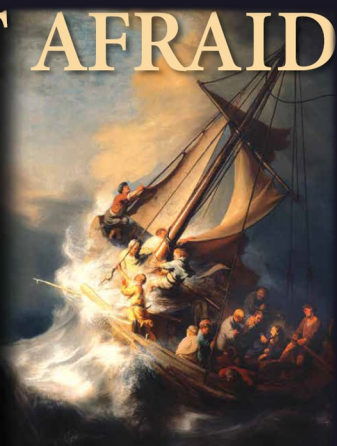
7th Annual Diocese of Scranton

Be a Catholic Man Conference

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

Sat., 8 AM - 3:00 PM

Oct. 8, 2022



Christ in the Storm on the Sea of Galilee by Rembrandt

The 7th Annual Be A Catholic Man Conference will be held on Saturday, October 8, 2022 at Holy Redeemer High School, 159 South Pennsylvania Ave. Wilkes Barre, PA 18701.

This year's theme is **"Be Not Afraid"**.

The conference will also have opportunities for confession, adoration, and will close with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph Bambera.

For information about how to register, please refer to brochures and posters in the church, scan the QR code or reach out via contact information below!



Information &
Online Registration: **BeACatholicMan.com**

Contact: Mike Kilmer 570-746-0100 michaelkilmer71@gmail.com

\$40 (Early Bird \$30 until 9/9/22), Student \$15, Priest/Deacon FREE Morning coffee & box lunch included



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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Grief Support Ministry

Jesus said, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted" (Mt. 5:4).



The Cathedral of Saint Peter Parish will once again hold a Grief Support group program for people in our community who are grieving the loss of a loved one. In our community we are frequently reminded of the reality of Death, and of our Christian responsibility to offer some degree of comfort to those who mourn. Our Ministry is **not confined to Parish members only and is available to anyone in the community** who feels the need to participate in a Grief Ministry Program that offers spiritual as well as emotional support during the weeks, months or years following the death of a close family member or friend. The next Grief Support Group **will meet weekly for 4 weeks starting on Wednesday, September 7 and ending on Wednesday, September 28, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM** in the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Avenue (across the street from the Cathedral). If you feel that you may benefit from this program and would like to attend, please contact the Cathedral Parish Office at 570-344-7231.

CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PETER INAUGURAL

CASH BINGO

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

Diocese of Scranton Pastoral Center | 330 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton

Doors Open at 1 PM  First Game at 2 PM

20 Games | 4 Specials | \$100 prize per game

PURCHASE TICKETS TODAY

\$25 in advance
\$30 at the door



www.stpeterscathedral.org
570.344.7231

FOOD | BASKET RAFFLE | 50/50 RAFFLE

Free Parking | Handicap Parking

The Cathedral of Saint Peter Parish will sponsor its inaugural Cathedral Cash Bingo on Sunday, October 2 at the Diocese of Scranton Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton. Doors open at 1 p.m. and the first game will be played at 2 p.m. (20 games, 4 specials, \$100 prize per game). Free parking and handicap parking will be available. Purchase your tickets today for \$25 by calling the Parish Office at 570.344.7231 or online at www.stpeterscathedral.org. The event will also feature food, a variety basket raffle, and a 50/50 raffle. Join us for an afternoon of food, fun, and fellowship!

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 supporting the I.H.M. Sisters!