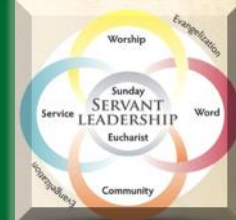




# ST. PAUL PARISH

*Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

September 17, 2023



## FORGIVE



“Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus answered, “I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.”

MATTHEW 18:21-22

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass, 2019, 100th Anniversary

### 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 have  
received 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!*

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.

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

## ST. PAUL PARISH FALL RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

50/50 TICKETS: \$20 EACH OR  
3 FOR \$50  
RAFFLE: \$5 EACH OR  
6 FOR \$25.00

1ST PRIZE

\$2,000

2ND PRIZE

\$1,000

50/50 PRIZE

1/2 OF ALL 50/50  
TICKET PROCEEDS

Please call 570-961-1549 or email:  
mstevens@stpaulscranton.org if you  
would like to purchase tickets

DRAWING WILL TAKE PLACE IN  
OCTOBER AFTER 4:30 MASS

WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL  
FOR YOUR FAITHFUL  
STEWARDSHIP!

WWW.STPAULSCRANTON.ORG

### 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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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

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

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

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

**Monday, September 18** Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Maryclaire Jordan (Dr. Arthur Jordan, Sr.)

**Tuesday, September 19** Weekday

8:00 a.m. † James & Mary Davitt-Barrett (Grandchildren)

**Wednesday, September 20** Sts. Andrew Kim & Paul Chong

8:00 a.m. † John C. Barrett (Peggy Burke)

**Thursday, September 21** St. Matthew

8:00 a.m. † Lindsay Doherty (Family)

**Friday, September 22** Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Fr. Santino Fanucci (A Friend)

**Saturday, September 23** Vigil: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † John Dougherty (Margaret Dougherty & Family)

4:30 p.m. † Gerald McAndrew (Family)

**Sunday, September 24** 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Meg Cullen-Brown (Family)

10:30a.m. † Paul Dougherty (Alicia Dougherty)

## 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 Loving Memory of:

† **Ralph Longo**

With Love From:

**Nancy & Family**

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

In Loving Memory of:

† **Jerome P. Flynn &**

**Jerome J. Flynn**

With Love From: **Family**

### St. Paul's Marian Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† **John Langan**

With Love From:

**The Langan Family**

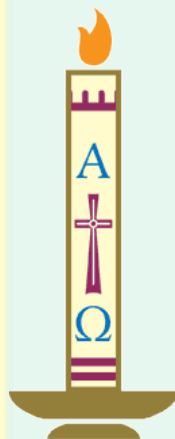
### St. Paul's Wine & Host

In Loving Memory of

† **Ann Lapinski**

With Love From:

**Stan & Betty Bednarz**



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

Food Pantry Volunteers for Friday September 22

**U of S Volunteers, Jody Maloney & Barbara Burkhouse**

*Summer hours have come to an end!*

**PLEASE NOTE FOOD PANTRY HOURS:  
FRIDAYS from 3pm-4:30pm**

## St. Paul Food Pantry Donations

In Loving Memory of:

† **Grandmother,**

**Barbara Mary Pfeiffer**

With Love,

**Richard Fontinell**

In Loving Memory of:

† **John Hart**

With Love,

**Todd & Elizabeth  
O'Malley**

In Loving Memory of:

† **Brother,**

**Patrick Kearney**

With Love,

**Marita Kearney**

In Loving Memory of:

† **Nancy Butler**

With Love,

**The Ferguson  
Family**



In Loving Memory of:

† **Bob Holtham**

With Love,

**A Friend**



### September 10th Collection

**Offertory Total: \$ 5,955.00**

**Online Total: \$2,401.50**

### **RECENTLY BAPTIZED:**

**Carter Carroll**, child of Anthony & Kellie, has recently received the sacrament of baptism at St. Paul Parish.



***We welcome Carter to our parish community!***



## **FROM THE CATECHISM**

### ***Why Did the Word Become Flesh?*** (Para 456-460)

The Word became flesh to redeem us from our original sinful state, the *Catechism* tells us, and reconcile us to God. We were prisoners and needed to be freed. In such a miserable state, we needed a divine/ human mediator to descend from Heaven.

Through Jesus' suffering and death, we learned how much God loved us: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." For divinity to descend to humanity, and humanity in the poorest circumstances, demanded great love, great sacrifice, and great humility. It also gave us a role model whom we could and should imitate on our life's journey.

Jesus is the embodiment of the Beatitudes and the norm of the New Law. He commanded us to "love one another as I have loved you."

*-Peggy Stanton, DM*



## **Many Green Ridge residents have inquired about "*Hometown Heros*" banners...**

**The Green Ridge Neighborhood Association will meet on September 18th @ 7pm in the basement of St. Clare Church: located on the corner of N. Washington Ave. & Park St. If you are interested in facilitating this project, please plan to attend this meeting. This is a volunteer intensive project!**

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: Mike Kilmer at 570-721-0872 or

[mkilmer@thekilmergroup.com](mailto:mkilmer@thekilmergroup.com).





An Evening of  
*Spirit & Song*

VALLIMAR JANSEN

7 PM  
The Church of  
St. Gregory  
330 N. Abington Rd.  
Clarks Green, PA

SEPT 30

*All Are Welcome!*

The parish families of Our Lady of the Snows and the Church of St. Gregory welcome singer, composer, storyteller, and OCP artist VALLIMAR JANSEN for an evening of stories and songs of strength, hope, and love that will inspire & encourage all!

### 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.

**Car Show to benefit St. Joseph's Center September 24th from 11am-1:30pm in the parking lot in front of the Nazareth Student Center on Marywood Campus**

**Marywood's Cruisin' For A Cause**

September 24th  
11:00 AM to 1:30 PM

Benefiting: SAINT JOSEPH'S CENTER

25 Years HI-LITES MOTOR CLUB

SOULS

MAC STUDENT ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Marywood University Students will be hosting "Cruisin' for a Cause", a Car Show benefiting Saint Joseph's Center, on Sunday September 24th from 11am-1:30pm in the Nazareth Student Center Parking Lot on the campus of Marywood University. Hi-Lites Motor Club along with a bake sale, raffle, and refreshment stand will be present on the grounds! Cars will be judged at 1pm so stick around to see who rolls home with the win! Donations for Saint Joseph's Center will also be accepted. Come and stroll to give back to an organization that does so much for our local community and beyond!



## **IHM Silver Circle is back**

**Purchase your tickets before the 1st Drawing in October!**

### **HELPING THE I.H.M. 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!*

**Silver Circle**



A membership program to benefit the retired Sisters of IHM



# EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

*Sponsored by the Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations*



Thursday,  
October 5th

7:00 PM

St. Maria Goretti Church  
42 Redwood Drive - Laflin

**SPEAKER, RECONCILIATION,  
AND SOCIAL.**

LIVE MUSIC BY JOEL KANKIEWICZ



DIOCESE OF SCRANTON YOUTH RALLY

# BE AN ORIGINAL



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7TH, 2023 | 10AM - 7:00PM

Diocese of Scranton Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Ave, Scranton PA 18503

**\*\*OPEN TO YOUTH IN 7TH-12TH GRADE\*\***



Sessions for Youth & Adults | Opportunities for Praise & Worship

Lunch & Dinner Provided | Adoration & Closing Mass

Music from Thomas Muglia | Keynote from Steve Angrisano

Closing Mass 5:30 PM | St. Peter's Cathedral



On Sunday, October 1, 2023, the Cathedral of Saint Peter Parish will sponsor its Second Annual Cash Bingo fundraiser at the Diocese of Scranton Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton. Doors will open at 1:00 p.m. and the first game will be at 2:00 p.m. You may reserve your seat today by purchasing a ticket for \$25.00 by phone: 570-344-7231 or

[www.stpeterscathedral.org](http://www.stpeterscathedral.org).

A limited number of tickets will be available at the door on the day of the event for \$30.00.

Admission ticket includes three playing cards for 20 regular games. Additional cards will be available for purchase for 20 regular games and for 4 Specials. Refreshments and light fare will be available for purchase. In addition, there will be 50/50 and variety basket raffles. Parking is available in the lot on the corner of Wyoming Avenue and Linden St. and handicap parking is available in the lot next to the Diocesan Pastoral Center.



**If anyone would like to register  
for CCD and has not  
registered yet, please call  
570-961-1549. CCD began on  
September 12th !**

## 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)