



# ST. PAUL PARISH

*Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

September 18, 2022



## 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**"No servant can serve two masters."**

**- Lk 16:13**

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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](mailto: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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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)

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

**Monday, September 19** Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Jerry Maushart (Family)

**Tuesday, September 20** Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon  
& Paul Chong Ha-sang

8:00 a.m. † Sr. Mary William Philbin I.H.M.  
(Craig, Brittany & Caiden Washo)

**Wednesday, September 21** St. Matthew, Apostle

8:00 a.m. † Lindsay Doherty (Family)

**Thursday, September 22** Weekday

8:00 a.m. † LoMary Katherine Doherty  
(Marilyn & Jim Levy)

**Friday, September 23** St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

8:00 a.m. † John Barrett (Christina Danyanova Holtham)

**Saturday, September 24** Vigil: Twenty-Sixth  
Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Meg Cullen Brown (Mike & Family)

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

**Sunday, September 25** Twenty-Fifth Sunday  
In Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Members of the Parish  
† Martin A. King (Family)  
10:30a.m. † Joseph Foley (Faith & Joe Foley)



### RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the souls of those recently deceased, especially Ellen Mellody, Peggy Boland & Joseph Granahan. May their souls 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:

† **Ralph Longo**

With Love From:

**Nancy & Family**

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

In Loving Memory of:

† **Jerome J. Flynn**

With Love From:

**Family**

### St. Paul's Marian Candle

Special Intentions of:

† **Jean Steppacher**



### St. Paul's Wine and Host

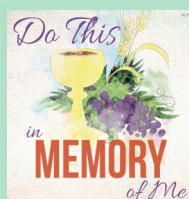
In Loving Memory of:

† **Ellen Mellody**

With Love From:

**Family**

### What is the Wine & Host Donation & what is it used for?



The Wine & Host donation is used to purchase all of the host we use at St. Paul Parish. The dedication or memorial (living or dead) lasts the entire week in which the person is remembered at the Altar.

Please reach out to us if you would like to dedicate or memorialize your donation in your loved one's name for this year or next.

### Our Food Pantry is back to our regular hours!

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

**Food Pantry Volunteers for Friday Sept. 23**

**University of Scranton Students,  
Jody Maloney & Barbara Burkhouse**

We encourage parishioners to get the word to individuals and families needing groceries that our pantry is ready to serve them once they complete the "Self-Declaration of Need" form, indicating that income does not exceed the limits set by USDA. Once that is done, (*on site, in very few minutes*), they are welcome to choose food and other supplies on **Fridays, from 3- 4:30, in the lower level of St. Clare Church.**

### September 4th

OFFERTORY: \$7,569

ONLINE GIVING:

\$2,918.35

### September 11th

OFFERTORY: \$6,979

ONLINE GIVING:

\$2,411.50



## RECENTLY BAPTIZED

*Grace Kayleigh White*, child of Keith & Gretchen White, has recently received the sacrament of baptism at St. Paul Church.

*We welcome Grace to our parish community!*



## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

September 18, 2022: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“You cannot serve both God and mammon.” Merriam-Webster defines mammon as material wealth or possessions, especially having a debasing influence. While God does not take issue with our need to use money for the business of our lives, there can be a problem with the attitudes we bring to it. We can easily become so preoccupied and obsessed with money that it becomes the real “god” we worship.

Do we serve mammon instead of God? In their book, *Wealth, Riches and Money*, Craig Hill and Earl Pitts outline symptoms of mammon’s influence in our lives. Some of these are worry and anxiety over money, money mismanagement, fear over “never having enough,” an “I can’t afford it” mentality, impulse buying, stinginess, greed, debt, and discontent.

Many of the things on that list can consume us to the point that we are distracted from what we really need to be doing. Many people spend an inordinate amount of time worrying about money and it becomes the source of their worst fears. If we are honest with ourselves, we need to admit that we place far more emphasis on our material securities than we ought. In fact, we have actually convinced ourselves that we cannot live without it.

Are we that certain about the presence of God?

Many of the world’s problems, especially those involving inequity and injustice, result from conflicts about money. Many equate money with happiness. Those successful in accumulating large amounts of it quickly realize just how wrong they are.

“Your ultimate allegiance is not to the government, not to the state, not to nation, not to any man-made institution. The Christian owes his ultimate allegiance to God, and if any earthly institution conflicts with God’s will it is your Christian duty to take a stand against it. You must never allow the transitory evanescent demands of man-made institutions to take precedence over the eternal demands of the Almighty God (Martin Luther King, Jr.).”

This is the point Jesus is trying to make.

Unfortunately, when we look around our man-made kingdoms are far more prevalent than God’s kingdom. When we start seeing greater evidence of justice, equity, dignity, respect, opportunity, gentleness, holiness, solidarity, honesty, simplicity, care for creation, and a decrease in ambition, then we will know that God’s kingdom is being served. We will be doing what we are supposed to do. ©LPi

### *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.*



Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all Catholics to rededicate themselves to the mission of handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel as a community of faith.

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 18, 2022, and the theme is: “This is my body given for you” Those who the parish community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry.





# 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



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022  
2:30 P.M.

CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PETER  
(315 WYOMING AVE., SCRANTON)

*Led by*

**FR. MYRON MYRONYUK**

*Pastor, St. Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic  
Church of Scranton*

*and*

**MOST REVEREND JOSEPH C. BAMBERA**

*Bishop of Scranton*

*\* A goodwill offering will be collected at the conclusion of the Prayer Service \**

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



The First Thursday of  
Every Month

7:00 PM

St. Maria Goretti Church  
42 Redwood Drive - Laflin

**SPEAKER,  
RECONCILIATION,  
AND SOCIAL.**

*LIVE MUSIC BY LOCAL MUSICIANS*

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## 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](http://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!