



ST. PAUL PARISH

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 24, 2023



Thank You

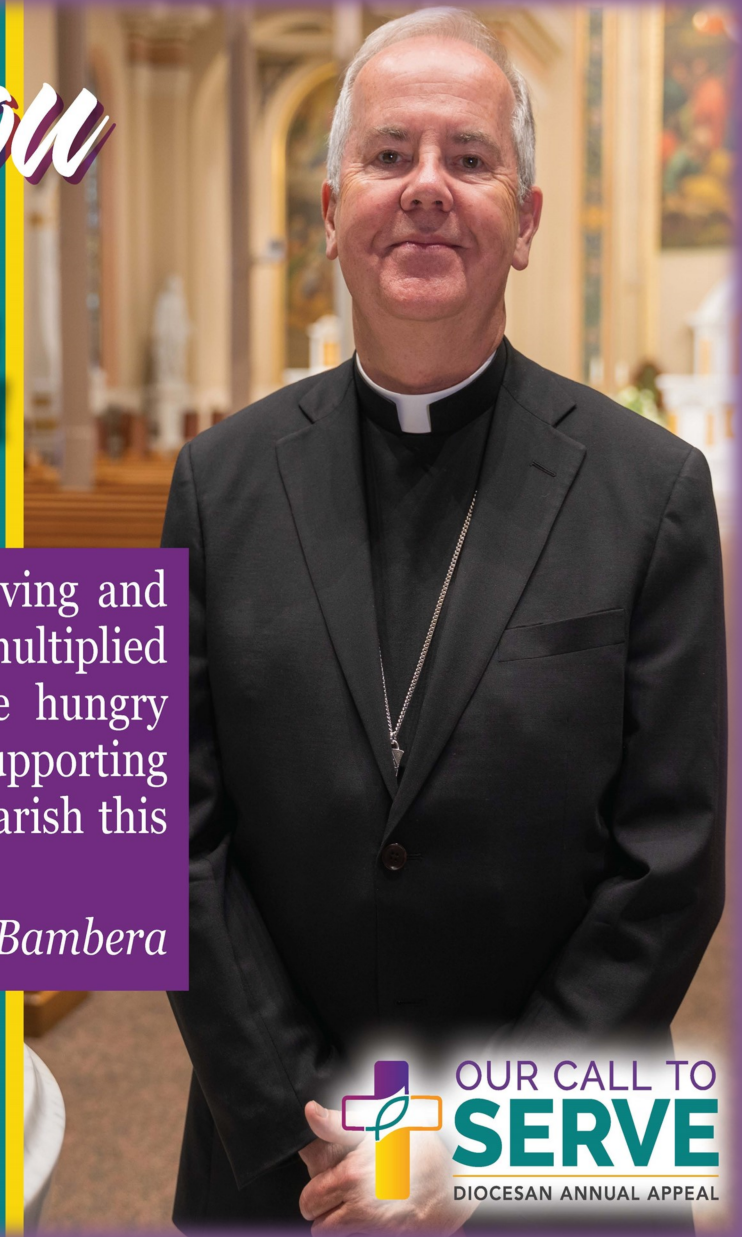
*for supporting the 2023
Diocesan Annual Appeal*

"I invite you to become the loving and compassionate Christ who multiplied loaves and fishes and fed the hungry multitudes. Thank you for supporting **Our Call To Serve** in your parish this weekend."

- Bishop Joseph C. Bambera



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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 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

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 23 Vigil: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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)

Monday, September 25 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Martin A. King (Family)

Tuesday, September 26 Weekday

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

Wednesday, September 27 St. Vincent de Paul

8:00 a.m. † Billy Bochicchio (Dee, Brett & Family)

Thursday, September 28 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Joe Benginia (Wife, Caroline)

Friday, September 29 Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

8:00 a.m. † Mary Arnone (Family)

Saturday, September 30 Vigil: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Dorothy Maguire (Charlotte Hanni)

4:30 p.m. † Meg Cullen-Brown (Family)

Sunday, October 1 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Mrs. Mary Pappas (Washo & McGinnis Family)

10:30a.m. † Gus & Eleanor Mille (Daughter, Karin)



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!

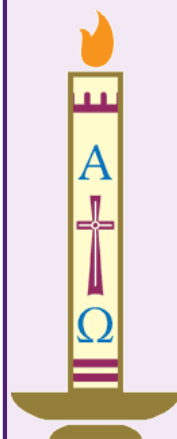
We welcome the Bishop Hannan Class of 1970

as they celebrate Mass with us on Saturday, September 23rd prior to their 53rd Reunion. For our Offertory Procession, two members of the class will be presenting the gifts to the Altar.

Almighty and eternal God, we thank you for all of our days; for the many people who have blessed us throughout our lives. We thank you for sharing them with us, and for receiving them with your love. We thank you that we can envision them in our memories.

With love and thanksgiving we now remember our friends whose lives are no longer lived with us. That we may hold them all in loving remembrance and think of them as experiencing eternity with You, Lord. In your name O God, the Lord of all, and the creator of heaven and earth, we pray.
Amen

REMEMBERED AT THE ALTAR:



St. Paul's Sanctuary Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† Henry Taylor

With Love From:

Susan Conway

St. Paul's St. Joseph Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† Joe Benginia

With Love From:

Wife, Caroline, Natalie & Luciano

St. Paul's Marian Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† Cieran Sherman

With Love From:

The Bartlebaugh Family



St. Paul's Wine & Host

In Loving Memory of

† John C. Barrett

With Love From:

Family

Food Pantry Hours: Fridays 3-4:30pm

Food Pantry Volunteers for Friday September 29

U of S Volunteers, Jody Maloney & Barbara Burkhouse

St. Paul Food Pantry Donations



In Loving Memory of:

† Lori Iffland Hoban

With Love,

Elizabeth & Robert Troy

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

CCD began on September 12th!

These classes not only educate children about Jesus and the Catholic faith but more practically prepare children to fully participate in adult spiritual life by providing a secure foundation to receive the sacraments of Penance (confession), the Eucharist (Holy Communion), and Confirmation. The catechisms not only teach basic Christian doctrine, but also show us how to live according to God's law and how to pray. When we catechize our children, **they learn the basic truths of Christian faith and living, and we reinforce and deepen our own knowledge of them.** God has given us a wonderful means of grace in catechizing our children. Yes, we need discipline and diligence to do it, but when we persevere, the rewards are sweet. Do not grow weary if you fail to see immediate progress in your children's spirituality. The Bible says, "Our job is to plant the seed; the result belongs to the Lord."



September 17th Collection

Offertory Total: \$ 6,219.00

Online Total: \$2,231.00

RECENTLY BAPTIZED:

Hudson Grant, child of Alexandria & Tyrell,
has recently received the sacrament of
baptism at St. Paul Parish.

We welcome Hudson to our parish community!



FROM THE CATECHISM

Was Mary Truly a Virgin? (Para 456-460)

Has the Church always professed the virginity of Jesus' mother, Mary? Yes, says the *Catechism*. From the very beginning, the Church has always maintained that Jesus came into the womb of the Blessed Mother solely by the power of the Holy Spirit, seeing the virginal conception the sign that it truly was the Son of God who came in a humanity like our own.



The gospels all make it clear that the virginal conception was something beyond human comprehension; a divine work as prophesied in Isaiah: "Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son." Mary, according to the *Catechism*, remained a virgin her entire life. Jesus was her only physical Son, "but her spiritual motherhood extends to all men whom indeed He came to save."

-Peggy Stanton, DM

CAREing About Falls

Fall Prevention Awareness Week 2023

at St. Paul's Church
Saturday 4:30pm and Sunday
8:00am/10:30

Join University of Scranton Occupational Therapy Students to learn how to prevent falls. There will be a table in the main entrance of the parish after each mass.

For more information visit:
ncoa.org

Join us next weekend after each Mass (Saturday 4:30, Sunday 8am & 10:30am) The University of Scranton Occupational Therapy Students will have a table at the main entrance of St. Paul Church with valuable information on how to prevent falls. If you cannot make it, visit: ncoa.org/FallsPrevention For more information!



OUR CALL TO **SERVE**

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

The Diocesan Annual Appeal is the Diocese of Scranton's single most important fundraising initiative and we're counting on your support. Poverty, hunger, and homelessness remain serious challenges in our community. Funds raised also help with vocations and priestly life, Catholic communications, Catholic education, and parish and spiritual life.

We ask you to look deeply within your heart and help us reach our goal of \$4.5 million as we strive to bring the gift of hope to our brothers and sisters in need.

The Appeal's beneficiaries are grouped into six key areas of focus:

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES
CATHOLIC EDUCATION
CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

**PARISH AND SPIRITUAL LIFE
VOCATIONS AND PRIESTLY SUPPORT FAITH
FORMATION & SOCIAL JUSTICE GRANTS**



Barbara Burkhouse, Co-
Coordinator of Saint Paul
Parish Food Pantry

The Diocesan Social Justice Grant of \$5,000 is extremely important to us. We have been lucky enough to get it for the last couple of years and it is used for everything. Our numbers have increased significantly this year. We could see that as some of the benefits that were being given to people were cut back.



There are several ways we can contribute to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Many of you have already received information in the mail that included a pledge card. If you have already filled that out and sent it in or have made your gift online, thank you!

You can also scan the QR code below to make your gift online. Thank you again for supporting the Appeal. Our generous gifts, combined with the gifts of all our brothers and sisters throughout our Diocese, go a long way in supporting our Church!



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annualappeal.org**

ST. THOMAS GOSPEL CHOIR CONCERT

On **Saturday, October 7 at 6:30 p.m.**, St. John the Evangelist and St. Joseph Marelo Parishes in Pittston will host a concert by the St. Thomas Gospel Choir of Philadelphia, PA under the direction of Walt Blocker.

The performance will be held at St. John the Evangelist Church, 35 William Street in Pittston. The choir's home church is the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas in Philadelphia. The suggested offering for the October 7 concert is \$10.00 per person. Tickets may be pre-ordered by calling St. John's parish office at 570-654-0053 and will also be available at the door the evening of the concert.

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.



Saint VINCENT DE PAUL

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.

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 Pastor Center.

On **Monday, October 16th** the annual Pennsylvania March for Life will be held at the State Capitol in Harrisburg. The Diocese of Scranton is sponsoring a bus departing from the Scranton area and is encouraging **youth ministries, college students, and young families** to participate. Cost is \$30 per adult/student and \$25 for students – that includes motor coach transportation and driver gratuity. Pick up will be at 7:45am from the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Scranton, with the potential for another pick up in the Wilkes-Barre area.

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. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or you may contact them electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis. 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).