



ST. PAUL PARISH

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 30th 2022



31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. - Lk 19:5-6

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ST. PAUL CHURCH

Mon.-Sat. 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

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, October 29 Vigil: Thirty-First Sunday
In Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. † Robert McAndrew (Family)

Sunday, October 30 Thirty-First Sunday in
Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Members of the Parish
† Mary Doherty (Helen, Robbie & Noel)

10:30 a.m. † Daniel Finnerty (Bob & Sally Dench)

Monday, October 31 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Leo Jacoby (Family)

Tuesday, November 1 All Saints

8:00 a.m. † J. Brian Foley (Family)

Wednesday, November 2 All Souls' Day

8:00 a.m. † Leonard Golden (Family)

Thursday, November 3 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † John Paul Rushin (Family)

Friday, November 4 St. Charles Borromeo

8:00 a.m. † James P. Kennedy (Family)

Saturday, November 5 Vigil: Thirty-Second
Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † James Volz (Family)

4:30 p.m. † Intentions for Dr. Art Jordan Sr. (Ed & Katie Veety)

Sunday, November 6 Thirty-Second Sunday
In Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Members of the Parish
† Thomas Gilgallon (Helene Gilgallon)

10:30 a.m. † Thomas Merrigan (Craig & MaryGrace Washo)

REMEMBERED AT THE ALTAR:



St. Paul's Sanctuary Candle

In Loving Memory of:
† Antonette & William Pasko
With Love From:
Helen, Robbie & Noel

St. Paul's St. Joseph Candle

In Loving Memory of:
† Thomas F. Holmes
With Love From:
Katherine Foley

St. Paul's Marian Candle

In Honor of & Intentions for:
♥ Karen Finnerty
With Love From:
Joanne Cantafio

St. Paul's Wine and Host

In Loving Memory of:
† The Chermak Family
With Love From:
Joan Yontas



Food Pantry Hours: Fridays 3-4:30pm

Food Pantry Volunteers for Friday November 4

U of S Students, Jody Maloney & Barbara Burkhouse

We encourage parishioners to get the word to
individuals and families needing groceries.

St. Paul Food Pantry Donations

In Loving Memory of:

† John Dougherty

With Love ,

Cottone, Grady & Hawley Families



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. 570-961-1549

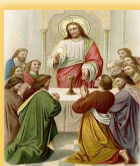


RECENTLY DECEASED

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

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.**



ALTER SERVERS

We would like to restore the practice
of having altar servers at the weekend
Masses at 4:30 Saturday and 10:30
Sunday. If you are a former server
or wish to train as a new server, please
call the rectory at (570) 961-1549.

October 23, 2022

OFFERTORY: \$4,390.00

ONLINE GIVING: \$3,053.91



Temporary Inconvenience, Permanent Improvement



Please bear with us as replace the front steps to the Rectory. The rectory may be entered using the church side ramp accessed At the back of the rectory.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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Barry had a life sentence in prison for doing unthinkable crimes. He would often remark to the chaplain that he was an atheist and could not bring himself to believe in any "god." When the chaplain asked why, Barry quickly retorted that the book of Genesis speaks of God creating everything and feeling very good about it. God's creation of people and things is beautiful. Barry continued, "If there is a God who creates something and likes what He makes and that God is good, then how could He have created someone as evil as me?" The chaplain fell silent as tears welled up in his eyes. "God loves you too, Barry. The stuff that you did is another matter. God puts His image and likeness in each one of us, in our souls. How can God not love himself?" God cannot despise or hate anything or anyone. He made you. Life hurt you. He is always about unconditional love and mercy. Barry found a glimmer of hope that day and was touched by love.

Zacchaeus met love incarnate in Jesus. He knew there was something special about him, and he had to see Jesus for himself. Realizing and knowing God's unconditional, penetrating love is a game-changer. Sinners don't repulse Jesus, he wants to eat with them! We can often find ourselves conflicted about how God sees us. We want to believe that He loves us, but other tapes playing in our heads convince us that this cannot be true. We carry our sins around like heavy sacks weighing on our shoulders. We are crippled.

God's divine blessing lives in each of our souls. It is our essential goodness, a free gift given to us by God. The beginnings of salvation's blessings are discovered when we begin to understand who God is, who we are, and how we are to act relative to our brothers and sisters. We become more focused and courageous, eager to gather up all of the fragments of our lives and become whole. Zacchaeus, after meeting Jesus, finally knew who he was. He saw his sins and his potential for goodness as a blest child of God. When we allow God to meet us and touch us in such a profound way, we find what our selfishness has lost. We are on the road to salvation. ©LPi



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.

Purchase your tickets before the FIRST Drawing on October 19th !

Thank you for supporting the I.H.M. Sisters!





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



October is the Month of the Rosary!

Join us at St. Clare Church Monday-Friday for Adoration from 4-5pm and pray the Rosary beginning at 4:30 each day. Rosaries and Cards on how to say the Rosary are free to anyone wishing to join in prayer!

"There is no problem I tell you no matter how difficult it is that we cannot solve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary"

-Sister Lucia of Fatima.



OPEN HOUSE

HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

The Administration, Faculty, Parents, and Students of Holy Cross High School Invite You to our annual Open House

Sunday, October 30, 2022

Our Tours will run from **11am through 3pm**

Visit hchspa.org to schedule your tour and find more information.

Holy Cross High School
501 East Drinker Street Dunmore, PA 18512

GALLERIA at Scranton Prep

Saturday, November 13

10:00AM-5:00PM

Sunday, November 14

11:00AM-3:00PM

Get a jump start on your holiday gift list and support local businesses when you shop over 65 local vendors- ALL UNDER ONE ROOF at Scranton Prep Galleria at the Xavier Center on **November 12th and 13th**. Saturday and Sunday the first 250 patrons will receive a swag bag and a chance to win a door prize. Take your chance and enter the basket raffle. *Shop, eat and enjoy the holiday atmosphere at the best family-friendly event this season!*

*"It takes resources and effort to be able to do **Catholic Media** around the Diocese. It is **very important** because when people see it, it brings us together."*

- Rev. Daniel A. Toomey
Pastor, Epiphany Parish, Sayre



The **Diocesan Office of Communications** utilizes all forms of media to spread the Good News of the Catholic Church. Using the internet, Catholic Television, *The Catholic Light* Newspaper, radio and social media, the office seeks to reach out to all people to evangelize and generate a greater understanding of church teaching.



GIFTS OF ALL SIZES ARE NEEDED AND APPRECIATED!

The Diocese of Scranton's agencies and ministries are lifelines of hope to so many people in our communities. The Diocesan Annual Appeal provides critical funding for these services. You may have already received a letter at your home from Bishop Bambera in regard to the 2022 appeal. If you have, I humbly ask you to respond as soon as possible. Your pledge or one time gift is a tangible way to support your brothers and sisters in Christ. And you, in turn, share in the joy of bringing hope into the lives of those we serve.

Our parish goal is \$66,000.

Visit www.annualappeal.org to make your gift and view the Diocesan Annual Appeal videos, which highlight the wonderful work your gifts support.

Thank you for your continued support!

-We couldn't do it without you-



Leave a Mark 2022

Young adults (age 18-40) are invited to join Bishop Joseph C. Bambera on Sunday, November 6 at 5:00 p.m. in the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton for this annual gathering to kickoff National Vocation Awareness Week in the Diocese of Scranton. A social with food trucks, live music, corn hole and more will immediately follow in the Diocesan Pastoral Center.

For more information, visit dioceseofscranton.org or call 570-207-1452.

AN EVENING OF CLASSICAL MUSIC IN PITTSTON

On **Saturday, November 5 at 7:00 p.m.**, Saint Joseph Mareello Parish (Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church), 237 William Street in Pittston, will host an evening of classical music with the Beverley Trio (Dr. Harold Levin on viola, Gayle Klaber on cello, and Thomas Heinze on oboe). This event is being conducted as part of the concert series presented by St. John the Evangelist and St. Joseph Mareello Parishes.

A free-will offering will be accepted.

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