



ST. PAUL PARISH

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 5, 2023



31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The greatest among you must be your servant."

- Mt 23:11

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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



The souls of the faithful departed who were laid to rest November 2022-November 1, 2023

Jean Sweeney	Thomas Woronko	Lee Demuth
Joanne Cote	Elizabeth Noone	Robert Dougher
Joseph Bianca	Denise McGrath	Mary Hendricks
John Langan	Joan Birtel	Joan Ruane
Greta Vinskoński	Carolyn Horter	Lori Hoban
Alice Grogan	Shirley Cook	Arthur Moran
Judith Brigido	Joseph Harte	Deborah Lee
Kathleen O'Hara	Bernice McAndrew	Teresa Iffland
Jessica Romano	Carl McAndrew	Alan Yearing
Joseph Finnegan	David Martin	Ellen Gordon
Robert Cron, Jr.	Nancy Butler	Janet Monahan
John Reager	John Graham	James Tyrrell
Deacon John Hanni		Marianne Scanlan

**May their souls and all of the souls of the faithful departed,
through the Mercy of God, rest in peace**

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

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, November 4 Vigil: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

4:30 p.m. † Harry Schmidt (Family)

Sunday, November 5 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Jerry Walsh (Joe & Noel Haddock)

10:30a.m. † Joseph Salerno (Salerno Family)

Monday, November 6 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Fr. Gerald Mullally (A Friend)

Tuesday, November 7 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Gertrude P. Kerrigan (Daughter, Joan Quinlan)

Wednesday, November 8 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † John B. Beemer (St. Paul H.S. Class of 1959)

Thursday, November 9 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Joe Gardier (Paul & Mary Theresa Paterson)

Friday, November 10 St. Leo the Great

8:00 a.m. † JoJames P. Kennedy (Family)

Saturday, November 11 Vigil: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † James Pappas III (Washo & McGinnis Family)

4:30 p.m. † Antoinette & William Pasko (Helen, Robbie & Noel)

Sunday, November 12 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Frank McHale (Mary Anne McHale)

10:30a.m. † Robert McAndrew (Family)

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Marianne Scanlan**. May her soul and all of 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.

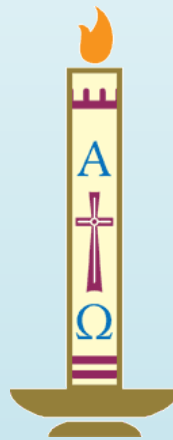
Never permit me to be separated from you. *Amen.*



St. Paul Parish: CCD

Classes for public school students in 1st – 5th grades meet on Tuesdays from 3p.m. – 4:15 p.m. & grades 6th – 8th from 6-7p.m. the first and last Tuesdays of each month at St. Paul/St. Clare School primary campus on N. Washington Ave. Call 570-961-1549 to inquire about classes.

REMEMBERED AT THE ALTAR:



St. Paul's Sanctuary Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† Deacon John Hanni

With Love From:

St. Paul Parish

St. Paul's St. Joseph Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† William Pasko

With Love From:

Family

St. Paul's Marian Candle

In Loving Honor of:

† Antoinette Pasko

With Love From:

Family



St. Paul's Wine & Host

In Loving Memory of

† Marianne Scanlan

Food Pantry Hours: Fridays 3-4:30pm

Food Pantry Volunteers for Friday November 10

U of S, Jody Maloney, Barbara Burkhouse

We received an extraordinarily generous food donation, of over 955 pounds from

Marywood University's

Physician Assistant program!

Abundant thanks are due to

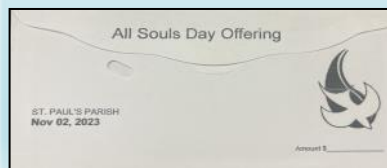
Dr. Gretchen Welby and her students.



If you would like your deceased loved ones to be remembered at all Masses throughout the entire month of November, please fill out the All Souls' envelopes with their names and drop them in the

collection baskets or

bring them to the office. These intention envelopes will remain on the altar throughout November.





October 29th Collection

Offertory Total: \$ 5,084.00

Online Total: \$1,191.00

RECENTLY BAPTIZED:

Jameson Hart, child of **John & Hannah**,
has recently received the sacrament of
baptism at St. Paul Parish.



We welcome Jameson to our parish community!



FROM THE CATECHISM

The Drama at the Jordan (Para 535-536)

Can you imagine the scene at the river Jordan when Jesus was baptized? Here is John the Baptist baptizing the whole crowd of sinners, and suddenly, there in the midst of them, stands the Sinless One. John hesitates, but Jesus insists. The Holy Spirit in the form of a dove comes to rest over Jesus' head and the voice of the Father is heard from the heavens, proclaiming, "This is My Beloved Son". The *Catechism* says, "the baptism of Jesus is on His part the acceptance and inauguration of His mission as God's suffering Servant." Jesus accepts the Baptism and mission that will culminate on the Cross. "At His baptism 'the heavens were open'

- the heavens that Adam's sin had closed- and the waters were sanctified by the descent of Jesus and the Spirit, a prelude to the new creation," the Catechism states. Christ is the second Adam.

-Peggy Stanton, DM

National Vocation Awareness Week

In this week's second reading, Paul's letter to the Thessalonians provides insights into vocation and ministry. He compares his evangelization to a mother feeding her child, an act of giving. In doing so, he aligns with Jesus' command at the Last Supper to offer one's body for others. During this week's National Vocation Awareness Week, we remember that vocation is not just about religious communities, the diaconate, and priesthood. It is about authentically responding to God's call—each person's vocation encourages them to serve others. As we approach the weekend, let's consider our own vocations and how we can use them to serve others.

Gracious and loving God,

***help the men and women of our parish to hear the call to
serve your Church.***

Open the hearts of many,

raise up faithful servants of the Gospel,

dedicated holy priests, sisters, brothers, and deacons,

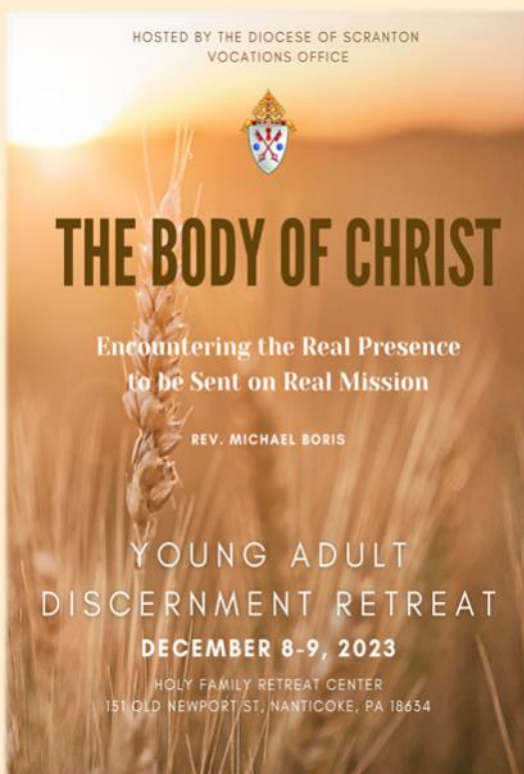
who will spend themselves for your people and their needs.

***Bless those who are serving now with
courage and perseverance.***

***Grant that many will be inspired by their
example and faith.***

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



During the month of November, the church remembers the faithfully departed in a special way as it celebrates the feasts of All Saints and All Souls.

These celebrations afford the opportunity to reflect upon the memories of loved ones and the mystery of death.

It is a reminder to us that death is not a final human action, but rather the pathway to Eternal Life.

Our Faith teaches us that death is not an end, but a new beginning.

We call to mind our own mortality as we pray for those who are in need of our prayers, including the souls in Purgatory.

*A Mass of Remembrance will be offered at
St. Paul Church on Saturday November 4th at 4:30pm
and will be livestreamed on our Facebook page as well.*

We will remember with gratitude and affection the members of our church community who have died in this past year (November 2022– November 2023).

During this Mass, a family member will be invited to take home a candle as a reminder of our ongoing communion with our cherished parish members who are now with our Lord.



*Jean Sweeney
Joanne Cote
Joseph Bianca
John Langan
Greta Vínskofski
Alice Grogan
Judith Brígido
Kathleen O'Hara
Jessica Romano
Joseph Finnegan
Robert Cron, Jr.
John Reager
Deacon John Hanní*

*Thomas Woronko
Elizabeth Noone
Denise McGrath
Joan Birtel
Carolyn Horter
Shirley Cook
Joseph Harte
Bernice McAndrew
Carl McAndrew
David Martin
Nancy Butler
John Graham*

*Lee Demuth
Robert Dougher
Mary Hendricks
Joan Ruane
Lori Hoban
Arthur Moran
Deborah Lee
Teresa Iffland
Alan Yearing
Ellen Gordon
Janet Monahan
James Tyrrell
Marianne Scanlan*

**Thank you for your generosity through
your donations to the Appeal during
In-Pew Commitment Weekend!**

The Diocesan Annual Appeal is off to a good start with having received gifts and pledges from many donors throughout the Diocese of Scranton, bringing helping to bring us closer to our goal of \$4.5 million.

St. Paul Parish is at 29% of our parish goal of \$66,000.

Thank you to all of those who have so generously given to the Diocese of Scranton Annual Appeal so far.



Scan to donate
or visit
annualappeal.org



Your gift to the *Diocesan Annual Appeal* supports 10 seminarians currently studying to be priests for the Diocese of Scranton



**St. Paul Parish
will be hosting a baby item
collection to benefit Scranton's
Providence Pregnancy Center**

Please look for a collection box in the vestibule of the church between October 21 and November 5th.

During that time please drop off baby clothing sizes Newborn to 12 months, and diapers size newborn and 1.

All donated items benefit local mothers and families in crisis.

More info about Providence Pregnancy Center can be found at www.ppcscranton.org or by calling 570.341.7045.

Thank you for your generosity!

*Thank you
for your
generosity!*



Performance Music at The University of Scranton and The Catholic Choral Society presents:

The Generations Sing!



opens their 75th anniversary season joined by

THE UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON SINGERS

VALLEY VIEW HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR

SPARTAN SINGERS

(Wyoming Valley West Middle School)

ARMSTRONG SINGERS

(Neil Armstrong Elementary, Scranton)

SUN., NOV. 12, 2023, 4:00 pm

U. of S. Houlihan McLean Center FREE!

GALLERIA
at Scranton Prep

NOVEMBER 11 & 12

70 VENDORS ALL UNDER ONE ROOF

Scranton Prep Xavier Center, 1000 Wyoming Ave

Bring a non-perishable food item to donate and you're entered to WIN our door prize!

IHM Silver Circle is back...

Purchase your tickets before the 1st Drawing in October!

HELPING THE IHM SISTERS

Silver Circle 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!

