



# ST. PAUL PARISH

*Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

November 12, 2023



## 32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“‘Lord, Lord, open the door for us!’ But he said in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’” - Mt 25:11-12

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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



# Acolyte Ministry

Young and old serve as acolytes (altar servers), lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, choir members, instrumentalists, song leaders, and ushers.

We invite you to consider becoming an Acolyte at St. Paul Parish. As an Acolyte, you will have the opportunity to serve God and our community in a special way.

Lay people take an active part in worship at the St. Paul Parish.

We are especially in need of adult acolytes who are available during the weekday morning hours to assist with Funeral Masses.

*Please call 570-961-1549 to let us know if you are interested in this important ministry in your parish!*



**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](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

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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)

10:30 a.m. † Robert McAndrew (Family)

**Monday, November 13** St. Frances X. Cabrini

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

**Tuesday, November 14** Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Daniel Finnerty (Family)

**Wednesday, November 15** Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Cathy Nole (Jim & Ann Marie McCrone)

**Thursday, November 16** Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Agnes & Ruth Sirgany (Love, Karin)

**Friday, November 17** St. Elizabeth of Hungary

8:00 a.m. † Audrey Roche (Family)

**Saturday, November 18** Vigil: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Carl & Bernice McAndrew (Patricia & Peter Clarke)

4:30 p.m. † John Voinski (Family)

**Sunday, November 19** 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Joseph & Betty McCarthy (Family)

10:30 a.m. † Josephine Miller (Family)



## RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of  
**Margot Merrigan.**

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- SAVE THE DATES:

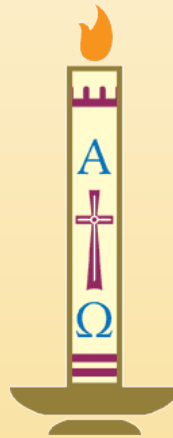
First Penance Practice: December 5th 6th & 7th  
3-4pm at St. Paul Church

First Penance: Sunday December 10th—2pm

First Holy Communion: Saturday May 4th @ 10am

Confirmation: May 19th—12pm

## REMEMBERED AT THE ALTAR:



### St. Paul's Sanctuary Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† **Margot Merrigan**

With Love From:

**Family**

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

In Loving Memory of:

† **Audrey Roche**

With Love From:

**Family**

### St. Paul's Marian Candle

In Loving Honor of:

† **Special Intentions**

For prayers answered



### St. Paul's Wine & Host

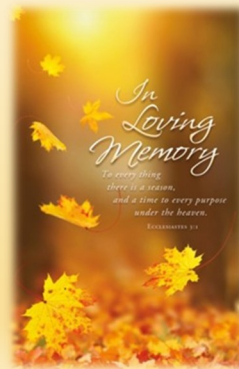
In Loving Memory of

† **Margot Merrigan**

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

Food Pantry Volunteers for Friday November 17

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



In Loving Memory of:

† **Carl & Bernice**

**McAndrew**

With Love,

**Michelle**

In Loving Memory of:

† **Marianne Scanlan**

With Love,

**Joanne Cantafio**

Having served over 120 families just since July,  
our pantry is sincerely grateful to local vendors  
for their ongoing support...National Bakery,  
Zummo's, and Electric City Coffee.

And, of course, to our parishioners for monetary  
contributions and grocery donations!

**Thank You!**



**November 5th  
Collection Totals**

**Offertory: \$ 5,699.00  
Online: \$3,667.35**

**RECENTLY BAPTIZED:**

**Patrick Flynn**, child of  
**Patrick & Catherine Flynn**, has recently  
received the sacrament of baptism at  
St. Paul Parish.



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

**FROM THE CATECHISM: *Vanquishing the Tempter*** (Para 538-539)



Why would God permit the devil to tempt His Son in the desert?  
The symbolism behind those temptations, as provided by the *Catechism*,  
gives great insight into God's rationale.  
Jesus, driven by the Spirit, goes into the desert to live in solitude for forty days.  
At the close of that period of prayer and fasting, the devil arrives to attempt to  
compromise Jesus' filial devotion to God, His Father. Satan tempts Jesus three  
times and Jesus rebuffs him three times.

This is a recapitulation of Satan's temptations of Adam in paradise— only this  
time, he loses to the “second Adam.” It is also a recapitulation of Israel in the  
desert when the Hebrews provoked God during their 40 year sojourn. In con-  
trast, Jesus is totally obedient to his Father's will. Jesus' victory over temptation  
is a prelude to His victory over sin on the Cross.

*-Peggy Stanton, DM*

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Encountering the Real Presence  
to be Sent on Real Mission

REV. MICHAEL BORIS

YOUNG ADULT  
DISCERNMENT RETREAT

DECEMBER 8-9, 2023

HOLY FAMILY RETREAT CENTER  
151 OLD NEWPORT ST, NANTICOKE, PA 18634

***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.***

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](http://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).



*for the Veteran*

**T H A N K   Y O U**  
for bravely doing  
**WHAT YOU'RE CALLED TO DO**  
so we can safely do  
**WHAT WE'RE FREE TO DO**



## A Prayer for All Veterans

**O** God, Great and Almighty creator, we thank and praise You for the freedom we enjoy in our country and pray that our liberties will continue to be protected.

Thank You for America's heroes, that have fought for our freedoms and who have faithfully served our country. We honor all of our veterans, for their sacrifices and for their courage and integrity.

As we celebrate these freedoms, we ask Your blessing on those veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice while defending our country. Bless their families and comfort them with the thankful prayers of a grateful nation.

We thank You for our veterans, past and present. Through the efforts of these individuals, help us continue to promote justice in all nations.

**A**men.



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[annualappeal.org](https://annualappeal.org)



Your Gift to the **Diocesan Annual Appeal** helps Catholic Social Services provide housing for homeless veterans in Kingston and Scranton.

Thank you to all of those who have generously given to the **Diocese of Scranton Annual Appeal**.  
**St. Paul Parish is at 48% of our parish goal of \$66,000.**

The Diocese of Scranton's Catholic Social Services serves 11 counties in Northeastern Pennsylvania.  
Your donation to the 2023 Diocesan Annual Appeal helps Catholic Social Services maintain its commitment to veterans.

**-St. Francis Commons provides transitional housing to homeless veterans for a period of up to 24 months.**  
An individualized Action Plan is completed with each resident shortly after admission that outlines the goals each veteran would like to accomplish during their stay.

**Saint Hedwig's Veterans Village:** Located in Kingston

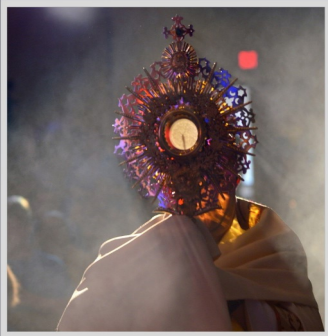
**Curative Companions Program:** This program helps veterans and other traumatized people who are living in Catholic Social Services housing and shelters

**Programs Provide:** Assistance applying for social security, Health insurance, and Medicare programs, Food, Relief assistance, & Employment.

# EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Sponsored by the Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations

GUEST SPEAKER: DR. CHRIS HAW, UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON



Thursday,  
December 7th

7:00 PM

St. Maria Goretti Church  
42 Redwood Drive - Laflin

**SPEAKER, RECONCILIATION,  
AND SOCIAL.**

LIVE MUSIC BY JOEL KANKIEWICZ



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

# The Generations Sing!



**opens their 75<sup>th</sup> 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!**

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## 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...  
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!*