



ST. PAUL PARISH

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 19, 2023



*Thanksgiving Day Mass -Thursday November 23rd:
9:00 am Mass (No 8am Mass)*

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



Although Thanksgiving is not a liturgical holiday, let's remember to find ways to show our gratitude to God. Saint Paul said *"give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you"*. This means that no matter how difficult circumstances may be, people can find reasons to thank God.

The Bible asks people to thank God for blessings, both visible and invisible.

"Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift"– 2 Corinthians 9:15

When people give thanks in the truest sense of the biblical word, they offer God their praises and acknowledge to Him that He is the Giver of all good gifts. But we are invited this Thanksgiving to offer praise for all of our misfortunes too. A hard fact of life is that all of us will have to face moments of personal crisis.

These crises take a variety of forms, such as violence and crimes against the innocent, addiction, accepting the consequences of our own or other's bad behavior, entering into the pain of wounds from our family, dealing with financial distress, bad health or ultimately death.

We may never know exactly how in this life, but the God who raised Jesus from the dead is working to bring good out of them, not only for ourselves, but for the salvation of the whole world. God is always with the ones He redeems through faith so we trust that He is doing good in our lives in big, small, and often unexpected ways.

We can live out gratitude each day by making our own the words of the Psalm:

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, His mercy endures forever.

May you and your family have a happy, healthy and safe Thanksgiving holiday filled with many blessings from our Heavenly Father!

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 the
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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, November 18 Vigil: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. † John Voinski (Family)

Sunday, November 19 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

Monday, November 20 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Nicalena Miragli (Ann Marie & Robert Bergman)

Tuesday, November 21 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Wednesday, November 22 St. Cecelia

8:00 a.m. † Marie & Jerry Mauck (Kris & Jim Pocius)

Thursday, November 23 Weekday

9:00 a.m. † Daniel & Romaine Sullivan (Family)

Friday, November 24 St. Andrew Dung-Lac

8:00 a.m. † Helen Kelly-King (Family)

Saturday, November 25 Vigil

8:00 a.m. † John P. Lafferty III (Sally Walsh)

4:30 p.m. † Stephen & Hilda Mullen (Auriemma Family)

Sunday, November 26 Our Lord, Jesus Christ
King of the Universe

8:00 a.m. † Lindsay Doherty (Family)

10:30 a.m. † Daniel Finnerty (Renard 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!

St. Paul Rectory Office will be
Closed
ON
**Thursday November 23rd &
Friday November 24th**
for the Thanksgiving Holiday

We will reopen on Monday
November 27th at 8:30am

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:

† Juan & Donald Engle

With Love From:

Nancy & Jim Reynolds

St. Paul's Marian Candle

In Loving Honor of:

† Marianne Scanlan

With Love From:

The Bartlebaugh Family



St. Paul's Wine & Host

In Loving Memory of

† Bob Holtham

Food Pantry Hours: Fridays 3-4:30pm

The Food Pantry will be closed on Friday November
24th and will reopen Friday December 1st

St. Paul Food Pantry Donations

In Loving Memory of:

† Bob Holtham

With Love,

A Friend

In Loving Memory of:

† Gerald & Kathryn

Maushart &

Janet Monahan

With Love,

James & Rita Maushart



A special message
of thanks to all of
our parish families
who made donations
of food or money to
our Food Pantry.

Your generosity makes it possible for us to help
alleviate client hunger and helped provide a meal
to so many families in need this Thanksgiving!



*Thank you in advance for your generosity!
Due to early submission deadlines, collection totals will be listed in next week's bulletin!*

RECENTLY BAPTIZED:
Cleo McGrath, child of William & Elizabeth, has recently received the sacrament of baptism at St. Paul Parish.
We welcome Cleo to our parish community!



The Catechism of the Catholic Church reinforces the connection of the Mass to a Spirit of Thanksgiving.

The Eucharist, the sacrament of our salvation accomplished by Christ on the cross, is also a sacrifice of *praise in thanksgiving* for the work of creation.

In the Eucharistic sacrifice, the whole of creation loved by God is presented to the Father through the death and the Resurrection of Christ.

Through Christ, the Church can offer the sacrifice of praise in thanksgiving for all that God has made good, beautiful, and just in creation and in humanity.

The Eucharist is a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Father, a blessing by which the Church expresses her gratitude to God for all His benefits, for all that He has accomplished through creation, redemption, and sanctification. Eucharist means first of all "thanksgiving." (CCC 1359-1360)



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 St. Paul Parish.

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

We are especially in need of adult acolytes who are available during the weekday morning hours to assist with Funeral Masses. Please reach out to us at 570-961-1549 for additional information and training.

If you have served as an adult Acolyte for St. Paul Parish previous to the Covid Pandemic, we hope you will return!

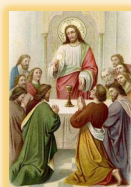
The Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary,

celebrated annually on November 21st, commemorates the presentation of the Blessed Virgin as a child by her parents in the Temple in Jerusalem. Before Mary's birth, her parents received a heavenly message that they would bear a child. In thanksgiving for God's gift of Mary's birth, they brought her to the Temple to consecrate their only daughter to the Lord.



An Act of Spiritual Communion

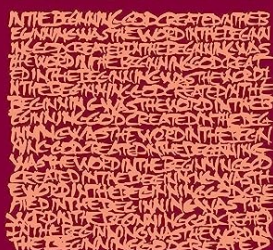
My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, And I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as already there and unite myself wholly to you. 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: Sunday May 19th—12pm

United States Edition
2024
Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word



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St. Paul Parish Lector Ministry Volunteers:

The NEW Lector workbooks for the coming Liturgical year are here.

Please take a moment before or after Mass to pick your copy up in the Sacristy this weekend or next weekend.

Thank you.

Start your Thanksgiving by giving thanks to God!

Join us on Thanksgiving morning at 9:00 am at St. Paul Church

*Make it a Thanksgiving tradition to express gratitude to God...
for He is the reason we give thanks*

In addition to catching some football, eating a delicious family meal, and revisiting the story of the Pilgrims, it is important to remember that the holiday is first and foremost meant as a day of *giving thanks to God*. As Catholics, Thanksgiving has an even deeper meaning for us.

Sure, this is not a universal liturgical feast, but at the core of who we are as a Church is the celebration of the Eucharist. The Catechism of the Catholic Church lists several names for this Sacrament, but the first is *Eucharist*, because it is *an action of thanksgiving to God*.

The Church is revealed and becomes more fully what she is, through this wondrous act of thanksgiving, wrapped up in the thanksgiving offered by Christ at the Last Supper.

St. Paul teaches us, "The Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me'" (1 Cor. 11:23-24). As Paul tells us in this early account of the Last Supper, Jesus does not share his body with the disciples until he has given thanks.

One cannot think of a better way to celebrate this day than to begin it by giving thanks through Christ Jesus in his offering to the Father. And while we need to remember to be thankful for the little things in our lives, we should be all the more thankful for the sacrifice Christ offered on our behalf! Further, He gives us a way to participate in His very sacrifice through the Eucharist. ***This Thanksgiving Day is a golden opportunity for us as Catholics to witness not only to the need for giving the Father thanks for His bountiful gifts and mercy, but also to unite ourselves with the greatest act of thanksgiving we can make as a Church. Let us gather "with humble spirit and contrite heart" in the Holy Spirit and give thanks to the Father for all His many blessings, uniting our offering with Christ through the sacrament of the Eucharist.***

If you are able, please help us restock our food pantry by bringing a non-perishable food item to the Thanksgiving Day Mass.



We gratefully thank all who continue to help our parish community through your service, time, and generosity.





Scan to donate
or visit
annualappeal.org



Rejoyce always,
**PRAY WITHOUT CEASING,
GIVE THANKS
IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES.**
1 Thessalonians 5:15-18

Thank You
for your support of the 2023
Diocesan Annual Appeal and
helping our parish reach its goal!

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.



MOLLIE'S MITTEN TREE

The Mitten Tree is our additional holiday tree during the season of Advent. Along with trees at St. Clare/St. Paul School, Mollie's Mitten Trees continue in memory of the efforts of Mollie Conway who began the tradition. Donations of hats, gloves, scarves and mittens are collected for those who need to keep warm in the winter.

These mittens have been donated to many places over the years and are offered to our Food Pantry Families who need our assistance. Mollie's Mitten trees is located in the vestibule of St. Paul's Church.

Please consider those who cannot keep warm this winter by continuing to give back in the spirit of the season. Simply bring in hats, glove, mittens or scarves and feel welcome to hang those items on the tree.



WREATH AND POINSETTIA MEMORIALS

Advent is quickly approaching and we are making plans for our church decorations.

A lovely way to remember your deceased friends and family is to purchase a wreath or poinsettia as a tribute. If you would like to memorialize a poinsettia or wreath, simply fill out this form or for your convenience we have also supplied you with an envelope in your weekly envelope packet, just fill either one out and put it in the basket at church or send it to the rectory. A list of persons being memorialized will appear in our special Christmas bulletin.

Due to early bulletin deadline submittal, please return requests by **December 5th**.

Poinsettias \$15.00
Wreaths \$25.00



In Memory

of: _____

Requested

by: _____

Number of Poinsettias: _____ (@ \$15 ea)

Number of Wreaths: _____ (@ \$25 ea)

Donation enclosed : _____



Each year we display an Advent Wreath to highlight the great season of preparation for the birth of the infant savior.

We welcome you to memorialize your loved ones by dedicating a candle.

The memorial donation is \$100.00 each candle.

Please contact Marci at the parish office.

Your loved one will be remembered in the weekly bulletin and again in the Christmas edition with other holiday memorials.

Thank you for your generous donations!

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).