



ST. PAUL PARISH

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

November 20th 2022



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

He said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." - Lk 23:42-43

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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

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Saturday, November 19 Vigil: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

4:30 p.m. † Robert McAndrew (Family)

Sunday, November 20 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:00 a.m. † Members of the Parish
† Josephine Miller (Julie & Fred Miller)

10:30 a.m. † Stephen & Hilda Mullen (Auriemma Family)

Monday, November 21 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. † Jerry Maushart (Kathy & Family)

Tuesday, November 22 Weekday

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

Wednesday, November 23 St. Andrew Dung-Lac

8:00 a.m. † Daniel & Romaine Sullivan (Family)

Thursday, November 24 Weekday

9:00 a.m. † Hellen Kelly-King (Family)

Friday, November 25 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Intentions of Dr. Art Jordan Sr. (Ed & Katie)

Saturday, November 26 Vigil: First Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. † Thomasina & Armand Mascelli (Barbetti Family)

4:30 p.m. † Evelyn Gardier (Family)

Sunday, November 27 First Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. † Members of the Parish
† Gene Pidich (Wife, Regina)

10:30 a.m. † Lindsay Doherty (Family)



RECENTLY DECEASED
Please pray for the repose of the soul of Timothy Kapp.
May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace!

MEMORIALIZING A LOVED ONE

You may memorialize a loved one by requesting a Mass to be said in their memory. There are many daily Masses still open in the 2023 Mass Book.

Also, you can have the Sanctuary, Marian, or St. Joseph candle lit at St. Paul's Church for the week in Honor or Memory of your loved one. This beautiful tribute will be noted in our bulletin.

Please call Marci at the rectory for more information. 570-961-1549



REMEMBERED AT THE ALTAR:



St. Paul's Sanctuary Candle

In Loving Memory of:
† Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Kelly
With Love From:
Family

St. Paul's St. Joseph Candle

In Loving Memory of:
† J. Brian Foley
With Love From:
Family

St. Paul's Marian Candle

In Honor of & Intentions for:
† Maryclaire Jordan
With Love From:
Dr. Arthur Jordan, Sr.



St. Paul's Wine and Host

In Loving Honor of:
♥ Jack O'Malley's 80th Birthday
With Love From:
Family & Friends



Food Pantry Hours: Fridays 3-4:30pm

Food Pantry Volunteers for Friday November 18
U of S Students, Jody Maloney & Barbara Burkhouse

St. Paul Food Pantry Donations

In Loving Memory of:

† Donna Del Prete

With Love,

John & Roseanne Skaluba



All St. Clare AND CCD students receiving First Penance on December 11th ...
REQUIRED PRACTICE:
December 6th, 7th & 8th
3-4pm at St. Paul Church

SAVE THE DATE:

First Penance: December 11th-2pm

Confirmation: April 18th-5pm

First Holy Communion: May 6th-10am



ALTAR 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.**

November 13, 2022

OFFERTORY: \$5,740.00

ONLINE GIVING: \$2,206.50



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

November 20, 2022: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

It's not unreasonable to think that if God wanted to make a statement he could do so in a very dramatic way.

After all, he spoke through a burning bush that didn't actually burn, parted the Red Sea, sent manna to the Israelites from the sky, cured lepers, healed the sick and cast out demons. All of that is pretty dramatic stuff, and they made statements! Now, Jesus hangs dying on a cross. He has been referred to as a king. Considering all of the miracles Jesus did in his short time on earth, isn't one more in order? If Jesus came down off of the cross, defied death, and parted the waters of suffering and death, onlookers, believers and unbelievers alike, would take notice.

It would prove who God is and show us what God wants us to do. Or would it?

Great spiritual masters remind us not to focus on miracles or consolations received from God. They can distract us. Doing anything other than what Jesus did would distract humanity as well, misplacing our focus. It's not about a miracle, at least not the dramatic kind people are eager to see. It's about something more profound. It all goes back to where it began for the earthly Jesus. God becomes one with humanity in Jesus Christ. All that goes into being human is holy and blessed, and that becomes a place where God is born, again and again.

God, through Jesus, tells us to hold firm to all of the experiences of being human, the joys and the wonders, the disappointments and the failures.

God's lesson is found in Jesus' vulnerability. It is only when we are vulnerable that we learn how to love. When Jesus breathed his last, God's unconditional and tender love was realized. Jesus always had a soft spot for the weak, lost, vulnerable, and broken. God wants us to come to Him freely, not because we have witnessed some fantastic display of prowess. God desires that we find Him through who we are, as our hearts and souls direct. This will mean that our love is authentic as it will be born of the heartache, pain, and turmoil that are a part of life. The fragments of our lives need to be made whole. Our fragmented king, Jesus Christ, is the only one who can help put the pieces together. ©LPI

A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lord God, on this day of Thanksgiving, we ask your blessings on our family, our friends, our home, our health—and on the food we are about to eat.

We thank you for this time together and the many gifts that you have given us.

Help us to remember in this time of bounty those less fortunate. And may your love consume us all that we might share in your glory.

Amen.



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.

**Office will reopen on Monday,
November 28th at 8:30 a.m.
A blessed Thanksgiving to you
and your family!**

Question: Why do we end the liturgical year with the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

On the last Sunday of the liturgical year, we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Following this solemnity, we observe one more week of Ordinary Time, and then begin a new liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent. The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, which is also sometimes referred to as the Feast of Christ the King, was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925. Though it was originally celebrated in October, this feast was moved to the last Sunday of the liturgical year in 1969.

It is more than a coincidence that we close out the year with this particular feast. On this day especially, we celebrate the supreme kingship of Jesus over the entire universe. His is a kingship not like the secular monarchies of the past and present, but one that is pastoral, absolute, and desirous of bring us to himself.

We await the coming of Christ in his eternal Kingdom, but we recognize that he is already King.

When we remember and reflect on Jesus Christ as King, we are better prepared to enter Advent. Though Advent is the beginning of a new liturgical year, the Church recognizes the cyclical nature of the calendar and ties its beginning with its end. During Advent, we wait in anticipation of the birth of Jesus, the Messiah. Today, after the world has witnessed the birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we await his coming again, and we know that it is Christ the King who will come. Ending the liturgical year with the Feast of Christ the King helps us to look both backward and forward: backward, so that we might better celebrate the joyful incarnation and birth of Jesus; and forward, so that we might be vigilant servants waiting for the day Jesus comes again.

No matter what time of the year it is, however, it is good to reflect on Jesus as King. Remembering this helps us to submit to Him, not out of fear or habit, but out of love for our Creator and Savior.

DID YOU KNOW? November is recognized as National Adoption Month REFLECTION:

To a woman facing an unexpected pregnancy in difficult circumstances, adoption is sometimes felt to be worse than aborting her child. In reality, placing a child for adoption is a loving, generous, and sacrificial option that demonstrates a woman's profound, long term motherly care. In considering and choosing whether to place her child for adoption, a mother seeks what is best for her child, making a selfless act of love. Still, a woman considering adoption may experience a number of conflicting emotions. It is essential that she be supported throughout and after the process, whether she decides to place her child with another loving family or to raise her child herself. By grace, we are made children of God through adoption and can call him, "Abba, Father!" (Rom. 8:15). This spiritual adoption also makes us brothers and sisters in the Lord. Let us call on the intercession of our brothers and sisters in heaven the saints! Through our united prayers, may expectant mothers making an adoption plan receive the support and care of the Christian community as they make a loving choice for their children.



May expectant mothers choosing adoption receive grace and support in embracing this loving option.

*Heavenly Father,
Bless all expectant mothers who are placing
their children for adoption and who may also
be young and afraid.*

*They love their children so much that they are
willing to place them with a loving family.*

*Bless, too, all the women who already have
shown the sacrificial nature of a mother's
love in making adoption plans for
their children.*

*Give them all your courage and your peace,
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

"It was **amazing** to see so many kids **my age**, from all over the United States, all here for one reason. It was really amazing to see **how big of a faith community we're a part of.**"

- Olivia DeScipio
National Catholic Youth Conference Participant



By supporting the **Diocesan Office for Parish Life**, all who seek God are provided an opportunity to encounter Him.

Staff work with parishes to provide leadership formation, spiritual renewal and offer other faith-filled opportunities - like trips to the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis - which enrich the spiritual lives of our **youth and young adults**.



GIFTS OF ALL SIZES ARE NEEDED AND APPRECIATED!

The Diocesan Office of Parish Life works directly with parishes and parish leaders to provide a variety of Informational, training and supportive services to guide the faithful, enhance religious education and better connect parishioners to their faith.

They focus on all aspects of life in our parishes:
Word, Worship, Community and Service.

The Parish Life team members work on-site in parishes to provide leadership formation, spiritual renewal, parish ministry training and development opportunities. The team also provides guidance with the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and assists with the training sessions for the Permanent Diaconate Formation Program and young adult ministries throughout the Diocese.

The 2022 Diocesan Annual Appeal, which is now underway, helps to support the Office for Parish Life in the Diocese of Scranton.

To make an online donation now, visit: annualappeal.org.

Gifts of all sizes are appreciated!

FOOD PANTRY CHRISTMAS DONATION

Christmas Hams for Families- \$30.00 will buy a Christmas ham and clementine oranges for a needy family. Please enclose your donation in an envelope marked "Christmas Ham" and place it in the collection basket on any Sunday.

Any funds left over will be used to stock food items for the winter months.

Thank you for your generosity!



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 24HourChild Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or 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 wellbeing. 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 or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at 570-207-2269

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 2nd**.

Poinsettias \$15.00
Wreaths \$25.00



In Memory

of: _____

Requested

by: _____

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

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

Donation enclosed : _____