



# ST. PAUL PARISH

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*  
November 26, 2023



## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.” - Mt 25:38-40

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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



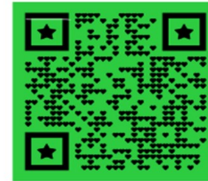
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**NEED HELP? CALL SANDRA SNYDER AT 570-591-5004 OR EMAIL SANDRA-SNYDER@DIOCESEOFSCRANTON.ORG**

**Please scan the QR code to purchase a gift online or take an ornament off of the tree located in the church.**

**Thank you for spreading joy to those in need this Christmas!**

### **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 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 25** Vigil: Christ the King

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

**Sunday, November 26** Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

8:00 a.m. † Lindsay Doherty (Family)

10:30a.m. † Daniel Finnerty (The Renard Family)

**Monday, November 27** Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Armond Mascelli (Mike & Donna Barbetti)

**Tuesday, November 28** Weekday

8:00 a.m. † J. Brian Foley (Family)

**Wednesday, November 29** Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Deacon John Hanni (Wife, Charlotte)

**Thursday, November 30** Saint Andrew

9:00 a.m. † Francis R. Burne (Robert & Clare Angeloni)

**Friday, December 1** Weekday

8:00 a.m. † John Langan (The Langan Family)

**Saturday, December 2** Vigil: First Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. † Ellen Casey (Sally Walsh)

4:30 p.m. † Sheila O'Keeffe (Peggy O'Keeffe)

**Sunday, December 3** First Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. † Thomas P. Quinn & Thomas J. Quinn (The Walsh Family)

10:30a.m. † Catherine Mulderig (Auriemma Family)



### RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of those recently deceased. May their souls 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

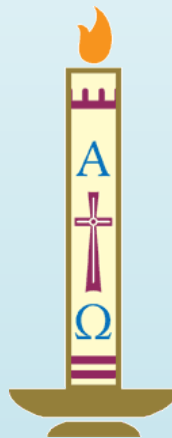
First Penance: Sunday December 10th—2pm

First Holy Communion:

Saturday May 4th @ 10am

Confirmation: Sunday May 19th—12pm

## REMEMBERED AT THE ALTAR:



### St. Paul's Sanctuary Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† John Langan

With Love From:

The Langan Family

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

In Loving Memory of:

† Nicole Haddix

With Love From:

St. Paul Daily Mass Group

### St. Paul's Marian Candle

In Honor of Wedding Anniversary:

† Deacon John Hanni

With Love From:

Loving Wife, Charlotte



### St. Paul's Wine & Host

In Loving Memory of

† Nicole Haddix

With Love From:

Joe, Anne & Christian Grady

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

Food Pantry Volunteers for Friday December 1

Deborah May, Fran Zuhar, Noreen Rowland,

Jody Maloney, Barbara Burkhouse

## St. Paul Food Pantry Donations

In Loving Memory of:

† David Maloney

With Love,

Mary Lou Riley



The NEW Lector workbooks for the coming Liturgical year are here. Lectors, please take a moment before or after Mass to pick up your copy in the Sacristy!



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 donations in memory of your loved ones!



## November 12th Collection

**Offertory Total: \$ 5, 173.00**

**Online Total: \$2,166.50**

## RECENTLY BAPTIZED:

**Collins Gaughan**, child of Casey & Meredith, has recently received the sacrament of baptism at St. Paul Parish.



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



## FROM THE CATECHISM: *How the Creator Can Relate to His Creatures* (Para 540-542)

How do Jesus's temptations in the desert help Him relate to us? According to the *Catechism*, the fact that Jesus is tested in every way that we are makes Him a high priest who is able to sympathize with our weakness: "By the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert."

After John the Baptist is arrested, Jesus comes to Galilee, exhorting His listeners to repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand.

To carry out the will of the Father, which is to lift up men to share in His divine life, Jesus invites all people to gather around Him.

That gathering is the Church on earth, the seed and beginning of the Kingdom.

It is through the Paschal Mystery that Jesus accomplishes the coming of the Kingdom -Peggy Stanton, DM

## Hearing God's Call



***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!***



## 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 :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete form or simply call or email your request to us then mail or drop off donation!**

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## MOLLIE'S MITTEN TREE

The Mitten Tree is our additional holiday tree during the season of Advent. Along with trees at SC/ SP School, these 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.

**Deliver hope to children in our community this Christmas!**  
**You can buy a gift digitally or place a gift under the tree**  
**located in the church. Each ornament has a gift listed or a**  
**QR code on the back if you choose to buy digitally.**  
**Thank you for your generosity!**

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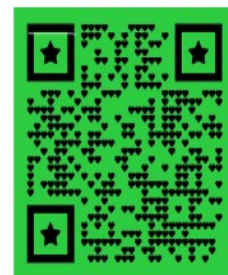
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DISCERNMENT RETREAT  
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NATIONAL  
**Eucharistic  
Revival**

St. John the Evangelist and St. Joseph Marello Parishes

## Adoration Chapel Opening and Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition



**Saturday, November 25th and Sunday November 26th**

Come and experience *Carlo's Exhibition*, a collection of over 158 miracles from over 22 Countries that have occurred over the centuries and been approved by the Catholic Church.

**Eucharistic Miracle Exhibition and Chapel Open House will take place after all masses.**

**The Eucharist will be transferred for the first time into the adoration chapel after the 11:30 AM Mass.**

**Msgr. Bendik Pastoral Center | 37 William Street, Pittston**



### Catholic Choral Society Schedules Advent-Christmas Concert

The Catholic Choral  
Society will present an

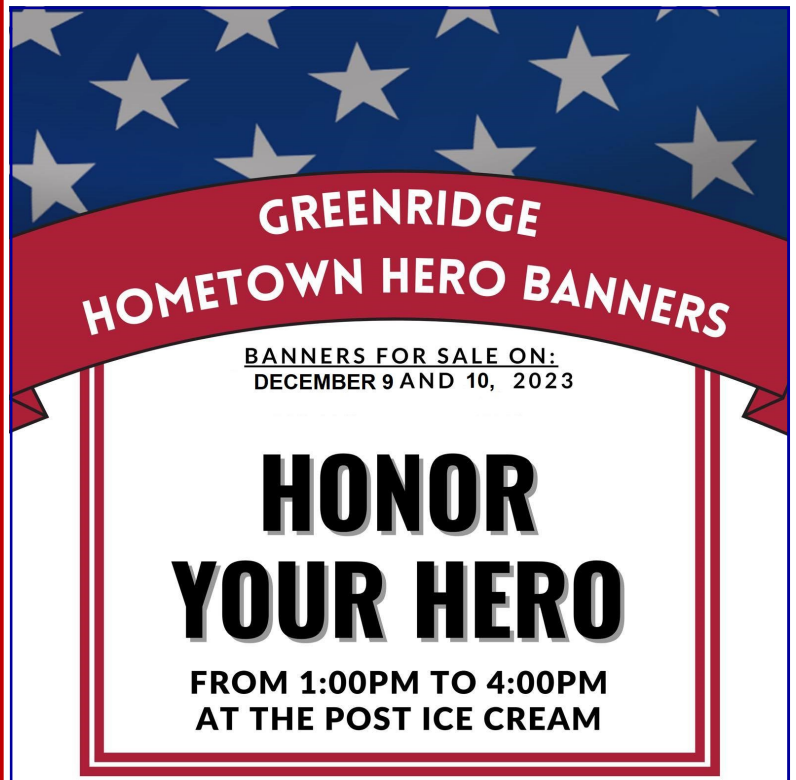
Advent – Christmas Concert on Sunday,  
December 10th at 3 PM at Forty Fort United  
Methodist Church, 26 Yeager Avenue, Forty  
Fort, PA. Snow date is Wednesday,  
December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.

Music Director is Ann Manganello;  
accompanist is Linda Houck and percussion  
is Monica Spishock.

The concert will also feature the Forty Fort  
UMC Church Choir  
directed by Mary Scheib.

The choral group will be presenting sacred  
Advent and Christmas music  
as well other Christmas selections.

The concert is open to the public free of  
charge; a free will offering opportunity will  
be available.



## GREENRIDGE HOMETOWN HERO BANNERS

**BANNERS FOR SALE ON:  
DECEMBER 9 AND 10, 2023**

# HONOR YOUR HERO

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