



ST. PAUL PARISH

First Sunday of Advent

November 27th 2022



1st Sunday OF ADVENT



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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, November 26

Vigil: First Sunday
of Advent

4:30 p.m. † Robert McAndrew (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)

Monday, November 28

Advent Weekday

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

Tuesday, November 29

Advent Weekday

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

Wednesday, November 30

St. Andrew

8:00 a.m. † Christopher Melia (Barbetti Family)

Thursday, December 1

Advent Weekday

9:00 a.m. † Carmine Romano (Joan Quinlan)

Friday, December 2

Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. † John & Marie O'Malley (O'Malley Family)

Saturday, December 3

Vigil: Second Sunday
of Advent

8:00 a.m. † Theresa Conaboy (Danielle, Jack & Lily Kennedy)

4:30 p.m. † Paul Dougherty (Alicia Dougherty)

Sunday, December 4

Second Sunday
of Advent

8:00 a.m. † Members of the Parish

† Joseph & Grace Luby (Michael & Maryjule Kapacs)

10:30a.m. † Alice Foley (Faith & Joe Foley)

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul
of Joanne Cote & Jean Sweeney.
May their souls 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:

† Joann Pasko

With Love From:

Helen, Robbie & Noel

St. Paul's St. Joseph Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† Armond Mascelli

With Love From:

Family

St. Paul's Marian Candle

In Loving Memory of

† Maria Catena Keating

With Love From:

Phoebe & Cat

St. Paul's Wine and Host

In Loving Memory of:

† Dorothy Nicodem

Family



Food Pantry Hours: Fridays 3-4:30pm

Food Pantry Volunteers for Friday December 2
U of S Students, Jody Maloney & Barbara Burkhouse

St. Paul Food Pantry Donations

In Loving Memory of:

† Jane E. McGowty

With Love,

Tom & Barbara Earley

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!



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

November 20, 2022

*Due to early submission deadline,
Offertory and Online totals will be listed in
next week's bulletin.*



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 our Christmas bulletin edition with other holiday memorials, along with the weekly bulletin.

Thank you for your generous donations.



**First Sunday of Advent
Memorial Candle:**

*In Loving Memory of:
John "Sonny" & Betty Lenko*

*With Love From:
Stan & Betty Bednarz*



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.

**Poinsettias \$15.00
Wreaths \$25.00**



In Memory

of: _____

Requested

by: _____

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

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

Donation enclosed : _____

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

November 27, 2022: First Sunday in Advent

We can embrace and relish each moment of our lives as a sacred sacrament or nonchalantly and robotically attend to what life presents. We have our feet in two worlds. One is holy and sacred, and the other is profane and secular. Which one has the greater claim on us? To what do we devote most of our energy? We can easily be consumed with the particular demands and essentials of daily life: family, work, obligations, and the like, that we don't really notice anything more than what is right before us. We become masters at "doing" and neglect our need to "savor." Jesus reminds his friends that "as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away."

While certain things require our daily attention, we cannot become so consumed with them that we fail to see the larger picture of what is coming. For the Christian, Advent is the time to pause, reflect, and savor. It is a time to see life as a sacrament of the moment and not just an investment in secular interests, pleasures, and personal obligations. It is easy to get distracted, lazy, preoccupied, and tired. Apathy can quickly wreak havoc on the most dedicated of souls. Whatever we can do this Advent season to be more attentive, focused, alert, and watchful will serve us well. It will make us eager and well-prepared to meet our Lord when he comes. It is for certain that he will come.

Who made me? What is my purpose? What will happen to me when I die? These are pivotal questions that, in life's busyness, we hardly find time to ask and answer. They define who we are, and the answers we provide serve as guideposts and anchors in the seas of our lives. Advent is the perfect time to make friends with our souls. It is a time to perk ourselves up, open our eyes, ears, and hearts and seek God's presence in the simple moments of our lives. God is with us. Ask God to grant you a deeper appreciation for His presence and the gift of attentiveness. ©LPI

"It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord"

- Psalm 92:1a



Thanksgiving is at the heart of Christian Life. It is a time when we give thanks for all God's gifts and blessings!

Thank you for your generous gifts to the 2022 Diocesan Annual Appeal. During this time, let us remember to pray for those who are hurting, lonely or in need of assistance.



GIFTS OF ALL SIZES ARE NEEDED AND APPRECIATED!

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

Gifts to the Diocesan Annual Appeal support the mission of our local Church to:

- Feed the hungry, clothe the naked and provide shelter and assistance for those most in need
- Care for our retired priests who have faithfully served, and continue to serve, the needs of the faithful in our Diocese
- Encourage and support our men who are in formation to become priests and deacons as we look to the future of our parishes and our Diocese
- Support our young people in our Catholic schools and in our parish religious education programs by helping them to prepare for fulfilling and faith-centered lives
- Renew and strengthen our parish communities by providing opportunities for all of us to more fully share their personal gifts in devoted service to God and one another
- Joyfully proclaim the message of the Gospel by informing and inspiring the faithful of our Diocese through The Catholic Light, CTV: Catholic Television, and the Diocesan website.

Gifts of all sizes are appreciated!

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 continues 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 tree will be located in the vestibule of St. Paul's Church or you may bring them to the rectory. Please consider those who cannot keep warm this winter by continuing to give back in the spirit of the season. Simply bring in hats, gloves, mittens or scarves and feel welcome to hang those items on the tree.

Silver Circle

A membership program to benefit the retired Sisters of IHM



HELPING THE IHM SISTERS

Silver Circle is a membership program that benefits retired I.H.M. Sisters.

For only \$25.00 per membership, your name is entered in more than 324 drawings from October, 2022 through

June, 2023 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!

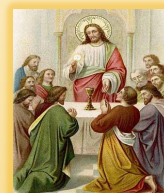
Temporary Inconvenience, Permanent Improvement

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.

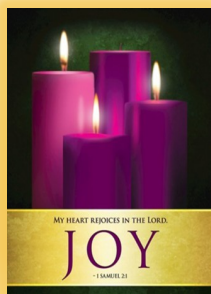


An Act of Spiritual Communion

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.



Advent Service: We Long for You, O Lord, an Advent Service of Word and Song will be presented at 6:30 PM on Sunday, December 11 at St. Anthony of Padua Church, 208 Smith Street, Dunmore.



The service is open to the public at no charge and will feature a combined choir from the Dunmore parishes of Saints Anthony & Rocco and Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Holy Family Parish, Luzerne, and St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish, Kingston as well as several soloists and an instrumental ensemble.

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.

Join us for this year's Breakfast with Santa, and we are back with **In-Person** dining at St. Ann's Basilica in West Scranton, PA. It is sure to be a good time for all who attend.

Our breakfast menu this year will be:

Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes, Breakfast Sausage Links, and a Hash-brown Patty

Drinks: Coffee, Orange Juice, and Juice Boxes for Children

Sunday November 27th, 2022 9:00am till 1:00pm

The breakfast will held at:
St. Ann's Basilica Shrine Building - Dining Room
1239 Saint Ann's Street
Scranton PA 18504

Ticket Prices: PreSale Adult: \$8.00—PreSale Children: \$6.00
(Children 2 & Under Eat Free)
Adult Door: \$9.00-Children Door: \$7.00



****Photos with Santa and Mrs. Clause are available for \$6.00 per 5x7 photo****

BASKET RAFFLE IS ALSO BACK (Come take a chance on some great holiday baskets!)

We hope to see you all there to support the Knights of Columbus fundraiser and be apart of this great event as we enter this Christmas season. Bring the whole family to enjoy some fun as we kick off this Christmas Season.