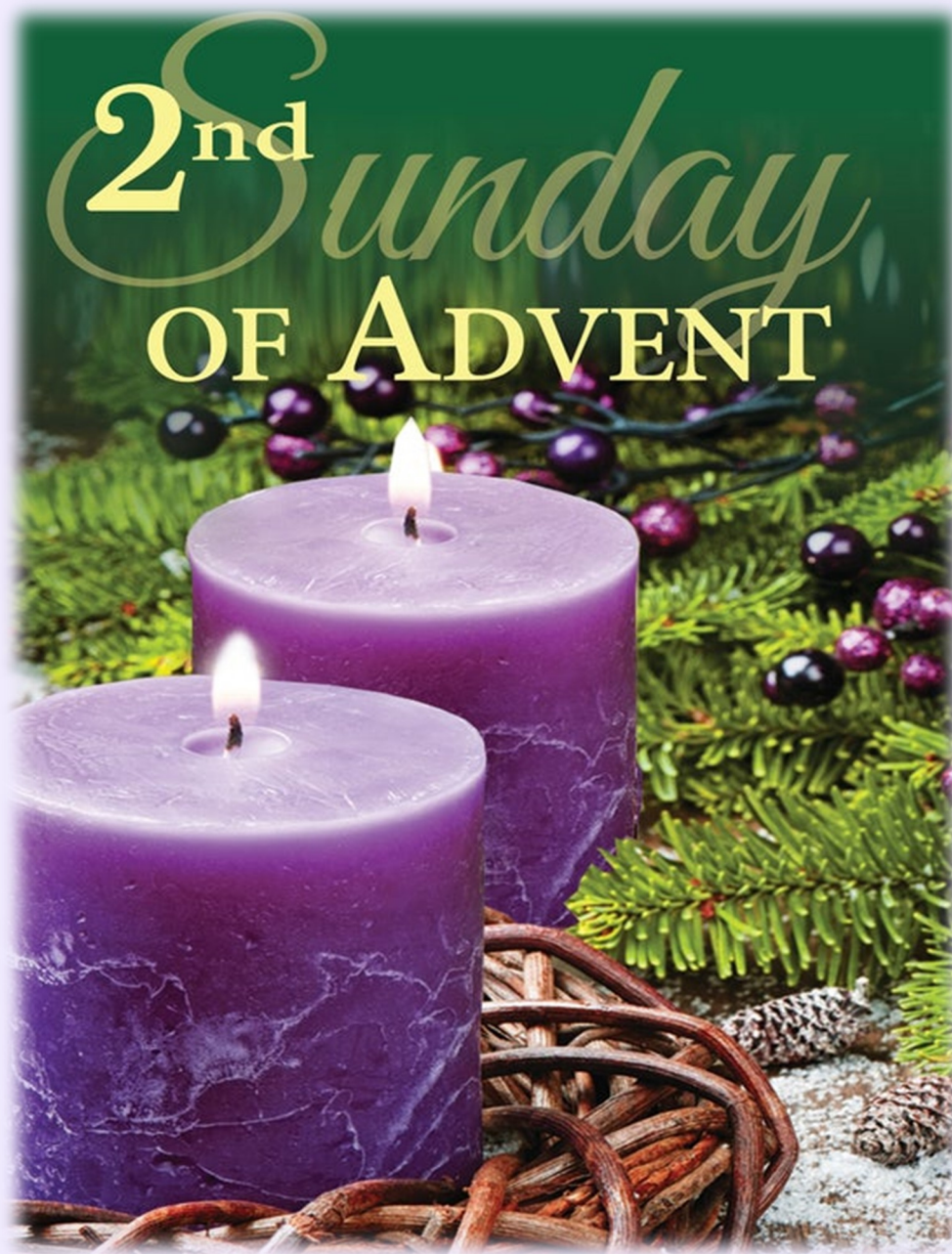
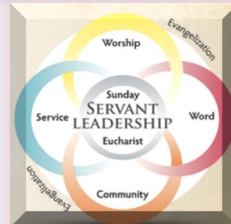




ST. PAUL PARISH

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023



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 3:30-4:30p.m.

Rosary begins at 4:00p.m.

Rev. Mon. Neil J. Van Loon, V.F., Pastor

St. Paul Parish 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 CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS SCHEDULE 2023

(Please note corrections made from Christmas card in red)



CONFESSIONS

Saturday, December 16th and 23rd

(Please note date change from Christmas Card)

3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Nativity of the Lord (Vigil)

Vigil: Sunday, December 24

4:00 p.m.

(Livestreamed on St. Paul Church Facebook Page)

& 10:00 p.m. Mass

Nativity of the Lord

Monday, December 25 - 9:00 a.m. & 11 a.m. Mass

Solemnity of Mary- The Holy Mother of God

Monday, January 1- 9:00 a.m.

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

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Saturday, December 9 Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent

4:30 p.m. † Judge & Mrs. S. John Cottone (Family)

Sunday, December 10 Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. † Lindsay Doherty (Family)

10:30a.m. † Thomas P. Quinn (The Walsh Family)

Monday, December 11 Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Joseph Dougherty (Margaret Dougherty & Family)

Tuesday, December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 a.m. † Maryanne Donohue (Joe & Family)

Wednesday, December 13 St. Lucy

8:00 a.m. † Mary Gardier (Family)

Thursday, December 14 St. John of the Cross

8:00 a.m. † Josephine Cavalieri (Family)

Friday, December 15 Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. † James P. Kennedy (Family)

Saturday, December 16 Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. † David Martin (Shaffern Family)

4:30 p.m. † Genevieve Pocius (Jim & Kris Pocius)

Sunday, December 17 Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. † Ann Coleman (Kathleen & Walter Hoban)

10:30a.m. † Julia Budza (Granville & Miller Family)

REMEMBERED AT THE ALTAR:

St. Paul's Sanctuary Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† Timothy Curtin

With Love From:

The King Family

St. Paul's St. Joseph Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† Maeve McAliney

With Love From:

The Shaffern Family

St. Paul's Marian Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† Gladys Gursky

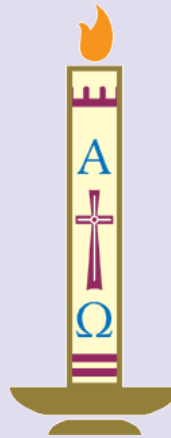
With Love From:

Karen & Walt Bullett

St. Paul's Wine & Host

In Loving Memory of

† Julie Whelan



Food Pantry Hours: Fridays 3-4:30pm
Food Pantry Volunteers for Friday December 15
Gretchen Welby, Karen Durkin, Jody Maloney
Noreen Rowland & Barbara Burkhouse

St. Paul Food Pantry Donations

In Loving Memory of:

† John Reager

With Love,

The Boris Family

In Loving Memory of:

† Nancy Kelly

With Love,

Jean & Dick Walsh

In Loving Memory of:

† Nancy Kelly

With Love,

Barbara & Ellen

Burkhouse

In Loving Memory of:

† Julie Whelan

With Love,

Joanne Cantafio

In Loving Memory of:

† Joe Latona

With Love,

Tom & Barbara Earley

In Loving Memory of:

† The Worth Family

With Love,

Rosalie & Bob Mesko



Thank you!



We would like to thank the parishioners of Holy Cross & Blessed Sacrament Church in Throop/Olyphant for nearly 520 pounds of welcome groceries to our Food Pantry at St. Paul Parish.

We would also like to thank Holly Tomko & St. Clare/St Paul school for their generous monetary donation which allowed us to purchase much-needed cleaning & hygiene products for our patrons.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Thomas Moran & Julia Whelan. May their souls and all of the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace!



ADVENT



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

Second Sunday of Advent Memorial Candle:

In Loving Memory of:
David Martin

With Love From,
The Shaffern Family



November 26th Collection

Offertory Total: \$4,049.00

Online Total: \$2,332.00



December 3rd Collection

Offertory Total: \$5,633.00

Online Total: \$3,747.35



FROM THE CATECHISM

The Need for Reconciliation (Para 1425-1427)

Why do we need the Sacrament of Reconciliation? After all, Baptism sanctified us, washed us, and justified us in the Name of the Lord Jesus and in the Spirit of God. What more do we need?

The *Catechism* reminds us that, for all Baptism does for us, “the new life received in Christian initiation has not abolished the frailty and weakness of human nature, nor the inclination to sin that tradition calls “concupiscence.” So we are engaged in a lifelong struggle of conversion that directs us toward holiness and eternal life.

It is a struggle that we will always need the aid of Christ’s grace that comes to us, among other venues, through the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Penance.

-Peggy Stanton, DM



Christmas Poinsettia Memorials

St. Paul Parish offers members the opportunity to remember their loved ones by purchasing a Christmas Poinsettia to be used in decorating the church during the Christmas season.

Anyone interested in remembering a loved one at Christmas with a memorial gift of poinsettias may use their “Christmas Flower” envelope, place the name of the person to be remembered and who it is from, along with \$15, in an envelope marked “Christmas Flowers” or cut out & complete the form here and place it in the collection basket or drop off at the rectory. Names and donations may also be emailed to info@stpaulscranton.org

Deadline extended to Monday Dec. 18th

In Memory of:

Requested by:

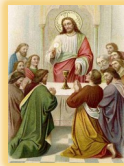
Number of Poinsettias: _____ (**@ \$15 ea**)

Donation enclosed : _____

***Give them eternal rest, O Lord,
and may Your light shine on them. Amen.
Names of those remembered will be listed
in our Christmas Bulletin & Online***

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.*



If you would like to have a Mass said or a candle lit for someone please contact the parish office at 570-961-1549.



There are daily Masses & weekly candles still available throughout the remainder of 2024. Our 2025 Mass book will open in July 2024.



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.



Oplatki
Christmas
Wafers

OPLATKI- Christmas Wafer

Many Slavic homes celebrate the tradition of the Christmas Wafer Meal. On Christmas Eve the family joins in a supper of special foods with the highlight of the meal being the breaking and distribution of the wafer bread to each other.

It is a sign of love and friendship that is especially appropriate at Christmas time. The offering is \$3.00 per envelope. Oplatki will be in the back of both churches or at the rectory.

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

St. Paul Church relies on the generosity of our parishioners to sustain our parish.

The Christmas collection, the Easter collection and our Fall & Spring Raffle, remain the chief source of income to help balance our stressed budget.

Your set of envelopes contain a Christmas donation envelope for your convenience.

**We appreciate
your continued
support of your
Church.**



Join us at St. Clare Church

2235 N. Washington Ave. Scranton PA 18509



Eucharistic Adoration
Monday-Friday 3:30-4:30
Rosary begins at 4pm
Please note earlier time!

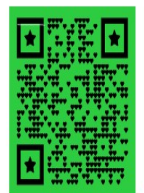
TWEENS & TEENS NEED OUR LOVE, TOO!

THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON, OUR PARISH - LED BY OUR CCC STUDENTS - IS PARTNERING WITH THE DIOCESE OF SCRANTON TO PUT SMILES ON YOUNG FACES THROUGH THE ANNUAL GIFTS FOR KIDS GIVEAWAY COORDINATED BY FRIENDS OF THE POOR, THE CATHERINE MCAULEY CENTER, CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, AND THE SALVATION ARMY.

OUR CHOSEN THEME THIS YEAR IS CLEAN AND COZY GIFTS FOR THE OFTEN-OVERLOOKED 12-17 AGE GROUP. PLEASE CONSIDER SELECTING A GIFT OR GIFTS FROM OUR PARISH'S TWEEN-TEEN AMAZON WISH LIST AND HAVING YOUR CHOICE/S SHIPPED DIRECTLY TO THE DIOCESAN PASTORAL CENTER!

HIGH-PRIORITY ITEMS:

- ✓ Tween/teen hygiene/bath products and tween/teen body/skin/hair/dental care
- ✓ Cozy blankets and pillows with tween/teen appeal



SCAN HERE
TO PICK AND SEND
A GIFT!
PRICES RANGE
FROM \$5 TO \$30!

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or visit
annualappeal.org



As we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Dec. 12, your gift to the **Diocesan Annual Appeal** helps build Hispanic ministry programs in many parishes.

*Every donation counts!!
If you have not yet pledged, please...
Help us reach our Annual Appeal Parish Goal!*

**OUR PARISH IS AT
52% OF OUR \$66,000 goal**
*Our parish is reimbursed 75% for any gifts
made
to the Appeal in excess of our Appeal goal.*

**The Hometown Hero Banner
project comes to Green Ridge!**

**Orders will be taken SUNDAY
DECEMBER 10th from
1 to 4 PM at St. Clare Church
2235 N. Washington Ave.**



Please note date and place
change from previous
advertisement of 12/9
at the Post.



Women's Retreat

Bold and Beloved

Inspired by the teaching of St. Thérèse of Lisieux

January 26-28, 2024

Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center
1000 Seminary Rd, Dalton, PA 18414

For more information, contact the Office for Parish Life (570) 207-2213 x1100

Register at:

<https://tinyurl.com/BoldandBeloved>

Talks and Music Ministry by



\$75 student
\$125 shared room
\$175 single room



Kara Kardell
Sinner striving for sainthood.
Wife and mother of 3.



Fred Shellabarger
Husband. Father. Spiritual Arsonist.
Big Kid Who Loves Jesus.

**"What do you call a sleep-walking
seminarian?"**



"A Roamin' Catholic"



"Roman" Catholics refers to Catholics in the Roman rite. Other rites include Maronite Catholics, Ukrainian Catholics, and Chaldean Catholics.

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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).