

# ST. PAUL PARISH

*Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

March 6, 2022



1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

# SERVE ONLY HIM



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**❖ Parish Lenten Meeting on the Synod ❖**

In recent months, we have published articles in the parish bulletin concerning the upcoming Synod on Synodality to be held by our Holy Father in Rome in 2023. The Synod, or as it were, listening session held in the presence of the Holy Father, will concern itself with the state of the Church and how we listen to one another in church, the Pope, Cardinals, Bishops, Priests, Deacons, Religious, and laity both young and old.

As preparation for this meeting, our Holy Father has asked every parish in the world to discuss what they like and what they do not like about the church today. Each parish is asked to send a report to the Diocese who will then collate the findings and send it on to the National Conference of Bishops who will collate the gathered responses of the various dioceses and then forward their report to Rome in preparation for the discussions to be held at the Vatican with the Holy Father.

I think you will agree that this is a most interesting event.

To that end, I am asking each of our parishioners to make this part of their Lenten experience this year. You may do so by offering your input on the Synod survey that has been developed by the Holy See.

***This survey may be accessed on the diocesan website at [www.dioceseofscranton.org/synod-on-synodality](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org/synod-on-synodality) or you may call the Synod Phone Line at 570-591-5024. A live operator will assist you with your input.***

Finally, I welcome you to attend a one-hour meeting in the auditorium of Saint Paul School on March 16, 2022 at 4:00 pm where those present may make their feelings known.

***Remember, one of the foundations of the Catholic Faith is a belief that God is alive in each and every person.***

**St. Paul Church**

Corner of Penn Avenue and  
Marion Street, Scranton

**St. Paul Rectory**

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Office Hours ~ Mon-Fri

8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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[www.stpaulscranton.org](http://www.stpaulscranton.org)

**St. Clare Church**

2235 North 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

Saturday 4:30 p.m. live-

streaming of the

Celebration of Mass.

We encourage you to tune in

live and pray in solidarity

with us. St. Paul Church is

now open for Masses with

social distancing seating.

**Mass Schedule**

8 am Mass ~ Mon.-Sat.

Vigil Mass ~ Saturday 4:30

(Livestreamed for those who

cannot attend in person.)

Mass ~ Sun. 8 am or

Sun. 10:30 am

Confessions - Sat.-4:00 pm

**Lenten Schedule**

MON-FRI

8am & 12:10 Daily Mass

**Stations of the Cross**

EACH FRIDAY during Lent

5:30 pm

St. Paul Church

**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 parish office  
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

### Saturday, March 5 Vigil: First Sunday of Lent

4:30 p.m. † Donald Schoen (Family)

### Sunday, March 6 First Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. † Members of the Parish  
† Frank, Veronica & Lucille Shimkus (Family)

10:30 a.m. † Jerry Maushart (Kathy & Family)

### Monday, March 7 Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. † John C. Barrett (Danny & Carol Mae Ruddy Harrington)

12:10 p.m. † Robert Duffy (St. Paul H.S. Class of 1959)

### Tuesday, March 8 Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Anne Remick (Mary Rogan & Family)

12:10 p.m. † Sisters Marge Sochovka & Joan Keppick (Sister Anne)

### Wednesday, March 9 Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Helen Magas (O'Malley & Dellacave Family)

12:10 p.m. † Michael Hrebin (Helen, Robbie & Noel)

### Thursday, March 10 Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Helen McDonough (MaryJoyce McCarthy)

12:10 p.m. † Jack Roche (Family)

### Friday, March 11 Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. † James Pappas Jr. (Washo & McGinnis Family)

12:10 p.m. † Joseph P. McCormack (Wife Anne & Family)

### Saturday, March 12 Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. † David Granville (The Miller & Granville Families)

4:30 p.m. † Dale Detrick (Elizabeth & Robert Troy)

### Sunday, March 13 Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. † Members of the Parish  
† Alice McCormack (Cantafio Family)

10:30a.m. † Jane Renard (Renard Family)

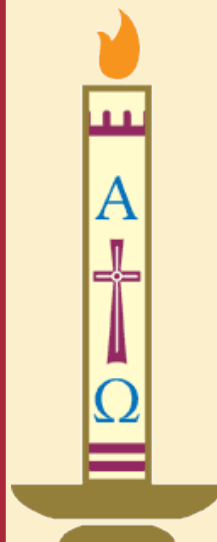


## RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Rose Mary Gallagher**. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace!

## REMEMBERED AT THE ALTAR

(February 27th– March 5th)



### St. Paul's Sanctuary Candle

In Memory of:

† **Frank Rosenella**

With Love From:

MaryAnn Answini

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

In Loving Memory of:

† **Anthony Cantafio**

With Love From:

Mom & Family

### St. Paul's Marian Candle

In Loving Memory of:

**Patricia Mellody**

† With Love From:

Mary Judith Colleran

### St. Paul's Wine and Hosts

In Loving Memory of:

**Anthony Cantafio**

† With Love From:

Joanne & Family



## REMEMBERED AT THE ALTAR

THIS WEEK: March 6– March 12

### St. Paul Sanctuary

In Loving Memory of:

† **Stephen Simmons**

With Love From:

Henry & Thomas  
Bartlebaugh

### St. Paul Marian

In Loving Memory of:

† **Joan Shaffern**

With Love From:

Shaffern Family

### St. Paul St. Joseph

In Loving Memory of:

† **Jack Roche**

With Love From:  
Mom & Family

### St. Paul Wine & Hosts

Happy Birthday:

† **Dale Detrick**

With Love From:

Wife Bev & Family

## Food Pantry Volunteers for Friday 3/11

Renee Fontana, Sandi Cadden, Judy Fedor,

Mary McAndrew & Barbara Burkhouse

Pantry Hours: Fridays~ 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.



## St. Paul Parish

† **First Holy Communion:**

**Saturday, May 7, 2022 at 10am**

† **Confirmation:**

**Sunday, May 29, 2022 at 1 pm**

## MEMORIALIZING A LOVED ONE

You may memorialize a loved one by having the candles lit at St. Paul's Church for the week & noted in our bulletin. Call the rectory for more information.  
570-961-1549



**February 27th**  
**Offertory: \$5,782—Online: \$2,652.00**

## GIVING

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."  
 2 Corinthians 9:7

### The Catholic Choral Society of Scranton Presents

## A Lenten Concert

**Sunday: March 13, 2022 - 3 PM**

**Snow Date: Sunday, March 20, 2022 - 3 PM**

### The Church of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

1090 Carmalt St  
 Dickson City, PA 18519

Music Director - Ann Manganiello  
 Accompanist - Kimberly Gnaill



Free Will Offering  
 Masks are required



## ADORATION AND ROSARY

Monday thru Friday 4-5pm at St. Clare Church  
 with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.  
 The Rosary is recited at 4:30 p.m.

Special intentions for our country and our world  
 include:

- † A return to God and the Ten Commandments
- † An end to violence, public, private and in the womb
- † Any other intentions



We invite you to dive deeper into the mystery of Christ's  
 passion this Lent in praying the Way of the Cross

## St. Paul Parish

The Stations of the Cross is a reminder of the struggle and  
 humiliation that our Lord Jesus Christ went through on His way  
 to crucifixion and His ultimate resurrection.

Join us each Friday evening at 5:30 p.m. during this holy season  
 of Lent (March 4th-April 15th) at  
 St. Paul Church 1510 Penn Ave., Scranton PA 18509



### ST. PAUL'S WEEKDAY LENTEN MASS SCHEDULE MONDAY—FRIDAY

8:00 a.m. -Daily Mass  
 12:10 p.m. -Daily Mass

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent at 5:30 p.m.  
 at St. Paul's Church.



### EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

*If you would like to memorialize  
 flowers for Easter, simply fill  
 out this form, place it in an envelope marked  
 Easter Flowers, and  
 return in the collection basket or to the rectory.  
 Flower envelopes can also be found in your  
 monthly envelope packet. Our church will be  
 decorated for Easter with these flowers!*

**Requests must be received by April 3rd.**

*Suggested Donation: \$20.00*

In Loving Memory/Honor

Of: \_\_\_\_\_

Donated

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

St. Paul's is once again participating in  
 the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl  
 program. Rice Bowls are  
 available in the back of our churches.

Drop off your Rice Bowls to the  
 rectory or in our Sunday collections.

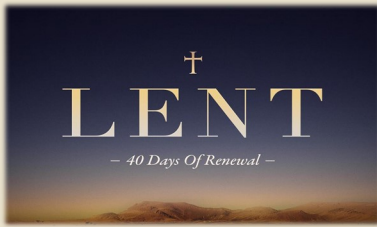


of your CRS Rice Bowl  
 donation supports our work  
 around the world.



of gifts stay in each U.S. diocese  
 for hunger and poverty  
 alleviation efforts.





Lent is a time for sacrifice and for spiritual renewal as we reflect upon our baptism and the call given to each of us to walk as disciples of the Lord. As faithful followers of Jesus, we are traditionally encouraged to honor the sacred season of Lent by embracing the three pillars of Lenten observance:

- \* Almsgiving – generously giving to those in need
- \* Fasting – practicing self-discipline and self-denial
- \* Prayer – reading, hearing and reflecting on the Word of God

Lent is also a penitential season. It is a time to seek forgiveness, to look inward, and to admit our shortcomings and failures. It is a time to regroup and to prepare. How can you spend your time during Lent?

By “giving up” things you hunger after, such as sweets or alcohol; or activities you desire, such as vacations, concerts or movies.

By “doing” things to help others, such as offering an extra donation to the poor or helping those in need by providing food or clothing. By “adding” to our normal routine, such as going to daily Mass, praying the Stations of the Cross and going to confession.

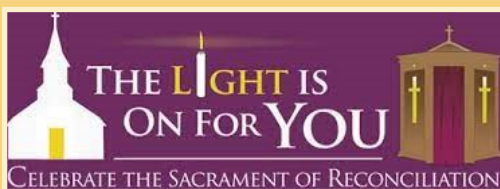


## *The Season of Lent*

The word “**Lent**” comes from an Anglo-Saxon word which means “lengthen,” a reference to lengthening days as spring approaches.

Lent lasts for 40 weekdays, beginning Ash Wednesday and concluding at sundown on Holy Thursday.

The remainder of Holy Week—beginning with the Mass of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday, and including Good Friday and Holy Saturday, are called the “**Triduum**,” which means three days.



**All Mondays of Lent March 7th– April 11th  
5:30 - 7p.m.**

St. Paul’s Church and all the parishes in the Diocese of Scranton will be open for individual confessions.

In this season of renewal, Catholics are invited to experience Christ’s healing love through the Sacrament of Reconciliation as an important dimension of the Lenten journey. The website, [www.dioceseofscranton.org/light](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org/light) has materials to assist you in preparing to make a good confession, prayers you may find helpful, and answers to frequently asked questions.

Please make plans to come on a Lenten Monday, and spread the word of this special outreach of mercy to those you know.



DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

# ROOTED IN CHRIST

LENT 2022

The Diocesan Office for Parish Life invites you to join us for a series of daily reflections delivered right to your email inbox! Each day of the week will provide inspiration and ideas to make this a Lenten season that calls you into a deeper relationship with Christ. You'll hear from a variety of people who are missionary disciples, with gifts to share so that Christ is more known and loved.

Each day will have a particular focus:

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| -Mercy Monday       | -Forgiving Friday |
| -Teaching Tuesday   | -Stick with It    |
| -Witness Wednesday  | Saturday          |
| -Thirsting Thursday | -Sacred Sunday    |

To sign up now, visit <https://scrantoncatholic.activehosted.com/f/1>

OUR DIOCESE OF SCRANTON 'PASTOR CHEFS' ARE READY FOR THEIR KITCHEN RUMBLE!  
YOU CAN HELP FIGHT HUNGER, HELP PARISHES RAISE FUNDS, AND  
HELP YOUR FAVORITE PRIESTS WIN THE COVETED TALL HATS - WITH AS LITTLE AS ONE VOTE!



### Lenten Taizé Prayer

On **Thursday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m.**, members of Cantores Christi Regis of King's College, Wilkes-Barre, will present an evening of Lenten Taizé Prayer at Saint Joseph Mareello Parish, 237 William Street in Pittston. These students, under the direction of Mr. Robert Yenkowski, will lead us in sung prayer in a candlelit church. All are invited to attend.

### Marywood Chamber Singers Concert

On **Friday, April 1 at 7:30 p.m.**, the Chamber Singers of Marywood University, Scranton, under the direction of Dr. Rick Hoffenberg will present a Spring Concert at Saint John the Evangelist Church, 35 William Street in Pittston. The concert will include Samuel Barber's *Agnus Dei*, the composer's own choral arrangement of the cherished *Adagio for Strings*. Music by Palestrina, Wolfram Buchenberg, Howard Helvey, Stacey V. Gibbs, and Moses Hogan will also be included on the program. All are invited to attend.

**The Annual Novena to St. Joseph is continuing each day this week at the Oblates of St. Joseph Chapel Weekend of March 12-13:** 1880 Route 315, Laflin. Masses and novena devotions are held daily at 12 Noon & 7:00 p.m. The Novena will conclude this coming Saturday, March 19th, the Solemnity of St. Joseph, with a special Mass at 11:00 a.m, celebrated by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera. The Mass will be live streamed on the Oblates of St. Joseph Facebook page and broadcast live on JMJ Catholic Radio 98.9 FM. For more information, call the seminary office at (570) 654-7542.