

ST. PAUL PARISH

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 30, 2022



[HE SAID TO THEM], "TODAY THIS SCRIPTURE PASSAGE IS
FULFILLED IN YOUR HEARING." - LK 4:21

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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 limited social distancing seating.

Mass Schedule

8 am Mass ~ Monday Thru Saturday

Vigil Mass ~ 4:30 pm Saturday ~ Livestreamed

Mass ~ Sunday 8 am ~ 10:30 am

Confessions - Saturday 4:00 pm

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 ~ Monday thru Friday

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

E-Mail ~ info@stpaulscranton.org

Facebook ~ Saint Paul's Parish

Website ~ www.stpaulscranton.org

St. Clare Church

2235 North Washington Avenue

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

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 - Administrative Assistant

Phoebe Wilson - Operations Manager

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.

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 MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 29 **Vigil: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30 p.m. † Jim Volz *(Judy & Peter McCarthy)*

Sunday, January 30 **Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. † Members of the Parish
† Robert Toman *(Cousin, Tony Nicosia)*

10:30 a.m. † John O'Keeffe
(Peggy O'Keeffe)

Monday, January 31 **St. John Bosco Priest and Religious Founder**

8:00 a.m. † Edith Costello *(Ed & Nancy Buckery)*

Tuesday, February 1 **Weekday**

8:00 a.m. † Betty Lenko *(Stan & Betty Bednarz)*

Wednesday, February 2 **Presentation of the Lord**

8:00 a.m. † John Corcoran *(Peggy O'Keeffe)*

Thursday, February 3 **Weekday**

8:00 a.m. † Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Coolican
(Washo & McGinnis Family)

Friday, February 4 **Weekday**

8:00 a.m. † Jay Yeager & Robert Roche *(Family)*

Saturday, February 5 **St. Agatha Virgin & Martyr**

8:00 a.m. † Patricia Zangardi *(Paul DeAntona & Family)*

4:30 p.m. † Scott Eshelman
(Mom, Dad, Todd & Blake)

Sunday, February 6 **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. † Members of the Parish
† John Anderson *(Grace Anderson)*

10:30a.m. † Edward J. Lynett
(Lynett & Haggerty Families)

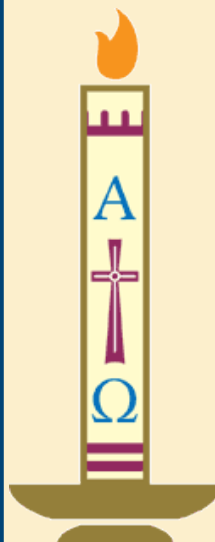
RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the souls of those recently departed.

May all the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace!



REMEMBERED AT THE ALTAR



St. Paul's Sanctuary Candle

In Memory of:
† **Jay Yeager**
With Love From:
Family

St. Paul's St. Joseph Candle

In Loving Memory of:
† **Robert Louis Toman**
With Love From:
The Cantafio Family

St. Paul's Marian Candle

In Loving Memory of:
Scott Eshelman
With Love From:
Mom, Dad, Todd & Blake

St. Paul's Wine and Hosts

In Loving Memory of:
Jeffrey Butler
† With Love, From:
A Friend

Food Pantry Volunteers for Friday 1/28

Janet Murray, Jean Weinschenk, Mary Lou Riley, Jody Maloney & Barbara Burkhouse

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS:

In Loving Memory of:	In Loving Memory of:
Sr. Mary William Philbin	Ed Lenihan
<i>With Love,</i>	<i>Happy Birthday in</i>
<i>Harry & Bobbie Jadick</i>	<i>Heaven,</i>
	<i>MaryRose Lenihan</i>



RECENTLY BAPTIZED

Madelyn Grace Phillips, child of Matthew & Katie Phillips, has recently received the sacrament of baptism at St. Paul Church. Welcome to our parish community!

FIRST TIME PARENTS

BAPTISMAL CLASS: *All first time parents are asked to request instruction before having your child baptized. Call the rectory at 570.961.1549 to register.*

We are collecting old palm to burn for use on Ash Wednesday. If you have any old palm, kindly leave them in the back of church. Thank you!



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. Please call Marci at the rectory for more information.



January 23rd
Offertory: \$5,153
Online: \$ 2,587.00

*Have any technical questions or issues or need help setting up your online account?
 Please call us for assistance: 570-961-1549*



Catholic Schools Week 2022
January 30–February 5

www.NCEA.org/csw
 #CSW22

This week we celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2022 Theme: Faith, Excellence and Service

St. Clare/St. Paul



These virtues we instill in our students every day!

To find out more about our programs follow us on Facebook:

St-Clare St-Paul-School

Instagram: [scsp_crusadernation](#)

or view our website:

<https://www.scspcranton.org/>

Each child is a gift from God!



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



Almighty and ever-living God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel." - Lk 2:34a

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SAVE THE DATE: April 7th - 6:30 pm

Doug Tallamy's "Nature's Best Hope"

Sponsored by (with more sponsors to come on board soon!)

Marywood University & Sisters of IHM

Recent headlines about global insect declines and three billion fewer birds in North America are a bleak reality check about how ineffective our current landscape designs have been at sustaining the plants & animals that sustain us.

To create landscapes that enhance local ecosystems rather than degrade them, we can encourage native plant communities that sustain food webs, sequester carbon, support native bees, and protect our watersheds. This approach to conservation empowers everyone to get involved in sustaining our natural world.

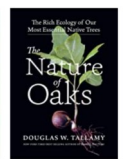
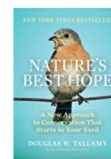
Doug Tallamy is a Professor in the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware.

He has taught insect related courses for over 41 years. He has authored 106 research articles and several books, including, *Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation That Starts in Your Yard*. He eloquently makes the connection between insects, plants & animals (including us) and our role in keeping these connections intact.

✂ Planting Native Species is his message ✂

His presentation is sure to educate, inspire, awe, and motivate us all.

Presentation to take place at Marywood University... Watch for more details to come!



"Again I tell you, if two of you join your voices on earth to pray for anything whatever, it shall be granted you by my Father in heaven.

*Where two or three are gathered in my name,
there am I in their midst." -Matthew 18: 19-20*

**EVENING
PRAYER**
Online

IHM Evening of Prayer

Wednesdays (Monthly) at 6:30 p.m.

Join us online at: <https://video.ibm.com/channel/ihm-tv>

2022

Theme

February 9

Haiti Prayer

March 9

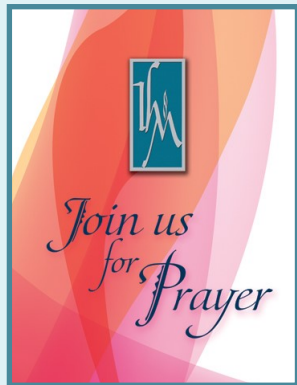
Prayer of Chapter 2022 "Let this be the Time"

April 6

Our Relationship to the Earth

May 11

Interculturality Prayer



*National
Marriage Week*
February 7-14, 2022
This year's theme...
*Marriage: Called to
the Joy of Love*

Wedding Anniversary Mass 2022

Many of our Jubilarian Couples eagerly anticipate their 25th & 50th Anniversaries, and the opportunity to gather with Bishop Bambera for our Wedding Anniversary Mass. This year's Mass will be held on June 26, 2022, at 2:30 pm, at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Scranton. Stay tuned for additional information about this year's Wedding Anniversary Mass. For questions, please contact Jen Housel, jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org

**One of the foundations of the
Catholic Faith is a
belief that God is alive in each
and every human person.
What is my role in this
Synod?**



By calling for the 2021-2023 Synod on Synodality, Pope Francis is inviting the Church to gather and to listen to each and every Catholic to find the Church's path forward at this time in our history.

This is a moment for the voice of God's people to be heard to give voice to the direction of the Church. Pope Francis is providing the opportunity for this ancient and tested model to find relevance in light of today's challenges and opportunities.

The Holy Father seeks to hear every voice. Visit: www.dioceseofscranton.org/synod-on-synodality or call the Diocesan Synod Phone Line at **570-591-5024**



World Day of the Sick Mass

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2022
12:10 P.M.

CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PETER

Principal Celebrant
Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera
Bishop of Scranton

CTV: Catholic Television will broadcast the Mass live

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).

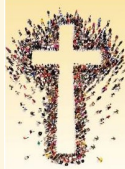
Please consider your health and the health of our parish as we celebrate Mass

-Please continue to wear a face mask as an added precaution even if fully vaccinated.

-Social Distance when choosing seats especially for those members not in your own family.

-Use hand sanitizer while in church.





VISION 2030

*Creating Parish Communities Rooted
in the Life of Jesus Christ*

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS THE VISION 2030 BLUEPRINT PLANNING PROCESS?

The Vision 2030 Blueprint Planning Process is a long-range pastoral planning process for the Diocese of Scranton. While looking proactively at the realities of our local church in the present moment, this process strives to meet the opportunities and challenges of the coming decade in order to create vibrant expressions of parish life rooted in the life of Jesus Christ.

WHY IS VISION 2030 HAPPENING NOW?

Change is constantly occurring all around us in society. From school districts that have consolidated because of population swings to hospitals that have closed because of shifts in demographics, our parishes are also not immune to change. We all have a responsibility to make the best use of the resources that God has given to us to fulfill the mission of the Church.

The challenges and opportunities facing the Diocese of Scranton are not unique but they are becoming more urgent by the day. Many other dioceses are responding to similar circumstances, particularly in the northeastern part of the country. Many times the resources of a parish, or the diocese itself, are utilized to maintain the “status quo.” This process is truly about working to strengthen all aspects of parish life, with the emphasis on “mission” over “maintenance.”

WHO IS INVOLVED IN VISION 2030?

Everyone. That includes the laity, clergy and religious of the Diocese of Scranton. By the essence of our Baptism, each of us must take an active role in realizing the mission of the Vision 2030 Blueprint Process. We are all co-responsible for the success of this mission. There must be equal participation and dialogue from all sides as this process moves forward. By being informed and relying on data, not simply emotion or sentimentality, we can all work together to create vibrant parish communities rooted in the life of Jesus Christ.

HOW IS VISION 2030 DIFFERENT FROM PREVIOUS PLANNING PROCESSES?

More than a decade ago, the Diocese of Scranton was involved in a pastoral planning process known as Called to Holiness & Mission, which altered the landscape of parishes dramatically, from 196 parishes down to 120, affecting all parishes in the process. While building upon that initiative, Vision 2030 will be significantly different. Not every parish will be engaged in the process at the same time.

Different things will prompt necessary changes in our parishes at different times and places. While priority drivers will vary from parish to parish, the overall mission will remain the same – to ensure that we can continue to proclaim the Gospel faithfully and celebrate the sacraments joyfully throughout all areas of the Diocese of Scranton.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE PRIORITY DRIVERS THAT MIGHT LEAD TO CHANGE?

A lot has changed not only in society, but also in the Diocese of Scranton during its more than 150-year history. By working together, we hope to strengthen the most vibrant expressions of parish life and to embrace the unavoidable changes that require us to respond in new ways.

1. Fewer Parishioners Supporting the Mission of the Church

Long before the COVID-19 pandemic impacted parishes, regular weekend Mass attendance had been on the decline. The total number of parishioners who were registered in all parishes of the Diocese of Scranton dropped by more than 16% between 2014 and 2020. The total number of Baptisms, First Communions and Confirmations also dropped during this time.

2. Parish Infrastructure Needs

Many parish buildings were built in a different era and there are countless facilities with deferred maintenance needs and no planned funding stream for necessary repairs. The Diocese of Scranton must continue to evaluate where and how to best invest resources not only at a particular parish-level, but also at the deanery and diocesan levels.

3. Financial Challenges

Parishes are more expensive to maintain now than they were in the past. With a fewer number of parishioners supporting the mission of the church overall, some parish offertories are not able to keep up with current realities.

4. Diminishing Number of Ordained Priests

Over the coming decade and beyond, the Diocese of Scranton faces a decreasing number of priests. A fewer number of priests will represent a significant challenge to the entire diocese. In 2003, the Diocese of Scranton had more than 200 active priests. In 2021, there were 97 diocesan priests active in the Diocese and 16 of those priests are expected to reach retirement age by 2025 and 19 additional priests are projected for retirement between 2025-2030.