

**ST. PAUL PARISH**  
*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*January 16, 2021*



# VISION 2030

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

Learn about the Diocese of Scranton's ongoing pastoral planning process by picking up a copy of Vision 2030 in your parish, reading *The Catholic Light* or visiting [dioceseofscranton.org](http://dioceseofscranton.org)



### **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](mailto:info@stpaulscranton.org)

Facebook ~ Saint Paul's Parish

Website ~ [www.stpaulscranton.org](http://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.

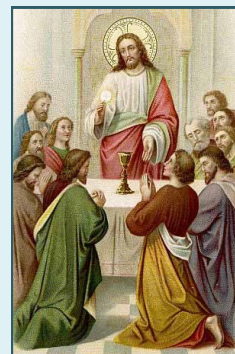
Please call the parish office if you wish to be anointed.

### **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 15**      **Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30 p.m. † Harriet Quinn *(Family)*

**Sunday, January 16**      **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. † Members of the Parish  
                  † Jerry Maushart *(Kathy & Family)*

10:30 a.m. † Scott Eshelman  
    *(Mom, Dad, Todd & Blake)*

**Monday, January 17**      **Weekday**

8:00 a.m. † Susan McAllister *(James & Joanne Quinn)*

**Tuesday, January 18**      **Weekday**

8:00 a.m. † Harold Marion *(Frank Cossa)*

**Wednesday, January 19**      **Weekday**

8:00 a.m. † Patricia Sheerin *(LaTorre Family)*

**Thursday, January 20**      **Weekday**

8:00 a.m. † Jimmy Coughlin *(Tom Kelly)*

**Friday, January 21**      **Weekday**

8:00 a.m. † Frank, Veronica & Lucille Shimkus  
    *(Family)*

**Saturday, January 22**      **Weekday**

8:00 a.m. † Jerry Maushart *(Kathy & Family)*  
                  4:30 p.m. † Robert McAndrew *(McAndrew Family)*

**Sunday, January 23**      **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

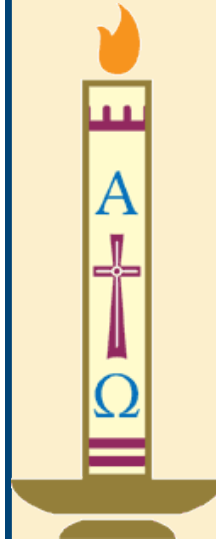
8:00 a.m. † Members of the Parish  
                  † Sam Cottone *(Family)*  
                  10:30a.m. † Ann S. Moyles  
    *(Tony Nicosia & Donna Barbetti)*

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the souls of those recently departed, especially **Agnes Snell**. May her soul and 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:  
 ‡ **Daniel Finnerty**  
 With Love From:  
*The Renard Family*

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

In Loving Memory of:  
 ‡ **Scott Eshelman**  
 With Love From:  
*The Cantafio Family*

### **St. Paul's Marian Candle**

In Loving Memory of:  
 ‡ **Daniel Finnerty**  
 With Love From:  
*Joanne Cantafio*

### **St. Paul's Wine and Hosts**

In Loving Memory of:  
 ‡ **Henry Taylor**  
 ‡ With Love, From:  
*Susan & Jack Conway*



## FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS:

**Friday January 21st**

*Jen Clark, Jane Strobino, Marilyn Carlonas,  
 Jody Maloney, Barbara Burkhouse*

## FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

In Honor of:  
**Dr. Barbara Burkhouse  
 & Ms. Ellen Burkhouse**  
*With Love, A Friend*

In Honor of:  
**Dr. Jane Farr**  
*With Love, A Friend*

In Loving Memory of:  
**Matthew Lynott**  
*With Love, A Friend*

We would like to sincerely thank **Zummos** for their weekly donation of baked goods and also for their December collection of toiletries for the St Paul Parish Food Pantry. The generosity from contributors, our parishioners, and volunteers is what keeps our food pantry able to continue to help the community each week. **Thank you so much!**

## MEMORIALIZING A LOVED ONE

You may memorialize a loved one by having the candles lit at St. Paul's Church for the week. This beautiful tribute will be noted in our bulletin. Please call Marci at the rectory for more





**January 9th**

**Offertory:** Due to collection counting delay— amount will be posted in next week's bulletin  
**Online: \$2,326**

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

**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!



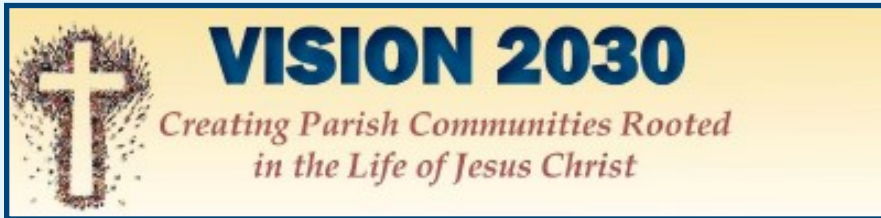
**ADORATION AND ROSARY**



St. Clare Church from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday 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



At the beginning of a new year, it is natural to look towards the future. For the last several years, the Diocese of Scranton and its churches have been focused on the future with a pastoral planning initiative called the

***Vision 2030 Blueprint Process.***

**Vision 2030** will help our diocese meet the many opportunities and challenges of the coming decade. The main goal of **Vision 2030** is to create vibrant parishes rooted in the life of Jesus Christ.

This weekend, we invite everyone to learn more about the current realities we face together, by picking up a copy of the **Vision 2030** booklet .

All of this information is also available in this week's

Catholic Light newspaper and is on the Diocese of Scranton's website. Because of our Baptism, each one of us has an important role to play in the Church. The participation of each one of us is critical to proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel and sharing the love of Jesus Christ.

Please take some time to read through the **Vision 2030** document and pray for this process as we work to keep our Church a strong and vibrant beacon of hope for all.

## Grief Support Group

The winter session of the Grief Support Group will meet **Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. beginning on January 5th and ending on January 26th.**

All meetings take place at the **Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton.**

If you are interested in attending the support group meetings or would like more information, **contact the Parish Office by phone at 570.344.7231 or email: [info@stpeterscathedral.org](mailto:info@stpeterscathedral.org)**

The grief support group at the Cathedral of Saint Peter provides support to people in our community who are grieving the loss of a loved one. We are frequently reminded of the reality of death, and our Christian responsibility to offer some degree of comfort to those who mourn.

The grief support group will work through a series of topics to help you understand the grief process and to find healing.

**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. Please Prayerfully consider completing the Synod Online Survey by visiting [www.dioceseofscranton.org/synod-on-synodality](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org/synod-on-synodality) or by calling the Diocesan Synod Phone Line at 570-591-5024.

# 9DAYS FOR LIFE

**PRAY TO PROTECT HUMAN LIFE!**

**JANUARY 19-27, 2022**

9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Join today at [www.9daysforlife.com!](http://www.9daysforlife.com!)



## CIVIL RIGHTS DAY

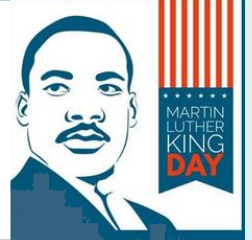
In Catholic social tradition, "rights" correspond to the treatment every person deserves not because of background or individual merit, but

by virtue of being created in the image and likeness of God. As followers of Christ, we are called to a concern for our brothers and sisters. This means that, in acknowledging rights, we also acknowledge responsibilities. St. John Paul II writes, "every man is his 'brother's keeper', because God entrusts us to one another" ("Evangelium Vitae," 19).

In our complicated world, it can be easy to get overwhelmed by public policy. However, we are not exempt from engaging in public life.

Today, we remember that we are all called to work to ensure that social structures uphold.

**Rectory Office  
will be closed  
on Monday  
Jan. 17th  
In Observance**



## Please consider your health and the health of our parish as we celebrate Mass at St. Paul Church.

- Please continue to wear a face mask as an added precaution even if you are fully vaccinated.
- Social Distance when choosing seats especially for those members not in your own family.
- Use hand sanitizer located throughout the church.



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# VIGIL MASS FOR LIFE

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2022**

**6:00PM | ST. MARIA GORETTI CHURCH, LAFLIN**

**CELEBRANT: MOST REV. JOSEPH C. BAMBERA  
BISHOP OF SCRANTON**

Join us in prayer on the eve of the 48th annual  
March for Life for a greater respect of all  
human life, from conception to natural death,  
and every moment in between.

***We invite you to bring a new pack of diapers to be  
donated to Shepherd's Maternity House and St.  
Joseph's Center Baby and Children's Pantry***

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT  
DIOCESEOFSCRANTON.ORG**

## YEARLY STATEMENT

All registered parishioners will receive a yearly statement of giving in January 2022. Many people enjoy using Christmas and Year's End as a special time to give to their favorite Catholic institutions and also positively impact their Federal and State Income taxes. Christmas and Year End giving provides many advantages to you, the donor.

- All gifts made on or before December 31st are tax deductible for the tax year 2021
- A year end donation can be used to memorialize a loved one for the holidays.
- If you itemize, your gift will lessen your tax liability for 2021.
- If you do not itemize, your Christmas gift may be just the right decision to allow you to itemize and lower your tax bill (check with your tax advisor).

***If you would like your tax deductible contributions to show on your 2021 statement, we must receive the money by JANUARY 17, 2022.***

## Order of Alhambra

In recognition of the increasing importance of education for those with special needs, the International Order of Alhambra announces its scholarship program providing financial aid to students pursuing careers in education for persons with disabilities. The Alhambra Scholarship awards college students studying to teach intellectually and developmentally disabled persons. The scholarships are granted on the basis that applicants are dedicated to the field of special education. The number of scholarships and amounts awarded vary from year to year, based on scholarship program fund levels. The program is open to all eligible U.S. residents. Eligibility guidelines include undergraduate juniors and seniors enrolled in qualifying programs; and master's degree and community college students specializing in special education studies who have accrued half of the required graduation credits. For information on further requirements and to obtain an application, contact Ada Magni at [amagni@earthlink.net](mailto:amagni@earthlink.net). Application deadline is February 23, 2022.