

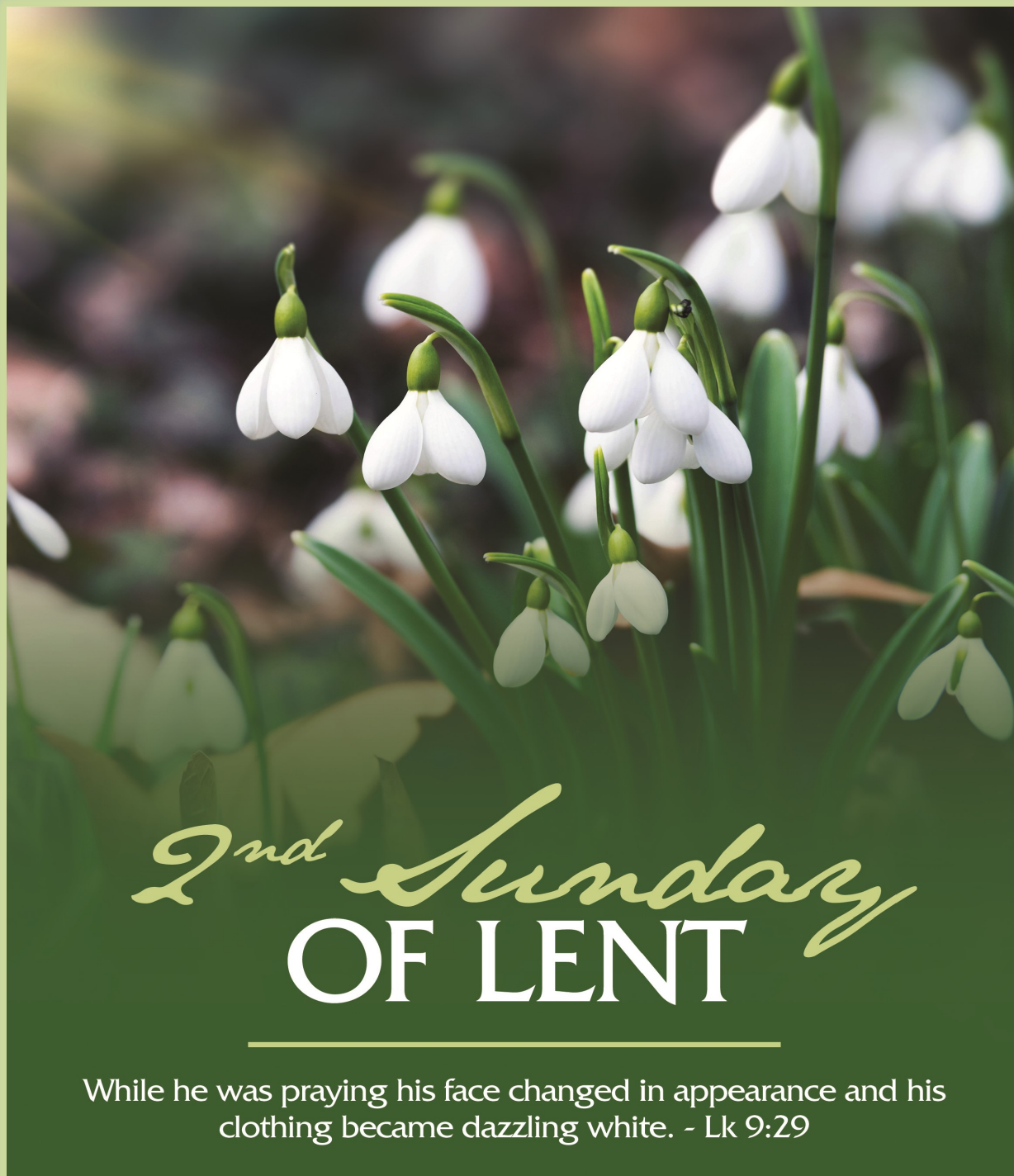
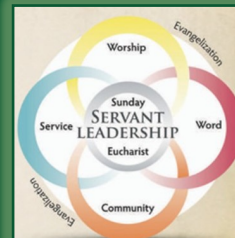
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PRAYER FOR
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ST. PAUL PARISH

Second Sunday of Lent

March 13, 2022



2nd Sunday **OF LENT**

While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. - Lk 9:29

WEEKDAY LENTEN MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday: St. Paul Church

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent: 5:30 p.m.- St. Paul Church

CONFESSIONS:

Mondays of Lent from 5:30-6:30 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



❖ 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 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- 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

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.

info@stpaulscranton.org

Facebook ~ Saint Paul's

Parish Scranton

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 12 Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent

4:30 p.m. † Dale Detrick (Family)

Sunday, March 13 Second Sunday of Lent

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

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

Monday, March 14 Lenten Weekday

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

12:10 p.m. † John D. Carroll (Family)

Tuesday, March 15 Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Sal Cottone (Family)

12:10 p.m. † Ellen Mesko (Mom & Dad)

Wednesday, March 16 Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Ann Lipinski (Stan & Betty Bednarz)

12:10 p.m. † Bruce T. Brown (Children)

Thursday, March 17 Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Jack Williams (Keiran & Family)

12:10 p.m. † Hugh O'Brien (Helen, Robbie & Noel)

Friday, March 18 Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Robert McAndrew
(Mary McAndrew & Family)

12:10 p.m. † John & Anna Sochovka
(Daughter, Anne)

Saturday, March 19 Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Gene Pidich (Regina & Family)

4:30 p.m. † Mary Elizabeth Quinn (Family)

Sunday, March 20 Third Sunday of Lent

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

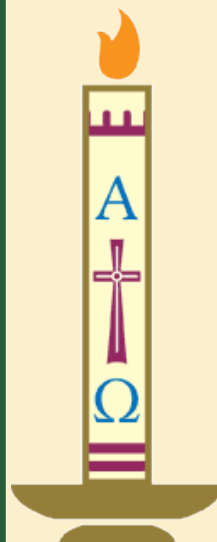
10:30 a.m. † Jane Renard (Renard Family)



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



St. Paul's Sanctuary Candle

In Memory of:

† **Jerome Leeson**

With Love From:

The Bartlebaugh Family

St. Paul's St. Joseph Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† **Billy Bochicchio**

With Love From:

Dee, Brett & Liz

St. Paul's Marian Candle

In Loving Memory of:

Thomassina Mascelli

† With Love From:

Family



St. Paul's Wine and Hosts

In Loving Memory of:

Anthony Cantafio

† With Love From:

Joanne & Family

Food Pantry Volunteers for Friday 3/18

Gretchen Welby, Casey Welby, Mary McAndrew and Renee Fontana & Barbara Burkhouse

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

**Please consider giving to
St. Paul Parish Helping
Hands Lenten Food Drive:
Please See Information in
back of church!**



FOOD PANTRY MEMORIALS

In Loving Memory of: Dale Detrick

With Love From: Robert & Elizabeth Troy

In Honor of:

Bishop Joseph Bambera D.D. J.C.L.

With Love From: Robert & Elizabeth Troy



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.



March 6th Offertory: \$5,976
Online: \$3,635.32.00

THANK YOU

FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATION

Our thoughts and prayers are with all those impacted by the recent events in Ukraine. Our continued prayers for peace, justice, and mercy.



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



HELPING HANDS

Please remember that our **Helping Hands Lenten Food Drive** is a tradition of Almsgiving at a local level. We ask you to take a bag and make your donations during the Lenten season. **Food Drive bags can be found at the entrance of the Church. Suggested Items much needed for the Food Pantry are listed on each bag. Food can be placed in the returned bag in the vestibule of St. Paul Church or brought to the rectory.**

Gift Cards to a grocery store is also a great way of giving back. You are the **Hands of Christ** in our community.

Thank you so much for your continued support!



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: _____

A Holistic Approach to Lent:

The Three Basic Lenten Disciplines



Prayer: Balance your spiritual life by integrating the body, mind, and soul in your prayer life. Increase the quality, not the quantity of your prayer. Enhance meditative prayer by “unplugging” from the modern distractions. Create spaces where God’s voice can be heard. For more active or external prayer, keep a journal, read the psalms aloud, or sing the sacred music from your worship. Let your body express your prayer by trying Yoga, Tai Chi, or dance.



Fasting: Use your fasting, not to impress God with your discomfort, but to feed on the gifts for which you hunger most. Let your fasting serve the lives of others as well as your own. It does little good to give up dessert, but then to grumble at your children’s need for attention. Fast from some of your private pursuits to become food for your family and friends. Fast from anger, blame, and entitlement; feast on forgiveness, affirmation, and the common good.



Almsgiving: Connect your almsgiving to your fasting so that self-denial becomes other-enhancement. If you skip a daily latte, give the money to a local food bank. If you have limited financial means, supplement your alms by giving of your time and talent. Volunteer at a soup kitchen or become a minister of care at your parish. Let your own poverty, whatever it may be, enrich the lives of others. Give generously, not just from the leftovers, but from the “first fruits” of your table.

Do You Want to Fast This Lent?



In the words of Pope Francis...

Fast from hurting words and say kind words

*Fast from sadness and be filled with
gratitude*

Fast from anger and be filled with patience

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope

Fast from worries and have trust in God

*Fast from complaints and
contemplate simplicity*

Fast from pressures and be prayerful

*Fast from bitterness and fill your
heart with joy*

*Fast from selfishness and be
compassionate to others*

Fast from grudges and be reconciled

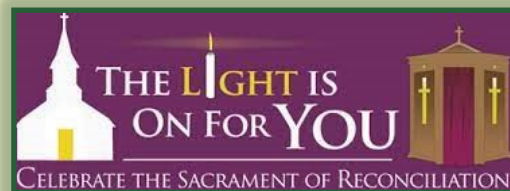
*Fast from words and be silent
so you can listen*

**All Mondays of Lent March 7th– April 11th
5:30 - 6:30p.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 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.





Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour

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!



SHOW YOUR SUPPORT TODAY ON:

SCAN ME

<https://app.mobilecause.com/vf/PASTORCHEF>

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 (570) 654-7542.

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 Marello 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.

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.

