

ST. PAUL PARISH

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 20, 2022



7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." - Lk 6:38

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

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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 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

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Marion Street, Scranton

St. Paul Rectory

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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

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, February 19 Vigil: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. † Shane Matthew Connolly (Family)

Sunday, February 20 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Lindsay Doherty (Family)

† Carol Pappas (Family)

10:30 a.m. † Members of the Parish
† Catherine Mulderig (Auriemma Family)

Monday, February 21 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Meg Cullen Brown (Mike & Family)

Tuesday, February 22 The Chair of St. Peter The Apostle

8:00 a.m. † Lorraine Cerato (Mike & Desi Cerato)

Wednesday, February 23 St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr

8:00 a.m. † David J. Harding
(Timothy Doherty & Family)

Thursday, February 24 Weekday

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

Friday, February 25 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Ann Wagner (Bob & Family)

Saturday, February 26 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † David J. Harding
(Timothy Doherty & Family)

4:30 p.m. † Virginia Frankenfield
(Craig & Brittany Washo)

Sunday, February 27 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Members of the Parish
† Gene Pidich (Wife & Family)

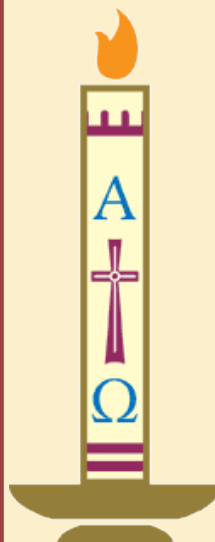
10:30 a.m. † James Volz
(Jimmy & MaryRose Brozetti)

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:

† Edward Palski

With Love From:

Wife, MaryAnn Palski & 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:

Sandy Malone

† With Love From:

Cousin, Susan

St. Paul's Wine and Hosts

In Loving Memory of:

Orlando Barbetti

† With Love, From:

Family



Food Pantry Volunteers for Friday 2/25
U of S Students & Barbara Burkhouse
Pantry Hours: Fridays~ 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Thank You
Volunteers.



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 the church. Thank you!

FIRST TIME PARENTS BAPTISMAL CLASS

All first time parents are asked to request instruction before having your child baptized.

Call 570-961-1549 to register!



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.



February 13th
Offertory: \$5,091
Online: \$2,973.35

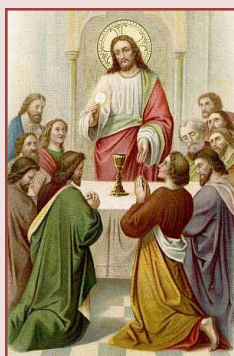
IS ONLINE GIVING RISKY?

It's less risky than writing checks or bringing cash to church. Electronic contributions can't be lost, stolen, or destroyed.

If you don't like it simply cancel your authorization for future gifts. Please go to our website at www.stpaulscranton.org and click the link for information on Online Giving on the bottom of the page!

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.



Prayer for the Synod

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.



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



ST. CYRIL'S CHURCH- LENTEN FOOD SALE **FRIDAYS DURING LENT: MARCH 4TH to April 8TH**

FEATURING: PIZZA by ROSEANNA'S,
PIEROGI by LITTLE SPUDS,
BELLAROSE FOOD TRUCK,
SOUPS by BISTRO ON THE HUDSON

ORDER BY 6:00 p.m. MONDAY EACH WEEK

PICK-UP ON FRIDAY 3:00 p.m. TO 6:00 p.m.

PICK-UP: ST. CYRIL'S HALL, 207 RIVER ST, OLYPHANT
Orders: Call Jule (570) 357-6171 or Michaelene (570) 209-2026

PIZZA by Roseanna's

RED: \$12- WHITE: \$13
PIEROGI (hand-made, double sized)
Potato/cheese \$14 doz.
Potato/cheese/onion \$14.50 doz.
Potato/cheese/jalapeno \$14.50 doz.

BELLAROSE FOOD TRUCK

(also accepting walk-in orders)
Hand-breaded Shrimp & Fries \$10
Fish & Chips \$14
Buffalo Shrimp & Cheese Fries \$12
Halushki \$10
Mango Habanero Shrimp & Garlic Parm Fries \$12
Crab Macaroni & Cheese \$15

SOUPS by Bistro on the Hudson

March 4: Crab Bisque \$15
Spinach Tortellini Soup \$10
March 11: Shrimp Bisque \$15
Vegetable Soup \$10
March 18: Lobster Bisque \$15
Broccoli Cheese Soup \$12
March 25: New England Clam \$12
Tomato Basil Soup \$10
April 1: Shrimp Corn Chowder \$15
Cream of Potato Soup \$12
April 8: Manhattan Clam \$12
Cauliflower Cheese Soup \$12

What is Mammon?

Question:

When Jesus says, **"You cannot, serve both God and mammon,"** what does he mean? What is mammon?

Answer:

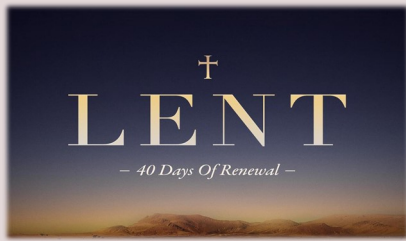
When you hear Scripture proclaimed each Sunday, remember it wasn't originally written in English. Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek — these ancient tongues were the original language of our Old and New Testaments. Most of the time, all of the words are translated into our native language. Sometimes, a word or two is left in the original language. Such is the case in this Scripture passage.

Mammon is an ancient Aramaic word referring to money, wealth, or profit.

Earthly wealth isn't bad in itself, nor does it automatically exclude us from being a disciple of Jesus. But what

dominates our life? To serve money — that is, to seek accumulation of wealth for its own sake and to structure our lives around it — is morally problematic. What good is our wealth if it isn't at the service of others? What good is our wealth if its pursuit leads us to selfishness, obsession, greed, envy, and comparison? There are many things that can be opposed to our service of God — power, prestige, popularity. Ultimately, something in our lives will be our master. But there is only one God worth serving. ©LPi





The season of Lent is a 40 day period of prayer, fasting and almsgiving (acts of charity) to help Christians prepare spiritually for the commemoration of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ during Holy Week. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. The season has its roots in early Christianity when those guilty of serious sin were expelled from the Christian community to wear sackcloth and ashes and to make atonement for their sins. They were reconciled back to the community on Holy Thursday, in time for the celebration of the Paschal Triduum.

During Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics.

Catholics are encouraged to devote themselves to seeking the Lord in prayer and reading Scripture, to service by giving alms and to practice self-control through fasting. The faithful are encouraged to dive into God's word in Scripture or pray the rosary with family members.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

Ash Wednesday

March 2, 2022



The reception of ashes is not mandatory nor required. It is within each individual's own internal disposition and intention to repent and start over.

That is the best fruit of Ash Wednesday and the ashes are an external sign of that internal reality. Individuals may enter into Lent with a repentant heart even if they decide that receiving ashes is not the right thing for them this year.

Because of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, parishes should not impose ashes by thumb on the forehead of parishioners. Ashes can be distributed to the faithful with no direct contact.

DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

Any person may take Blessed Ashes to home bound parishioners, using one of the formulas:

"Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel" or "Remember you are dust and unto dust you will return."

You may pick up ashes after Ash Wednesday services. Pre-filled envelopes will be provided.

Diocese of Scranton 2022 Lent and Easter Guidelines Regulations on Fasting and Abstinence

All faithful of the Diocese of Scranton are reminded of Diocesan Statute No. 41, which addresses the penitential aspect of Lent:

"The season of Lent is penitential in nature and during Lent penance should be not only internal and individual, but also external and social (Sacrosanctum Concilium, No. 5, 109).

Pastors are obliged to avoid scheduling activities in the parishes which in any way could possibly detract from the external and social penance required by Lent."

Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022, marks the beginning of Lent.

The following fast and abstinence regulations are observed:

-FASTING is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, April 15, 2022, by all Catholics over 18 years of age to the beginning of their 60th year. On days of fasting, one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together should not equal another full meal, unless dispensed or excused.

-ABSTINENCE from meat is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age or older. Ash Wednesday, all of the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday are days of abstinence.

(NOTE: This year, the Feast of the Annunciation falls on Friday, March 25, 2022. Because it is considered a solemnity by the church, the law of abstinence from meat and meat products does not apply specifically on Friday, March 25, this year (per Canon 1251))



VISION 2030

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

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT TYPES OF CHANGES COULD OCCUR IN PARISHES AS A PART OF VISION 2030?

While change to parish life and structure will be necessary during this process, Vision 2030 will allow for the unique needs of each deanery and even special circumstances within each deanery, to be brought forward. While any change prompted by this process may be difficult, Vision 2030 aims to help all of the faithful grow more deeply in the faith.

Some of the possible areas for discussion and pastoral planning that may occur in parishes over the next decade include:

1. Partnership with Neighboring Parishes

Parishes retain their own pastors but begin partnering with others to share ministries and resources such as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, youth groups and religious education with the goal to avoid duplication as much as possible.

2. Linked Parishes

Linking two or more parishes would involve the parishes sharing the same pastor. Such parishes, while independent, will by necessity cooperate more closely than parishes in partnerships. Linked parishes do many things cooperatively, such as programs, and are encouraged to work toward combining Pastoral Council meetings and establishing common committees where possible.

3. Alternative Types of Parish Leadership

The Diocese of Scranton currently has several Parish Life Coordinators who are entrusted with the responsibility of leading a parish community in the absence of a priest serving as pastor. The Parish Life Coordinator provides pastoral and organizational leadership for a parish community and works with a Sacramental Minister, who is a priest authorized to provide for the liturgical and sacramental needs of the parish community.

4. Merger/Closure

In a parish merger, two or more parishes are united as one parish. Parishes may be considered for a merger when one or more of the parishes involved appears to lack the resources for long-term sustainability. This lack of resources might be financial in nature but might also apply to the number of active parishioners or the ability to maintain a safe and secure facility/property. This option is most generally considered when the membership of a parish has so diminished that the community is unable to sustain the pillars of parish life in Word, Worship, Community and Service and/or financial and infrastructure needs cannot be met.