ST. PAUL PARISH

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 15, 2021

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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 Thursday
8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Friday ~ 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon
E-Mail ~ info@stpaulscranton.org
Facebook ~ Saint Paul's Parish
Website ~ 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
12:00 p.m. ~ 1:30 p.m.
St. Clare Church Basement

Rev. Mon. Neil J. Van Loon, V.F., Pastor
Deacon John A. Hanni

St. Paul Staff
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Robert Fitzsimmons - Sacristan
Eugene Mentz - Director of Liturgical Music
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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, August 14 — **Vigil: Saint Maximillian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr**

4:30 p.m. † Judge S. John Cottone *(Family)*

Sunday, August 15 — **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00 a.m. † Members of the Parish
† Rosalie Gallagher *(Clarke Family)*
10:30 a.m. † Lindsay Doherty *(Family)*

Monday, August 16 — **Weekday**

8:00 a.m. † Dr. Thomas Pocius *(Jim, Kris & Tori)*

Tuesday, August 17 — **Weekday**

8:00 a.m. † Becky Pocius *(Jim, Kris & Tori)*

Wednesday, August 18 — **Weekday**

8:00 a.m. † Jerry Maushart *(Kathy & Family)*

Thursday, August 19 — **Weekday**

8:00 a.m. † Jacque Saunders *(Wazowicz Family)*

Friday, August 20 — **Saint Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church**

8:00 a.m. † David Yeager *(Mom)*

Saturday, August 21 — **Saint Pius X, Pope**

8:00 a.m. † Edward Magas & Ryan O'Malley *(O'Malley & Dellecave Families)*

4:30 p.m. † Edwin & Irene Burkhouse *(Ellen & Barbara)*

Sunday, August 22 — **Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time**

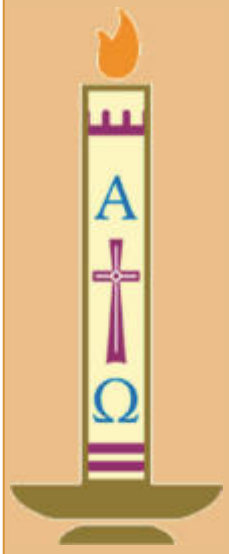
8:00 a.m. †Florence McAndrew *(Family)*

10:30 a.m. † Members of the Parish
† Eugene Grady *(Marge & Family)*

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 information.

REMEMBERED AT THE ALTAR



St. Paul's Sanctuary Candle
In Loving Memory of:
† David Yeager
With Love From:
Mom

St. Paul's St. Joseph Candle
In Loving Memory of:
† Louis Contafio
With Love From:
Contafio Family

St. Paul's Marian Candle
For:
† Edward Manley

St. Paul's Wine and Hosts
In Loving Memory of:
† Gloria & Joseph Burke
Bill, Judy, Will & Molly White

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the souls of those recently departed, Especially, ***Edward Manley***. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace!

~ Food Pantry Hours ~

12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS

Friday, August 20, 2021

Kris Pocius, Judy Sweeney, Marisa McHale, Jerry Burns & Barbara Burkhouse

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Ever wonder what the pantry needs?

AUGUST DESIRABLES INCLUDE:

- Paper products
- Pasta sauce
- Cookies
- Crackers
- Sides, such as Knorrs

OFFERTORY

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ONLINE GIVING

Going on vacation? Please use *Online Giving* to catch up on your offertory.
Go to ***stpaulscranton.org*** and click on the online giving link at the bottom of the page. It's quick and easy! Your support during the summer months helps sustain our parish.

The Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations is sponsoring an evening of Eucharistic Adoration at the ***Church of St. Gregory, 330 N. Abington Road, Clarks Summit***.
The event will begin with Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday, August 26 at 7:00 P.M. it will include music, a reflection, the opportunity for the sacrament of Reconciliation, as well as a social. All are welcome to attend! For more information, **call 570-207-1452.**

Pope John Paul the Second said "Taken up into heaven, Mary shows us the way to God, the way to heaven, the way to life. She shows it to her children baptized in Christ and to all people of good will. She opens this way especially to the little ones and to the poor, those who are dear to divine mercy. The Queen of the world reveals to individuals and to nations the power of the love of God whose plan upsets that of the proud, pulls down the mighty from their thrones and exalts the humble, fills the hungry with good things and sends the rich empty away

(cf. Lk 1:51-53)."

RECENTLY BAPTIZED

Nova Kujawski, child of ***Jada Kujawski***, has recently received the sacrament of baptism at St. Paul Church.
We welcome Nova 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.

Reflection on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 15, 2021

Mary, Queen of Heaven,

The Solemnity of the Assumption celebrates the Blessed Mother's entrance into heavenly glory. The Catechism explains that Mary "was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven, where she already shares in the glory of her Son's Resurrection, anticipating the resurrection of all members of his Body" *(CCC, 974).*

Mary's Assumption into heaven reminds us that life on earth is a pilgrimage to our ultimate destination. We prepare in hope for our own passage into eternal life by the choices we make today. When we choose to love and follow God in our daily lives, we strengthen our relationship with Him, and this relationship is the true meaning of heaven: "To live in heaven is 'to be with Christ'"
(CCC, 1025 citing St. Ambrose, In Luc.,10,121:PL 15 1834A.).

We can see how, throughout her life, the Blessed Mother continually chose to go deeper into her relationship with God. She modeled how to value and respect His precious gift of human life, from the moment of conception to its natural end. In the Annunciation, through her "yes," Mary witnessed to the undeniable humanity of unborn children as she conceived and carried the Christ child in her womb. After the Annunciation, having learned that her cousin Elizabeth was with child, she went in haste to her aid.

Our Blessed Mother shows us how the way we live today can prepare us, in hope, to also enter into heavenly glory at the end of our lives.

Are we open to God's precious gift of new life?
How do we support expectant mothers and parents of young children?
Do we prioritize showing our love and care for loved ones who are ill or aging?

pray for us!

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

August 6, 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Caring for the health, safety and spiritual well-being of all parishioners – and our entire community – has been my priority since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Diocese of Scranton has made every effort to implement best practices in public health – and has been continuously evaluating policies, monitoring data and consulting with healthcare experts. I want to assure you that these efforts continue to this day.

It is now evident that this global health crisis continues to linger – especially with the delta variant -- which medical experts explain is more infectious, and can spread more aggressively, than previous virus strains.

As the Diocese of Scranton looks forward to welcoming the faithful back to the celebration of Mass with the reinstatement of our obligation as Christians to worship on Sundays and Holy Days beginning August 15, it is imperative that we maintain the accessibility of the Eucharist in a safe environment.

I am strongly recommending that all parishioners wear a mask while attending Mass – regardless of vaccination status. While masks will not be mandated in our parishes at this time, we must all continue to be vigilant against this emerging health threat. In fact, as Catholics, we have a responsibility to protect our friends and neighbors. In order to safeguard our community, I have also requested that altar servers wear masks and all Priests, Deacons and Extraordinary Ministers return to wearing masks during the distribution of Holy Communion.

I also encourage everyone to continue good hygiene habits and follow the example of Pope Francis, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, and all Pennsylvania Bishops, in receiving a COVID-19 vaccination.

While I, along with your pastor, look forward to welcoming you back to experience the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist, individuals who have serious health conditions or concerns will still not be obligated to attend Mass. By longstanding Church law, the Sunday obligation does not apply to those who are:

- Sick
- Have a serious health risk
- In a household with those at risk
- Primary caregivers to those at risk
- Have serious anxiety or concerns about being in a large-group setting due to COVID-19
- Unable to attend Mass in person

As an act of charity, anyone who believes they might have COVID-19 or one of its variants should stay home.

Those who are legitimately excused from Mass on Sundays and Holy Days are encouraged to spend time in prayer, meditating on the death and Resurrection of the Lord, reading the sacred Scriptures, and uniting themselves to Christ. They are also encouraged to watch televised or livestream Masses.

As we continue to respond to the invitation of Jesus to come to Him, I invite all the faithful to safely return to Mass to have an intimate encounter with the Lord.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

†Joseph C. Bambera

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