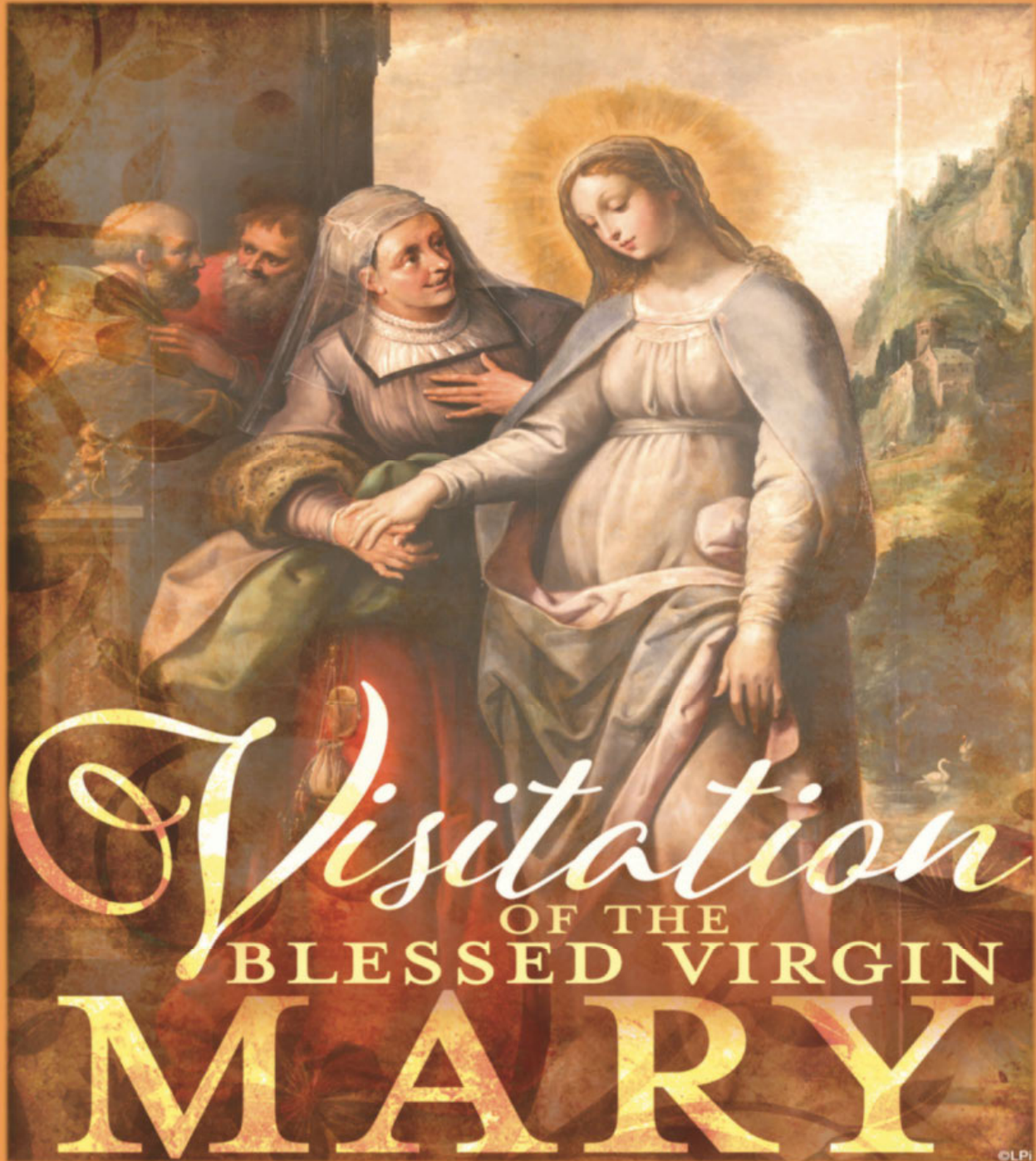




# ST. PAUL PARISH

*Seventh Sunday of Easter*

May 29, 2022



## ST. PAUL CHURCH

Monday-Saturday 8:00 a.m.- Daily Mass  
Saturday 4:30 p.m.- Vigil Mass  
Sunday 8a.m. & 10:30a.m.

## ST. CLARE CHURCH

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Monday-Friday 4p.m.-5p.m.  
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Monday ~ Friday

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Rosary at 4:30 p.m.

**FOOD PANTRY**

3:00 p.m. ~ 4:30 p.m.

St. Clare Church Basement

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Saturday 4:30 p.m.

live-streaming of the

Celebration of Mass.

**Mass Schedule**

8 am Mass ~ Mon.-Sat.

4:30 Mass ~ Sat. (Vigil)

Confessions - Sat.-4pm

8 am & 10:30 am ~ Sun.

**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 rectory  
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.



**50/50 Cash Prize  
Total is now up to:  
\$7,540 dollars!!!**



Everyone should have received their letter regarding this year's Spring fundraiser for St. Paul Parish.

If for some reason you have not received this letter or if you would like to purchase additional tickets, please call the rectory and we would be happy to supply you with them.

*Purchasing these raffle tickets is an easy way that you can virtually support our parish!*

For the big raffle, the 50/50, tickets will be \$20.00 a piece or three for \$50.00.

Our lucky winner will win half of all 50/50 tickets proceeds.

Three 50/50 tickets are enclosed in the letter being mailed to each parishioner.

*If you would like to purchase more, please contact the rectory, 570-961-1549.*

We also have our cash raffle. This great raffle has a grand prize of \$2,000.00 and \$1,000.00!

Each chance is \$5.00 or you can purchase a book of six for \$25.00 (Enclosed with the letter are 2 books of tickets.)

Just fill out your information on the return stubs, enclose a check made payable to  
St. Paul Parish and return them in the enclosed envelope.

*You may mail them, drop them in the collection basket, or bring them to the rectory.*

*Due to postal mail delays and continued interest in our Spring Raffle, we will be extending the deadline to Monday June 5th with the drawing to be held on Saturday June 11th after 4:30 Mass at St. Paul Church.*

*Your financial assistance is truly a great gift to our parish community!*

## ST. PAUL MASS INTENTIONS

*FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER*

**Saturday, May 28** Vigil: Seventh Sunday of Easter

4:30 p.m. † Martha Voinski (Carlonis Family)

**Sunday, May 29** The Ascension of the Lord

8:00 a.m. † Members of the Parish  
† Meg Cullen Brown (Mike & Family)

10:30 a.m. † Jerry Maushart (Kathy & Family)

**Monday, May 30** Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. † James T. Volz (Family)

**Tuesday, May 31** The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. † James Pappas III  
(Washo & McGinnis Family)

**Wednesday, June 1** St. Justin, Martyr

8:00 a.m. † Helen & Bernard McDonough  
(Paul & Mary Theresa Paterson)

**Thursday, June 2** Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Bob Yeager (Family)

**Friday, June 3** St. Charles Lwanga & Companions

8:00 a.m. † Maryanne Donohue (Joe & Family)

**Saturday, June 4** Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Henry Taylor (Susan Conway)

4:30 p.m. † Joan M. Cottone (Family)

**Sunday, June 5** Pentecost Sunday

8:00 a.m. † Members of the Parish  
† John Heelan (Kate Mellody)

10:30a.m. † Joanne Carroll Burns (Family)

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the souls of those recently departed, especially, *Evelyn Costa, Jack Egan, & Katharine O'Donnell*. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace!



### 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.*



### REMEMBERED AT THE ALTAR: May 22-28

#### St. Paul's Sanctuary Candle

In Memory of:  
† John "Sonny" & Betty Lenko  
With Love From:  
Stan & Betty Bednarz

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

In Loving Memory of:  
† Thomas McCormick  
With Love From:  
The Cantafio Family

#### St. Paul's Marian Candle

In Loving Memory of:  
† Thomassina Mascelli  
With Love From:  
Family



### REMEMBERED AT THE ALTAR: May 29-June 4

#### St. Paul's Sanctuary Candle

In Memory of:  
† Ann & George Chermak  
& Rita Pagnotti  
With Love From  
Joan Yontas

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

In Loving Memory of:  
† Bobb Yeager  
With Love From:  
Family

#### St. Paul's Marian Candle

In Loving Memory of:  
† Wayne Randolph  
With Love From:  
Cantafio Family

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

In Loving Memory of:  
† Catharine O'Donnell  
With Love From:  
Mary Judith Collern



**Regular Pantry Hours: Fridays~ 3-4:30 p.m.**  
**Food Pantry Volunteers for Friday June 3**  
*Jody Maloney, Renee Fontana, Sandi Cadden, Mary McAndrew, & Barbara Burkhouse*

### Food Pantry Donations:

*In Loving Memory of:*  
**Jean Derbin**  
*With Love,*  
**John & Roseanne Skaluba**

*In Loving Memory of:*  
**Edward Lenihan**  
*With Love,*  
**Mary Rose Lenihan**

*In Loving Memory of:*  
**The Most Reverend John M. Dougherty**  
*With Love,*  
**Anne Boles**

*In Loving Memory of:*  
**Tom Lucas**  
*With Love,*  
**Todd & Elizabeth O'Malley**

# Reflection on the Visitation of Mary

The account of the visitation to Elizabeth by the Blessed Virgin Mary is a well-known story that could easily be described as one of the best-loved stories in the bible. If for nothing at all, we are reminded of this event practically every time we sing or recite the Magnificat, the same song Mary sang when she visited her cousin, Elizabeth. Besides, we are offered the opportunity to reflect on the account every time we pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary. There is one aspect of the visitation that I find particularly relevant to us on this occasion. It is a trait that seems to unite the two women in the account. The first to speak, Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cries out in a loud voice and utters the prophetic words: "Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb" -Lk 1: 42. The other, Mary, responds to this word of prophecy in her song saying: "All generations will call me blessed"-Lk 1: 48. So why does Luke at the beginning of his Gospel present us with this story and what is the point of their prophetic utterances?

A closer reading of the Gospel of Luke chapters 1 & 2 clearly indicates that the evangelist took the question of prophetic utterance seriously. Zechariah prophesies when his tongue is loosened -Lk 1: 68-79. Simeon prophesies-Lk 2: 34-35, and so does the prophetess Anna -Lk 2: 38. However, one thing unites these three – all of them in one way or the other are connected to the temple. Zechariah was a priest (Lk 1: 5); Simeon was in the temple- Lk 2:27; Anna never left the temple- Lk 2: 37. The place of prophecy of Mary and Elizabeth is however quite different. It is in the home of Zechariah and Elizabeth out in the Judean countryside.



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Why is this significant? It seems to be the beginning of a series of events that happen in Luke's Gospel and in the life of the early church. The Pentecost event takes place not in the temple but in the upper room, a private household. The preaching of the faith to the gentiles begins in the household of Cornelius (Acts 10) in Joppa. And when Paul arrives for the first time in Europe, it is in the house of Lydia that the first church would gather (Acts 16: 14-16). It would seem that Mary and Elizabeth, in Luke 1, have set in motion an irresistible chain of events, a firm paradigm of the proclamation of the word in the early church, which finds its matrix in the home.

—Monica Adigwe, SHCJ

"Mary, Virgin and Mother, you who, moved by the Holy Spirit, welcomed the word of life in the depths of your humble faith as you gave yourself completely to the Eternal One. Help us to say our own 'yes' to the urgent call, as pressing as ever to proclaim the good news of Jesus." (The Joy of the Gospel No. 288)

*Amen*



**4th Annual Catholic Women's Conference 2022 The "Refresh Your Faith - Full of Grace" June 11, 2022 will be held at Marywood University.**  
Early-bird registrations are now available at \$45 per person (the price increases to \$50 after May 29). Student tickets are \$20, and women religious are welcome free of charge.  
Volunteers who sign up for four hours at the conference will receive a free ticket.  
For more information and to register, visit [cwcnepa.com](http://cwcnepa.com).

## **GOOD SAMARITAN TICKETS AVAILABLE**

If you or someone you know would like to attend the conference but can't afford the price of the ticket, call the number below or E-mail to reserve a **GOOD SAMARITAN TICKET**.

Tickets are limited and are first come first serve.

**Come, Refresh your Faith on June 11 at Marywood University!!!**

Cecilia Carr, CWC Committee Member: (570) 430-2735 or [ccarr18414@yahoo.com](mailto:ccarr18414@yahoo.com)



**Are you a young man in High School & looking to deepen your faith?** Quo Vadis Days 2022 will be held June 19-21 at Marywood University, Scranton. This camp is for young Catholic men in High School (who were in 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade during the 2020/2021 school year) to deepen their faith, learn more about all vocations, and better discern God's call in their lives. The camp will feature dynamic talks, prayer, games, sports, activities, music and more. Participants will have the opportunity to meet Bishop Bambera, priests, seminarians, and young adults of the Diocese of Scranton. Online registration is now open at [vocations.dioceseofscranton.org](http://vocations.dioceseofscranton.org).

For information, call 570-207-1452.

*A Special*  
**THANK YOU**

May 22, 2022

*Offertory: \$4,265.00*

*Online: \$2,755.50*



**RECENTLY BAPTIZED**

*Nico Hardziewic*, child of *Paul & Melanie*, has recently received the sacrament of baptism at St. Paul Church.

*We welcome Nico to our parish community!*



**PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:**

*Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent. Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfillment the good work that You have begun in them.*

*As we prepare these children for Confirmation, make each of us an instrument of Your love. Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do not understand. Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example.*

*We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us. Through Christ our Lord, Amen*

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**ST. PAUL'S PARISH 2022- CONFIRMATION CLASS**

Benjamin Boyanoski  
Ella Boyanoski  
Burke, Austin  
Maggie Carey  
Alex Christianson  
James Clark  
Hailey Cleveland  
Henry Cullen  
Khoi Dang  
Andrew Dempsey  
Anne Doherty  
Patrick Doherty  
John Ephault  
Gavin Finnerty  
Cecelia Haggerty  
John Haggerty  
Maeve Haggerty  
Patrick Hazzouri  
Antoinette Hemak  
Isabella Hubert  
Molly Hunt  
Lilly Kapacs-Fenton  
Michael Kapacs-Fenton



Rebecca Lenahan  
Mackey Lynett  
Madeline Mackarey  
Gracie Maopolski  
Colin McMullen  
Grace Newcomb  
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Albert O'Donnell  
Liam O'Malley  
James Oven  
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John Petrosky  
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Donato Rinaldi  
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Kuiyanna Straub  
Salvatore Talarico  
Thomas Tell  
Taryn Walsh  
Ava Williams  
Nolan Williamson  
Antonella Zultewicz



## BE A CATHOLIC MAN: 2022 RETREAT

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This Men's Retreat is being planned by Mark Houck  
The Kings Men, Co-Founder & President, Father Brian Van Fossen,  
Father Pio Mandato FMHJ, And Be A Catholic Man Inc.

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night of prayer, Holy Mass, Reconciliation, Adoration, food and fraternity.*

**St. Gabriel's Retreat Center 631 Griffin Pond Rd., Clarks Summit, PA**

**June 3, into June 4, 6 pm for arrivals and the Regina Caeli.**

**Retreat closes at 3 pm with Divine Mercy Chaplet**

Cost: \$75 (cost subsidized by Be A Catholic Man Inc.) - Includes overnight single room lodging & all meals  
(Limited space availability/ first come first serve)

Make check payable to: Be A Catholic Man Inc. mail to William Leandri Treasure  
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## MEMORIAL DAY POEM

Most of us play, our lives  
Like a game  
Both ends of our candle, consumed by the flame  
Choosing a curtain,  
buying a vowel  
Planning tomorrow,  
forsaking the now  
In days gone by, not so long ago  
We were dreaming of spring, through icy windows  
Fields of green clover, budding trees and daffodils  
Cooling homemade cobbles, on open window sills  
Walking barefoot in the yard,  
after warm morning showers  
Lost in our daydreams of sweet smelling flowers  
  
Now June awaits, with anticipating brides  
Spring has sprung, as we hear distant tides  
Our minds look ahead, to tropical destinations  
Free time with loved ones, on family vacations



Camping, hiking, perhaps water skiing  
Traveling far away, for some casual sight seeing  
While we're relaxing, with minds elsewhere  
Spending today, on tomorrow's big dare  
In the hot summer sun, we'll think of the snow  
Taking for granted, the time that we blow  
  
For Americans, tomorrow is Memorial Day  
Religious or not, we should all stop and pray  
For all the people, who gave their lives  
At home and abroad, for their sacrifice  
Fighting and dying, for the time that we waste  
Ask God to love them and show them His grace  
Pray for their families, for the love they lost  
Paying the price, with the ultimate cost  
Think of the fallen, lost in their prime  
Be thankful for them and keep them in mind  
  
*-an original poem by the "Poemdog" Daniel Turner*



### RECTORY CLOSED

Saint Paul's  
Parish office will  
be closed to celebrate the Me-  
morial Day holiday on *Mon-  
day, May 30th*. Our regular  
business hours will resume on  
*Tuesday, May 28th*.  
*Happy Memorial Day!*



### MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITIES

We are in the process of replacing the Solemn Set of  
Vestments and Pall used at Funerals here at St. Paul  
Parish. The present set has been in use for nearly thirty  
years and are no longer serviceable. Each item will be  
memorialized with an

embroidery tag.

If interested, please call Marci at: 570-961-1549

### Monsignor John Anthony Esseff : 69th Ordination Celebration

Ordained May 30th 1953, Monsignor Esseff will celebrate Mass at his home parish again on  
**Sunday May 29th: 1pm** at St. Anthony Parish 311 Park Ave. Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

*We wish him all the best and we give thanks to God for the gift of this wonderful priest and friend!*

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**REQUEST FOR PARISH REGISTRATION FORM**

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