



ST. PAUL PARISH

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

June 19, 2022



THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

They all ate and were satisfied. - Lk 9:16

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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

Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary
Monday-Friday 4p.m.-5p.m.
Rosary begins at 4:30 p.m.

Rev. Mon. Neil J. Van Loon, V.F., Pastor

Deacon John A. Hanni

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Monday ~ Friday

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. ~

Rosary at 4:30 p.m.

FOOD PANTRY

12 p.m. ~ 1:30 p.m.

St. Clare Church Basement

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Paul's Parish for our

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

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1st Winner: \$1,000.00

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A SPECIAL

THANK YOU

FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS

ST. PAUL MASS INTENTIONS

CORPUS CHRISTI

Saturday, June 18 Vigil: Corpus Christi

4:30 p.m. † Dale Detrick (Wife, Bev & Family)

Sunday, June 19 Corpus Christi

8:00 a.m. † Members of the Parish
† Lindsay Doherty (Family)

10:30 a.m. † Frank Rosenella (MaryAnn Answini)

Monday, June 20 Weekend

8:00 a.m. † Robert McAndrew (Family)

Tuesday, June 21 St. Aloysius Gonzaga

8:00 a.m. † Msgr. George Demuth (Family)

Wednesday, June 22 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † John Barrett (Carol Ruddy & Dan Harrington)

Thursday, June 23 Nativity of St. John the Baptist

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

Friday, June 24 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:00 a.m. † Mollie Maloney Conway (Mark & Children)

Saturday, June 25 Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. † Eugenia Barbetti (Family)

4:30 p.m. † Sal/Sam Cottone (Helen, Robbie & Noel)

Sunday, June 26

8:00 a.m. † Members of the Parish
† Clair Kenny (Johann)

10:30a.m. † Daniel Finnerty (Ellie & Dale Richmond)

RECENTLY DECEASED



Please pray for the repose of the souls of those recently departed, especially, *Kathryn Maushart, Timothy Curtin & Edward O'Malley*. 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:

St. Paul's Sanctuary Candle

In Memory of: Happy 24th Anniversary

† Mary Dougherty

With Love From:
Dougherty Family

St. Paul's St. Joseph Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† Frank Rosenella

With Love From:
MaryAnn Answini

St. Paul's Marian Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† Robert McAndrew

With Love From:
Family

St. Paul's Wine and Hosts

In Loving Memory of:

† Frank, Veronica & Lucille Shimkus

With Love From:
Family



PLEASE NOTE: PANTRY HOURS HAVE CHANGED FOR THE SUMMER

Pantry Summer Hours: Friday's 12pm-1:30pm
Food Pantry Volunteers for Friday June 24

Jane Farr, Sharon LaBelle,
Regina Pidich, Nancy Wilson
& Barbara Burkhouse

Food Pantry Donations:

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

In Loving Memory of: Ann Kelleher
With Love,
Robert & Elizabeth Troy

In Loving Memory of: Paul Harrington
With Love,
Daughter, Megan

In Loving Memory of: Msgr. George Demuth
With Love,
Family

In Loving Memory of:
Gerard Coury
With Love,
John Acculto

Thank you for your generosity & support!

June 12, 2022

Offertory: \$4,617.00

Online: \$2,356.50



RECENTLY BAPTIZED

Crew Scanlon, child of Colin & Emily Scanlon, and **Huck Evans**, child of Dylan & Danielle Evans, have recently received the sacrament of baptism at St. Paul Church.

We welcome Crew & Huck to our parish community!



SAVE TIME & DONATE ONLINE: We are so very grateful to all who financially sacrifice every week to support our parish and its ministries! We are especially grateful to those who faithfully use their weekly parish contribution envelopes. However, if you find that you tend to forget your envelope more often during the less structured weeks of summer or if you know you will be away for the Summer, please consider our electronic giving program. Go to stpaulscranton.org scroll to the bottom of the page and click the online giving link. You can create an account in minutes and set up weekly or monthly contributions with ease. You can also stop or pause payments at any time! For more info or help, just call 570-961-1549.

Celebrating the blessings of our earthly fathers & heavenly Father on Father's Day



Fathers are called in a special way to reflect God's unconditional love and forgiveness.

Similar to the way our heavenly Father cares for us, our earthly fathers are there to help us navigate life's challenges and pick us up when we fall.

God the Father gave up his only Son, Jesus Christ, so that we might be saved through him.

He provides an example of the very vocation of fatherhood. Fathers are to sacrifice their lives for their families.

They do this by...

- Being the spiritual leaders and guardians of their families.
- Praying for and with their families.
- Being a courageous witness to the Gospel.
- Providing care and support for their families.
- Serving as an example of goodness and truth.
- Leading with courage and accountability.
- Laying down one's life for the other.

Today, in a special way, let us be grateful for:

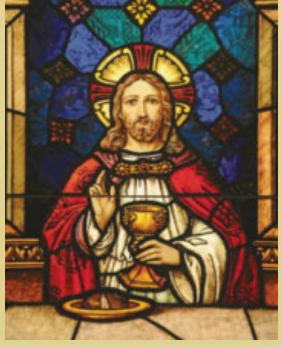
-Our fathers, living and deceased, by birth or adoption, who love us and support us through life.

-Our priests and bishops who act as spiritual fathers.

-God our Father, who will always teach justly and grant us boundless mercy.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ: The gift of all gifts

Standing at the crowded table in the dim candle light of the Upper Room during the Last Supper, Jesus Christ did not hand out Bibles to the Twelve Apostles and solemnly tell them, "Take this, all of you, and read it. This is my book, written for you." Jesus gives us Himself, not a book. On today's Feast, we commemorate God's greatest gift to mankind, the person of Jesus Christ. God gives us His Son, and then Christ gives us Himself, body and blood, soul and divinity, under the accidents of bread and wine in the Holy Eucharist. Gift, gift-giver, and receiver meld into one in this sacrament of sacraments.



In the era of the early Church, it was customary for an excess of bread to be consecrated at Mass so that the Eucharist could be carried to the sick who had been unable to attend the Holy Sacrifice. This practice led to the adoption of the pyx as the first sacred vessel for reservation of the Eucharist. Some modern churches pay homage to these Eucharistic origins by hanging an oversized pyx on their wall to use as a tabernacle, imitating the early Church custom.

Permanent reservation of the Eucharist led, over the centuries, to enthroning the Lord amidst the greatest splendor in churches. By the early medieval period, the time had long passed when the Eucharist was reserved merely to be brought to the sick. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, street processions, chants, confraternities, songs, flowers, and all the splendid trappings of a feast day covered this dogma in glory by the High Middle Ages, and continue in honor today.

Saint Thomas Aquinas taught that the most necessary sacrament was Baptism but that the most excellent was the Holy Eucharist. This most excellent sacrament has been, for some, too excellent.

In the Gospel of John, when Jesus tells His disciples that they must eat His body and drink His blood, many are incredulous and walk away. But Jesus does not compromise or say He was misunderstood. He lets them keep on walking. This initially hard teaching for the few was destined, over time, to be lovingly welcomed by the many.

The Old Covenant of the Old Testament was gory. In a kind of primitive liturgy, Moses had goats and sheep slaughtered on an altar and their blood gathered into buckets. He then splashed this blood over the people, sealing their acceptance of the written law. Flying droplets of animal blood splattered against people's skin to remind them of their promise to God. No such bloody drama breaks out at Sunday Mass. We each bless our head and torso with holy water and receive a pure white host on the tongue. The New Covenant is based not on the blood of goats, bull calves, or on the ashes of a heifer. It is rooted in the generosity of the Son of God, who "offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit." Christ's Covenant with his people is established verbally and liturgically at the Last Supper and physically on the cross the following day. The consecration of the Sacred Species at Mass continues Christ's physical presence among us, while adoration of the Blessed Sacrament suspends the consecration of the Mass, stretching it out into hours, days, months, and years.

We naturally desire to leave a part of ourselves to our loved ones. We send photos, solemnly pass on a cherished memento, or give a baby a family name. Soldiers used to carry a locket holding a few strands of their wife's or girlfriend's hair. We need to be close, physically close, to those we love in concrete, tangible ways. Jesus desired the same, and, not being constrained by the limitations of human nature, He did the same, and more. He *has* left us Himself! That dogma processing down the street is a person! And that dogma behind the golden doors of the parish's tabernacle is the same person! So bend that body low and set that heart on fire, for the Saving Victim opens wide the gate of heaven to all below. We stand as close to Christ in the Holy Eucharist as the Apostles ever did on Mount Tabor.

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On **Thursday, June 30 at 7:00 p.m.**, the music ministries of Saint John the Evangelist and Saint Joseph Mareello Parishes in Pittston will present a concert with the theme *“In God We Place Our Trust”*. The concert will be held at Saint John the Evangelist Church, 35 William Street in Pittston. Special musical selections will ask for God’s help and guidance as we pray for the citizens of Ukraine and continue to endure a global pandemic and other hardships and tragedies. Musicians from these parishes and our community will allow us to lift our hearts and voices in prayer.



*Lord of the Eucharist, we venerate You
with heads bowed, as the old form of
worship gives way to the new.
With faith providing for what fails the
senses, we honor the Begetter and the
Begotten, loving back at what loved us
first, apprentices in the school of love.*

The Society of the Faithful of St. Patrick’s Parish in West Scranton will sponsor a Summer Fundraiser this Saturday, June 25, 2022 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm in St. Patrick’s Lower Church Meeting Room. The fundraiser is a sale of new or lightly used jewelry, scarves and handbags. A handmade Penn State quilt made by the St. Patrick’s Parish Quilters will also be raffled off at the event. All are invited to join us for a fun day of shopping!

Father’s Day Prayer



*God our Father,
We give you
thanks
and praise
For fathers
young
and old.*

*We pray for young fathers,
Newly embracing their vocation;
May they find the courage and
perseverance
To balance work, family and faith
In joy and sacrifice
We pray for our own fathers
Who have supported and
challenged us;
May they continue to lead
In strong and gentle ways.
We remember fathers
around the world
Whose children are lost or
suffering;
May they know that the
God of compassion
Walks with them in their sorrow.
We pray for men who are not
fathers
But still mentor and guide us
With fatherly love and advice
We remember fathers, grand
fathers and great-grandfathers
Who are no longer with us
But who live forever
in our memory
And nourish us with
their love.*

Amen.



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