



# ST. PAUL PARISH

*Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

June 26, 2022



## 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God.” - Lk 9:62

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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.

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**Robert Fitzsimmons - Sacristan**

**Eugene Mentz - Director of Liturgical Music**

**Marci Stevens-Scanlon - Administrative Assistant**

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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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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.

***Please Pray For...***



**The People of Ukraine:**

Please pray that all parties involved, refrain from any action that would cause even more suffering to the people of Ukraine. May the Lord restore peace, protect the people of Ukraine, and guide those providing emergency aid.

**Our Deceased Family & Friends:**

Please remember all of our deceased family, friends, and fellow parishioners. May our faithful departed enjoy eternal rest in heaven.

**Our Sick and Suffering:**

Please remember the sick, suffering and all who have asked for a remembrance in our prayers, May the Lord grant them health and peace in body, mind and spirit!

**Our Military Men and Women:**

Please remember all our men and women in military and government service, especially those who serve in foreign lands. May the Lord preserve them from all harm.

**Persecuted Christians:**

Please remember our fellow Christians around the world who are being persecuted for their religious beliefs.

**Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life:**

Please pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life, especially here in the Diocese of Scranton, that more men and women will respond to the call to serve God in religious vocations.

**The Sanctity of Human Life:**

Please pray that the life of every human person, from conception to natural death may be protected in our laws.



## ST. PAUL MASS INTENTIONS

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Saturday, June 25** Vigil: Immaculate Heart  
Of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

**Sunday, June 26** Immaculate Heart of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary

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

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

**Monday, June 27** Weekday

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

**Tuesday, June 28** St. Irenaeus

8:00 a.m. † Nicholas Hanchak (Walt & Karen Bullett)

**Wednesday, June 29** Sts. Peter & Paul

8:00 a.m. † Bob Yeager (Family)

**Thursday, June 30** Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Marjorie Gibbons (Jadick Family)

**Friday, July 1** Weekday

8:00 a.m. † James P. Kennedy (Family)

**Saturday, July 2** Vigil: Fourteenth Sunday in  
Ordinary time

8:00 a.m. † Ruth & Agnes Sirgany (Niece, Karin)

4:30 p.m. † Matthew McCabe  
(McCabe, Kelly, Holmes Family)

**Sunday, July 3** Fourteenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Members of the Parish  
† James Scanlon (Krupski Family)

10:30 a.m. † Carol Pappas (Family)

### 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.



### MEMORIALIZING A LOVED ONE

You may memorialize a loved one by hav-  
ing the candles lit at St. Paul's Church for  
the week & noted in our bulletin. Please  
call the rectory for more information



### REMEMBERED AT THE ALTAR:

**St. Paul's Sanctuary Candle**  
† John Barrett

With Love From:  
Betsy Laffey & Jim Barrett

**St. Paul's St. Joseph Candle**  
In Loving Memory of:

† Bob Yeager  
With Love From:  
Family

**St. Paul's Marian Candle**  
In Loving Memory of:

† John Barrett  
With Love From:  
Peggy Burke & Barbara Jordan

**St. Paul's Wine and Hosts**  
In Loving Memory of:

† Joseph Tolan  
With Love From:  
Wife, Shirley & Family

### PLEASE NOTE: PANTRY HOURS HAVE CHANGED FOR THE SUMMER

**Pantry Summer Hours: Friday's 12pm-1:30pm**  
**Food Pantry Volunteers for Friday July 1**  
Maureen Walsh, Welby Family, Jody  
Maloney, Barbara Burkhouse

### Food Pantry Donations:

*In Loving Memory of:*  
Timothy Curtin

With Love,  
Tim & Karen  
Morgan

*In Loving Memory of:*  
Timothy Curtin

With Love,  
Judy & Pete  
McCarthy

### 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.



### 2022 MASS BOOK INTENTIONS

Praying the Mass and offering Masses for our loved ones  
~ living or deceased, is a great gift especially  
for the souls of the faithful departed. The 2023  
Mass Intention Book will be open for requests  
on Friday July 22, 2022



**Thank you for your generosity & support!**

**June 19, 2022**

**Offertory: \$4,965.00**

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request instruction before having  
your child baptized.

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**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](http://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.

**His Excellency, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera,  
announces the following appointments,  
effective as indicated:**

**Reverend Jacek J. Bialkowski**, from Pastor, All Saints Parish, Plymouth, to Pastor, Saint Peter Parish, Wellsboro, and Saint Thomas Parish, Elkland, effective July 26, 2022

**Reverend Stephen Kow Bosomafi**, from Assistant Pastor, Christ the King Parish, Archbald, to Pastor, Saint Thomas More Parish, Lake Ariel, effective July 26, 2022.

**Reverend Jose Joseph Kuriappilly**, from Assistant Pastor, Epiphany Parish, Sayre, to Pastor, SS Peter and Paul Parish, Towanda, and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Wyalusing, effective July 26, 2022.

**Reverend Glenn E. McCreary, V.E.**, from Pastor, Resurrection Parish, Muncy, to Pastor, Saint Boniface Parish, Williamsport, and Saint Lawrence Parish, South Williamsport, effective August 16, 2022. Father McCreary will continue to serve as Episcopal Vicar for the Western Pastoral Region of the Diocese of Scranton.

**Monsignor David L. Tressler**, to Pastor, Holy Family Parish, Luzerne, effective July 1, 2022. Monsignor will continue to serve as Pastor, Saint Ignatius Loyola Parish, Kingston.

**Reverend Jarrod Waugh, C.S.C.**, from Administrator, Holy Family Parish, Luzerne, to ministry within the Congregation of Holy Cross, effective July 1, 2022.

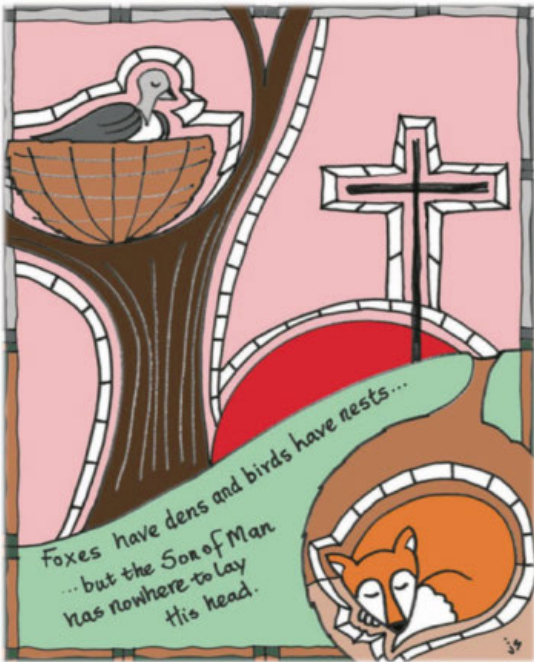
**Special Assignment: Reverend Jonathan P. Kuhar**, to Chaplain of Scouts in the Diocese of Scranton, for a period of five (5) years, effective June 6, 2022. Father will continue to serve as Assistant Pastor, Saint John Neumann Parish and Saint Paul of the Cross Parish, Scranton.



# GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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And to another he said, "Follow me." In every moment of every day, in every circumstance and experience, God is calling us. We can easily get distracted and not hear it or simply ignore it, pretending it wasn't even heard. When we do hear it and favorably respond, there are some conditions that must be met. Jesus makes it clear that once we say yes to his invitation, we must stay focused and forge ahead. We cannot keep looking behind or worry about unfinished business. There are some tasks, and discipleship is one, that require our full devotion.

There are many "masters" vying for our attention. We need something or someone to give us direction. Human nature requires it. Our motives and actions reveal what has our allegiance. It is tempting to give ourselves to masters that lure us with intriguing promises. When given the choice between a "master" that promises worldly

success, abundant wealth, status, privilege, and security versus a "master" that asks for self-sacrifice, hardship, suffering, ridicule, and death, to whom do we go? While the promise of immediate pleasure is enticing, there is always a catch. For all that secular masters can promise, they always keep us looking behind, checking on ourselves, second guessing choices, calculating options, and being slaves to excessive worry.

Our guard can never come down. Only one master really promises life: Jesus Christ.

Hearing his call, we either trust him or we don't.

Saying yes to following Christ does come with a risk. But it also comes with the brightness of future hopes and dreams. There is no need to keep looking behind. Sins are forgiven and regrets serve no effective purpose. God is not there. He's moved beyond all that stuff. God is in the today and the tomorrow and what he can continually do with our daily affirmation to follow Him. All we need to do is be obedient. St. Gianna Molla is credited with saying, "The stillness of prayer is the most essential condition for fruitful action. Before all else, the disciple kneels down." Begin with prayer. We will not only hear God's call but find the courage to trust that He will guide us where we need to be. God uses us in the most ordinary of ways through the simple daily expression of our lives. ©LPi



## *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.*



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.

Diocese of Scranton

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July 10th: All of the above plus: Murts Diner, 2Wayz/One Passion, Murts Desserts.

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(Additional crafters wanted: call Carol (570) 766-0596)

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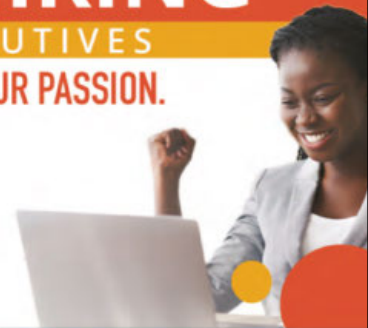
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