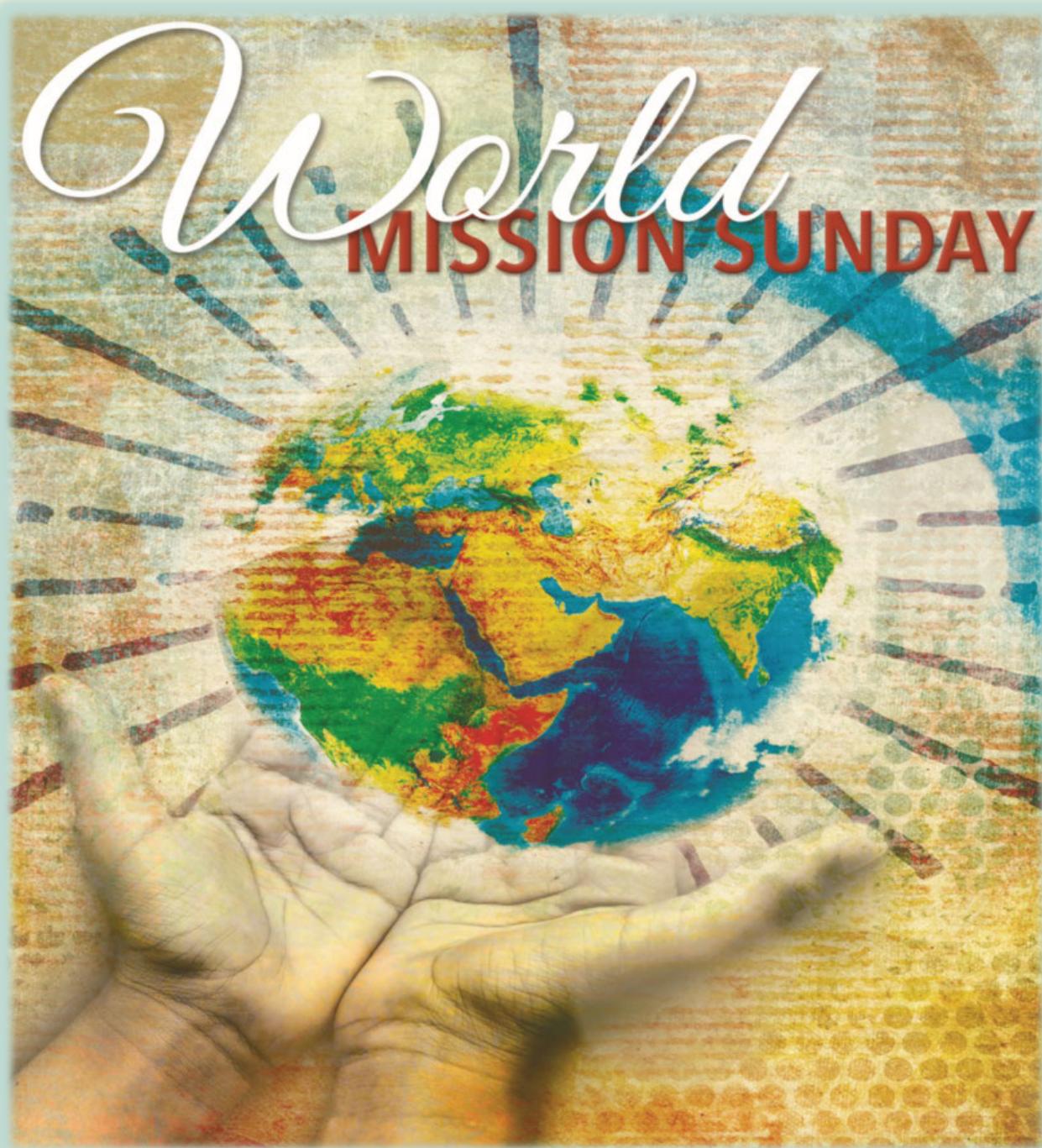




# ST. PAUL PARISH

*Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
October 23rd 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

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

**St. Paul Staff**

Rita Cicco - Director of Religious Education

Robert Fitzsimmons - Sacristan

Eugene Mentz - Director of Liturgical Music

Marci Stevens-Scanlon - Administrative Assistant

Phoebe Wilson - Operations Manager



## St. Paul Parish

Lord God, you appointed Paul your apostle to preach the good news of salvation to the nations. May his example and prayers inspire the faithful of our parish to be more fully Alive in Christ.

Fill our hearts with the spirit of your charity so that we may please you in our thoughts, words and deeds and be witnesses to hope that does not disappoint.

May the prayers of St. Paul and all the saints be our constant encouragement so that we may walk worthily as disciples of Your Son.

*Amen*

### **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 ~ Mon-Fri  
8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

### **MASS SCHEDULE**

CONFESIONS- Sat.-4pm  
8 am Mass ~ Mon.-Sat.  
4:30 Mass ~ Sat. (Vigil)  
8 am & 10:30 am ~ Sun

### **St. Clare Church**

2235 N. 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**

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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 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.

## ST. PAUL MASS INTENTIONS

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, October 22

Vigil: Thirtieth Sunday  
In Ordinary Time

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

Sunday, October 23

Thirtieth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Members of the Parish

† Monsignor George Demuth (Family)

10:30 a.m. † Edward Karabin (Ed Jr., Ann, Kevin & Courtney)

Monday, October 24

Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Maryclare Jordan (Dr. Arthur Jordan, Sr.)

Tuesday, October 25

Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Eugenia Barbetti

(Family)

Wednesday, October 26

Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Ryan Steppacher

(Family)

Thursday, October 27

Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Gene Pidich

(Wife, Regina)

Friday, October 28

Sts. Simon & Jude

8:00 a.m. † James P. Kennedy

(Family)

Saturday, October 29

Vigil: Thirty-First  
Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Ruth C. Zale

(Maryjule & Michael Kapacs)

4:30 p.m. † Robert McAndrew

(Family)

Sunday, October 31

Thirty-First Sunday  
In Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Members of the Parish

† Mary Doherty (Helen, Robbie & Noel)

10:30a.m. † Daniel Finnerty

(Bob & Sally Dench)



### RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sr. Margaret Gannon, IHM. May her soul 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 Loving Memory of:

† Larry Trischetta

With Love From:

Frank & Eleanor Cimino



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

In Loving Memory of:

† Bill Bochicchio

With Love From:

Frank & Eleanor Cimino



### St. Paul's Marian Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† Lois McHale

With Love From:

Family

### St. Paul's Wine and Host

In Loving Memory of:

† Sr. Margaret Gannon, IHM

With Love From:

Students of Marywood University

## Food Pantry Hours: Fridays 3-4:30pm

Food Pantry Volunteers for Friday October 28  
U of S Students, Jody Maloney & Barbara Burkhouse

## St. Paul Food Pantry Donations

### In Loving Memory of: In Loving Memory of:

† Kay O'Donnell

† Msgr. George

Demuth

Todd & Elizabeth

With Love,

O'Malley

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. 570-961-1549



### ALTER SERVERS

We would like to restore the practice of having altar servers at the weekend Masses at 4:30 Saturday and 10:30 Sunday. If you are a former server or wish to train as a new server, please call the rectory at (570) 961-1549.

**October 16, 2022**

**OFFERTORY: \$3,273.00**

**ONLINE GIVING: \$2,215.00**



**Temporary Inconvenience, Permanent Improvement**

Please bear with us as replace the front steps to the Rectory.

The rectory may be entered using the church side ramp accessed

At the back of the rectory.



## St. Paul Parish Financial Report

The Parish Finance Committee has reviewed and approved the filing of our annual financial report due to the diocese, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022.

We are pleased to report that the collections have stabilized over the past year, although still significantly less than pandemic levels.

The Wishlist contributions are up due to generous anonymous gift from a parishioner. We now have enough money to pay for a sound system and look forward to seeing an installation later this year. The contractor has had problems with obtaining parts like so many others dealing with the supply chain issues.

The parish staff continues to do an excellent job in controlling normal ongoing expenses.

Total operating expenses increased \$52,000, or 8% from last year.

Most of this increase was plant maintenance and administration cost. The plant administration is primarily due to a timing difference created by a Diocesan change in handling payroll.

We also were fortunate to not have capital expenditures in the past two years. Unfortunately, we will have significant capital expenditures next fiscal year.

We hope that more of our parishioners will consider using electronic giving, so that their contributions will continue to be received even if they are unable to attend Mass.

We are thankful that once again, our Parish received several bequests. We ask everyone to consider make a bequest to St. Paul Parish, as a part of their estate planning.

Dollars in 000s	Year Ended June 30	Year Ended June 30	Change
	2022	2021	
<b>Collections</b>			
Offertory	\$409	\$407	\$2
Loose	33	14	19
Holy Days	71	55	16
Wish List	33	13	20
Fund Raising	14	17	(3)
Other	80	91	(11)
Diocesan Collections	28	15	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$668</b>	<b>\$612</b>	<b>\$56</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>			
Administration	\$300	\$251	\$49
Rectory	21	33	(12)
Liturgy	58	62	(4)
Religious Education	33	40	(7)
Social Justice	12	10	2
Plant Maintenance	106	70	36
Insurance	25	26	1
Diocesan Collections	28	15	13
School Subsidy	98	122	(24)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$681</b>	<b>\$629</b>	<b>\$52</b>
Operating Surplus	(\$13)	(\$17)	\$4
Capital Expenditures	-	-	-
Excess after capital expenditures	(\$13)	(\$17)	\$4

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

October 23, 2022: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There is a thing called “false piety.” It is when we wear a religious disguise of devotion, attend to our obligations, and outwardly abide by rules while being inwardly unkind, uncharitable, and exclusive.

Wearing the right clothes, saying the proper prayers, being in sacred places, and reading devotional books, those exhibiting false piety craftily try to control others using the pretense of love. The Pharisees, consistently criticized by Jesus, are prime examples. Thinking they are superior to others, they foolishly believe they are better positioned with God and more worthy of God’s attention. Forming an exclusive “club,” they divide things between “mine” and “yours” and “us” and “them.” They quickly criticize and point out flaws and errors in rituals and thinking.

Conformity becomes the first commandment and control is the game’s name.

The requirements for “club membership” are clear: do what we do, think what we think, and believe what we believe. Attempting to control others using the lure of “status” or “salvation,” they seduce others into thinking that conformity is the only way to holiness. Clinging to “my beliefs,” “my parish,” “my way of thinking,” they fail to see the more significant relationship with God that is veiled in all of these superficial rules and practices. Shallow, hollow, and empty vessels, they gloss over the more important virtues of justice, mercy, faithfulness, and forgiveness. Sparkling clean on the outside, but dirty on the inside.

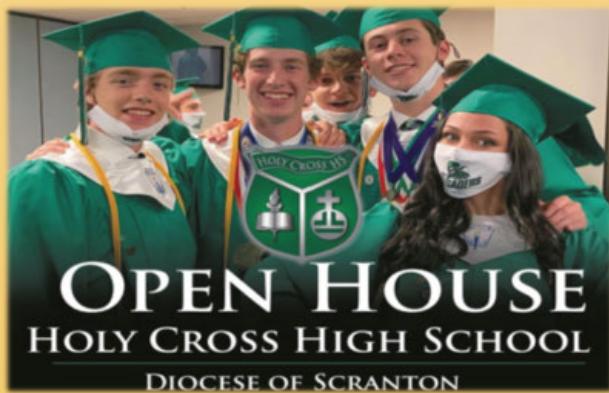
Spiritual arrogance is a grave sin. It alienates and hurts the little ones,

those considered “least” in the kingdom.

God knows no favorites. Everyone belongs regardless of whether you are an official, bona fide member.

Sometimes membership may be a detriment to actually living the Gospel if you’re joining the team for the wrong reasons. The genuinely humble ones may not appear to be overly “pious.” They may not know all of the proper prayers or abide by all of the correct rituals, but they know that they are broken and need mercy. There is no shame in being broken. In fact, many things need to be broken in order to be what they truly are! There is a reason Jesus told us to pray in private. It’s only between you and God.

It is nobody else’s business. ©LPI



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Our Tours will run from 11am through 3pm

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"Sometimes it is the **only meal** that they have for the day"

- Susan Lingg

Parishioner of St. Boniface, Williamsport



Gifts to the Diocesan Annual Appeal go to support **Social Justice Grants** given to dozens of parishes each year to fund much-needed local projects.

Saint Boniface and Saint Lawrence Parishes in Lycoming County received a Social Justice Grant this year to help provide weekly meals at Sojourner Truth Ministries in Williamsport. Parish volunteers help cook and serve the meals each Friday.



**GIFTS OF ALL SIZES ARE NEEDED AND APPRECIATED!**



The Diocese of Scranton's agencies and ministries are lifelines of hope to so many people in our communities. The Diocesan Annual Appeal provides critical funding for these services. You may have already received a letter at your home from Bishop Bambera in regard to the 2022 appeal. If you have, I humbly ask you to respond as soon as possible. Your pledge or one time gift is a tangible way to support your brothers and sisters in Christ. And you, in turn, share in the joy of bringing hope into the lives of those we serve.

Our parish goal is \$66,000. Visit [www.annualappeal.org](http://www.annualappeal.org) to make your gift and view the Diocesan Annual Appeal videos, which highlight the wonderful work your gifts support.

Thank you for your continued support!

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## KNIGHT AT THE RACES

October 22, 2022



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## Eucharistic Adoration & Holy Rosary Hour Mon-Fri 4-5pm St. Clare Church

2251 N. Washington Ave. Scranton, PA 18509  
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- A return to God and the Ten Commandments
- An end to violence, public, private and in the womb
- Any other intentions



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