

Saint Paul Roman Catholic Church

"But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" Gal. 5:22-23

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MASS SCHEDULE
SATURDAY VIGIL MASS 4:00 PM

SUNDAY MASS
7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 AM

DAILY MASS
Monday - Friday 9:00 AM



Welcome New Parishioners

Welcome to our parish family. To register, please, fill out the registration form enclosed in this bulletin and drop it off in the collection basket or at the parish office on the 2nd floor.

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are generally held on Sundays at 12:45 PM. Please call the parish office to register and arrange for a Baptism, and to sign up for a pre-Baptismal class.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00-3:45PM or by appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage

Registered parishioners are required to meet with the Pastor at least 9 months prior to the Wedding date.

Sacrament of the Sick

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is administered in each of our nursing homes as well as in private homes. Please call the parish office to arrange for a visit.



On our first Easter together, may I take this opportunity to wish God's abundant blessings on your families this joyful season. Diocesan priests, like me, are called by God to shepherd a certain, distinct community of people - and this finds its most natural expression in what we call *the Parish* - a family of families. In some ways, you could say a priest does not find his own fulfillment until he is called to pastoral leadership of a certain flock. For me, that's you! And I am very grateful to God for it. Yes, there are responsibilities to administration, or even particular pastoral initiatives, that a priest may be given along the way, but he is fundamentally called to shepherd the people of God through Holy Week, because this is the culmination of our Liturgical Year.

Today is a good day to remember Parish life is always Holy Week - from Palm Sunday with its Hosannas (*Save! Now!*) to the joy of the Eucharist, the betrayal of Good Friday, the emptiness of the Tomb, and the ecstasy of the Resurrection. The intensity of the Paschal Triduum is designed to help us recognize those moments in our lives the rest of the year. Not every day is Easter, but just as we do not forget the Cross whenever we celebrate the Resurrection, so too, we must never forget the Empty Tomb whenever God gives us the Cross. *This is the day the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad in it!* So the Easter antiphon goes.

As Christians we have a secret strength to carry us through life: joy. Joy is not the same as happiness, or jubilation. We can be joyful even at the most difficult times. Joy is the certainty that Our dear Lord has taken on the powers of sin and death - and has won! Definitively! For all time...death has no power over him, and because it has no power over him, it has no power over us, either. With the spirit of Easter joy in our hearts, we can face anything with courage, and confidence.

But let me be really clear: this joy is **only** found in Christ. It is not found in the sunrise, it is not found on the mountains, or by the seashore, or anywhere else that tugs at our emotions. Joy is not found in merely being warm and fuzzy with our families and friends. It is found in **worship**, and worship alone. This is the reason we come to Mass; not because we have to - not because there's some childish guilt lingering in our conscience - not even because we like (or dislike!) the preacher. We come to Mass because there's no other way to give thanks to God that allows us to partake in his victory over death. Without Mass, there's only death. Without Mass, there's only pain. Without Mass, joy slips through your fingers like running water over pebbles.

When we worship God, as he asks us to do, his Easter victory becomes clearer, like an image brought into sharp focus. We cannot do this alone, we *must* do it together, in the community to which we are called - the Parish. We might not get something out of Mass every time we come, but we can put something into Mass every time we come: it's a remarkable exchange - bring your spiritual garbage and your brokenness, unite it to the Cross with the priest at the Altar - and receive healing and eternal life instead. The reason I know this is true is because Jesus rose from the dead. And those that witnessed Jesus rising from the dead, never allowed their joy to be taken away from them. Alleluia!

Reverend Michael J.V. Clark



EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD APRIL 20, 2025



Saturday, April 19th Easter Vigil

8:00 pm For The Parishioners and Benefactors of
Our Parish Both Living and Deceased

Sunday, April 20th - Easter Sunday

7:30 am For The Parishioners and Benefactors of
Our Parish Both Living and Deceased

9:30 am Maria Antonietta Correa
by Daughters and Grandchildren

11:30 am Alicia DeRicco
by Mom and Dad

Monday, April 21st

Miraculous Medal Novena Following Mass

9:00 am Phillip John Banks
by Family

Tuesday, April 22nd

9:00 am Maria Perre
by The Lucchese Family

Wednesday, April 23rd

9:00 am For The Parishioners and Benefactors of
Our Parish Both Living and Deceased

Thursday, April 24th

9:00 am Cindy Ross
by Linda and Fred Chakar

Friday, April 25th

9:00 am Giovanni Nasso
by Wife and Family

Saturday, April 26th

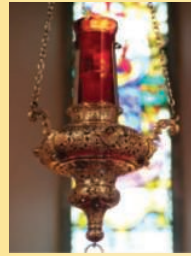
4:00 pm Sean Sheehan
by Wife Irene

Sunday, April 27th

7:30 am Debbie Piper
by The DeGiorgio Family

9:30 am Cynthia Badaracco—2nd Anniversary
by Michelle and Josh Meyers

11:30 am Grace Ferrante
by Mario, Children and Grandchildren



The Perpetual Light candle Burns
this week for
Ralph DeNatale

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The St. Paul Family Mourns the Loss of



**Justine Smith
And
Santo Fama**

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and perpetual
light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace.

Church Support, April 13, 2025

	<u>In-Pew/Mail In</u>	<u>Online</u>	<u>Total</u>
Offertory	\$6,813.00	\$3,328.00	\$10,141.00
Capital Improvement	61.00	521.00	582.00
Holy Week	512.00	454.00	966.00
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2025 Bishop's Appeal as of 4/18/25

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St. Paul's Community Spirit

As we conclude our Lenten journey at St. Paul's, we want to thank all those who participated in the Stations of The Cross Devotion on Fridays. The Stations are a simple, yet powerful way to prayerfully walk alongside Jesus and encounter Him in a special way. A special thank you to all the volunteers and parishioners who gave of themselves and participated in our Lenten Soup Supper which brought our parish community together.



Women's Guild Bake Sale

Thank you to all who supported the Women's Guild Bake Sale. Through the tireless efforts and dedication of the women of our parish and the wonderful outpouring of support from our parish family, it was the most successful event ever!



Lenten Food Drive

Thanks to the generous parishioners of St. Paul's, our Lenten Food Drive was a tremendous success. Several hundred bags of groceries were delivered to the Food Pantry at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Bridgeport. This effort was led by the Mercy Volunteers and our Religious Education Program. Special thanks to Peg Riemer, Christine Green for their efforts organizing this event. We are very grateful to all the volunteers who participated in this effort. Donations will still be accepted; bins are at the back of the church entrances. Donations will go to Don Bosco Center.



Prayer to St. Paul



O holy Paul, who from a persecutor of Christianity, did become a most ardent Apostle of zeal; and who to make known Our Savior Jesus Christ unto the ends of the world did suffer with joy imprisonment, scourgings, stonings, shipwrecks and persecutions of every kind, and in the end did shed thy blood to the last drop; obtain for us who enjoy thy holy patronage, the grace to endure any infirmities, tribulations, or sufferings in the present life, so that the trials of our exile will not render us cold in the service of God, but will inflame our hearts with charity for the conversion of souls. V. Pray for us, Saint Paul the Apostle R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray

O God, Who hast taught the multitude of the Gentiles by the preaching of blessed Paul the Apostle: grant unto us, we beseech Thee, that we who keep his memory sacred, may feel the might of his intercession before Thee. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please Pray...

Please keep the following in your prayers, the names of those who are sick in our parish, those facing surgery and those in need of healing:

Liam Craane	Jessica Retseck Wigh
Elizabeth Jaeger	Easton Armentano
Vincent Palone Sr	John "Skip" Titsworth
Angela Repaci	John Usowski
Kerry Dunn	Billy Craane
Patricia Chrusz	Joy Xhudo and Family
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Rebecca Dante Vascimini	Gasson
Rick Ditrio	Carlos Camacho
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