

St. Paul Parish Newsletter

April 2026



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Parish News

Holy Week Schedule



Maundy Thursday

April 2nd
10:00am



Good Friday Pre-Sanctified Service

April 3rd
10:00am



Holy Saturday Service

April 4th
10:00am
Blessing of Easter the
Baskets to follow



Easter Sunday

April 5th
10:00am

Special Offering Envelopes

For the month of April please use your envelope for "**Easter Flower Fund**". This offering will be used for the Easter Lillies that will be in the church on Easter Sunday.



Here is our Get Together schedule for April:

Monday, April 6th at 6:00pm

Wednesday, April 22nd at 2:00pm

The Women's Prayer Group is open to all the women of the parish.



Vocal Coaching by Kathleen Kane

For technique/breathing, confidence, presence, and poise, learn how to breath properly while having fun.

Half hour and one hour sessions available.

If interested, please email Kathleen at: horsesbringlife@gmail.com



Dine in or Take out from 4 - 7pm each Friday for an amazing New England seafood style meal! Order either the Haddock or Shrimp or Chicken, that comes with sides of coleslaw, potato waves and the veggie of the day! There's also complimentary tea, lemonade and coffee! The donation is \$20 per meal. If you'd like to plate share, there is a \$10 add on. Try one of our amazing, great portioned, homemade desserts from our Adoration Society for just \$3. Word is getting out about how terrific our Fish Frys are, so please keep supporting keep supporting the efforts of our Christ-centered volunteers! If you'd like to join in the fun, any amount of time you can give is greatly appreciated! Even just one Friday every other month would be great! Please contact our volunteer coordinator, Bob Canfield for details (352) 454-8677

The Young Men's Society of Resurrection (YMS of R)



The YMS of R now meets twice monthly at 5:00pm.

The 2nd Tuesday a get together. (April 17th)

The 4th Tuesday a get together and monthly meeting. (Apr. 28th)

The YMS of R group is open to all the men of the parish.

For any questions, please see or contact Mark Gilbert at:

(410) 419-0321

Ladies Adoration Society

Love Supreme

by Dolores Smith

Oh, Blessed Mother, what did you see when you watched your son at Calvary?

Oh, Blessed Mother, what did you hear when they nailed to a cross your son, so dear?

Oh, Blessed Mother, what did you feel when at the foot of the cross you did kneel?

Oh, Blessed Mother, did your body tremble as many around you in hatred assembled?

Oh Blessed Mother, were you filled with anguish and fear till your Son looked down and you heard His word so clear,

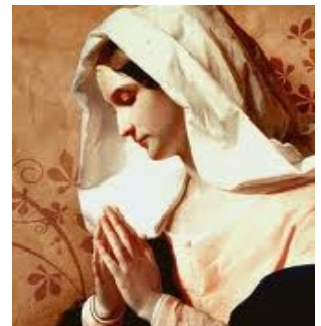
“Women, Here is your Son.” And to the disciple standing near,

“Here is your Mother.” And the words Jesus spoke John did hear.

Oh, Blessed Mother, did the light of your world fade as the body of your son into your arms was laid?

Oh, Blessed Mother, you taught the strong and the weak that anger and bitterness are not the answers to seek.

What helps us withstand what earth's sorrows bring is God's gift of faith and God's Love supreme.





Father Mark's bible study class meets every Thursday morning at 11:00am here at St. Paul's social hall. This ongoing class is for everyone interested in finding out more about their faith. Father Mark brings us many pearls of Scripture each week and whether you are a first time bible reader or an astute learned scriptural connoisseur, there's something special in the Word of God for everyone. You are encouraged to bring a friend.



Birthdays

- 2nd** Mary Lou Clark
3rd Steve Brinza
 Adele Gitterman
4th Megan Finn-Niznik
7th Ben Boogaard
 Jinky Diaz
8th Linda Allen
10th Dodo Boogaard
12th Claire Landi
13th Donna Dreggors
 Diane Hickey
16th Alice Bauman
 Sue Nordman
17th DeeDee Burnham
19th Betsy Kubacki
23rd Patricia Brown
 Tony Cipriano



Anniversaries

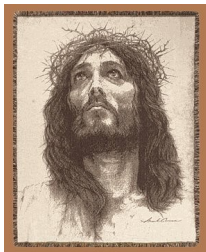
- 8th** Ron & Linda Thompson
11th Edward & Florence Heffernan
26th Karl & Ruth Sarnowski
 Paul & Susan Stankiewicz
30th Fr. Mark & Valda Niznik
 (22nd Year Anniversary)

* Members: if your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please inform Debbie Niznik.



Clean Kids Back Pack Program

Our mainstay charitable program provides local homeless school children with personal care/hygiene items all year round. Please drop off items anytime on the rectory porch or at church on Sundays in the bins at the front of the church.



*I enter the church and quietly kneel.
 I gaze upon You on the cross.
 I cannot explain the emotions I feel
 As I gaze upon You on the cross.
 I look at the Stations and the story they tell,
 Depicting Your anguish each time You fell.
 The crown of thorns they placed on your head,
 Bloody and beaten to the cross you were led.
 You died to save us from our sins that day.
 Your resurrection has shown us the way.
 Let our candles glow and church bless ring.
 We rejoice this Easter Day and Your praises we sing!*

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CLEAN KIDS BACKPACK PROGRAM

DONATIONS

TOP NEEDED ITEMS



No Rinse Shampoo



Deodorant



Dental Care Supplies

Other important needed items:

- backpacks
- family size tents
- sleeping bags
- sleeping mats
- socks & underwear
- feminine hygiene products
- baby wipes
- diapers (assorted sizes)
- shaving supplies

Please make sure that donations are **new and in original packaging.**

Thank you!



ITEMS TO BE BROUGHT IN AN EASTER BASKET FOR HOLY SATURDAY

(Candies and toys are also acceptable):



- **EGGS** - Brightly decorated eggs are a symbol of the New Life that is ours in Christ. Eggs are a sign of hope and resurrection. Jesus comes forth from the tomb as the chick breaks the shell at birth. Because of the special meaning, it is fitting that the eggs to be blessed be decorated with symbols of Easter, Alleluia, etc...
 - **PASCHA** - The Easter Bread - A sweet, yeast bread rich in eggs, butter, etc... Symbolic of Christ Himself who is our True Bread. Usually a round loaf baked with a golden crust decorated with a symbol indicative of Christ. Sometimes a cross (+) of dough is placed on top encircled by a plate, giving it a crowned effect or Greek abbreviations for the name of Christ. The letters XB indicate the Polish for Christ is Risen.
 - **KIELBASA** - A spicy or mild, garlic sausage of pork products, indicative of God's favor and generosity. Sausage is an ethnic addition to enhance the celebration; its links remind us of the chains of death which were broken when Jesus arose.
 - **BACON** - A piece of uncooked bacon cured with spices. Symbolic of the overabundance of God's mercy to us.
 - **HAM** - Ham celebrates the freedom of the New Law which came into effect through Jesus' resurrection, in distinction to the Old Law which forbade certain meats. This fresh meat is popular with the Polish as a main dish because of its richness and it is symbolic of the great joy and abundance of Easter. Some may prefer Lamb or Veal. This is usually well roasted or cooked as well as other meats so that the festivity of the day will not be burdened with preparation and all may enjoy the feast!
 - **CHEESE** - A custard-type cheese shaped into a ball having a rather bland but sweet taste indicative of the moderation of Christianity. Also, creamed cheese is placed in a small dish and both are decorated with symbols made out of cloves of pepper balls.
 - **HORSERADISH** - Represents the bitter herbs prescribed in the original Passover meal as a reminder of the bitterness and harshness of life in Egypt. It reminds us of the bitterness and suffering of Christ which culminated in the Resurrection.
 - **SALT** - Reminds us to flavor our dealings with others by the example of Christ.
 - **LAMB SHAPED BUTTER** - This favorite dairy product is shaped into a figure of a Lamb. The lamb is the ancient Passover food by whose blood the Israelites were saved. Jesus is our Paschal (Passover) Lamb by whose blood we are saved. It also reminds us of the goodness of Christ that we should have toward all things.
 - **WINE** - Wine is the drink of the Passover meal and the Last supper. Its sparkle reminds us of the glory of Easter. Wine gladdens our hearts and helps us enter into the joy of the Resurrection.
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