

# St. Paul Parish Newsletter

February 2023



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## Parish News



The season of Lent begins on February 22nd, Ash Wednesday. There will be one Mass with the distribution of ashes at 11:00am. At 6:00pm there will just be the distribution of ashes.



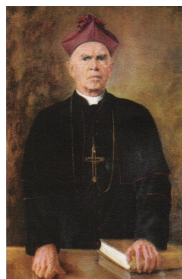
Stations of the Cross will be at 11:00am on the following Friday dates:

February 24th  
March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th  
March 31st at 7:00pm



It's that time again for our annual membership drive for 2023. Now is a great time to join the church if you have been a visitor and feel like this is your church home. Please see Debbie Niznik after each Mass and she will handle your membership. If you are a new member or already a member of St. Paul Parish, Diocesan and General membership dues for the year **2023** are **\$125.00** per person or **\$250.00** for a couple or family. (\$25.00 for Diocesan dues and \$100.00 for General dues) Please remember that these dues do not stay with the parish and are submitted to the diocese. There is a special offering envelope for your 2023 membership. Please make your check payable to:

**St. Paul Parish.** On the memo line of your check write: **2023 Membership.** By being a member of St. Paul Parish, you will have a voice and vote. Let's strive to make this our most successful year ever! Members, if you have not yet picked up your 2023 offering envelopes you can find them inside of the social on the information table.



February 16, 1953

### 70th Anniversary of death, Prime Bishop Francis Hodur

Francis Hodur was born near Krakow, Poland. He emigrated to the U.S. in 1893. That same year, he was ordained as a priest. On the March 14, 1897, Father Hodur became pastor of St. Stanislaus Cathedral, Scranton, PA. On Sept 29, 1907, Father Hodur was consecrated bishop by Old Catholic Bishops in Utrecht, Holland. (For more information on Prime Bishop Hodur, go to PNCC.org)



Dine with us from 4 - 7pm each Friday for an outrageously great New England Style fish dinner. For those of you that prefer, you can substitute chicken for your fish. Coffee, Tea (Sweet and Unsweet) and Lemonade are complimentary and the best part is no tax, no tipping. If you are interested in volunteering on occasion, please see Bob Canfield and he will schedule you and help you select duties for the Fridays you participate. You are appreciated! The donation is \$15 per dinner and if you want one of our famous amazing ANS desserts, they are only \$2!

## YMS of R Men's Group

The next YMS of R meeting will be Thursday, February 16th at 12:00 noon in the social hall following the bible study class at 11:00am and lunch afterwards at Pasta Faire. All gentlemen of the parish are invited and encouraged to join us in fellowship. If you are new to the parish, this is a good opportunity for you to meet some of the men of our parish.



## St. Paul Choir

Choir practice has been cancelled until further notice.

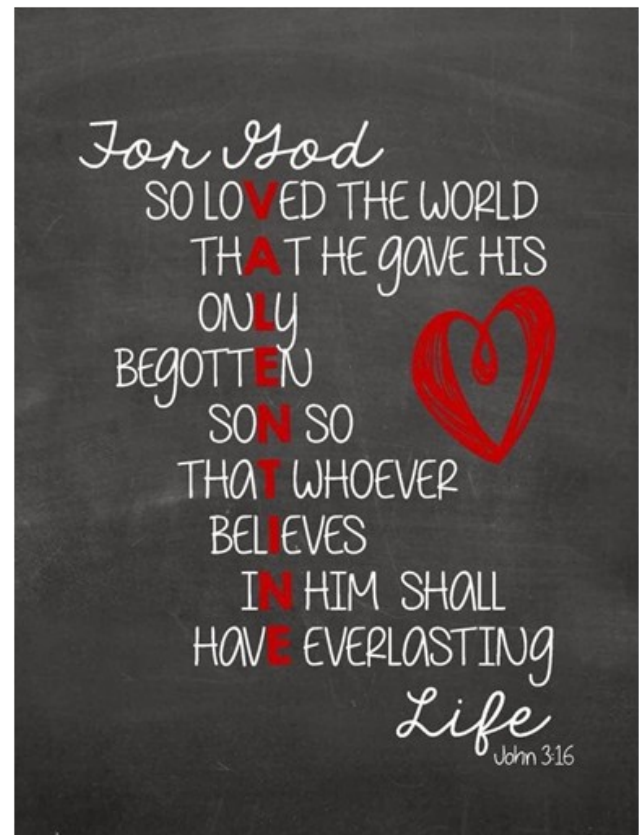


## Ladies Adoration Society

Lenten Adorations will begin Friday, February 24th through Friday, March 31st. There will be a sign up sheet in the social hall for anyone who would like to come into the church, sit and pray for an hour following the Stations of the Cross on Friday mornings. The prayer times are from 12:00noon - 3:00pm. If you can't commit to signing up but want to just pop in for a short time, that is just fine also. All are welcome. You do not have to be a member of the Ladies Adoration Society. Men of the church are also welcomed to pray. Prayer and meditation before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament are great ways to spend some especial time with Him. You can ask Him for graces for yourself or for loved ones, reflect on His word or just keep Him company.

I would like to thank your Dear Lord for our great success and Your many blessings for our society.

In His Service, Dori Canfield, ANS President





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.



## Backpack 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.



## Birthdays

- 1st Kathy Elstad
- 2nd Bernice Karson
- 4th Pat Mason
- 5th Sandy Walver
- 6th Ann Murray
- 7th Marilyn Clark  
Christine Kurlapski
- 9th Sheila DeFoe
- 10th Stan Kustron  
Kathy Stupak-Thrall
- 12th Charley Stoykovich
- 14th Gerry Zippilli
- 17th Irene Torresin
- 18th Frank Stucynski



## Anniversaries

- 14th Bob & Dori Canfield  
Al & Donna Servidio
- 16th Harry & Deb Moebis

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



Here at St. Paul Parish we try to keep you up to date on church activities. In addition to our newsletter we also have emails. Our email address is:

**debniz1959@gmail.com**

If you would like to receive these emails, please pick up a form in the back of the church and place it in the Sunday offering basket.



## Words for Thought

*Those who hope in the Lord  
will renew their strength.  
They will soar on wings like eagles;  
they will run and not grow weary,  
they will walk and not be faint.*

**Isaiah 40:31 NIV**

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## *The Retreat at Silver Springs*

6455 E Silver Springs Blvd, Silver Springs, FL 34488



## YMS of R MEN'S RETREAT

The first ever Young Men's Society of Resurrection will be held on March 16-17-18, 2023 at The Retreat at Silver Springs in Ocala, just 13 miles from St. Paul. This is a full-service retreat facility run by The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The pictures to the left show the entry to the Retreat Center, the dining hall, one of the conference rooms, and one of the lounge areas. The Retreat also has sleeping quarters, an outdoor worship area, and a fire pit for outdoor relaxation and camaraderie. The cost will be approximately \$160 for the three-day event.

We will start off on Thursday, March 16th at 11:00am at the St. Paul Bible study with Father Mark. Following that, the group will go to lunch at Pasta Faire. We then proceed to Silver Springs and check in. This will allow a little down time. Dinner will be at the Retreat in the dining hall. Following dinner, the first session will be held in one of the conference/classrooms. Relaxation and socializing will follow.

Friday morning starts with breakfast, followed by a Holy Mass conducted by Father Mark and Deacon Gail. A shortened session (#2) will follow before lunch. Sessions #3 and #4 will be held Friday afternoon followed by dinner. The day ends with social time around the fire pit (weather permitting).

Saturday kicks off with breakfast in the dining room. From there we will have a final session that will last till about 11:30am. The retreat will be concluded with prayers. The retreat ends at 12 noon.

Father Mark and Deacon Gail will be working on the program for the sessions. Suggestions are welcome.

While this is a YMS of R event, any male member of St. Paul is not only welcome but encouraged to join us. This will be a special event that will help solidify your faith in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. If interested, please see Deacon Gail.