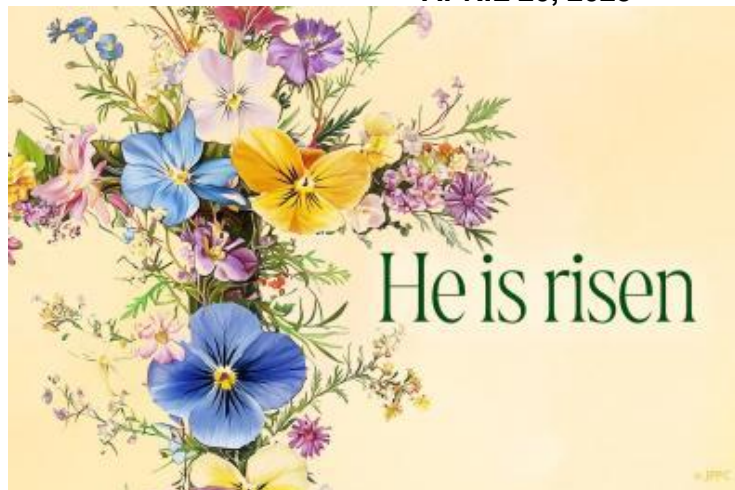


EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 20, 2025



The Easter readings focus on the goodness, power and saving work of God throughout history. And the themes of Easter weave together to form the rich tapestry of Easter's significance:

- **Resurrection:** The cornerstone of Easter celebrates Jesus' victory over death and symbolizes hope and the promise of eternal life.
- **Renewal and Rebirth:** Easter is a time of new beginnings and spiritual renewal.
- **Redemption:** Jesus' sacrifice on the cross highlights the theme of redemption and the forgiveness of sins for humanity.
- **Faith and Belief:** Easter is a call to deepen one's faith and trust in the power of God.
- **Joy and Celebration:** Easter is a time of celebration, characterized by joyous liturgies, music and the proclamation of the "Alleluia."
- **Community and Unity:** Easter brings together the Christian community in worship and celebration, emphasizing unity in Christ.
- **Transformation and Conversion:** Easter encourages believers to turn away from sin and embrace a life transformed by God's grace.
- **Divine Mercy:** This theme focuses on God's infinite mercy and love, inviting believers to trust in his message of mercy and to act mercifully toward others.

MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: The Parishioners of St. Paul's
Living and Deceased

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Whether it's your first time here or you're a long-time parishioner – or something in between – how wonderful we're able to all celebrate together the Good News of the Risen Lord. And there's no better way to celebrate than to gather in his house for worship.

If you're new: Welcome! We hope to see you again, regardless of your personal circumstances or religious status. You are respected and encouraged to return.

To our dedicated faith community: Our sincere thanks for all that you do to make St. Paul's what it is.

We all wish you and your loved ones a Blessed and Happy Easter. ... And try to save some Cadbury Crème Eggs for tomorrow!

EASTER SUNDAY: STEWARDSHIP

*"Think of what is above,
not of what is on earth."*

- Colossians 3:2

On this day, we thank God for his Son, Jesus, who died, rose and opened the gates of heaven for us. We celebrate and sing, "Alleluia!"

Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how God is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill his salvation plan.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Palm Sunday Collection

March April 7-13: \$ 6,227.96

Envelopes: \$ 2,553.00 – Online: \$ 3,674.96

LAST WEEK'S MASS ATTENDANCE

5 p.m. – 132

10 a.m. – 215

CARDINAL'S 2025 APPEAL

Your support of the Appeal helps countless people and sustains ministries throughout our parishes.

Our parish goal is **\$50,600**, of which **\$34,365** has been received/pledged from 87 families as of April 15. This total is about **\$10,000 less** than at the same time last year. Please prayerfully consider your gift, which you can also make online at www.cardinalsappeal.org.

A COMFORTABLE LENTEN PROGRAM

For the first five Sundays of Lent right after the 10 o'clock Mass, parishioners were invited into the hall to reflect on and discuss the day's Gospel reading. Written feedback from participants about the hourlong session, led by Deacon Carl and fueled with snacks, was very positive.

The program's flexibility was praised. There was no pressure either to commit to attending every session or even to talk. Listening was still participating. Yet, those who did share appreciated the thought-provoking questions and the small groups, which gave everyone the ability to grow spiritually in a safe and comfortable setting. There were no wrong answers. There was no judgment. And the ability to move from table to table was applauded, increasing the opportunities to hear different perspectives and gain additional insights.

Participants felt they not only had a better understanding of those Gospels, but of one another and themselves. The consensus was that programs structured such as this, to enrich faith and foster community, should be a mainstay at St. Paul's. And based on this response, it is hoped that there will be more programs in the near future.

"We are all in this together, and without discussion and socialization, our faith will not grow," read one thoughtful response.



IN THE LOOP



The next **Game Night** will begin at 7 p.m. on **Friday, April 25**. Don't forget your snacks and a favorite game to share.



The **Third Listening Session** will take place after Mass next **Sunday, April 27**. The focus will be to prioritize suggestions from the prior two sessions, which will help shape the face of our church moving forward. More details will be forthcoming in a Flocknote.

Everyone is welcome to participate, regardless of prior attendance



With Confirmation and First Holy Communion just around the corner, the year-end countdown is on – which means it's time to look ahead to 2025-2026 school year. **Religious Education registration** will take place from 5-7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 12, and Wednesday, May 14. This is for existing as well as new students. Questions? Call Peg Hoblin, the program's director, at (845) 361-5816.

HIT A HOME RUN WITH FAMILY FUN

Chris Worthington and Deb Harrison, our youth ministers, are making a pitch to all parishioners to catch the excitement at the **Hudson Valley Renegades' Faith & Family Night on May 31**.

And this even tops a triple play: There's a pre-game concert, baseball card deck giveaway to the first 1,000 to arrive, and the game followed by a post-game team autograph signing.

PLUS when tickets are purchased using the customized link that will be available on our website, \$5 per ticket slides home to St. Paul's! Seats purchased this way will also be in the same vicinity, not scattered throughout the stadium.

So don't strike out – book your seats soon!

Questions? Call Chris at 845-248-3120. Chris will also be able to forward the link directly to you as soon as it is ready.



FROM THIS DAY FORWARD ...

Spending 18,250 days with one person rarely just "happens." Instead, it's the shining expression of a lifelong commitment to vows pledged.

This year, the Archdiocese of New York's **Golden Jubilee Wedding Mass** will take place at 2:30 p.m. **Sunday, June 1**, at St. Patrick's Cathedral for couples celebrating 50 years of marriage in 2024. Couples must register through the church office by May 9.



But here at St. Paul's, we think that spending 9,125 days with the same person is also worthy of celebration. Our Masses the weekend of **May 24** and **25** will honor those marking their 25th anniversaries as well as couples celebrating 50 years together. Let the office know if you've reached either milestone.

