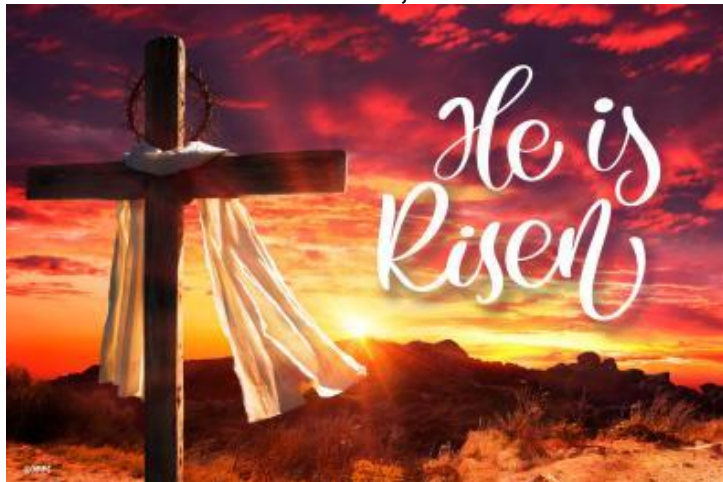


# HAPPY EASTER!

MARCH 31, 2024



## THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

**First:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43

**Second:** Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

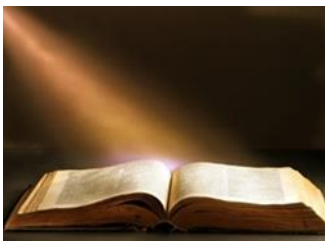
**Gospel:** John 20:1-9 or Mark 16:1-7 (Lec. 41)

**FOCUS:** *Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!*

Not even death could keep him from us. So mighty is his love that he transformed the evil of the cross into a blessing through which he can eternally unite us to God. He is here. He is risen. Alleluia!

## LITURGY OF THE WORD:

In the first reading, Peter tells the story of Jesus' ministry, death and resurrection. In the second reading, Paul tells the Colossians that since they were raised with Christ, they must seek what is above. In the Gospel, Mary Magdalene discovers the empty tomb and runs to tell Simon Peter and the other disciple whom Jesus loved. The other disciple arrived at the tomb first: "He saw and believed."



## MASS INTENTIONS

**8 p.m.:** The Parishioners of St. Paul's,  
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## LAST WEEK'S MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday – 97

Sunday – 194



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

Regular Sunday Collection

**March 17-24: \$ 6,902.42**

Envelopes: \$ 3,061 – Online: \$ 3,841.42

**THANK YOU!**

## CARDINAL'S 2024 APPEAL

*Less than \$10,000 to go!*

Our parish goal is **\$50,600**, of which **\$ 42,110** has been received/pledged as of March 24 from 99 families. If you have not done so already, please prayerfully consider your gift, which can also be made online at [www.cardinalsappeal.org](http://www.cardinalsappeal.org). Thank you.



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**CARDINAL'S**  
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

*Sharing God's Gifts Throughout  
the Archdiocese of New York*

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS



**Scripture Discussions** of the Letter of James, First and Second Letters of Peter and Letter of Jude, using the Ignatius Catholic Study, will begin on **Monday, April 15**, from 10-11:15 a.m. on Zoom. Call Gail Van Tassel at 845-457-3432 to order the book, which is \$14. Everyone is welcome.



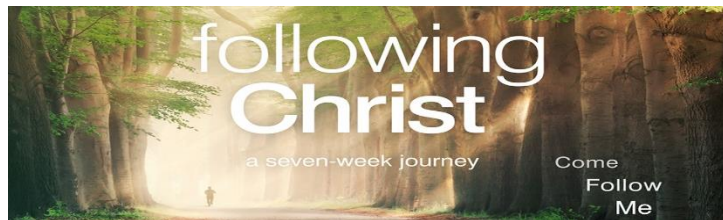
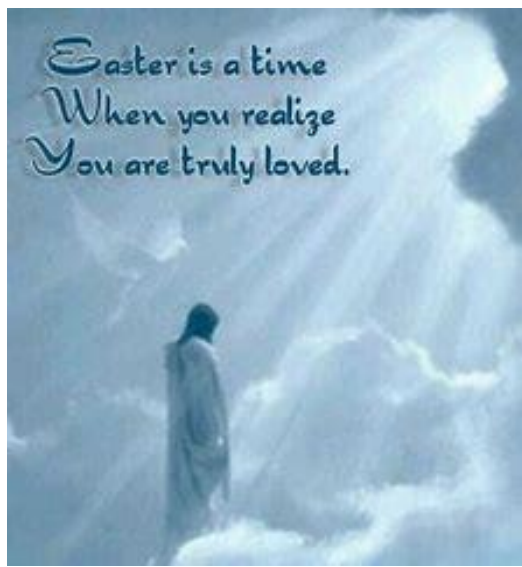
For more than 60 years, the Cursillo movement has been helping Catholics bring about changes in themselves and the world around them. The three-day **Cursillo weekend** is a joyful workshop on the fundamentals of faith and the value of becoming a member of a living Catholic community. The next **women's weekend** is **April 11-14**. For more information, call Debbe Garry at 845-695-1944.



There will be a **French Toast Breakfast** after the 10 o'clock Mass on **Sunday, April 28**. More information to follow as the date nears. Did you know, though, that French toast is known by many other names worldwide because it isn't French at all? The concept for this hearty breakfast favorite was first savored during the Roman Empire. And it was popularized in America because of a grammatical error. In 1724, Albany innkeeper Joseph French planned to serve his guests French's toast – but forgot the "apostrophe S" on the menu. So *French toast* instead of *French's toast* was served and the name stuck!



The first Sunday of the month, next Sunday, has traditionally been known as **Food Pantry Sunday**. Our pantry continues to be extremely busy, with a noticeable increase lately in the number of senior citizens needing assistance. Non-perishable and unexpired items are always welcome!



## SECOND IN THE SERIES TO START

Following Christ is the second part of the ChristLife evangelization process. It is designed to help people who have completed the Discovering Christ course to grow in friendship and union with God; however, participation in the prior course is not a requirement. Following Christ examines how to live as Catholic disciples of Jesus Christ in today's world, based on basic disciplines and truths that have been practiced by Christians from the time of the early Church. Each weekly session includes four components: Prayer, video teaching, group discussion and practical applications.

Following Christ starts at 5 p.m. next **Sunday, April 7**. It encompasses seven weekly sessions at St. Paul's and a day retreat in Pilgrim Hall at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. If a session is missed, that week's video can be provided. The weekly topics, as well as focus of the retreat, are as follows:

1. Introduction and Daily Personal Prayer
2. Hearing God in Scripture
3. The Power of the Sacraments
4. Forgiving One Another
5. The Spirit-Empowered Life
6. We Are At War Retreat
  - o The World
  - o The Flesh
  - o The Devil
7. The Heart of a Disciple
8. Going On with the Lord

For more information or to register, contact the church office at 845-361-3107; Mark Carson at 845-551-2530 or [carsonmark224@gmail.com](mailto:carsonmark224@gmail.com); or Kate Carson at 914-850-5107; [ktqcarson@gmail.com](mailto:ktqcarson@gmail.com)

## 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 2**, at St. Patrick's Cathedral for couples celebrating 50 years of marriage in 2024. Couples must register through the church office by May 10.



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 27** and **28** will honor those marking their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversaries as well as couples celebrating 50 years together. Let the office know if you've reached either milestone.

