

*Welcome! We hope to know you and invite you to serve with us.*

# St. Paul The Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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## Mass for The Sabbath

Saturday 6:30 PM  
Sunday 8:00 AM  
Daily Service:  
As scheduled in Bulletin

**Fourth Sunday  
of Lent  
March 15, 2026**

## **Our Mission**

We are a Eucharistic community dedicated to making disciples of Jesus who love God wholeheartedly and others compassionately, serving the world selflessly, and boldly evangelizing Christ's Good News.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday after 6:30 PM Mass  
Other times by appointment.

### Low gluten

Those suffering from an intolerance to gluten are advised that St. Paul's keeps Low Gluten Hosts on hand for those who need them. Simply check in with an usher to arrange for one.

### Sacrament of Baptism

Because of the importance of the celebration of the sacrament of baptism, please consider carefully the man or woman of faith you chose to inspire and educate your child in the ways of our faith for the entirety of their lives. We suggest calling the church office during your pregnancy so that a more thorough preparation may take place. Godparents must be practicing Catholics and submit a certificate of eligibility from their parish prior to the Baptism. Baptisms will normally take place at a parish weekend Mass. Date and time will be scheduled by the pastor.

### Sacrament of Matrimony

For adequate preparation, arrangements should be made at least 6 months in advance.

### Sacrament of Anointing

Please let the parish office know if someone is seriously ill. If you know of anyone who is unable to get to Mass, we would be glad to help arrange transportation.

### Membership in our Catholic Community

New members are warmly welcomed and may register by calling the parish office or online. If you move out of the area or change your address, please notify the parish office.

### Pastor

Rev. Dr. Bernard Osei Ampong

### Parish Secretary

Kelly Cutler 607-637-2571

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### Men's Group

Kevin Caramore 607-637-2571

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Kevin Caramore 607-637-2571  
Charlene Caramore 607-637-2571

### Bulletin Concerns

Paul Bartholomew 607-637-5409

### Respect Life Ministry

TBD

### St. Paul's Sainly Sweepers Sacristan

Maureen Hunt 607-637-2571

### Hospitality Team

Call 607-637-2571

### Walking with Moms in Need

Virginia Siegler 845-887-5753

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, MARCH 14

- 6:00 P.M. Rosary  
6:30 P.M. Evelyn Hoops  
by Fredo/Dennis Family

### SUNDAY, MARCH 15 4th Sunday of Lent

- 7:30 A.M. Rosary  
8:00 A.M. Deceased Members  
of St. Paul's Parish

### MONDAY, MARCH 16

- 9:00 A.M. Rosary

### TUESDAY, MARCH 17 St. Patrick

- 9:00 A.M. Rosary/Miraculous Medal Novena

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem

- 9:00 A.M. Rosary/Morning Prayer  
6:00 P.M. Adoration

### THURSDAY, MARCH 19 St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 9:00 A.M. Rosary/Communion Service

### FRIDAY, MARCH 20

- 9:00 A.M. Rosary  
6:30 P.M. Stations of the Cross  
*Leader: Hospitality Ministry*

### SATURDAY, MARCH 21

- 6:00 P.M. Rosary  
6:30 P.M. Roger Herzhauser  
by Maureen Dennis & Family

### SUNDAY, MARCH 22 5th Sunday of Lent

- 7:30 A.M. Rosary  
8:00 A.M. Deceased Members  
of St. Paul's Parish



### LECTORS for March 21/22

- 6:30 P.M. M. Hunt  
8:00 A.M. S. Drake

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS for March 21/22

- 6:30 P.M. (Host) J. David  
6:30 P.M. (Cup) K. Caramore  
8:00 A.M. (Host) K. Salvestrini  
8:00 A.M. (Cup) J. Salvestrini

### ALTAR SERVERS for March 21/22

- 6:30 P.M. K. Cutler  
8:00 A.M. J. Stevenson

## TAKE NOTE

This week we take up **The Catholic Relief Services Collection** to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

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### EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

#### **Communal Penance Service Followed by Individual Confessions**

- Tuesday, March 24, 2026 @ 5:30 PM

#### **Holy Thursday – April 2, 2026**

- 9:00 AM Rosary/Morning Prayer
- 4:00 PM Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
- Following Mass Adoration/Night Prayer (Adoration ends at 7:00 PM)

#### **Good Friday (Passion of the Lord) – April 3, 2026**

- 9:00 AM Rosary/Morning Prayer
- 3:00 PM Stations of the Cross/Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 5:30 PM Good Friday Service

#### **Saturday – April 4, 2026**

- 9:00 AM Rosary/Morning Prayer
- #### **No Easter Vigil Mass at St. Paul's (options below)**

- 5:30 PM – Holy Cross 9719 NY-97  
*Callicoon, NY*
- No Easter Vigil – St. Joseph's 98 Second St.  
*Deposit, NY*
- 8:00 PM - St. Joseph's 739 Delaware St.  
*Forest City, PA*
- 8:00 PM – St. John the Evangelist 150 Terrace St.  
*Honesdale, PA*
- 8:00 PM – Sacred Heart 15 Liberty St.  
*Sidney, NY*
- 7:00 PM – St. John the Baptist 25 Benton Ave.  
*Walton, NY*

#### **Easter Sunday – April 5, 2026**

- 7:30 AM Rosary
- 8:00 AM Easter Sunday Mass

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Join us for St. Paul's **Social Hour** in the hall on Sunday, March 22, immediately following the 8:00 AM Mass. Sister Donald from Transfiguration Monastery in Windsor will offer a talk on discipleship and the universal call to holiness. This will be a St. Patrick's Day themed gathering with light refreshments. A free-will offering will be taken to thank Sister Donald, with donations going to the Sisters of Transfiguration Monastery. All are welcome and bring a friend!

Everyone is warmly invited to our **Gather & Feast Community Dinner** on Thursday, March 19, from 4:30-6:30 PM in the hall. Come enjoy a delicious free meal and the joy of being together as a community. Whether you come with family, friends, neighbors, or on your own, there is always a place for you at the table.

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The next **Men’s Group** will be Thursday, March 19 at 7 PM in the DeSerio Ctr.

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Our **Walking with Moms in Need** ministry could use Diapers size 6/7 & Pull-ups size 4/5. We need the larger sizes. Please place items in the collection bin at the front of the church. Thank you!

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**Catholic Trivia** - Test your knowledge of the faith! Each week, two Catholic trivia questions will be posted here in the bulletin. Come back next week to check your answers and see how well you did. Have fun learning and growing in faith!

1. Name the 10 Commandments.
2. Who were the 10 Commandments presented to?

**ANSWERS FROM LAST WEEK:**

1. *Christ rose on what day?*

**Easter Sunday.**

2. *Name the seven capital sins.*

1. **Gluttony, 2. Greed, 3. Lust, 4. Envy, 5. Anger, 6. Pride, 7. Sloth.**

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**YOUCAT ~ Chapter One:**

I Believe in God the Father.

41) Does science make the Creator superfluous? **No. The sentence “God created the world” is not an outmoded scientific statement. We are dealing here with a theological statement, therefore a statement about the divine meaning (theos = God, logos = meaning) and origin of things.** The creation account is not a scientific model for explaining the beginning of the world. “God created the world” is a theological statement that is concerned with the relation of the world to God. God willed the world; he sustains it and will perfect it. *Being created* is a lasting quality *in* things and an fundamental truth *about them*.

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**This week’s spotlight for the businesses that support St. Paul’s by advertising in the bulletin**

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**Remember to support those that support St. Paul’s**

**MONTHLY FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:**

Week of 3/22 Bush Baked Beans

Week of 3/29 3 Bean Chili

Coffee, Tea and Sugar are welcomed anytime. Please drop off items at the church doors. Thank you for your generosity.

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**Prayer Intention of Pope Leo XIV for March:** *For disarmament and peace.* Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

**STEWARDSHIP**

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING March 7/8**

Number of regular collection envelopes.....	20
Loose cash and checks.....	\$284.00
Regular envelope collection.....	\$985.00
Total.....	\$1,269.00

**Additional Offerings**

Votive.....	\$63.00
Books.....	\$25.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$100.00

**Attendance March 7/8**

Saturday: 6:30 PM .....	33
Sunday: 8:00 AM .....	41
Total: .....	74

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Monday, March 16**

(Office Closed)

**Wednesday, March 18**

6:00 PM Prayer Group - Rectory

6:00 - 7:00 PM Adoration - Church

**Thursday, March 19**

7:00 PM Men’s Group - DeSerio Ctr.

4:30-6:30 PM Gather & Feast Dinner - Hall

**Friday, March 20**

4:30-6:00 PM Soup Supper - Hall

6:30 PM Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous - Hall

Cleaning Group # 3: K. White

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