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We open our hearts and doors to our brothers and sisters from St. Matthew's Parish as they go through this time of transition. We are truly blessed to walk this journey of faith with you and we also trust in God's promise that:

"Where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I in their midst" (Matthew 18:20).

As we join together in prayer, worship, and fellowship, may we grow as one family in Christ-sharing our gifts, traditions and our love for the Lord.

Reverend Thomas J. Woodhouse, Pastor
Deacon Paul M. Shea, Deacon Assistant
Sister Cristina Gomez, H.M.S.P., Parish Missionary

Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:30PM
Sunday: 8:00AM | 9:30AM &
11:30AM | 1:30PM - Korean Mass
Weekdays: 12:05PM

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• 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT •

SIR, GIVE ME THIS WATER.

From the Pastor...

We are close to the middle of the Lenten Season and are in the period of what is called “The Scrutinies” in the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, (OCIA), program.

I borrowed the definition from “Catholic Answers” for a brief description of what the Scrutinies are:

“The Scrutinies are a series of rites for adults who wish to be baptized. They are celebrated in the third, fourth, and fifth weeks of the Lenten season. This is considered a period of purification and enlightenment for the Elect. There are prayers of exorcism which are intended to help purify the Elect from sin and sinful desires. The overall prayers and laying on of hands are to help the Elect be enlightened by the Word and grace of God.”

When celebrating the Scrutinies, the prayers used for the Mass are taken from the Ritual Masses for the Scrutinies and the Readings and the Gospel are taken from Year “A” in the Lectionary, (and we happen to be in Year “A” this year). The Gospels illustrate to the Elect that Christ is the Living Water, (Woman at the Well,) the Light, (the Man Born Blind), and the Resurrection and the Life, (the Raising of Lazarus).

We will be celebrating the First Scrutiny this Sunday and the Elect will receive a copy of the Creed at the OCIA class this Wednesday. The next two Scrutinies will be celebrated next Sunday and on March 22nd, and the Elect will receive a copy of the Lord’s Prayer in class on the Wednesday following the 3rd Scrutiny, (March 25 – the Solemnity of the Annunciation).

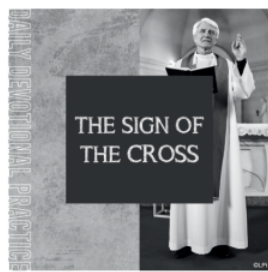
I think it is wonderful that we celebrate these events in the context of Mass because we can pray for the Elect as a parish as they get closer to becoming members of the Body of Christ and our St. Paul’s parish family. God willing, our Elect will be receiving their Sacraments of Initiation, (Baptism, Confirmation, and the Holy Eucharist), at the Easter Vigil Mass which will be celebrated the evening of April 4th.

Please pray for all the people in our OCIA and sacramental preparation programs and our Faith Formation staff as we journey toward the Paschal celebrations!



Fr. Woodhouse

Christians have been making the sign of the cross since ancient times. It is not only an important component of formal liturgies and sacramental rites, but also a daily devotional practice whereby the faithful invoke the blessing and protection of God.



Holy Mass This Week

Saturday, March 7th | Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs; Third Sunday of Lent Vigil

4:30PM David White (15th Anniversary)

Sunday, March 8th | Third Sunday of Lent

8:00AM Intention of the Celebrant

9:30AM Intention of the Celebrant

11:30AM Walter Campbell, Sr. (1st Anniversary)

1:30PM Korean Mass

Monday, March 9th | St. Frances of Rome, Religious

12:05PM Stephen Kavanagh (Birthday Remembrance)

Tuesday, March 10th of the Third Week of Lent

12:05PM Helen L. Palmer, Susan M. Steen & Rev. William G.

Hennessey & the Hennessey Family (Memorial)

Wednesday, March 11th of the Third Week of Lent

12:05PM Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, March 12th of the Third Week of Lent

12:05PM Rev. Michael J. McCabe, 1st Pastor of St. Paul Parish

(84th Anniversary)

Friday, March 13th of the Third Week of Lent

12:05PM The Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, March 14th | Fourth Sunday of Lent Vigil

4:30PM Elaine Alba (6th Anniversary)

Sunday, March 15th | Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00AM Mary & Joseph Sullivan (Memorial)

9:30AM Manuel Pons (Memorial)

11:30AM William F. Clarkin (32nd Anniversary)

1:30PM Korean Mass

ST. MATTHEW’S - MASS INTENTIONS

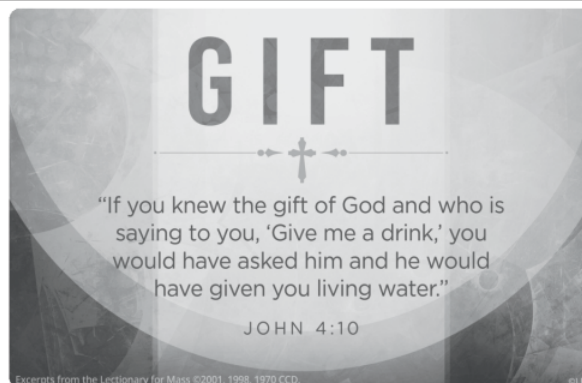
Sunday, March 8th | Third Sunday of Lent

9:30AM. Antonio F. Rebelo; by: The Family

ST. MATTHEW’S - COUNTER SCHEDULE:

MARCH 9, 2026 - Team 2

MARCH 16, 2026 - Team 3



SOUNDS OF LENT

During the season of Lent, we will sing the Sanctus (“Holy, Holy, Holy”) and the Agnus Dei (“Lamb of God”) using their traditional Latin texts. The **Sanctus response can be found in the Breaking Bread, number 839**, and the **Agnus Dei response can be found in the Breaking Bread, number 843**; both in the back of the book.

Third Sunday of Lent

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Readings for the week of March 8, 2026

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 42:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

Collections for February 21 & 22

Budget: \$9,924.00

- \$8,705.00 | (envelopes)
- \$1,219.00 | (loose)
- Votive Candles: \$396.00
- Monthly: \$40.00
- Annual: \$200.00
- Outreach: \$643.00
- Easter Flowers: \$325.00
- St. Paul School Tuition: \$20.00

ST. MATTHEW'S BUDGETS:

February 15, 2026

Weekly Collection: \$1,353.00
Online Collection \$236.36
Monthly Collection \$335.00

February 22, 2026

Weekly Collection: \$1,991.00
Online Collection \$215.16

March 01, 2026

Weekly Collection: \$1,964.00
Fuel & Maintenance \$794.00

ParishSOFT Collections for:

Month of January 2-31

Weekly Budget: \$7,677.50

- H.E.L.P: \$205.00
- Outreach: \$100.00
- Parish Collection: \$445.00
- Offertory: \$2,386.00
- One Time Gifts: \$40.00
- Catholic University: \$93.00
- Christmas: \$20.00
- Church in Latin America: \$103.00

- C.R.S., Rice Bowl: \$20.00
- Solemnity of Mary: \$170.00
- Initial Offering: \$25.00
- St. Paul School Tuition Assistance: \$210.00



The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

— Jn 4:9a, 10



Saint Paul Parish Prayer Chain

Pray for all those on our longterm sick list: Julie Middleton, Mary, John Petrilli, Silvana Scatena, Mark & Crissy Gangone, Joel Kahn, Denise Att, Annie Powderly, Lou Cimini, Justin Hsu, Steve Colella, Clinton Stayton, Liz Bowman, Albert Thuente, Scott Foley, Diane Woodhouse, Pete Sorci, Carol Osadnick, Rosalia Verrone, Audrey, Fr. Jack Lavin, Jason Li, Linda Vaillant, Michael Conti, Elie Kamara, Cheryl Church, Sheila Raposa, Michael Andrews, Milly Monteiro, David Stenhouse, Dave Suwalski, Lisa Davis, John Caffrey, John K, Daniel K, Mario, Terrence Hogan & Marilyn Rodriguez and all those who are sick at home, in hospitals and living in nursing facilities.

Please contact the rectory office if you would like to place someone on the Prayer Chain.

Almighty and Eternal God,
You are the everlasting health
of those who believe in You.
Hear us for Your sick servants
for whom we implore the aid of
Your tender mercy, that being restored
to bodily health, they may give thanks to
You in Your Church. Through Christ our
Lord. Amen

Military Prayer List

Please pray for all those currently serving in the Armed Forces...

- BMI Christopher Rantuccio, U.S. Coast Guard
- AB Ryanna L. Vittorioso, RI Air National Guard
- CAPT Patrick Timothy Drury, U.S. Army
- MSG Brian Andrade, U.S. Army
- SFC Matthew Jeff, U.S. Army
- SGT Zachary Maguire, U.S. Army
- SGT Alex Brant, U.S. Army
- LT Matthew Lutynski, D.O., U.S. Navy
- 2nd LT Tristan Henthorne, U.S. Air Force
- SSGT Lena Lau, U.S. Air Force
- SSGT Stephen J. Colella, U.S. Air Force AMN
- Sean Drumm, U.S. Air Force
- Major John O'Gorman, U.S. Marine Corps
- PFC Andrew Clermont, U.S. Marine Corps
- SPC Jaireal Rodriguez, U.S. Army National Guard
- MA3 Pamela Castillo Diaz, U.S. Navy
- PFC Alex Usher, U.S. Marine Corps
- ITE2 Jesse Allen, U.S. Navy
- LTJG Peter Schofield, U.S. Coast Guard

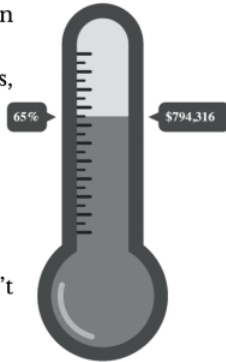


Campaign Updates

Thanks be to God we have met our pledge goal for our Repair, Restore, Rejoice Capital Campaign.

GOAL: \$1,225,505

We will now be showing our progress in receiving the funds to meet the pledge goal. Our thermometer shows the current pledges, and the "mercury" shows the money we have received to meet our pledge goal.



As of February 27, 2026:

Pledges received: \$794,316.70

Outstanding to be received: \$431,188.30

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the parish office!

Thank you for your continuing generosity.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross devotion takes place in the church on Friday evenings during Lent at 7:00PM.

If you are new to this devotion, simply come to the church a few minutes early, pick up a booklet from the baskets located at the entrances to the church and be seated. According to the United States Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), The Stations of the Cross, also known as the Way of the Cross or Via Crucis, commemorate Jesus's passion and death on the cross. There are 14 stations that each depict a moment on his journey to Calvary, usually through sacred art, prayers, and reflections. The practice began as pious pilgrims traced his path through Jerusalem on the Via Dolorosa.

WHAT ARE THE SCRUTINIES?

Beginning this week, adults who are preparing to be baptized at the Easter Vigil will participate in three successive weekly rites – the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent - called "the Scrutinies." These rites, with roots dating back to the early Church, are part of a larger process called the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults.

Each Scrutiny will take place during the 9:30AM Sunday Mass, and is linked to the Gospel reading for that Mass. The persons preparing for the sacraments, "the Elect," along with their sponsors, bow or kneel before the celebrant and the assembly, who pray for them silently and with a series of intercessions. Each Scrutiny is a step in preparing the Elect for the celebration and initiation soon to come.

COLLECTING EASTER CANDY

Plans are now being made for our annual Easter morning fun!



On Palm Sunday, the Youth Group will gather to fill over 1,000 plastic eggs with candy to be "discovered" by eager young children at St. Paul's Annual Easter Egg Hunt held on Easter morning. If you are able to donate a bag of individually wrapped Easter candy, please place it in one of the collection bins located in the church vestibules by Sunday, March 22nd. Thank you!

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MERCY, EXPLAINED!

"And what does the Lord require of you? Only this: to do what is right, to show mercy, and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8) But what does it mean to show true mercy?

God's mercy to us knows no bounds, but that mercy does not compel Him to grant us everything our appetitive passions desire. God's perfect mercy could never allow for something that would harm His children. A father whose child has a toothache cannot, out of mercy, give the child the candy he wants, no matter how the tears of the child grieve the father's heart. The father can, and should, surround the child with love and sympathy, and help him to remedy the problem that lies at the heart of his grief. This is true virtuous mercy – a choice governed by reason, not merely an emotion. | ©LPI




Third Sunday of Lent



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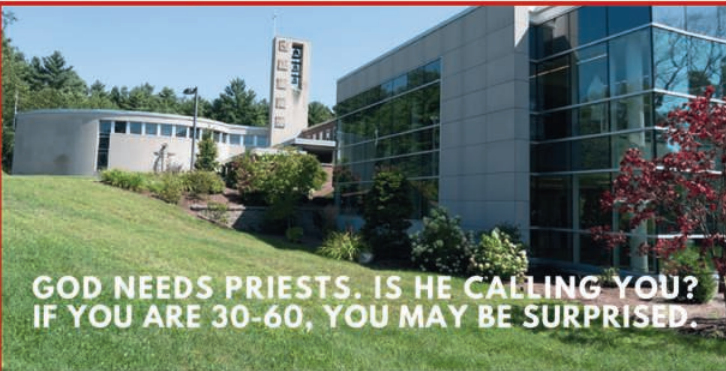
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INTERCESSORY PRAYER AT CHURCH
12:30PM ROSARY
3:00PM MERCY CHAPLET
7:00PM VESPERS
EXCEPT FRIDAY WE'LL DO STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Contact Sr. Cristina to sign up and/or receive more info
401-601-8906, sistercristina@hmsp.org

**GOD NEEDS PRIESTS. IS HE CALLING YOU?
IF YOU ARE 30-60, YOU MAY BE SURPRISED.**

FIRST FRIDAY VISIT
March 13
5:00 PM EST
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HOLY HOUR AND EVENING PRAYER

In-Person Visit: Includes Dinner with seminarians and tour of the Seminary
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MONDAY, MARCH 30, 6 P.M.
Cathedral of Saint's Peter & Paul, Providence





AT THIS HOLY MASS THE PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE OF PROVIDENCE RENEW THEIR PRIESTLY PROMISES. THE BISHOP WILL ALSO CONSECRATE AND BLESS THE SACRED OILS USED IN THE SACRAMENTAL RITES OF THE CHURCH FOR THE COMING YEAR. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Celebrant & Homilist
MOST REV. BRUCE A. LEWANDOWSKI, C.Ss.R.
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BLESSING OF LIVING WATER

Lord, where there has been dryness in my life, bless me with Your living water!
Where I fear to dream of new hope and growth, bless me with Your living water!
Where I'm thirsty for new and abundant life, bless me with Your living water!
Drench the parched earth with Your promise, bless me with Your living water! Amen.

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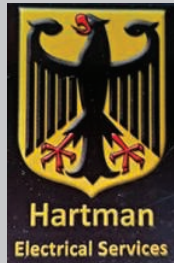
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