



ST. PAUL

ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



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:

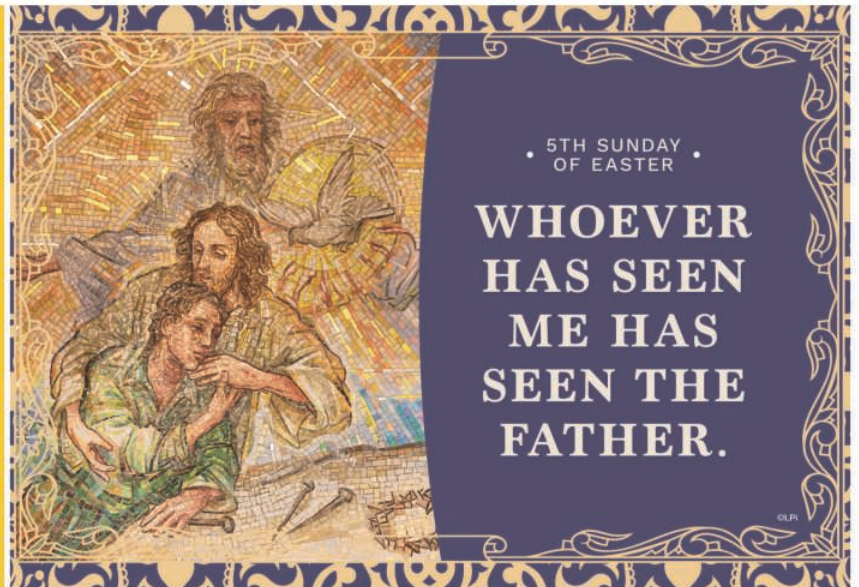
Saturday: 4:30PM
Sunday: 8:00AM | 9:30AM &
11:30AM | 1:30PM - Korean Mass
Weekdays: 12:05PM

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Eucharistic Adoration*

Most Mondays immediately after the 12:05pm Mass until Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7pm. The church is also open from 11:00am-5:00pm Tuesday through Friday.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)*

Saturdays at 3:30pm, Mondays at 6pm, or by appointment.

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From the Pastor...

The month of May is dedicated to Our Blessed Mother and with this in mind I thought I'd share a story about how the Blessed Virgin Mary helped a person discern their vocation.

A man once went to confession and in the confessional a small conversation ensued with the priest recommending praying the rosary to the man, and then he assigned him a penance of one decade of the rosary. The young man was a little embarrassed and replied to the priest that he didn't have a rosary, to which the priest replied; "go buy one!" So, the man did and he prayed his penance, but then, a little while after that, remembering what the priest in the confessional told him, he started praying the rosary almost every day.

It was around this time that the man started to attend daily Mass, and not too long after that a Deacon at his church asked if he had ever considered becoming a priest.

The man ignored the suggestion, but he continued to go to Mass and pray the rosary every day, and as his life continued, he became increasingly interested in his faith, and his desire to know God became stronger.

While this was going on, more people kept bringing up the subject of his being a good candidate for the priesthood and because of this, he started to reluctantly consider it.

When he mentioned this to a friend, the friend suggested that he consecrate, (consecration meaning a total self-gift), himself to Jesus through Mary, by using St. Louis DeMontfort's Total Consecration prayer method, but the man didn't follow his friend's advice. However, he did continue to attend Mass and pray the rosary daily; he even joined the Legion of Mary.

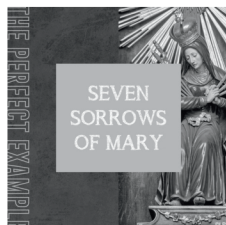
Eventually, he decided to enter the seminary, where he consecrated himself to Jesus through Mary. He was ordained a priest, and when he was ordained, he consecrated his priesthood to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

You may have figured out by now that the man in the story is your pastor, and as I have said many times, having a devotion to our Blessed Mother will help us discern our vocation. Mary always leads to Jesus.

Please pray for our young ones receiving their First Holy Communion this weekend and pray the rosary daily!

Fr. Woodhouse

The Seven Sorrows of Mary helps us to unite our own sufferings with those of Jesus, following Mary's perfect example, as we meditate upon the great sufferings endured by Our Lord and his Blessed Mother.



Holy Mass This Week

Saturday, May 2nd | St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church; 5th Sunday of Easter Vigil

11:00AM Korean Mass
4:30PM Lucy Reale (Birthday Remembrance)

Sunday, May 3rd | 5th Sunday of Easter

8:00AM Edgar & Hilda Higgins (Memorial)
9:30AM Celebration of First Holy Communion
11:30AM Manuel Pons (Memorial)

Monday, May 4th of the Fifth Week of Easter

12:05PM John & Dora Coyne (Memorial)

Tuesday, May 5th of the Fifth Week of Easter; Cinco de Mayo

12:05PM Intention of the Celebrant

Wednesday, May 6th of the Fifth Week of Easter

12:05PM Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, May 7th of the Fifth Week of Easter; National Day of Prayer

12:05PM Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, May 8th of the Fifth Week of Easter

12:05PM Rev. Joseph Gallagher (18th Anniversary)

Saturday, May 9th | 6th Sunday of Easter Vigil

4:30PM Intention of the Celebrant

Sunday, May 10th | 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day

8:00AM The People of St. Paul Parish
9:30AM Eileen Coletta (Memorial)
11:30AM Living - Private Intention

ST. MATTHEW'S INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 3rd | Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:30AM Carlos Fernandes; by: Wife & Daughters

Sunday, May 10th | Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:30AM Anna Marseglia; by: Anthony & Maria Marseglia

ST. MATTHEW'S - COUNTER SCHEDULE:

MAY 4, 2026 - Team 1 MAY 11, 2026 - Team 2
MAY 18, 2026 - Team 3

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD UPDATE

Fr. Woodhouse **will not be** calling the young boys and girls of our parish forward at the 9:30AM Mass this week for Children's Liturgy of the Word so that we can all stay together to enjoy the celebration of First Holy Communion at this Mass.

Join the Knights of Columbus

for a special fundraiser this Thursday on:



MAY 7TH AT CHELO'S ON POST ROAD!

We are grateful for an anonymous donor who has offered to match the funds raised at Chelos up to \$1,000 to go towards the purchase of a Canopy for our Eucharistic processions. Come on out and make sure you order dessert!

Be sure to grab a flyer from the Hospitality table!

Fifth Sunday of Easter

ParishSOFT
ONLINE GIVING
Scan the QR Code:



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 3, 2026

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/ Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/ Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/ Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/ Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/ Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16 and 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

Collections for April 18 & 19

Budget: \$4,226.00

- \$3,154.00 | (envelopes)
- \$1,072.00 | (loose)
- Votive Candles: \$288.00
- Monthly: \$175.00
- Easter Offering: \$20.00
- Winter Recovery Fund: \$874.00
- H.E.L.P.: \$10.00
- Catholic Relief: \$10.00
- Outreach: \$27.00
- Ash Wednesday: \$20.00
- St. Paul School
 - Building Improvement: \$100.00

ST. MATTHEWS BUDGETS:

SUNDAY, APRIL 26TH

- Weekly Collection: \$2,133.00
- Fuel & Maintenance: \$381.00
- Online Collection: \$131.56

ParishSOFT Collections for:

Month of March 1-31

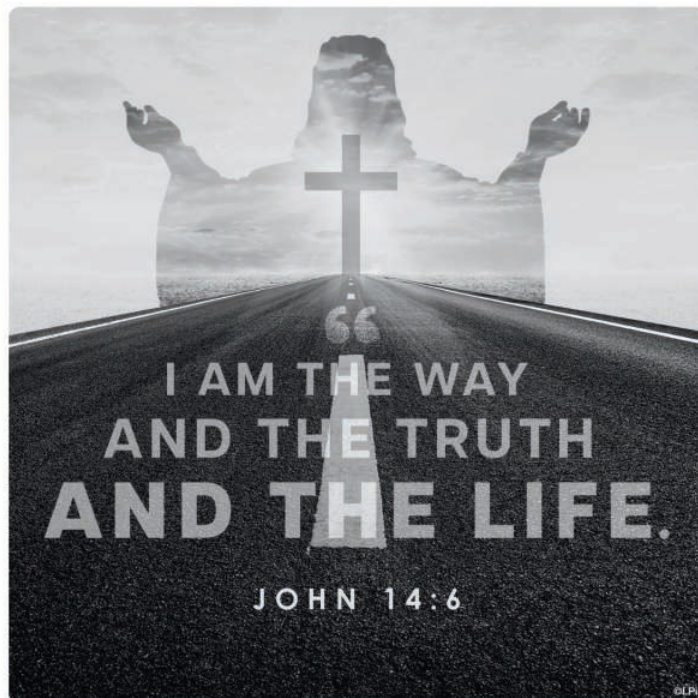
Weekly Budget: \$9,072.50

- H.E.L.P.: \$205.00
- Outreach: \$100.00
- Parish Collection: \$422.50
- Offertory: \$2,265.00
- One Time Gifts: \$70.00
- Annual Collection: \$300.00
- Easter Flowers: \$485.00



“In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be.” — Jn 14:2-3

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCC.



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, Clinton Stayton, Liz Bowman, Albert Thuente, Scott Foley, 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 K, Daniel K, Terrence Hogan, Mario & Marilyn Rodriguez, Esperanza Raymundo Esquivel, Susan Agnes Rotondo, Gert Shea, Judy Mellor, Marie Duval 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

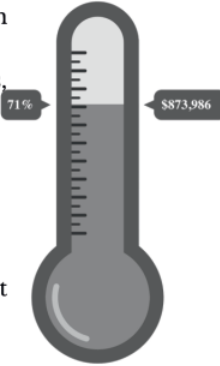


Campaign Updates

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

GOAL: \$1,227,055

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 April 24, 2026:

Pledges received: \$873,986.59

Outstanding to be received: \$353,068.41

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

Thank you for your continuing generosity.

MONTHLY G.I.F.T. RESUMES IN MAY

After skipping the months of March and April (for the Lenten Mission and Holy Week), our monthly opportunity to Grow in Faith Together (GIFT) resumes in the month of May. *Please note that the May GIFT session will be offered on Sunday only* (the session will NOT repeat Wednesday evening).

SUNDAY, MAY 17TH AT 10:30AM
SAINT PAUL SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

WHAT IS GIFT?

- GIFT is the heart of our parish Faith Formation program which offers ongoing faith-based learning opportunities for ALL ages.
- It's free – there is no cost to attend. Coffee served on Sunday mornings.
- All parishioners of St. Matthew's and St. Paul's are invited and encouraged to attend (not just those enrolled in religious education program)!
- Middle and high school students attend with their parents, and elementary school-aged children participate in a separate session held at the exact same time as the adult session (Children's GIFT).
- Please contact the Faith Formation office at 941-5576 or faithform@saintpaulcranston.org if you have any questions.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The following baptisms were celebrated during the month of April:

Jacob Wallace Hjerpe	Mackenzie Raie St. Pierre
Kai Anthony Moniz	Daniel Jonathan West
Emma Kathleen St. Pierre	Jason Hunter West
Welcome to the Family!	

THIS WEEK WE CELEBRATE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION!

This Sunday, May 3rd, a dozen young students will joyfully celebrate their First Holy Communion at 9:30AM Mass.



Please note that a number of the pews will be reserved, but there will be plenty of room for all of us to come to Mass and celebrate together. Please keep these boys and girls, along with their families, in your prayers.

PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Every two weeks a new family has the opportunity to receive this pilgrim statue of our blessed mother, and pray the rosary together with the previous family and Sister Cristina. Two weeks where your family can continue praying the rosary to grow closer to our blessed mother. If you are interested in participating, contact sister Cristina to be added to the list.



VACATION BIBLE CAMP!

8:30AM-11:30AM
JUNE 22-26
ST. PAUL SCHOOL CAFETERIA



Last year well over 50 campers and volunteers had an awesome time getting into the "True North" spirit. The theme for this year's camp is **Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God**. Here are some things to know:

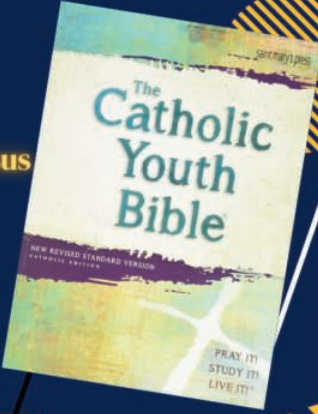
- **AGES:** All children who will be entering PreK (age 4) through grade 5 as of September are invited to be campers. Students entering grades 6-8 are invited to be crew leaders (small group leaders), and students entering grades 9-12 are invited to lead activity stations such as outdoor games, art, skits, music, snack and more. Training and decorating for helpers takes place Saturday, June 20th from 10:00AM to 12:00Noon.
- **COST:** The cost is \$50/one camper, \$75/two sibling campers, \$100/three or more sibling campers. There is NO FEE for student-leaders, but donations of any amount are gratefully accepted. Please note that volunteer student-leaders who participate all week can earn up to 25 community service hours while having fun!

Registration for campers and helpers opens in May. Questions? Contact the Faith Formation Office at 941-5576 or faithform@saintpaulcranston.org.

Youth Bible STUDY


Ages 13-17

- Learn to read, understand and love Scripture
- Discover how to follow Jesus in your daily life
- Learn to share your faith with love and confidence




Every Friday 6:00PM-7:15PM
starting on May 8th in the Rectory Basement

Register: sistercristina@hmsp.org | 401-601-8906



50th ANNIVERSARY



Fr. Bob Giardina

We joyfully celebrate the 50th anniversary of priestly ordination on April 24th of Fr. Bob Giardina. For five decades, he has faithfully served the Church with devotion, compassion, and a generous spirit, touching countless lives through his ministry. We give thanks to God for his many years of priestly service and ask for continued blessings upon him. Please join us in offering our prayers and congratulations on this remarkable milestone.

*"You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."
1 Peter 2:5*

The Defense for Mary


Answering the Most Common Objections




Join Deacon Jay for a presentation defending the most contested teachings on Mary using both Scripture and the Early Church.

Date: May 13th 2026
Time: 7:00 PM
Place: School Auditorium

- 20 Minute Presentation covering topics like:
- Do Catholics worship Mary?
 - Is the Immaculate Conception found in the Bible?
 - What does the Bible mean by "brothers of Jesus?"



Our Lady of Fatima Medal Included!



Come Learn about our Beloved Mother!

Set aside some time for yourself, mom ;)

A Morning for Mothers

Saturday May 9th

9:30am - 2pm
in St. Paul's School Auditorium

Will include:

- Talk
- Prayer
- Lunch and surprises...

*"She is clothed with strenght and dignity"
-Prv 31: 25*



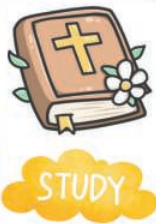
Register: sistercristina@hmsp.org | 401-601-8906

CADA VIERNES


Each Friday starting May 1st
comenzamos el 1ro de Mayo

A LAS 7:30PM
EN EL SOTANO DE LA RECTORIA


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BLESSING OF PEACE



Dear Lord, You have said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled."
Bless me with Your peace. Fill my heart with trust in You, and hope in Your promises.
Be my rock in times of distress, my light in times of darkness, and my rest in the storm. Amen. ©LPi





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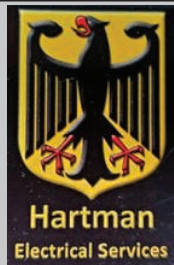
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