

March 20th, 2025



The Third Sunday in Lent



The Pastor's Column

Beyond Scrutiny?

The next three Sundays, our Elect (those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil) will deepen their Lenten preparations for entrance into the Christian Church by being subjected to three scrutinies. Scrutinies, you say! That sounds a bit intense and invasive. Very medieval. Actually, this process of praying with and for the elect goes back to the 3rd century.

From the OCIA ritual we read: "The scrutinies, which are solemnly celebrated on Sundays and are reinforced by exorcism, are rites for self-searching and repentance and have above all a spiritual purpose. The scrutinies are meant to uncover, and then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the

elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. For the scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life. These rites, therefore, should complete the conversion of the elect and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out their decision to love God above all. [141]

As we learned in catechism class, Baptism washes away all sin and welcomes one into the Christian community. The elect do not celebrate the rite of penance before the Easter Vigil. Yet, baptism is not magic. Like all sacraments we must prepare our heart, mind, and soul to be open to receive the grace given in them, and then, to live it! Even in the rite of baptism of infants, there is a prayer of exorcism to free the baby of sin. For those of us who are baptized, we accompany our Elect praying that they are open to God's love for them. As we pray for them, we also ask ourselves: where do I need healing and forgiveness in my life? What is upright and good in me that needs to be strengthened?

I encourage all of us baptized to use this Lenten time to scrutinize our lives, in a loving and balanced manner, and consider celebrating the Sacrament of Penance before Easter. In a direct way, the sacrament frees us of sin and restores us to that state which we enjoyed at our own baptism. It will make the celebration of Easter even more sweet, and we will truly be in solidarity with those being baptized!

Reconciliation Monday is April 14. Confessions will be heard at all churches in New York City from 2-4pm; 6-9pm. By way of reminder, our scheduled confessions are Saturdays 4-4:45; Tuesday and Thursdays following the 12:10pm Mass. *Insider tip:* my go-to confession spot is St. Francis of Assisi parish located at 135 West 31st Street right near Penn Station. They hear confessions DAILY from 8:00 am-9:00am, 11am-Noon, 4:30pm-5:30pm; and on Saturdays from 10am-11am. They may be kinder than the Paulist Fathers! For those looking for something more "traditional" St. Patrick's Cathedral offers confession daily following the 8am Mass and 12 Noon- 12:45pm; and on Saturdays from 12 Noon-12:45pm and 4:30pm-5:30pm. That's the great thing about living in NYC... options are an easy walk or train/bus ride away!

Finally, **I invite you all to pray for by name the 19 individuals to be scrutinized** who will be baptized this Easter Vigil and the 13 people who seek full communion with the Catholic Church who we prayed for last Sunday evening by visiting the Annunciation Side Altar. There you will find a prayer and the names of all who will be joining us.

While none of us are above God's scrutiny, thankfully, He is merciful and invites us as a community of faith to walk more intensely with Him this Lent, so we might strengthen each other by our mutual love and concern. We can't go it alone! May our parish retreat time this weekend advance us on the way to the Kingdom of God on earth and ultimately in heaven.

Continued Lenten Blessings!

God bless,



Fr. Eric Andrews, CSP
Pastor, St. Paul the Apostle

The Sacred Season of Lent

**FAR FROM
FRIENDLY
SHORES?**



**ANCHOR
YOUR HOPE
IN CHRIST**

LENTEN RETREAT



MARCH 21ST & 22ND

REMINDER: Parish Retreat Meeting This Friday & Saturday

Thanks to everyone who has signed up for this weekend's parish Lenten retreat, "Anchor Your Hope in Christ"! As a reminder, here is what we have to look forward to in the coming weekend:

Friday, March 21st

- Bi-Lingual Stations of the Cross at 6:00 PM (led by the Apostolist Young Adult Ministry)
- Lenten Fish Fry in the Auditorium at 7:00 PM

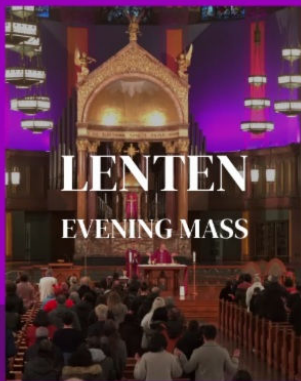
Saturday, March 22nd

- Saturday morning Mass at 8:30 AM followed by light refreshments
- Retreat activities in the Auditorium from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

If you are financially able to support the cost of putting on this year's retreat, a donation of \$20 per person is kindly suggested. We look forward to praying with you this weekend!

WEEKLY LENTEN SERVICES

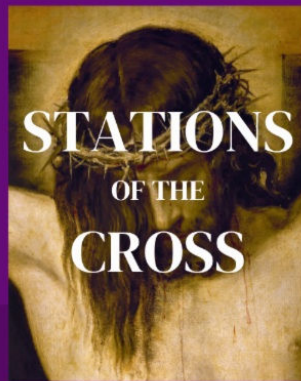
MARCH 5TH - APRIL 17TH



**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS
AT 6:30 PM**

In addition to our regular masses, join the parish in prayer every Wednesday evening.

OCIA will gather at the March 26th mass to present the Creed to this year's catechumens, and again on April 6 to present the Lord's Prayer.

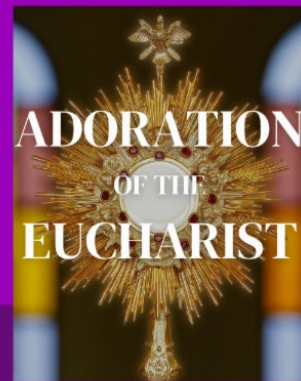


EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT

WAY OF THE CROSS
Following the 12:10 PM Mass

MINISTRY-LED STATIONS
at 6:00 PM

VIA CRUCIS EN ESPANOL
at 7:00 PM



**FRIDAY MORNINGS
FROM 8AM - 12PM**

Sit in quiet contemplation with the Lord every Friday morning in Lent.

The period of Adoration will conclude each week with a Benediction at 11:50 AM.

**PRACTICING
CATHOLIC**

Offering it Up
with Father Paul Rospond, CSP

St. Paul's
NYC

We are excited to announce the premiere of a new video podcast series from St. Paul's entitled *Practicing Catholic* in which Jack Schneider sits down with a

priest or layperson from St. Paul's to discuss a topic at the heart of our faith. New episodes will premiere every Wednesday on our [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) channels. In the lead-up to Easter, every episode will explore a different facet of our Lenten devotions to help us prepare our hearts and answer your pressing questions.

Watch the third episode of *Practicing Catholic* with Associate Pastor Fr. Paul Rospond, CSP on fasting by clicking the link above!

Upcoming Events

HEALING MASS

Our Lenten Evening Mass April 2nd will be dedicated to special prayer for the health and healing of participants and those that we keep in our hearts. Please spread the word to those in your life that are in particular need of God's healing power and love.

ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE
Wednesday, April 2nd at 6:30 PM

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Sunday, April 6th at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center

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EXPERIENCE THE POWER OF SACRED ART

Join us on Wednesday, April 9th following the 6:30 PM Lenten Mass for a captivating art talk.

Renowned sacred art expert **Emily Valentine Sottile**, Director of the Sacred Space Studio at EverGreene Architectural Arts in Brooklyn, will guide us through the profound beauty and symbolism of **William Laurel Harris'** magnificent mural of the Crucifixion located above the choir loft.

**WEDNESDAY
APRIL 9TH**

Following the 6:30 PM Mass

WWW.STPAULTHEAPOSTLE.ORG/ART-TALK

Visiting Voices

St. Paul's hosts groups of young musicians on tour around the country, offering free concerts to the public in our church. Enjoy the talents of these young artists at any of the listed times below - no tickets or RSVP required!

March 21st

Licking Valley High School Choir & Band - 1:15 PM
Twinsburg High School Orchestra - 2:30 PM

March 25th

Crystal Lake South High School Band - 2:00 PM

March 27th

Franklin High School Band, Choir & Orchestra - 3:00 PM

April 4th

Delaware Hayes High School Orchestra - 1:15 PM
Harrison SFA High School Orchestra - 3:00 PM

April 9th

Western Branch High School Choir - 4:00 PM

April 10th

Western Branch High School Band - 9:30 AM



2025 Easter Basket Drive

*for the benefit of Abbot House Charity
and Catholic Guardian Services*



Here's what to do:

1. Select an ornament for each basket you are going to bring in and remember to return the basket with it attached to the top of the basket (on the outside).
2. Either make a basket or buy one at Duane Reade, CVS, Target, Costco, etc).
 - Make sure all items in the basket are age-appropriate.
 - Please do not include any homemade food items or Easter eggs!
 - A great extra for teens is gift cards like Starbucks, Dunkin Donuts, Apple, Best Buy, Target, Modell's, McDonald's, places kids like to shop. Other ideas are brand new toiletries, socks, water bottles, costume jewelry, nail polish, make-up, micro umbrellas, and sports related items.
 - Make sure the basket is sealed with cellophane!
3. If you can't make a basket beforehand, consider joining us for a family-friendly morning where we will make Easter Baskets on Saturday, April 12th! We will meet in the Parish Center from 10 AM - 12 PM. Bring your own supplies to make baskets, decorate cupcakes with us, and share in the joy with our parish community!
4. **Return the basket on Palm Sunday, April 13th, at any mass so the baskets can be blessed.** Bring the whole family for the blessing of the baskets after each mass and have your phone cameras ready – it is AMAZING!

March BOOK CLUB

In her great historical epic *Kristin Lavransdatter*, set in fourteenth-century Norway, Nobel laureate Sigrid Undset tells the life story of one passionate and headstrong woman. Painting a richly detailed backdrop, Undset immerses readers in the day-to-day life, social conventions, and political and religious undercurrents of the period.

This month, we will be reading the third and final book in the trilogy.



PENGUIN CLASSICS

SIGRID UNSET

KRISTIN LAVRANSDATTER
III: THE CROSS

TRANSLATED BY TIINA NUNNALLY

TUESDAY, MARCH 25TH
at 6:30PM in the Parish Center
RSVP to welcomecenter@stpaultheapostle.org

Poets@StPaul

In-Person Gathering



For more information, contact: tholahan@paulist.org

Poets@StPaul meets monthly to learn more about poetry writing as well as sharing recent work. All are welcome to our poetry gatherings: poetry writers, poetry lovers and the poetry curious. Bring a poem you have written or a favorite by another! Reading and discussion to follow.

Wednesday, March 26th

at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center



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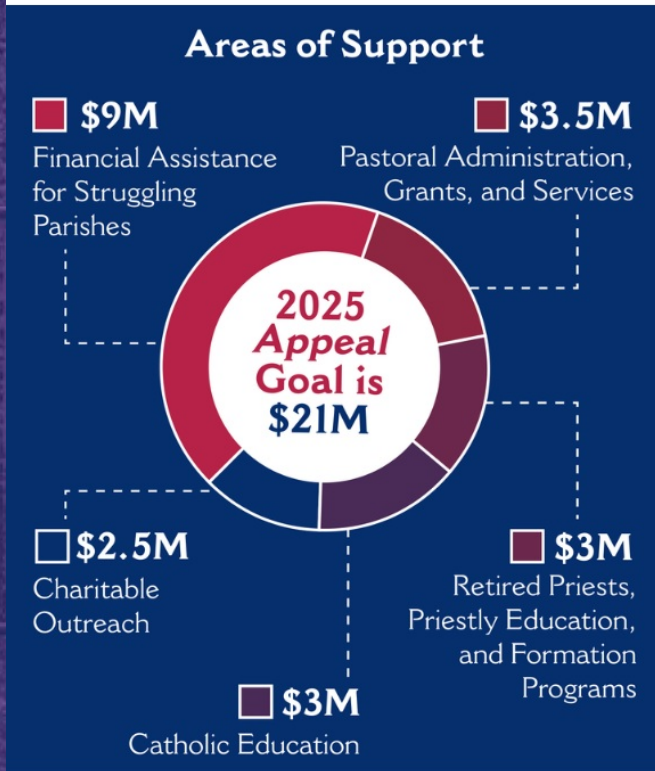


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Laudato Si

Ministry at St. Paul's

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OUR WEEKLY REFLECTION](#)

Parish Donations

<u>Collections</u>	Week Ending in 3/16/2025	Week Ending in 3/18/2024
Total	\$8,801	\$8,952
In-Pew	\$8,801	\$8,952
Faith Direct	N/A	N/A
YTD* (+21.31%)	\$707,293 (2025)	\$583,050 (2024)

*Financial Year begins on September 1st and ends August 31st

Monthly Church Operating Budget	FY 2025	FY 2024
March Operating Budget	\$291,500	\$233,333
March In-Pew Collections Total	\$34,681	\$61,221
YTD Surplus/Deficit (end of January '25)	+\$379,319	+\$198,157

Holy Humor

Catholics during Lent.



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Prayer Requests

Grant eternal rest to Grace Blandina and Francis Xavier C. Mukolwe, Maria Eugenia Aguilar Ortiz, Richard Schneider, Patrick J Donaghy, Novella Harris, Francisca and Abelardo Rodríguez, Gladys Salazar, Olga Maluf and Christian Maluf, Cristina Concepcion, Elisa and Emilio Khoury, Lynne Burke and Harold Gibson, Elizabeth Vecchione, Linda Hudson, Mary and Walter Howe, Frances and Bill Reil, Margaret and Leo Ryan, Margaret and James Gleason, Mary Messmer, Elizabeth Vecchione, Loretta Franco DiPinto, Frances Rice, Eileen Kent, Jonathan Gagne, Eileen Schreiber, and John Annoreno.

Grant health or healing to Cian Dankin, Insook Kim, James Unger, Eileen Volpicella, Christopher Henderson, Maureen Moriarty, Linda Hudson, Margaret Raimo, Margaret Lawson, Priyal Patel, Judy Britt, Me Samuel Beltran Arredondo, Maureen Belsito, Joyce Calcagnini, Donald Calcagnini, Rafael Antonio Gayoso, Neal Hitzig, Isha Clarke, Robbin Kemp, Christine Becker, Tiffani Nelson, Liliana Rohrer, Joseph Dinardo, Denise Abady, and Don Belsito.

Grant peace and well-being to Lisa Whitehead, Joanna Daniels, Rose Unger, Anna-Celia Sierra, Kennette Alcayde, Ivette Jacobo Ramirez, Keon Whyte, and Samantha Hughes.

Have someone you would like our parish to pray for? You can submit prayer requests through our online form below. The names in your intentions will be shared with the parish here and will remain in our virtual newsletter one month after submission.

Click the button below to fill out our prayer request form:

[Submit Your Prayer](#)

Mass Intentions

Friday, March 21st

7:30 AM † Lype Odell & Elaine Viola
12:10PM † John Annoreno

Saturday, March 22nd

8:00AM † Joan Alatrister
5:00PM - For the People

Sunday, March 23rd

8:00AM † Kelly Lum
10:00AM † Kareen Cornelius Dixon
12:30PM † Maria Rodriguez
5:00PM † Ramon Sarmiento

Monday, March 24th

7:30 AM † Aureliano Lopez
12:10PM † Labibe Farah Sholy

Tuesday, March 25th

7:30AM † Aureliano Lopez
12:10PM † Rene Bendana

Wednesday, March 26th

7:30AM † Lucja Kuklewicz
12:10PM † Dolores Diaz
6:30PM - For the People

Thursday, March 27th

7:30AM † Esther & Michael Gilbert Loanzon
12:10PM - Francisco Galesi

Parish Information



Church Hours

Monday-Tuesday, Thursday - Friday

7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday

7:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Saturday

8:30 AM - 6:30 PM

Sunday

7:00 AM - 6:30 PM

Mass Schedule

Daily Mass

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

7:30 AM and 12:10 PM

Wednesday

7:30 AM, 12:10 PM, and 6:30 PM

Saturday

8:30AM

Sunday Mass

Saturday

5:00 PM (Vigil)

Sunday

8:00 AM - Mass Without Music

10:00 AM - Mass With St. Paul's Choir

12:30 PM - Misa con Coro en Español

5:00 PM - Mass With Inspirit Ensemble

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