

SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Confessions: ½ hour before each Mass for twenty minutes or by appointment.

For the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, Confirmation, and Marriage, please see the parish website.

St. Paul's Cemetery Information: Contact Scott Hudson at (302) 656-3323 or email at shudson@cathcemde.org

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Please consider an offering online at: http://www.stpaulsrcchurch.org/stpaulsrcrcc_donate.htm to assist in the support of our Parish. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Offertory \$ 1,365

This Week there will be a second collection for Easter Flowers.

Next Weekend – there will be a Bread Sale after Mass on Saturday and Sunday

The weekly Mass from the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Wilmington will be live-streamed on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM at [YouTube.com/DioceseOfWilm](https://www.youtube.com/DioceseOfWilm).

Lenten Reminder - On Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent: **Everyone of age 14 and up must abstain from consuming meat.** On Good Friday: Everyone of age 18 to 59 must fast, unless exempt due to usually a medical reason. Good Friday is one of two yearly days of obligatory fasting and abstinence for Roman Catholics. **Fasting means** a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but they are not to equal that of a full meal.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul – Homeless Project - we are asking for your continued support for our homeless project. We have been providing the homeless with a small bag containing food, water, personal items, a list of shelters, and a prayer. Please consider making a donation.

We need the following items:

Socks, hand sanitizer, wet wipes, toothbrush/toothpaste, tissues, rain ponchos, small bags of trail mix, first-aid kits. We would also appreciate donations of new or lightly used hats, gloves, and blankets/throws. Dollar Tree is an inexpensive source for these items and many other stores carry them as well. You can leave donations under the statue of the Blessed Mother and we will pick them up. Thank you & God bless you.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	April 2	5:00 PM (RIP) Hellen Brannon AND (RIP) Margaret Townsend
Sunday	April 3	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE
Saturday	April 9	5:00 PM (RIP) Helen & Stephan Sefcik AND (RIP) Marie Janvier by Linda & Steve Michel
Sunday	April 10	9:00 AM (RIP) John Roslan Sr. by the Courtney Family AND The Beldyk Family Living & Deceased by Hilary McNulty

The Sanctuary Candle is lit from 3/27-4/9 in memory of Jerome & Katherine Nadeau
By Katherine Skinner

Stations of the Cross - will take place on the Fridays during Lent (except Good Friday) at 7 PM. All are welcome! Please let Deacon know if you wish to participate as a Leader.

Holy Week Schedule

Reconciliation Monday at Our Lady of Fatima – April 11th

Fr. Trader 3 PM-5:30 PM; Fr. Herring 5:30 PM-8 PM

St Paul Masses - Holy Thursday 7 PM; Good Friday 7 PM; **Holy Saturday 7:00 PM**; Easter 9 AM

Gospel Thoughts from Pope Francis - This is a beautiful story. First we have Jesus alone on the mountain, praying. He was praying alone. Then he went back to the Temple, and all the people went to him. Jesus in the midst of the people. And then, at the end, they left him alone with the woman. That solitude of Jesus! But it is a fruitful solitude: the solitude of prayer with the Father, and the beautiful solitude that is the Church's message for today: the solitude of his mercy towards this woman.

And among the people we see a variety of attitudes: there were all the people who went to him; he sat and began to teach them: the people who wanted to hear the words of Jesus, the people with open hearts, hungry for the word of God. There were others who did not hear anything, who could not hear anything; and there were those who brought along this woman: Listen, Master, this woman has done such and such ... we must do what Moses commanded us to do with women like this.

I think we too are the people who, on the one hand want to listen to Jesus, but on the other hand, at times, like to find a stick to beat others with, to condemn others. And Jesus has this message for us: mercy. I think – and I say it with humility – that this is the Lord's most powerful message: mercy. It was he himself who said: "I did not come for the righteous". The righteous justify themselves. Go on, then, even if you can do it, I cannot! But they believe they can. "I came for sinners" (Mk 2:17).

