



*My God,
my God,
why have you
abandoned me?*



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OUR MISSION

We, the Catholic Community of Saint Paul in Princeton, honor our tradition of welcoming God's sons and daughters from different cultures and backgrounds to hear and live the Good News of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Baptized and formed into the people of God, we continue to grow in the Apostolic tradition of worship, word, and service: Worship through our participation in the Eucharist and celebration of sacraments; Word, in our commitment to Catholic identity through Scripture and catechesis; and Service through living as disciples who share God's love with all by working together for peace and justice to advance the coming of the Kingdom of God.



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RECEPTION HOURS

MON, WED-FRI: 9:00am-4:00pm*
TUE: 10:30am-4:00pm*

**Closed for lunch 12:00pm-12:45pm*

REGISTER AT
OUR PARISH



MASS TIMES

DAILY (MON-SAT) 8:15am*
(MON-FRI) 12:10pm

SATURDAY 5:30pm

SUNDAY 8:30am, 10:00am
11:30am, 5:00pm
1:00pm en español

**INDICATES A LIVE STREAMED MASS*

DAILY ROSARY

MON-SAT 9:00am

*FOLLOWING 8:15AM MASS IN CHURCH
OR VIA ZOOM (SCAN TO JOIN)*



RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY 4:00pm

AND BY PRIVATE APPOINTMENT

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is available by scheduling an appointment.

Please contact Monica Heucke:
mheucke@stpaulsofprinceton.org

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

SATURDAYS 7:00am-8:00am

FIRST FRIDAYS 9:00am-12:00pm

Your safety during worship is of the utmost importance to us. While many of our safety measures are handled proactively behind the scenes and in coordination with the Princeton Police Department, if something or someone causes concern, please notify an usher or parish representative—or call 911.

if you
SEE | SAY
something | something

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Interested in getting involved in a parish ministry? Please be sure to check the website or browse the bulletin for the right ministry head or staff member to reach out to. Become a part of our parish's flourishing!

SUPPORT ST. PAUL PARISH

The fastest and most secure way to give online is through Parish Giving. Autopay options ensure you never need to remember your envelopes again! Not enrolled yet? Scan the QR code here to set up your account:



Are you visiting St. Paul Parish this weekend? We are so thrilled to worship with you! Interested in making a one-time gift? Scan the QR code here:



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

GIVING 3/14-3/15

\$24,000

Budget

\$15,770

Identifiable Gifts

\$3,761

Loose Cash

\$9,493

Online Giving

\$29,024

2025-2026 YTD

\$888,000

Budget

\$480,739

Envelopes/Loose Cash

\$434,095

Online Giving

\$914,834

103.0%

2024-2025 YTD

\$888,000

Budget

\$453,444

Envelopes/Loose Cash

\$403,080

Online Giving

\$856,524

96.5%

LOVE that
Strengthens

Diocese of Trenton • 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal

Our Parish 2026 Goal: \$119,000
Current Progress: \$123,197 (104%)
Donors: 137 (145 more needed)

JOY that
Sustains

Incentives:
Reach Goal: Receive 50% of surplus
Obtain 282 donors: 5% (\$5,950) rebate

We have officially launched the 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal—an opportunity to strengthen our parish community and sustain ministries across our Diocese. Thanks to your early generosity, we have already reached our diocesan goal. If we reach 282 donors, our parish will receive nearly \$6,000 in additional funds. We invite those who have not yet made a gift to prayerfully consider participating. Make your gift at giveaca.org.

More details about the Appeal's impact can be found at stpaulsofprinceton.org/annual-catholic-appeal



A COMMUNITY OF PRAYER

MASS INTENTIONS

5:30pm Peppino Iannelli | Silvana Petrecca

Sunday | Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

8:30am Diane Hoehn | Maggie Williams

10:00am Dennis K. Murphy | Judy Camisa

11:30am Giuseppina Venta | Gloria Venta

1:00pm Spanish Intentions

5:00pm The People of the Parish

Monday of Holy Week

8:15am Elsa Pollio | The Neri Family

12:10pm Nicola Tamasi | Emerlinda Carnevale
Vanda Petrecca | Her Family

Tuesday of Holy Week

8:15am Louis DeVito | Laura & Denise De Cillis

12:10pm Frank M. Cuomo | Teresa Cuomo Pietrefesa

Wednesday of Holy Week

8:15am Renata & Joseph Lupa | Luisa Lupa
Mark Knoller | Walter & Mary Bliss

12:10pm Mary Young | Laura McCune
Kerry Graney | Kathy Kilcommons

Thursday of Holy Week | Holy Thursday

Morning Prayer at 9:00am; no daily Masses celebrated

7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper | Misa de la Cena del Señor

Friday | Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Morning Prayer at 9:00am; no daily Masses celebrated

3:00pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord and Adoration of the Holy Cross | Celebración de la Pasión del Señor y Adoración de la Santa Cruz

Saturday of Holy Week

Morning Prayer with the Blessing of Easter Food at 9:00am; no daily Masses celebrated

8:00pm Easter Vigil in the Holy Night | Vigilia Pascual en la Noche Santa

OUR SICK

Bob | Chrissy DeLuca | Eileen Dormouth | Dick Graham | Rob Ingram | Fidelis Machado | Colette McGregor | Ann Menendez | Hanna Paczynska | Doris Paetow | Mary Agnes Procaccini | Anna Marie Revilla | Dan Roach | Annmarie Sabb | Christopher Joseph Stull | Francine Tama

**If you would like your loved one added to the sick list, please email bulletin@stpaulsofprinceton.org*

INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO

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.

DIOCESE of
TRENTON

**Catholic Schools
JOB FAIRS**



HIRING
Teachers and Staff

**30 SCHOOLS
REPRESENTED!**

MAY 7
4:00-7:00PM

ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE
61 Georgia Rd.
Freehold Township, NJ

available positions including:
Pre-K Teachers, Elementary Teachers, Middle School Teachers,
High School Teachers, Coaches & More

dioceseoftrenton.org/school-job-fairs

At St. Paul Parish, we are deeply committed to creating a safe, welcoming environment for all children and youth. In partnership with the Diocese of Trenton, we follow the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People by requiring background checks and VIRTUS training for all clergy, staff, and volunteers. If you are new to a parish ministry or feel called to serve, we would love to have you join us! Together, we can keep our parish a place where every child feels safe and supported. To get started with the VIRTUS process, please email Jaime at SafeSpace@stpaulsofprinceton.org.



WEEKLY WORSHIP

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday March 29, 2026

Today's readings can be found on page 619 of the hymnal. Please visit the livestream section of our website for more resources about this week's Mass.



FOCUS ON THE READINGS

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Our opening Gospel reading presents Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. He is celebrated by crowds crying Hosanna. The reading from Isaiah portrays the suffering servant who trusts in God. In Philippians, Paul quotes an early Christian hymn that speaks of Jesus emptying himself and subsequently being greatly exalted. The Gospel from Matthew recounts the events of Christ's passion.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

A message from Fr. Chris Dayton

Today we begin the most sacred week of the Church year as we celebrate Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. With palms in our hands, we recall Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, greeted by crowds who cried out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Yet this celebration quickly turns toward the solemn proclamation of the Passion. The same voices that welcomed Him will soon call for His crucifixion. Palm Sunday invites us to hold these realities together: joy and sorrow, praise and suffering, hope and sacrifice.

This day challenges us to reflect on our own discipleship. It is easy to follow Christ when faith is consoling. But Holy Week asks whether we are willing to walk with Him not only in moments of glory, but also along the path to the Cross.

In His Passion, we see the depth of God's love. Jesus does not turn away from suffering; He enters into it freely, embracing the Cross for our sake. He walks the road of betrayal, pain, and death so that we might know the fullness of life and redemption.

As we enter this Holy Week, I encourage you to make

time for prayer and reflection. Participate in the liturgies of the Triduum—Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. These are not simply commemorations, but living encounters with the saving mysteries of our faith.

Let us not be mere spectators, but true participants. Let us walk with Christ, remain with Him, and trust that the Cross is not the end of the story, but the path to the Resurrection.

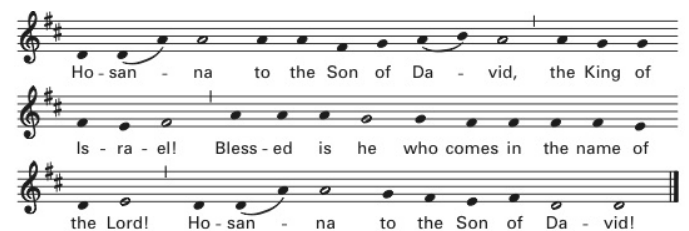
May this Holy Week be a time of grace, renewal, and deeper faith for you and your families.

In His peace,

Fr. Chris Dayton
Pastor

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hosanna



COMMUNION HYMN

Father, If This Cup



PARISH LIFE

ST. PAUL ATHLETICS

Spring 2026 Registration Now Open

All registrations are completed through TeamSnap. For questions, please contact Mr. Harris at athletics@spsprinceton.org.

SPAC is currently seeking head coaches for Track, Tennis, and Boys Soccer, as well as assistants for all sports. Your involvement helps make these programs possible for our students.



8 MINUTES @ 8:00PM

A simple guide during Lent

Each evening offers a brief reflection to keep you centered on what matters most this season. No pressure—no camera, no microphone. Just log on, listen, and pray. Stay afterward for a few minutes of optional conversation.



WEDNESDAYS

with Msgr. Nolan

Our next Wednesdays with Msgr. Nolan will be held on April 8 following the 12:10pm Mass. All are invited to join us for a complimentary light lunch, a time of learning and conversation with Msgr. Nolan, and fellowship with one another.

BABY ITEM DRIVE

By the Knights of Columbus | April 11-12

The Knights of Columbus Council #636 will collect essential baby items before and after all Masses the weekend of April 11-12, outside the main church entrance. Donations will Legacy of Life and Life Choices,

Needed items include diapers (all sizes), wipes, bottles, blankets, and new baby clothing (newborn-12 months), along with other new essentials.

Questions? Contact Bill Hart at 609-955-1625 (call or text) or bill@hartpe.com. Thank you for your generosity in supporting mothers and their children.

COFFEE & DONUTS

Sunday, April 12

Coffee & Donuts will be offered on April 12 following all morning Masses (8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am). All are invited to stop by the Spiritual Center for coffee, donuts, and fellowship. We hope you'll join us!

YOU'RE NOT ALONE

Bereavement Support Group

We warmly invite anyone grieving the loss of a loved one to join You're Not Alone, a four-week bereavement peer support series. Together, we will gently explore how grief touches our lives and how healing can begin when we share our stories. The series offers a space for reflection, support, and shared understanding.

Sessions will be held on Mondays, April 13 through May 4, from 6:30pm-8:00pm. More information is available at stdavidtheking.com/bereavement

LOAVES & FISHES 2026

Save the date and start planning!

Loaves and Fishes is a local outreach program that serves hot meals to the local Trenton community on the last two Saturdays of every month. This June, our parish will distribute more than 500 meals and donations to residents in need living in the Trenton area.

Save these dates of Friday, June 19 for Donation Collection (SPS Cafeteria) and Saturday, June 20 for Meal Service (St. Mary Cathedral in Trenton).

First planning meeting will be Sunday, April 12 after 10:00am Mass during Coffee and Donuts.

STAINED GLASS TOUR

Following the 8:15am Mass on Saturdays

Join us for a one-hour guided tour of the beautiful stained-glass windows of St. Paul Church. Each window tells part of the story of our faith through the interplay of light and color. Come explore the artistry, symbolism, and spiritual meaning found throughout our church. Tours gather at the baptismal font immediately following the 8:15am Mass:

Tour dates and themes:
April 18 – Large Church Windows
May 16 – Altar Clerestory Windows

All are welcome.

SPAC GOLF OUTING

Monday, May 11

Mark your calendar now to hit the links with the St. Paul Athletic Committee's biggest fundraiser of the year—the Bob Cronin Memorial Golf Outing! The 2026 Outing will take place on Monday, May 11 at the Peddie Golf Course. Registration is now open, and sponsorship opportunities are available. This year marks the 30th anniversary of the legacy Mr. Cronin helped establish here at St. Paul. For more information, please contact Lisa Hulbert.



FINANCIAL AID SCHOLARSHIP to Notre Dame High School

For several years, our parish has offered a limited number of partial scholarships to parish students attending Notre Dame High School. These scholarships will be awarded again this year and may be renewed for up to 4 years, provided students maintain strong academic standing and participate in school and service activities. Requests for an application must be received by Friday, May 1, 2026. For more information or to request an application, please contact Gina Merendino at gmerendino@stpaulsofprinceton.org or scan the code.



RIDE TO MASS

A parishioner living in Montgomery, near the Princeton border, is in need of transportation to the Saturday 5:30pm Mass. If you are able to assist, please contact Adriana Morabito at executivedirector@seniorcareservicesgp.org. Thank you for your kindness and support.

THE Divine Mercy CHAPLET & NOVENA



Why pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet?

Jesus asked St. Faustina Kowalska that the Feast of Divine Mercy be preceded by a Novena to Divine Mercy, beginning on Good Friday. For each day of the novena, He gave a specific intention to be prayed for:

*I desire to grant unimaginable
graces to those souls who trust in
My mercy.*

- Jesus to St. Faustina

BEGINS FRIDAY, APRIL 3 (GOOD FRIDAY)
CONCLUDES SUNDAY, APRIL 11

When can I pray the Chaplet at St. Paul Parish?

Daily at 3:00pm in the Church
Friday, April 3* - Sunday, April 11**

Join us in the Church as we gather before the image of Divine Mercy to pray the Chaplet each day. The Chaplet takes less time than a rosary, yet its spiritual fruits are abundant.

Instructions for the Chaplet will be available in the church beginning on Good Friday; you are welcome to take one home with you or return each day to pray with us at 3:00pm.

*On Good Friday, the Chaplet will begin immediately following The Commemoration of the Lord's Passion, which is at 3:00pm.

**On Divine Mercy Sunday, the recitation of the Chaplet will take place within the context of a fuller prayer service.



ST. PAUL SCHOOL

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

A message from Mrs. Kim Clauss

This week, we were deeply moved by the beautiful presentation of the Mime Stations of the Cross, offered by our 6th grade class on Friday. Through their reverent and powerful witness, they helped lead our entire school community into the solemnity of the days to come as we enter Holy Week.

As a quiet glimpse of what lies ahead, our school halls are already beginning to reflect the promise of Easter that awaits us next Sunday. Even in the midst of our Lenten journey, signs of hope and new life are all around us.

As we approach the Triduum and the first week of Easter, our teachers and students are looking forward to this sacred time of rest, prayer, and renewal. We eagerly anticipate welcoming everyone back to school after Divine Mercy Sunday.

God bless,
Kim Clauss

Please scan here to visit the Gala website for ticketing information, event details, and sponsorship opportunities.



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TICKETS NOW ON SALE

Garden Party Soirée

PRINCETON LAVENDER
Princeton, NJ

04/18/26 **SPS 2026 GALA** 6pm-10pm

DJ • LIVE AUCTION • SILENT AUCTION
Colorful and/or Floral Cocktail Attire Suggested

GET YOURS BY APRIL 1ST

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OUR YOUNG CHURCH

FROM THE DRE'S DESK

A message from Mrs. Jaime Gostkowski

Palm Sunday, also known as Passion Sunday, marks the beginning of Holy Week, a sacred time when we prepare for Easter by reflecting on the Passion and death of Jesus. It is an invitation for our families to slow down and enter more deeply into this important time in our faith. One simple way to do this at home is by placing a crucifix in a central location, allowing it to become a focal point for family prayer and quiet reflection throughout the week.

Because the Passion narrative is long and rich, it can sometimes be difficult for children to remain engaged when hearing it all at once. Consider reading a portion of this Sunday's Gospel each day during Holy Week. This creates space for conversation, questions, and a deeper understanding of the events leading up to the Resurrection, helping the week unfold as a kind of daily way of the cross.

This small practice can help your family enter more fully into the meaning of Holy Week and grow closer to Christ together.

Wishing all of our St. Paul PREP families a blessed and grace-filled Holy Week.

Mrs. Jaime Gostkowski

ACTS OF FAITH

Passport Opportunities

Please remember that all students are expected to participate in our Acts of Faith Passport program. This applies to PREP students, Summer Academy students, and all students preparing for sacraments. For families' convenience, here are the upcoming opportunities for the coming weeks:

Sunday, Mar. 29 - Palm Cross Sale (*Parish/Service*)

Sunday, Mar. 29 - Sunday, Apr. 5 - Holy Week & Easter Masses (*Liturgical*)

**Please see the last page of the bulletin for information and times*

Sat, Apr. 11 - Sun, Apr. 12 - KofC Baby Shower Collection (*Service*)

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

For children in PreK-2nd Grade

Each summer, we offer a morning program for children in PreK-Grade 2 designed to help our youngest parishioners grow in faith and friendship. This program provides children with a joyful opportunity to grow in their relationship with Jesus while building community with their peers.

Registration is open now through June 15, 2026. By popular request, we will be offering **two separate weeks** of VBC this year, and families may register for **one week or both**.

Program Dates and Times:

June 22-June 26, 9:00am-12:00pm

July 6-July 10, 9:00am-12:00pm



SUMMER ACADEMY PREP

For students in 3rd-8th Grade

This week-long intensive program fulfills a full year of catechesis and is ideal for families who wish to prioritize faith formation during the summer while remaining active in the parish throughout the year. **Because of the intensive nature of the curriculum, attendance is required each day.**

Registration is open now through June 15, 2026.

Program Dates and Times: July 6-10, 9:00am-3:00pm

Students who participate in Summer Academy are expected to take part in parish events throughout the year. This is especially important for students preparing for **Confirmation (7th and 8th grade)**. Families are asked to consider this commitment when deciding if Summer Academy is the best choice for their student.

SPY (ST. PAUL YOUTH)

SPY 4:12 (8th grade Confirmation ONLY)

Our next 8th-grade SPY 4:12 session will take place Sunday, Apr. 12, following the 5:00pm Teen Mass in the Spiritual Center and concluding at 7:30pm. All 8th-grade students are expected to attend this final session in preparation for Confirmation on April 25. We are excited to welcome Mrs. Laura Sarubbi as our guest speaker.

PREP REMINDER

See you after Easter!

With Easter quickly approaching, I wanted to remind you that PREP will be on Easter Break, with classes resuming on April 12. Please take a little time to review any Easter lessons sent home and reflect together as a family on Christ's Passion and the joy of His Resurrection. I hope you all have a blessed and joyful Easter, and I look forward to seeing everyone when we return!

PASTORAL HISPANA

MENSAJE DEL P. CHRIS *Pastor de San Pablo*

Hoy comenzamos la semana más sagrada del año litúrgico al celebrar el Domingo de Ramos de la Pasión del Señor. Con las palmas en nuestras manos, recordamos la entrada triunfal de Jesús en Jerusalén, aclamado por la multitud: “¡Hosanna! ¡Bendito el que viene en el nombre del Señor!”

Sin embargo, esta alegría pronto da paso al relato de la Pasión. Las mismas voces que lo aclaman llegarán a pedir su crucifixión. Este día nos invita a sostener juntas estas realidades: alegría y dolor, alabanza y sufrimiento, esperanza y sacrificio.

El Domingo de Ramos también nos desafía a examinar nuestro propio discipulado. Es fácil seguir a Cristo cuando todo es consolación, pero la Semana Santa nos llama a acompañarlo también en el camino de la Cruz.

En su Pasión contemplamos la profundidad del amor de Dios. Jesús abraza libremente el sufrimiento por nosotros, para darnos vida y redención.

Al entrar en esta Semana Santa, los invito a hacer espacio para la oración y a participar en las liturgias del Triduo Pascual. No son solo recuerdos, sino encuentros vivos con el misterio de nuestra salvación.

No seamos solo espectadores, sino verdaderos participantes. Caminemos con Cristo, confiando en que la Cruz no es el final, sino el camino hacia la Resurrección.

Que esta Semana Santa sea para ustedes y sus familias un tiempo de gracia, renovación y fe profunda.

Espero que todos tengan una excelente semana y que siempre sepan de mis oraciones por cada uno de ustedes.

En su paz,
P. Chris Dayton
Pastor

PEREGRINACIÓN A ITALIA

Con el Padre Chris y el Padre Kerly

La parroquia invita a todos a participar en una peregrinación a Italia del 4 al 14 de enero de 2027. Durante este viaje de fe visitaremos Milán, Florencia, Siena, Asís y Roma, recorriendo basílicas, catedrales, plazas, museos y otros lugares históricos de gran significado para nuestra fe. La peregrinación incluye vuelo redondo desde EE. UU., alojamiento en hoteles de primera clase, Misa diaria, desayuno todos los días, dos almuerzos y seis cenas, transporte en autobús privado y entradas a los lugares incluidos.

Costo: \$4,800 por persona (ocupación doble) o \$3,900 sin vuelos. Habitación privada disponible por \$1,000 adicional. Se requiere un depósito no reembolsable de \$300, con pago final antes del 25 de septiembre de 2026.

Más información y reservas: journeyoffaithtours.com/italy27.

ESFUERZOS DE PROTECCIÓN INFANTIL *Capacitación VIRTUS y de Ambientes Seguros*

En la Parroquia de San Pablo estamos profundamente comprometidos en crear un ambiente seguro y acogedor para todos los niños y jóvenes. En colaboración con la Diócesis de Trenton, seguimos la Carta para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes, que requiere verificaciones de antecedentes y la capacitación VIRTUS para todo el clero, personal y voluntarios.

Si eres nuevo en un ministerio parroquial o sientes el llamado a servir, ¡nos encantaría que te unas a nosotros! Juntos podemos mantener nuestra parroquia como un lugar donde cada niño se sienta seguro y apoyado.

Para comenzar el proceso de VIRTUS, por favor envía un correo electrónico a Jaime a SafeSpace@stpaulsofprinceton.org.

PASTORAL HISPANA

Informaciones de contacto

Padre Kerly François
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FAMILY LIFE

HALLOW AT ST. PAUL

Hallow + St. Paul Parish Partnership

We are blessed to be journeying together this Lent on the Hallow app, with more than 300 St. Paul parishioners participating. You are welcome to join at any time.

Hallow is Free for Parishioners!

Hallow is free for parishioners. You can access the app using the QR code at the entrance of the church or by visiting: hallow.app.link/sk9pWnjA1b (case matters when typing the Tiny URL)

Life after Lent

Looking ahead, an Easter challenge will begin on April 6, followed by additional challenges for families and teens this spring and summer.

Love Hallow? We need your help!

We are seeking parishioners of all ages to serve as Hallow Heralds—sharing their enthusiasm and helping others get connected. No experience is needed, just a desire to encourage others in prayer.

Questions?

Please contact
Laura Sarubbi at
lsarubbi@stpaulsofprinceton.org



Hallow

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Little Hearts Playgroup and More!

Families with young children are invited to gather in the Spiritual Center for connection, shared experiences, and support in the joys and challenges of raising little ones. For more information, please contact Sara Fremin at saracweill@gmail.com

or Emily Rossino at emilyc8@gmail.com

- Sundays 9:30-10:30am
- Tuesdays 9:00-10:00am

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Children ages 3–6 are invited to meet in the Atrium of the Spiritual Center on Sundays from 9:45am–11:00am. Upcoming dates include March 29, April 19, May 3, May 31

A HOME FOR FAMILIES

A Message from Laura Sarubbi

Here are my yearly Palm Sunday and Holy Week recommendations to help you grow in your relationship with God:

This marks the beginning of the most important week in our Church. What will your week look like? If I may suggest, and I know it is a big ask, slow down:

Take this week to step away from thinking only about yourself, what you need, what you can get from others, even what the Church can give you. Instead, ask: what can I give to Jesus, who gave His life for me?

We hear a great deal about “self-care” in today’s world, meditation, yoga, retreats to “find yourself,” often with a price tag attached. But there is no better time for true renewal than Holy Week. This is a sacred invitation to turn inward, to pray, to read Scripture, and to listen for the voice of God.

As you hear the readings and Gospel at Mass and throughout the Triduum, place yourself in the scene. Be there. Walk with Christ.

Consider watching The Passion of the Christ. If you have seen it before, watch it again. If you have not, make this the year. It is a moving depiction of what Jesus endured for us, for our sins, and for the salvation of the world. Watching it with your teenage children or grandchildren can open the door to meaningful conversation and deeper understanding.

So, will this be just another week? Or will you choose to slow down and enter in?

I promise, you will do more than find yourself. You will be transformed.

HIGH SCHOOL TEENS

Get connected!

Are you in high school and wishing there were a group just for you? Looking to meet other Catholic teens, grow in your faith, and have fun at the same time? Join us in the Spiritual Center for conversation, Mass, and pizza. Join us on **Sunday, April 12 • 4:00pm–8:00pm (includes Mass)**. For more information, contact Laura Sarubbi at lsarubbi@stpaulsofprinceton.org

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THE AQUINAS INSTITUTE *Princeton University Catholic Campus Ministry*

We provide Princeton University students with Mass & confession on campus, small group bible studies, formation in Catholic life and thought, and vibrant student community! Check out princetoncatholic.org for more details and for upcoming events.

FRANCIS HOUSE OF PRAYER

Diocesan Spiritual Center & Retreat House

We Had Hoped!

Wednesday, April 8 • 12:00pm–3:00pm

Spend Easter Wednesday afternoon praying with the Emmaus story, a journey marked by both disappointment and surprise as the disciples encounter the Lord along the way. Bring your own life with its questions and burdens. You may discover that Jesus is walking beside you, even now. We will begin with a delicious lunch at noon.

Donation: \$25. Zoom: \$20

Praying With Our Experiences

Thursday, April 9 • 9:30am–1:00pm

While we often pray with the life of Jesus, we can also bring the events of our own lives into prayer as a place of encounter with God. Through this practice, we begin to recognize God's presence in all things and trust that nothing is wasted. Everything becomes gift. Participants will receive Joseph Schmidt's *Praying Our Experiences*. Donation: \$35, includes lunch and book. Zoom: \$20

A Glimpse of St. Teresa of Ávila

Monday, April 13 • 9:30am–1:00pm

St. Teresa has a way of drawing us back to what matters most, gently and persistently placing God first. Through her wisdom, especially in *The Interior Castle*, she offers a clear and reliable path into deeper prayer. Come enjoy her insights together and allow her to bring new energy to your Easter season. Donation: \$25, includes lunch. Zoom: \$20

What's Your Decision? Making Choices With Confidence and Clarity

Tuesday, April 14 • 9:30am–1:00pm

We all face decisions that shape the course of our lives. Without a clear process, we can be left questioning whether we have chosen well. This session introduces the Ignatian discernment process, offering practical tools to help you move forward with clarity, confidence, and peace in seeking God's will. Donation: \$30, includes materials and lunch. Zoom: \$20

Personal Retreat Day

Wednesday, April 15 • 9:30am–2:30pm

Step away for a day of silence, personal prayer, and optional spiritual direction. The day begins and ends with

brief communal prayer. Please bring a bag lunch.

Donation: \$10; \$40 with spiritual direction. In-person only

Silent Directed Retreat Weekends

Friday, May 8 • 6:30pm–Sunday, May 10 • 1:00pm

or *Friday, May 15 • 6:30pm–Sunday, May 17 • 1:00pm*

Enter into a weekend of silence with daily liturgy, spiritual direction, and optional Centering Prayer. Early registration is encouraged, as these retreats fill quickly.

Donation: \$200; \$100 non-refundable deposit. Full payment is required two weeks prior to the start date. In-person only

Please check www.FHOP.org for dates, registration, directions, and for our other offerings! All programs will be offered online and in person unless otherwise indicated.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY *Serving the Princeton Community*

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THE TRIDUUM

Three days, one liturgy

The Triduum is the highest point of the entire liturgical year. It is not three liturgies, but actually three parts of one liturgy extending over three days, celebrating and making present the paschal mystery of Christ: his passion, death, and resurrection. So let's break down what you may see, hear, and smell (bring on that incense!) during the shortest liturgical season:

The Triduum begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on the evening of Holy Thursday. During this Mass, we celebrate three great events in our Church - the memorial of Passover at the Last Supper, the institution of the Eucharist, and the institution of the priesthood.

Ever heard Holy Thursday called "Maundy Thursday"? The word "Maundy" is derived from the Latin word *mandatum*, meaning "mandate" or "command." It refers to Jesus' words at the Last Supper, "I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." At the Last Supper, Jesus showed His disciples how to love one another—He washed their feet. This ritual's continuation is a reminder that we are all called to love and serve each other by humbling ourselves to love as Christ does.

It is during this liturgy that Christ institutes the holy Eucharist, the Mass. We hear in the Gospel of the Last Supper that Jesus blessed the bread and the wine and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, this is my blood." Then he says, "Do this in memory of me" (Luke 22:19). This is the moment when He institutes the priesthood by giving His priests, the apostles, this responsibility. Today, our bishops and priests continue this action at every Mass.

There is no formal ending to Mass on Holy Thursday because it continues with the Good Friday liturgy (Remember? Three days, one liturgy). At the conclusion of Mass, the Eucharist is taken in procession to the altar of repose, where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved for a period of solemn adoration. This procession, led by the priest and accompanied by candles and - you smelled it! - incense, all of which remind us of Jesus' walk to the Garden of Gethsemane.

The Good Friday liturgy has no official beginning and no official ending - because it's picking up where Holy Thursday left off and will continue with the third day of the Triduum liturgy. The three parts of the Good Friday liturgy are the Liturgy of the Word, Adoration of the Holy Cross, and Holy Communion. At the beginning, the priests enter the sanctuary area and lie prostrate as an act of humility and to show the Church's grief and sorrow. During the Liturgy of the Word, we hear the narrative of the Passion of Christ as a reminder of what Jesus did for the salvation of humanity. Then the faithful are invited to venerate the cross with a gesture, such as a kiss or a reverent bow. The liturgy concludes with reception of Holy Communion, which was consecrated at and reserved from the Holy Thursday liturgy.

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, when the Lord rose again, is considered the "mother of all holy Vigils," in which the Church awaits the Resurrection of Christ. Beginning and ending in darkness, this is a nocturnal vigil, retaining its ancient character of vigilance and expectation, as the Christian people await the Resurrection of the Lord during the night. Fire is blessed, and the paschal candle is lit to illumine the night so that all may hear the Easter Proclamation and listen to the Word of God proclaimed in the Scriptures. For this reason, the Solemn Beginning of the Vigil (Lucernarium) takes place before the Liturgy of the Word.

One of the unique aspects of the Easter Vigil is the recounting of the outstanding deeds of the history of salvation. These deeds are related in seven readings from the Old Testament, chosen from the law and the prophets, and two readings from the New Testament, namely from the Apostle Paul and from the Gospel. Thus, the Lord meets us once again on our journey and, "beginning with Moses and all the prophets" (Lk 24:27), opens up our minds and hearts, preparing us to share in the breaking of the bread and the drinking of the cup.

During the Vigil, we welcome new members into the Church through the celebrations of the Sacraments of Initiation. We beg the saints' intercession and celebrate the Eucharist after having fasted from such a celebration since the evening of Holy Thursday. At the conclusion of this Mass, we hear and respond to the Easter dismissal. "Mass is ended. Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life. Allelu!"

Whoops! We still have another week to wait until we can sing that joy-filled proclamation.

Schedule OF LITURGIES



Palm Sunday | March 29

REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

SAT: 5:30PM

SUN: 8:30AM | 10:00AM | 11:30AM | 5:00PM



Holy Thursday | April 2

MORNING PRAYER: 9:00AM

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER: 7:30PM

ADORATION FOLLOWING MASS UNTIL MIDNIGHT



Good Friday | April 3

MORNING PRAYER: 9:00AM

PASSION OF THE LORD: 3:00PM

OUTDOOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS: 7:00PM



Holy Saturday | April 4

MORNING PRAYER: 9:00AM

INCLUDES BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD

EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT: 8:00PM



Easter Sunday | April 5

MASSSES IN ENGLISH:

8:30AM | 10:00AM | 11:30AM

MISA EN ESPANOL: 1:00PM