



The Catholic Community of

Saint Paul

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**OPEN Monday 10:00am - 11:00am and
by appointment, calling the number above!**

New Office Hours (Nuevo Horario de Oficina)

Monday - Thursday (lunes - jueves)
10:00 am. - 11:45a.m.; 1:30p.m. - 4:30p.m.

Closed on Holidays

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN
CALL THE RECTORY DURING
REGULAR OFFICE HOURS

MARRIAGE
CALL THE OFFICE AT LEAST
ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE

SWEET 15 & 16
BLESSINGS CALL THE OFFICE AT LEAST
ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE

MINISTRY TO THE SICK
PLEASE, CALL THE OFFICE!

MISAS / MASSES

Horario / Schedule

Domingos / Sundays

9:00 a.m. English (Church) / Inglés (Iglesia)
11:00 a.m. Spanish (Church) / Español (Iglesia)
1:00 p.m. Spanish (Church) / Español (Iglesia)
3:00 p.m. Spanish (Church) / Español (Iglesia)

Miércoles y Viernes / Wednesday & Friday:

5:00 p.m. Spanish (Chapel) / Español (Capilla)

Misa por los Enfermos / Mass for the Sick

Último martes (Last Tuesday) 5:00 p.m.
(Capilla/Chapel)

HORA SANTA/HOLY HOUR

CADA JUEVES/ EVERY THURSDAY 5:00 p.m.
(Capilla/Chapel)

RECONCILIATION/CONFESIONES

Wednesday/Miércoles & Friday/Viernes

4:30pm: Chapel/Capilla

Or by appointment: call the office
O por cita; llame a la oficina

BAUTISMO DE NIÑOS

LLAME A LA RECTORÍA DURANTE
HORAS DE OFICINA

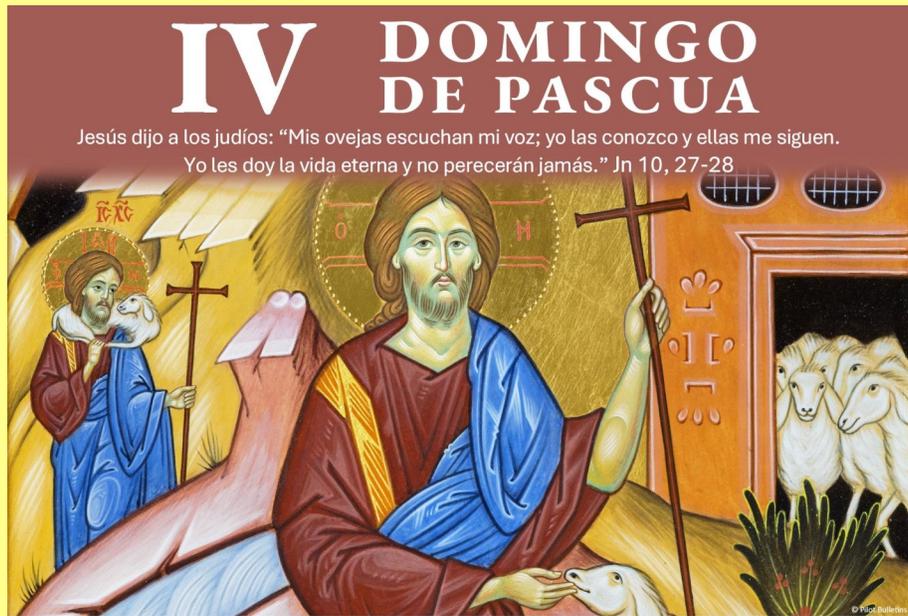
MATRIMONIOS

LLAME A LA OFICINA CON AL MENOS
UN AÑO DE ANTICIPACIÓN

QUINCEAÑERAS

LLAME A LA OFICINA CON AL MENOS
UN AÑO DE ANTICIPACIÓN

MINISTERIO AL CUIDADO DE LOS ENFERMOS
FAVOR DE LLAMAR A LA OFICINA



11 mayo 2025

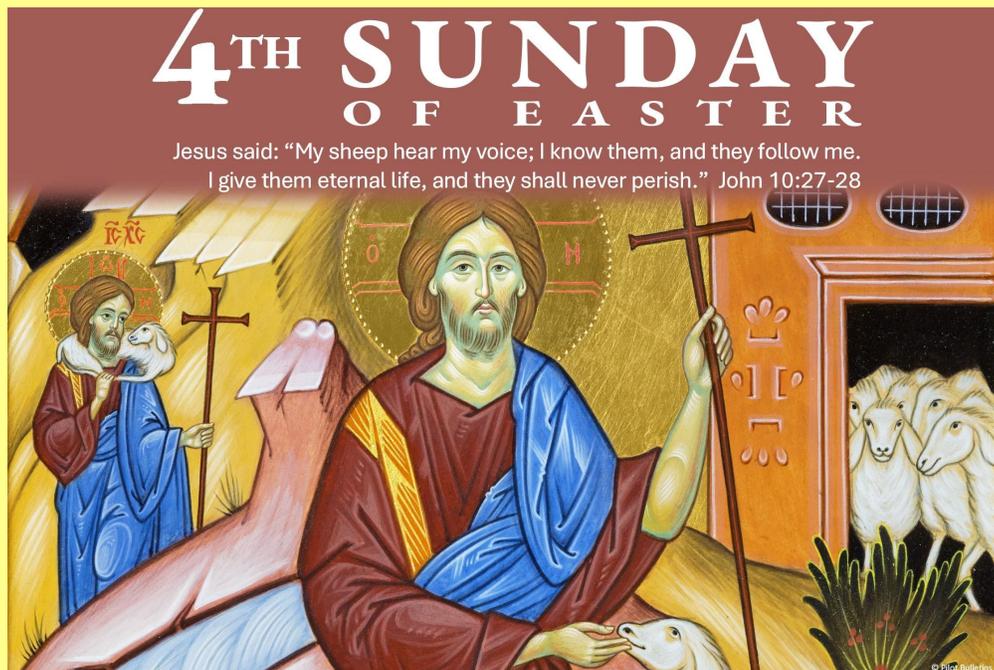
La voz es la primera propiedad de la identidad, ya que pertenece al oído. La apariencia pertenece a los ojos. Antes de ver a alguien, lo oyes. Si ya conoces a alguien, al oír su voz, lo reconoces antes de que aparezca. Si la voz proviene de una persona buena a la que quieres ver, te alegras, pero si proviene de una persona malvada, te escondes. Los oídos, de esta manera, te dan seguridad. Así, el Evangelio de hoy nos compara con una oveja. Es probable que una oveja escuche dos voces que determinan su destino, para bien o para mal: la del pastor o la del lobo. La oveja la alimenta mientras el lobo se alimenta de ella. Por lo tanto, la seguridad de la oveja reside en la solidez de sus oídos, especialmente cuando el pastor no está cerca. Su voz nunca debe confundirse. Debe estar acostumbrada a la voz del pastor. De la misma manera, dos personas determinan nuestro destino eterno: Jesús y el diablo. La paradoja es que la oveja comparte muchas características con el lobo. Tiene pelaje y cuatro patas, solo que una es doméstica y la otra salvaje, y como resultado, el lobo roba, mata y destruye. La oveja es tan diferente del pastor porque este es humano. Compartimos con el diablo una característica que no compartimos con Cristo: el pecado. Por eso, a menudo oímos la voz del pecado en lugar de la voz de la justicia.

El Pastor conoce a las Ovejas: Dios nos conoce mejor que nosotros mismos. Otros que dicen conocernos mejor por cierta afinidad que comparten con nosotros, en realidad no nos conocen. Esto se debe a que podemos fingir y parecer una cosa ante ellos siempre, pero en realidad somos algo diferente detrás de ellos. Pero no podemos escondernos de nuestro Maestro. Él nos conocía antes de que naciéramos y nos pusiera nombre. Normalmente, la gente usa pinturas o tiras para identificar a sus ovejas cuando son muchas. Pero Jesús no necesita marcarnos para conocernos. Imaginen los miles de millones de personas en el mundo; Jesús conoce a todos por nombre. Conoce todas nuestras tendencias e inclinaciones.

La seguridad reside en reconocer la voz del pastor y seguirlo. Se puede oír una voz y negarse a seguirla. La salvación no se trata solo de ir a la iglesia todos los días a escuchar hermosos sermones, sino de embellecer nuestras almas con ellos, siguiendo las instrucciones que contienen.

El peligro: la oveja puede cansarse de seguir al pastor por los valles oscuros. Puede tener miedo de las montañas escarpadas y decidir alejarse. Alejarse significa extraviarse para la oveja. Y esa oveja puede oír una voz y confundirla con la voz del pastor, a quien ha perdido, lo que podría significar su muerte.

Lección: escuchar la voz de Dios es ser responsable, pero seguirlo es alcanzar la vida eterna. ¡No se limiten a escuchar, sino que también cumplan las órdenes del pastor!
¡Feliz Domingo del Buen Pastor!



May 11, 2025

Voice is the first identity property because voice belongs to the ear. Appearance belongs to the eyes. Before you see someone, you hear. If it is someone you already know then when you hear his voice, you know him before his appearance. If the voice is coming from a good person you want to see, then you are happy but if from an evil person, you hide. The ears, in this way, gives you security. So you are likened to a sheep by today's Gospel. A sheep is likely to hear two voices that actually determines its destiny – for good or for bad, namely the shepherd's or the wolf's voice. The sheep feeds it while the wolf feeds on it. So the sheep's security lies on the soundness of its ears especially when the shepherd is not close. His voice must never be mistaken. He must be accustomed to the shepherd's voice.

In the same way, two person's determine our eternal destinies – Jesus and devil. The paradox is that the sheep shares so many features with the wolf. It has furs and it has four legs, only that one is domestic and the other is wild and as a result the wolf steals, kills and destroys. The sheep is so different from the shepherd because the shepherd is a human. We share one feature with the devil which we don't share with Christ – sin. That's why we often hear the voice of sin than the voice of righteousness.

The Shepherd knows the Sheep: God knows us more than we know ourselves. Others who claim to know us best because of certain affinity they share with us do not actually know us. This is because we may pretend and appear like one thing before them always but actually be a different thing behind them. But we can't hide from our Master. He knew us before we were born and named.

Normally, people use paints or strips to designate their sheep when they are many. But Jesus does not need to earmark us to know us. Imagine the billions of people in the world, Jesus knows everyone by name. He knows all our tendencies and proclivities.

The Security is knowing the voice of the shepherd and following Him. One can hear a voice and refuse to follow. Salvation is not merely by sitting in church every day and hearing beautiful sermons but in beautifying our souls with them by following the instructions contained in them.

The Danger the sheep may be tired of following the Shepherd through the dark valleys. It may become afraid of the steep mountains and decide to go away. To go away means to go astray for the sheep. And such a sheep may hear a voice and mistake it for the voice of the Shepherd whom it has lost and that might be his death.

Lesson: to hear God's voice is to be responsible but to follow Him is to gain eternal life. Don't just be a hearer but also a doer of the Shepherd's bids!

Happy Good Shepherd's Sunday!!!

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS



2025 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal – *Together in Hope*

All Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal participants who pledged to the campaign will receive a monthly payment reminder mailed directly from the diocesan Development Office. Please mail all payments in the self-addressed, return envelope provided with your pledge reminder. Do not make payments to the parish office or through the Offertory collection.

St. Paul's goal **\$21,000**

We are grateful to the many Delaware Catholics who have sent thousands of emails to legislators through the Delaware Catholic Advocacy Network (DCAN) in opposition to assisted-suicide in our state. As you may know, the Delaware House of Representatives and Senate have both passed – by narrow margins - HB 140 that legalizes assisted-suicide in Delaware, and it now awaits the governor's signature. Governor Meyer is on the record saying that he supports the bill.

Here are a few next-step suggestions:

Call, write or email your Delaware State Representative and Senator. If they opposed HB 140, thank them. If they supported it, kindly express your disappointment in their decision not to stand with the sick, elderly and those suffering from mental illness. Click [here](#), then click on the Roll Call PDF to see how your legislators voted.

Call, write or email Governor Meyer and ask him to please reconsider his position on HB 140.

- **Pray for those in Delaware** who are ill, elderly or who otherwise feel unwanted, unloved or a burden to their families or community. Pray that our loving God will help them see their worth and alleviate their physical and mental suffering.
- **Reach out** to those family members, friends and neighbors who may be aged, isolated, sick or disabled. Tell them by words and actions that they are not alone, are not a burden and that God loves them. Thank you for all that you do to promote a culture of life in Delaware.

God bless you during this Holy Easter Season and always,

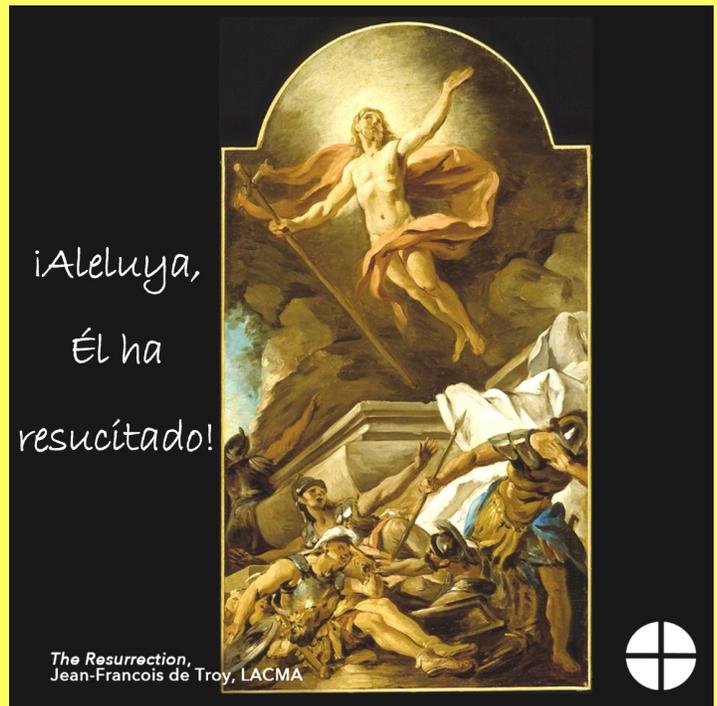
Delaware Catholic Advocacy Network

Parish News

Información Parroquial

Actividades de ésta semana

- Lunes 12:** 6:30-Directiva Juan XXIII,
7pm Lideres de Renovación
- Martes 13:** 6:30 pm Legion de Maria
7 pm Circulo de Oración
- Miércoles 14:** 4:30 pm Confesiones
5:00 pm Misa
- Jueves 15:** **5:00 pm Hora Santa**
Rosario/Confesiones
- Viernes 16:** 4:30 pm Confesiones
5:00 pm Misa



15 mayo 2025

Rosario, adoración y confesiones

Intención del Santo Padre: mayo: Por las condiciones de trabajo: Oremos para que a través del trabajo se realice cada persona, se sostengan las familias con dignidad y se humanice la sociedad.

SCAN ME

Readings To-Go!

*4th Sunday of Easter
May 11, 2025*

Scan QR code to see this week's readings!



50/50 tickets will be sold after all Masses on April 20th (Easter Sunday). Tickets are 4 for \$5.00. The winner will be drawn at the GALA event on June 21, 2025. You don't have to be present to win! You may also purchase tickets from Ana Schmitt, Yolanda Malmgren or Bibana Vazquez.



A MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

Loving God,
as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church.

Bless our mother.

Let the example of her faith and love shine forth.

Grant that we, her family, may honor her always with a spirit of profound respect.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.



May: The Month of Mary

“As the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the saints, indeed, among all creatures. She is exalted, yet still one of us.

Redeemed by reason of the merits of her Son and united to Him by a close and indissoluble tie, she is endowed with the high office and dignity of being the Mother of the Son of God, by which account she is also the beloved daughter of the Father and the temple of the Holy Spirit. Because of this gift of sublime grace she far surpasses all creatures, both in heaven and on earth. At the same time, however, because she belongs to the offspring of Adam she is one with all those who are to be saved. (*Lumen Gentium*, no. 53)

“Mary embraces God’s will and freely chooses to cooperate with God’s grace, thereby fulfilling a crucial role in God’s plan of salvation. Throughout the centuries, the Church has turned to the Blessed Virgin in order to come closer to Christ. Many forms of piety toward the Mother of God developed that help bring us closer to her Son. In these devotions to Mary, ‘while the Mother is honored, the Son, through whom all things have their being and in whom it has

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pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell, is rightly known, loved and glorified and . . . all His commands are observed’ (*Lumen Gentium*, no. 66). The Church honors her as the Mother of God, looks to her as a model of perfect discipleship, and asks for her prayers to God on our behalf.”¹

“Popular piety dedicates the month of May to the Blessed Virgin Mary.”² “Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary deserves special attention because it is such an important part of worship in the United States. The United States of America is under the patronage of the Immaculate Conception.”³ “The various forms of devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary reflect the many different cultures, religious convictions, and popular sensibilities that make up the Church in the United States. Catholic people of all cultures have a deep

love for the Mother of God. They employ many different expressions of that love to show the one faith that characterizes their particular prayer life and spirituality.”⁴

Notes

1 Excerpt from “Why Does Mary Have a Special Role in Helping Us?” *Popular Devotional Practices: Basic Questions and Answers* (Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops [USCCB], 2003), no. 7.

2 Excerpt from *Essential Guide to Saints and Seasons* (Washington, DC: USCCB, 2013), 127.

3 Excerpt from *National Directory for Catechesis* (Washington, DC: USCCB, 2005), 154.

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Mass Intentions For The Week



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Sunday (5/11/25)

9:00a + Maria & Eladio Figueroa
 11:00a + Raquel Ayala-Pastrana
 1:00p Feligreses
 3:00p

Wednesday (5/14/25)

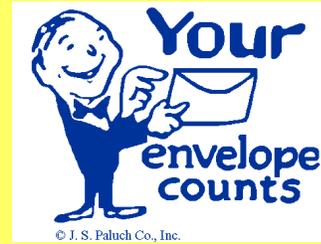
5:00 p +

Friday (5/16/25)

5:00 p + Donald White Evick

Sunday (5/18/25)

9:00a Feligreses
 11:00a + Jeronimo Perez
 1:00p + Juana Pavia Reyes
 3:00p + Ines Hernandez



PLEASE MAKE YOUR DONATION COUNT

Please become a registered parishioner. Being a registered parishioner will help St. Paul's and help you in many ways. For example, many people ask for parish letters for immigration, sacraments sponsorship, or taxes. In order for us to write such a letter you need to be a registered parishioner for at least three months. This information is private and it is share with others only if you request it. There is a short parishioner registration form below. Please fill one out and deposit it in the collection basket.

TU DONACIÓN CUENTA

Por favor, sea un feligrés registrado. Al ser un feligrés registrado, ayuda a la Iglesia y se ayuda usted mismo. Si necesita alguna carta para inmigración, documentos legales, para ser padrinos de sacramentos, o para pro-pósitos de impuestos, debe estar registrado al menos por tres meses para poder recibir dicha carta. Esta información es privada y la compartimos solo si usted nos da la autorización. Encontrará un formulario pe-queño al final de esta nota. Llene el formulario y sea parte de la familia de la Iglesia San Pablo. Puede depositarla en la canasta de la colecta.



Weekly Collections

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April 13, 2025 Offerings

Amount Needed 1st Collection	\$3,500.00
Actual Collection	\$3,757.00
*Amount OVER	\$257.00
Operation Rice Bowl	\$1,491.00
Holy Thursday	\$57.00

Register in Our Parish!!!
¡Regístrate en Nuestra Parroquia!

Saint Paul Parishioner's Registration Short Form Formulario pequeño para ser miembro de San Pablo

First & Last Name: _____
 (Nombre y Apellido)

Address: _____
 (Dirección)

Phone #: _____
 (Número de teléfono)

**The Secretary will call for more information.
 (La Secretaria los llamará por más información.)**

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