

# SAINT PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

## EAST NORRITON, PA PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Baptized in Jesus, we the parishioners of St. Paul respond to the call of Christ. Loving God, praying with one another, especially through the Mass and the Sacraments. Proclaiming and sharing our Faith and Mission in Jesus Christ. Assisting those in need by seeing Christ present in each person. Creating unity through Christ by nourishing, empowering, and involving one another. Teaching the message of Christ to all by word and by daily personal witness. May God bless us, placing our efforts in hands greater than our own.



## Fourth Sunday in Lent March 10, 2024



### MASSES:

Sundays: 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM  
(5:30 PM Vigil on Saturday)

Monday—Saturday: 8:00 AM

Holydays: 7:00 PM Vigil, 8:00 AM & 12 Noon  
(unless otherwise noted in the bulletin)

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:

Saturdays: 4:15 PM—5:00 PM

### RECTORY:.....610.279.6725

2007 New Hope Street, East Norriton, PA 19401

email: stpaulparish.eastnorriton@gmail.com

### OFFICE HOURS:

Monday—Friday: 9:00 AM—12:00 PM \*  
1:00 PM—4:00 PM

\* **Office closed from 12:00 PM—1:00 PM for lunch**

Evenings & Weekends: by appointment

### SCHOOL:.....**Holy Rosary Regional School**

Office ..... 610.825.0160

3040 Walton Road, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462

### PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:

Lucy Boardway ..610.279.6725(Monday,Tuesday)

email: stpaulparish.prep@gmail.com

### **Rev. Harry E. McCready ~ Pastor**

Rev. James Catagnus, Resident (Retired)  
Deacon Matthew J. Hrobak ~ Permanent Deacon  
Sister Rosellen Bracken, RSM ~ Services Ministry  
Mary Rose Edmonds ~ Business Manager  
Lucy Boardway ~ Coordinator of Religious Education  
Mary Wust ~ Administrative Assistant

Visit Our Parish Website:  
[stpaulcatholicchurcheastnorriton.net](http://stpaulcatholicchurcheastnorriton.net)

Our bulletin can also be viewed online

**BAPTISMS** are celebrated on the second and fourth Sunday of each month at 12:15 PM. Parents are required to attend the pre-Baptismal class sometime before the child is born. The godparents' letters of eligibility should be brought to this class. After attending the class and presenting the eligibility letters a date can be set for the Baptism by calling the Rectory.

**WEDDING** arrangements must be made in person at the Rectory at least six months in advance. All couples must attend the archdiocesan sponsored **Pre-Cana Program**. For info: <http://phillycatholiclife.org/marriage-and-family/preparing-for-marriage>.

**THE SICK** and permanently homebound are encouraged to receive communion regularly at home. **Eucharistic ministers are available, please contact Sr. Rosellen Bracken at 610.277.0827.** Hospitalized parishioners are encouraged to receive the sacraments from the Catholic chaplains assigned to all hospitals. Urgent requests for anointing of the sick at home are accepted at anytime - call the Rectory.

**TO BE A PARISHIONER** one must be registered and living within the parish boundaries. Call the Rectory to make an appointment to register or see the pastor in church after Sunday Mass. We cannot issue letters of eligibility or references if one is not formally registered. Registered parishioners are requested to notify the Rectory if they are changing their address.



## COME HOLY SPIRIT

This weekend our parish community rejoices as it welcomes His Excellency, our Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez, as he confers the Sacrament of Confirmation upon the seventh and eighth graders of our parish. As a successor of the Apostles, he will call down the Holy Spirit upon our young brothers and sisters, fully initiating them into the Church. Please pray for our youth, that they will live always faithful to the Spirit Who comes upon them, as faithful members of the Church throughout their lives. And, please, pray for all those in our parish, our nation, and throughout the world, who have been confirmed. Pray that all will be the faithful disciples of Christ and His Church which the Holy Spirit empowers them to be.

## ~WELCOME ARCHBISHOP PÉREZ~



### THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS HERE AT ST. PAUL'S ARE DIFFERENT

While the most common form of the Stations of the Cross are the traditional fourteen stations on the walls of most Catholic churches, the Stations we pray in our parish are those of our beloved Pope St. John Paul II. These are the stations he prayed every Friday of his life and at the Coliseum in Rome every Good Friday. His stations are based on the scriptural accounts of Our Lord's Passion, whereas the traditional stations are more based on popular piety which has evolved over the years. For example, in St. John Paul's stations there is no mention of three falls of Christ nor of Veronica wiping His face, because the scriptures make no mention of these occurrences. St. John Paul's stations begin with the agony in the garden and follow through the happenings throughout the last night of Christ's life, His condemnation, bearing of the cross, the crucifixion and His seven last words. They are beautifully scriptural and pertinent to our present day life experiences.

You are invited to join us every Friday during Lent as we sacrifice our time to pray and meditate on Our Lord's Passion. **Stations are prayed at 7:00 PM in the evening** and conclude with the Benediction.

### FAST AND ABSTINENCE AND OTHER ACTS OF PENANCE FOR LENT

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on all the Fridays of Lent and on Good Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist **daily**, to celebrate **frequently** the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten education programs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended.



Our faith community is participating in Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program *Operation Rice Bowl*, as part of our Lenten observance. Throughout Lent, *Operation Rice Bowl* will help us **pray, fast, learn and give** in solidarity with those in need around the world and in our archdiocese. We encourage you to be part of this Lenten journey at home with your family and loved ones.

The cardboard rice bowls and accompanying material can be picked-up from the tables at the doors of the church. Returns can be made on Palm Sunday. There will be special receptacles in the back of the church to receive the offerings. On Holy Thursday, the collection at the Mass of the Lord's Supper will be for Operation Rice Bowl.



### ST. PAUL'S BIBLE STUDY

All the men and women of the parish, and their friends, are invited to join our Bible Study Group for Lent. We will be reflecting on the Lenten readings for the Masses during this holy season. Bible Study meets every Wednesday evening, at 7:30, in the Damascus Meeting Room (rear of the Rectory, next to the garages, ground level entrance). For more information contact Lucy Boardway (lucyboardway@gmail.com/610-246-5535)



### EUCARISTIC ENCOUNTER WEEKEND THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 20TH AND 21ST

You're invited to a special event: The Blessed Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit, here at Saint Paul's.

Blessed Carlo Acutis was an extraordinary young man. Despite his parents not actively practicing their faith, he developed a deep love for the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament from a young age. Inspired by those around him, he embraced his faith and even created a website cataloging Eucharistic Miracles. Though proficient in technology beyond his years, he remained grounded in kindness and charity, particularly towards those he considered outcasts. Through his joyful witness, he even reignited the faith of many, including his own parents.

Want to learn more about Blessed Carlo and his journey to sainthood? Visit <https://carloacutis-en.org>.

During this special weekend, you'll also have the unique opportunity to venerate a first-class relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis. Don't miss this chance to connect with his inspiring legacy.



After the opening Mass on Saturday morning, April 20th, at 8:00, we will have All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until our vigil Mass at 5:30PM. During this time, all are invited to view the Eucharistic Miracle exhibit in our parish hall, after or before which visits can be made to church to worship and adore Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. The exhibit will continue until 8PM on Saturday evening and resume on Sunday morning after the 8:30 Mass until 3PM. The church will remain open for Visits on Sunday, until 3:00. More information will follow as we get closer to the time.



The Church in the United States is in the third of a three year period designated as a time for **EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL...**

### *Prayer for the Eucharistic Revival*

My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love you. I beg pardon for those who do not believe, nor adore, nor hope, nor love You. (Three times)

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I adore you profoundly. I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference by which He is offended. And, through the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg you the conversion of sinners.

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us.

*This prayer for the national Eucharistic Revival was adopted for usage by the American Conference of Bishops. It is the prayer taught by the Angel who appeared to the three shepherds of Fatima in 1916, preparing them for Our Lady's apparitions in 1917. Our Lady would tell the children that God was much offended by the sins of humanity and that He must not be offended any more. The Angel stressed that the greatest sin of humanity was disbelief and indifference to Our Lord's presence in the Blessed Sacrament.*

*Copies of this prayer can be found in all the pews of our church.*

### A NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

In the past year of the Revival, known as the Parish Phase, our local Church celebrated an historic Archdiocesan Eucharistic Congress at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown. Videos of the Congress talks, including the Keynote Address by Bishop Michael Burbidge, and the inspirational talk by Antonia Acutis, the mother of Blessed Carlo Acutis, can be accessed at <https://www.phillyeucharisticrevival.org/congress>.

This spring, there will be a National Eucharistic Procession making its way across the country to the National Eucharistic Congress being held this July in Indianapolis. **The National Eucharistic Procession will pass through the Archdiocese of Philadelphia from May 30-June 3, 2024. As the details are finalized, the procession route will be communicated to you so that the faithful can participate in the procession and in the spiritual activities surrounding this event.**

The National Eucharistic Congress will be held from July 17-21, 2024 in Indianapolis, Indiana. We encourage the faithful from our parishes, religious communities, and institutions to consider attending this national event, which will feature beautiful liturgies and nationally recognized speakers, including Bishop Robert Barron, Sister Miriam James Heidland, and Father Mike Schmitz. There is still time register. Registration information, including information on transportation and lodging, is available at <https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/>.

We ask anyone attending the National Eucharistic Congress from the Archdiocese to also email their name and contact information to [revival@archphila.org](mailto:revival@archphila.org) so that we can communicate with you as the event draws near.



The Catholic Charities Appeal is a time for our parish to come together to extend our love, generosity and concern to those who need it most. When you give the Appeal, your gift is transformed into hope, providing education, food shelter and medical assistance to our brothers and sisters and neighbors right here in the Greater Philadelphia Area. For those who have not yet contributed to the Appeal, please prayerfully consider showing your support to this great call for action. Taking care of those in need is one of the most important things we can do as Catholics, and it is important that together, we, as a community, reach the needed \$10 million goal.

The Catholic Charities Appeal Board is there to ensure your funds are spent according to the purpose you donated towards. Thank you for your sacrifice and may God bless you and those who we vow to help in need.

### MAKING YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

The Appeal is a direct mail campaign. Registered parishioners should have already received a request for a contribution from the archdiocese. ALSO, Appeal envelopes and/or pledge forms are available on the table in the church vestibule for the duration of the campaign. When you mail in your contribution, please, be sure to list that you are a member of St. Paul parish. Please be generous.

**Every year, the Catholic Charities Appeal impacts nearly one million lives. But this is not possible without your help. Your gift matters more than you know.**

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### *Ways to Give*

The Catholic Charities Appeal is recognized as a non-profit institution. As such, all gifts are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. It has its own Employer Identification Number (EIN) and receives a separate financial audit. Besides gifts of cash, donors to the 2024 Catholic Charities Appeal may contribute in many other ways, each offering tax advantages according to their circumstances:

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**For more information about any of the ways you can support the 2024 Catholic Charities Appeal, please call The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia at 215.587.5650 or email [cca@thecfgp.org](mailto:cca@thecfgp.org).**

**Living Stations of the Cross:** Presented by Holy Rosary Regional Catholic School 8th grade students on Tuesday, March 19th at 7PM. All are invited to Epiphany of Our Lord Church to witness the presentation of our Lord's last moments.

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION\*

Confessions will be heard on Monday, and Wednesday of Holy Week, and on Good Friday  
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

\*Remember, confessions are heard every Saturday during the year (except Holy Saturday) from 4:15 PM to 5:00 PM

### LITURGIES

#### ~ PASSION (PALM SUNDAY) ~

March 24th

Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:30 PM  
Sunday Masses at 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

#### ~ Monday to Wednesday ~

Mass at 8:00 AM

#### ~ HOLY THURSDAY ~

March 28th

Morning Prayer at 8:00 AM

Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM in the evening, followed by adoration at the Repository until 11:00 PM

#### ~ GOOD FRIDAY ~

March 29th

Adoration at the Repository resumes at 7:00 AM, with Morning Prayer at 8:00 AM.

The Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Death at 3:00 PM

#### ~ HOLY SATURDAY ~

March 30th

No Mass until

The Solemn Easter Vigil at 8:00 PM

#### ~ EASTER SUNDAY ~

March 31st

Masses at 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

### OUR 28<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

April 7<sup>th</sup>

2:30 PM Sung Chaplet of Mercy  
3:00 PM Solemn Mass of the Feast

### ST. PAUL'S WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING

THIS MONDAY EVENING, MARCH 11th 7PM, IN THE  
RECTORY MEETING ROOM

Join us as we gather to plan our Spring activities and enjoy each other's company.

Fourth Sunday in Lent ~ March 10, 2024

## Mass Intentions

### MON., MAR 11TH~

8:00 AM ..... BRANDON REMBERT

### TUES., MAR 12TH~

8:00 AM ..... JAMES BEALER

### WED., MAR 13TH~

8:00 AM ..... RUTH ANNE WILLIAMSON

### THURS., MAR 14TH~

8:00 AM ..... LOUISE BARBARETTA

### FRI., MAR 15TH~

8:00 AM ..... CASIMIR GRAYAUSKIE

### SAT., MAR 16TH~

8:00 AM ..... DR. ROMEO ESTACIO

5:30 PM ..... CHARLES & MILDRED MAXWELL

### SUN., MAR 17TH~

8:30 AM ..... DEC'D MEMBERS OF THE O'SHAUNESSY FAMILY

10:30 AM ..... THOSE IN THE SANCTUARY REMEMBRANCE

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