



The Parishes of St. Paul and Church of the Resurrection: Lent, Holy Week, and Easter 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Lent invites us to slow down, turn our hearts towards God, and support one another, and I am grateful to make this journey with you. We begin Lent with Ash Wednesday on Feb 18th this year. As we enter these holy days, we hope you will remember the great love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus for you as well as the tender love of the Virgin Mary and St. Joseph and all the saints. God truly treasures you. May this Lenten season help us become more deeply in touch with that love, and may that love convert our own hearts so that we are more willing and able to love all those around us as well. God bless you abundantly this Lent. In Christ Fr. Andy, Fr. Paul, Fr. Kevin, Fr. Ray, Deacons George, Skip, Allen and Frank and all the staff.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPERS, Feb 17:

- **St. Paul** Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner in Dohony Hall with seatings at 5-6pm and 6:30-7:30pm. The cost will be a free will offering. To sign up please go to website or click on: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0548A9A82DA3F85-61658863-shrove#/>
- **Church of the Resurrection** Shrove Tuesday pancake supper from 5:30-7pm in the Hall at Resurrection. The cost will be a free-will offering accompanied by a donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Society whose needs include: spaghetti sauce, mac and cheese, small cooking oil, rice, ramen noodles, breakfast bars, soap bars and shampoo. To sign up please go to please go to website or click on the following: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054DADAE2CA3FD0-61451297-shrove>

ASH WEDNESDAY, Feb 18:

- **St. Paul:** 6:30am Mass, 8am Mass, 12 noon service, 4pm Mass, 7pm Mass
- **Resurrection:** 7:30am Mass, 5pm Mass, 7:30pm Mass

STATIONS OF THE CROSS & SIMPLE SUPPERS

- **St. Paul:** Stations of the Cross at 7pm on Fridays in Lent – Feb 20, 27, Mar 6, 13, 20, 27. *No Stations on Good Friday, Apr 3.* Suppers in Donony Hall (free-will offering) from 5:30 – 6:45pm on Feb 20, Mar 6 and Mar 20.
- **Church of the Resurrection:** Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm on Fridays in Lent – Feb 20, 27, Mar 6, 13, 20, 27. *No Stations on Good Friday, Apr 3.* Suppers in the Hall from 6:15– 7:30pm on Feb 27, Mar 13 (free-will offering) and Mar 27 (catered by Kelsey's, costs TBA).

PASTORATE MISSION:

We encourage everyone to attend our two-day Lenten mission, **March 8 & 9**. Each evening will have two great speakers who will help us grow in our faith along with times to pray together. Please consider blocking out time to join us for these special evenings. We will do all we can to make them worth your effort to be there. No registration is needed - please just come and pray with us.

- **Evening 1, Sunday Mar 8th: Focus – GODS GRACE** On this night we will gather **in the church at Resurrection** at 6:30pm. We will have a talk by Ms. Haley Scott Dimaria, a nationally known speaker about how Jesus and His grace have been active in her own life journey. After her talk we will have time for questions and discussion and a short break. Then we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with beautiful music from 8-8:30pm.
- **Evening 2, Monday Mar 9th: Focus - MERCY NIGHT.** On this night we will gather **at the church at St. Paul** at 7pm. We will have a talk by Fr. Chuck Canterna who has spent decades ministering in prisons. Fr. I, Fr. Andy, heard Fr. Chuck talk at my previous assignment for a parish retreat and was blown away by his message. I highly recommend coming to hear Fr. Chuck speak about HOW TO RECEIVE AND GIVE the gift of God's love and mercy in our lives. Fr. Chuck will end at 7:45pm. Then we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and will say the rosary together and close with Benediction 7:50- 8:20pm.

ACTS RETREATS: Retreats are put on by the parishioners and staff of St. Paul and Resurrection Parishes and are meant to help someone to come to a closer walk with Jesus in the Church. Many people have benefitted from these retreats in the past. They are held nearby at Bon Secours Retreat Center. The men's retreat is Feb 19. To register & for more information:

<https://www.resurrectionmd.org/acts>

REFLECTION BOOKS: We will be offering free small daily-reflection books at both St. Paul and Resurrection to all our parishioners at the beginning of the Lenten Season.

SMALL GROUPS: LENTEN SERIES FOR SMALL GROUPS We have groups for men, women, mixed and couples. We are going to have a SIGN UP for small faith-discussion groups after all Masses the weekend of Feb 7-8 at BOTH PARISHES. Go to the home page of either parish at www.resurrectionmd.org or www.stpaulec.org and find the icon for small groups on the HOME PAGE of either site for times and days of the week when groups will meet. Many of the groups will be doing a 6-week series for Lent by Sr. Miriam, S.O.L.T., who is a Sister with the Society of Our

Lady of the Trinity. It is called "RESTORE." One video of that series is attached:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eqN7Q5EnpJs>

SPECIAL PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Daily mass at St. Paul:** 8am Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs and Sat
- **Daily Mass at Resn:** 9am Mon, Tues, Thurs and on Friday at 6:30am and 8am
- **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**
 - Resurrection chapel – Every Mon 10am – 6:30pm – w/rosary & benediction at 6pm
 - Resurrection chapel – Every Wed 4-6pm – except for Ash Wednesday
 - St. Paul in the church – Every Wed 7-8:30pm – except for Ash Wednesday

CONFESSIONS DURING LENT

- **St. Paul** Every Saturday 3:30 – 5pm, Wednesdays 7-8:30pm on Feb 25, Mar 4, 11, 18 (two priests), Mar 25 (three priests). *No confessions on Wed Feb 18 (Ash Wed) or Wed Apr 1 (Wed of Holy Week)*
- **Resurrection** Every Saturday 3:30 – 5pm, Wednesdays 4-6pm at the Shehan Pastoral Center, on Feb 25, Mar 4, 11 (two priests), Mar 18 (two priests), Mar 25 (three priests), Apr 1 (three priests) *No confessions on Wed Feb 18 (Ash Wed)* Tues Mar 24 there will be 7 priests at 7pm in the main church at Resurrection

DAYS OF GIVING UP MEAT & FASTING

On Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays in Lent, Catholics are asked to give up meat. Also, on Ash Wednesdays and Good Friday, Catholics from age 18 through 59, are asked to fast by having one full meal and two lighter meals those days with no eating between meals.

SPECIAL MASSES AND LITURGICAL EVENTS

Holy Thursday: Apr 2

- **St. Paul:** Mass at 7pm with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until 11pm. PLEASE BRING BELLS TO RING AT THE GLORIA
- **Resurrection:** Mass at 7:30pm with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until 10pm. PLEASE BRING BELLS TO RING AT THE GLORIA

Good Friday: Apr 3

- **Morning Prayer:** 8am at Resurrection
- **St. Paul: Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross,** 3pm & 7pm
- **Resurrection: Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross,** 3 pm & 7:30pm

Holy Saturday: Apr 4,

- **Morning Prayer:** 8am at St. Paul
- **Blessing of Easter Food.** 12 noon at Resurrection and 12 noon at St. Paul.
- **Easter Vigil Mass,** 8pm at Resurrection and 8pm at St. Paul. BRING BELLS TO RING AT THE GLORIA & ALLELUIA

No 3:30pm confessions or 5pm masses on Sat, Apr 4 at either St. Paul or Resurrection.

Easter Sunday: Apr 5, BRING BELLS TO RING AT THE GLORIA & ALLELUIA

- **St. Paul:** 7:30am church, 9am church, 9am Dohony, 11am church
 - **Resurrection:** 7:30am church, 9:30am church, 9:30am hall, 11:30am church, 11:30am hall.
- NO 4:30pm Sunday evening Mass on Easter Sunday**

Divine Mercy Sunday: Apr 12, 2-3pm in the church at Resurrection. Adoration and recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

GIVING ALMS DURING LENT

- **Annual Appeal for Catholic Ministries:** Please know that your support helps initiatives that touch people with the love of God and the hope that comes from knowing that others care. Donate by phone at 410-547-5356 or online at www.archbalt.org/appeal/give/
- **St. Vincent de Paul Society:** The parish helps people in our community with emergency assistance. Donate through the wooden “poor boxes” at the entrances to the churches at St. Paul and Resurrection. If you are giving a check, write your check made payable to either parish w/“St. Vincent de Paul” on the memo line.

OTHER EVENTS

- **Unbound Retreat at Church of the Resurrection.** This event will involve prayer and an effort to help all those involved to see how to bring themselves closer to Jesus and to turn away from those things that take away our freedom to love God, our neighbor, and ourselves. Mar 6-7. Please go to www.unboundministrymaryland.org for more information.
- **Catholic Men’s Fellowship** will be holding their annual conference on Saturday **March 14 at St. Louis in Clarksville, MD.** Opening prayer at 8am, closing Mass with Archbishop Lori at 2pm. More information and registration can be found on the website: <https://catholicmensfellowship.com/>
- **Catholicism 101:** Apr 29, May 6 and 13 at 7pm at St. Paul for both St. Paul and Resurrection parishioners. This program is an overview of the Catholic faith and is also a program we use for Catholics who have had their First Communion but were never Confirmed. If you would attend these three classes, we’ll enroll you to be Confirmed on Pentecost Sunday (May 24.) Fr. Andy at aaaron@archbalt.org.
- **Bereavement Support Group** – Time: Spring of 2026. Location TBA. Program combines faith and psychology in dealing with the loss of a loved one. Members of the team will present from an excellent book, given to all the participants, and Fr. Andy will also conduct a prayer service. We will get these dates set soon but in the meantime you can contact Biji at geobij@verizon.net or Kevin at twindad2004@hotmail.com about being part of this group.

KIDS/FAMILY

- **Easter Egg Hunt:** Sat Mar 28 at 10am, in the northside of the Church at Resurrection. No registration is required. The Easter Bunny will be there.
- **Children’s / Family Outdoor Good Friday Stations:** Fri Apr 3 at 10am at Resurrection.