

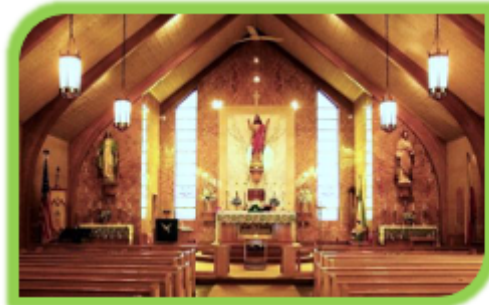
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QUINQUAGESIMA -
SUNDAY of PRE-LENT
February 15, 2026

Pastor Fr. Paul Dudek



Mass Intention this Sunday: for † Virginia Pawlowski &
† Richard Charles Pawlowski; Upon the request of Dorothy Derouin.



Ash Wednesday

LENT BIGINS THIS WEEK

On Ash Wednesday we begin the time of Lent.

One more time we are invited to reflect on our Christian lives and make corrections if needed. For the upcoming 40 days, through prayer, doing penance, repentance of sins, almsgiving, atonement, and self-denial, we are invited to prepare ourselves to celebrate the most important events in our Catholic faith, namely the suffering, death and glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For us Catholics, Lent is also a special time for reflection and contemplation on our lives and faith, which leads us our Father's Home. Traditionally, during Lent, we should abstain from eating all types of meat and poultry every Friday of this season as a form of penance and atonement for the sins that have distanced us from Him.

On Ash Wednesday, Holy Mass with the imposition of ashes will be celebrated at 6:30 PM. For us Catholics this day is a day of strict fasting, (limit the quantity of meals/snacks), as an act of self-denial.

We are Catholic community called to serve God and others through Eucharist, prayer, education, and daily living of the Gospel values. Everyone is always welcome to worship with us in our beautiful church. It is a house of prayer for all, who with sincere heart desire to praise the only God, our Father in heaven.



For those who are new to our church (and even those who aren't!) To follow along with the Mass, begin on page 63 in the Mass booklet. Father will announce which page to turn to for the Canon at the appropriate time.

Reception of the Holy Eucharist - Baptized Christians who believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist and are in a state of grace, free from mortal sin, are invited to partake of this Holy Sacrament with us. – If you are unable to receive the Precious Blood, please alert Father before Mass so that he is aware of the situation. If you would like to receive only a blessing from Father instead of Communion, come to the altar rail with your arms crossed, palms on shoulders. **Come and let us be one with our Lord.**



Want to request a Mass? Please contact Fr. Paul or call the rectory at (203) 729-4035. Masses can be said for a deceased person or as a special intention for the living. You may reserve a Sunday of your choice, and your intention will be published in the parish bulletin. **We encourage you to offer a Mass on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special personal (family) need.**

Pastoral Care Visit. The two great Sacraments: Eucharist & Holy Anointing may be a source of grace and health for a sick person. So, if you are confined at home or have a family member at hospital or nursing home unable to take part in Sunday Mass and Sacraments, please notify the father to set the day and time for pastoral visit.

In emergency call directly Fr. Paul @ 475-208-4455.



Trust Over Worry

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks directly to our restless hearts. "You cannot serve God and mammon." Living in a world where everything happens too quickly, His words want to remind us that earthly worries, the satisfaction of fleeting happiness in material things, shrink our hearts and steal our peace. Trust expands them. We want to trust God, yet we worry constantly about money, health, the future of our families. Jesus is not ignoring our desires and responsibilities, but He is inviting us to put them in the right order.

St. Augustine reminds us, "When God is in the first place, everything is in the right place." This is exactly what Jesus reminds us today. The birds and the flowers do not work anxiously, yet the Father cares for them. How much more does He care for us? *(continue next page)*

(continued) "Seek first the Kingdom." In daily life this means trust in God before panic, gratitude before complaint, prayer before fear. When we place our day, our work, and our needs in God's hands, we discover that He has already been holding us all along. - Fr. Paul

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

➔ **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** was held last Sunday. The following parishioners were elected and will serve on the Parish Committee in 2026: **Chairperson** - Henry Zapatka, **Vice Chairperson** - Kenneth Krasko, **Treasurer** - Raymond Provancher, **Financial Secretary** - Rory Carlson, **Recording Secretary** - Donna Warner, **Pledge Recorder** - Aneta Dudek, **Cemetery Caretaker** - David Kosakowski.

Auditors: Laurie Rogers, Debbie Caruso, Janet Tropeano.

Parish Tribunal: Diane Szczesiul, Dorothy Derouin, Rev. Paul Dudek.

Directors: Lorraine Zollo, Laurie Rogers, Marianna Provancher, Janet Tropeano, Debbie Caruso, Emil Caruso, David Kosakowski, Debi Albaitis, Nancy Mariano, Nicole Healy, Matthew Fogie, John Tropeano.

The elected officers will take their oath after being approved by our Diocesan Bishop Paul Sobiechowski. The request has already been sent to his office.

➔ **Community Awards Program** - Every customer has the opportunity to help the Ion Bank Foundation distribute \$100,000 to local non-profit organizations. So, if you are an Ion Bank customer, now is the time to vote for your favorite non-profit organization. Each vote brings \$25 donation to the organization of your choice. Voting is open to March 3rd. Check out the ION bank website and vote for Holy Saviour PNCC!

➔ We are collecting funds to cover heating costs during winter. This is **FREE WILL DONATION**. So far, we have collected **\$4520!** - Since this winter is very cold and we have used more heating oil than usual to heat the church, we will continue to collect these funds. Thank you for your understanding and support.

➔ This month is the **BIRTHDAY** of

- **Natalie Schweizer** - February 14

- **John M Tropeano** - February 17

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Please remember in your prayer those who are suffering, sick or confined at home, hospitals and nursing homes, especially our parishioners and friends: **Bp. Paul Sobiechowski, Sarah Squezello, Logan, Debbie & Emil Caruso and Aiden Klein.**

LENTEN RETREAT

For Southwest Seniorate

SATURDAY, March 7th

**St. Casimir's PNCC, 240 Quinnipiac Street
Wallingford, CT 06492**

You're Invited to Pray with Us!

Schedule:

10:00 AM - Holy Mass

10:45 AM - Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament

11:00 AM - Snacks and Coffee

11:15 AM - Session 1 by Fr. Adam Piekarczywski

12:00 PM - Break

12:15 PM - Session 2 by Fr. Paul Dudek

1:00 PM - Reflections Fr. Justin Daviault

1:30 PM - Lunch

2:00 PM - Repose of the Sacrament and Dismissal

Please bring: Yourself

RSVP to: Fr. Justin @ revjustinpnc@gmail.com

or 860-628-0736



Can't get to Mass? The National Cathedral in Scranton and the Eastern Diocesan Cathedral have YouTube channels to which you can subscribe. Both channels archive the weekly Mass for later viewing. So, if you're away from home, or shut-in at home, you can still see a Mass from our Church. Check them out -

<https://www.youtube.com/@ststanislauscathedral> or
<https://www.youtube.com/@bishoppaulsobiechowski9743>