

# HOLY SAVIOUR PARISH

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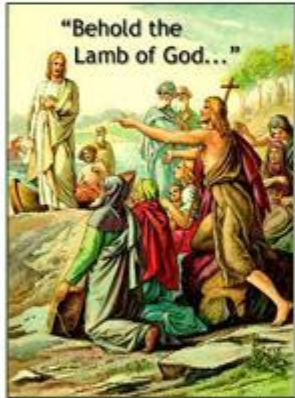
January 18, 2026

Pastor Fr. Paul Dudek



Mass Intention for this Sunday is available.

If you have your own, please see Father Paul before the Mass.



## Call to Live as His Witness

In this Gospel for today Jesus is revealed as the true Passover Lamb, whose sacrifice brings freedom from sin and restores our relationship with God. This reminds us that salvation is not something we earn, but a gift we receive by trusting in the Son of God, Jesu Christ.

John also witnesses the Holy Spirit descending and remaining upon Jesus, showing that Jesus acts with the authority and power from God. In our lives, this means that

following Christ is not merely moral effort, but a life lived in the Spirit. Through Baptism, that same Spirit dwells in us, strengthening us to resist sin and live as children of God.

Finally, John's humility challenges us. He points away from himself and toward Jesus. In daily life, this calls us to witness through our actions, choosing forgiveness over resentment, humility over pride, and faith over fear. As we behold the Lamb of God, especially in the Eucharist, we are invited to let Christ take away our sins and shape how we live each day. - Fr. Paul

**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.**

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** will be held **today following the Mass.**
- **Epiphany Visitation - 'KOLENDA'**. If you would like to take this opportunity to have your home blessed this year, please contact Fr Paul to arrange convenient day and time for this visit.
- Just like last year, **we are collecting funds to cover heating costs during winter. This is FREE WILL DONATION.** Our goal is to raise \$4,500. **So far, we have collected \$4020 – 89.3%!** – There are specially designed envelopes on the back of the church for this purpose. Thank you for your understanding and support.
- **Wall Calendars for 2026** are available to pick up in the parish hall.
- **THIS MONTH BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATE:**  
**Emil Caruso** – January 7  
**Frank Squezzello** – January 27  
**Steven Nelson** – January 31



**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 Squezzello, Logan, Debbie & Emil Caruso and Aiden Klein.**



**Items for the bulletin** – If you would like to share information about your family anniversaries or important events, such as graduations, with the parish community, please contact Fr. Paul by text at (475) 208-4455 or by email at [paudek@yahoo.com](mailto:paudek@yahoo.com). You can also attach photos from these events. Please submit items for the bulletin by Thursday.

### “That They May Be One”



Unity among Christians is not an optional ideal but a desire that flows from the very heart of Christ. On the night before His Passion, Jesus lifted His eyes to the Father and prayed that all who believe in Him would be one, just as He and the Father are one. This prayer reveals that unity is both a gift from God and a responsibility entrusted to

His followers. **When Christians live in unity, they reflect the life of the Trinity and become a credible sign of God’s love in the world.**

St. Paul reminds us that the Church is one Body with many members. Each member is different, yet all are necessary. Our differences in gifts, cultures, and perspectives are not meant to divide us, but to serve the common good. When division takes root through pride, jealousy, or unforgiveness, the Body of Christ suffers. Scripture warns us that such divisions weaken our witness and distract us from the mission of proclaiming the Gospel.

True Christian unity is grounded in truth and sustained by love. It does not deny real differences or difficult conversations, but it calls us to approach one another with humility, patience, and charity. Love, as St. Paul teaches, is the bond of perfection. Without love, even correct doctrine or generous service can become empty and self-serving.

In a world marked by fragmentation and hostility, unity among Christians becomes a powerful testimony. Every act of reconciliation, every effort to listen with compassion, and every prayer for one another allows Christ’s prayer to be fulfilled in our time. Guided by the Holy Spirit, may we strive to protect the unity of the Body of Christ, so that the world may believe and encounter the living presence of Jesus through us.



**Questions? Suggestions?** If you have any burning questions about the Bible, the church’s teachings, our parish’s workings, or the liturgy in general? Or maybe you have a suggestion for the parish committee to consider?

**Fell free!** There will be a basket at the back of the church, along with paper and pen for your convenience. Simply jot down your question or suggestion anonymously and drop it in. The question/suggestion will be answer usually the following week via bulletin, or from the pulpit depending on the length and complexity of the answer. **No question is too silly.** Others may have the same question, but not the courage to ask it under the assumption that everyone knows the answer but them. **All suggestions will be considered.** So, get those inquisitive minds working and have your curiosity satisfied!

**Q: In the Creed we say that Jesus ‘...will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead.’ – What does it mean?**

**A: It refers to Jesus Christ’s second coming and the final judgment of all humanity.** It means that Jesus will return at the end of time, not humbly as at His first coming (in Bethlehem), but openly and gloriously as Lord and King (Matthew 24:30). - His judgment will be just, merciful, and based on love. This **does not mean that God will seek to condemn people**, but that that the **truth will be fully revealed.** Justice will be completed, and every person’s response to God’s love will be made clear. Everyone without exception who has ever existed, **the living who still alive** when Christ returns and **those who have died before His return**, will be subject to His judgment. **The living will be just transformed, not judged as dead persons first** (1 Thessalonians 4:16–17).

**Q: What does the Holy Spirit do in the Church today?**

**A: The Holy Spirit continues Christ’s work in our time, giving life to the Church, teaching the truth and guiding believers, sanctifying them through the Sacraments by giving them grace to overcome sin and grow in virtue, and uniting believers in love by strengthening the community among us; “Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.”**



**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>