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St. Paul The Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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Mass for The Sabbath

Saturday 6:30 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM

Daily Service:

As scheduled in Bulletin

**The Presentation
of the Lord
February 2, 2025**

Our Mission:

We are a Roman Catholic Christian Community whose mission is :

- ✚ to worship God through the Eucharist, the Holy Scriptures and prayer
- ✚ to proclaim the reconciling love of God in Christ by word, deed and evangelization
- ✚ to mature spiritually through the challenge and guidance of the Holy Spirit
- ✚ to welcome and serve others-even the littlest and the weakest-in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday after 6:30 PM Mass

Other times by appointment.

Low gluten

Those suffering from an intolerance to gluten are advised that St. Paul's keeps Low Gluten Hosts on hand for those who need them. Simply check in with an usher to arrange for one.

Sacrament of Baptism

Because of the importance of the celebration of the sacrament of baptism, please consider carefully the man or woman of faith you chose to inspire and educate your child in the ways of our faith for the entirety of their lives. We suggest calling the church office during your pregnancy so that a more thorough preparation may take place. Godparents must be practicing Catholics and submit a certificate of eligibility from their parish prior to the Baptism. Baptisms will normally take place at a parish weekend Mass. Date and time will be scheduled by the pastor.

Sacrament of Matrimony

For adequate preparation, arrangements should be made at least 6 months in advance.

Sacrament of Anointing

Please let the parish office know if someone is seriously ill. If you know of anyone who is unable to get to Mass, we would be glad to help arrange transportation.

Membership in our Catholic Community

New members are warmly welcomed and may register by calling the parish office or online. If you move out of the area or change your address, please notify the parish office.

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Call 607-637-2571

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

6:30 P.M. Florence Vitale
by The Bread of Life Prayer Group
Michael Hunter
by Fredo Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2 The Presentation of the Lord

8:00 A.M. Deceased Members
of St. Paul's Parish

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3 St. Blaise

9:00 A.M. Rosary

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

9:00 A.M. Rosary/Miraculous Medal Novena

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5 St. Agatha

9:00 A.M. Rosary/Morning Prayer

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6 St. Paul Miki & Companions

9:00 A.M. Rosary/Communion Service

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

9:00 A.M. Rosary

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8 St. Josephine Bakhita

6:30 P.M. Michael Hunter
by Ginny Gotthardt & Jane Connell
Carl R. Finkle
by Rita & Joseph Bailey

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

8:00 A.M. Deceased Members
of St. Paul's Parish



LECTORS for February 8/9

6:30 P.M. G. Gotthardt

8:00 A.M. E. White

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS for Feb. 8/9

6:30 P.M. C. Christensen

8:00 A.M. K. A. White

ALTAR SERVERS for February 8/9

6:30 P.M. K. Caramore

8:00 A.M. A. Makowski

TAKE NOTE

Every Feb. 2, the universal Church celebrates the feast of the **Presentation of the Lord**. Mary and Joseph bring the newborn Jesus to the Temple, the holy place, the house of God. The presentation of the firstborn son is equivalent to his "consecration" - it is an act of thanksgiving for the gift received from the hands of the Creator, the source of life. In the Temple, the Holy Family - Jesus, Mary, and Joseph - meet two elderly people, faithful keepers of God's law: Simeon and Anna. That simple event contains a profound Christian symbolism: It is the embrace of the Lord of his people, who await the Messiah. That is why the liturgy sings: "You, Lord, are the light that enlightens the nations and the glory of your people Israel" (Acclamation before the Gospel, Lk 2:32).

The Law of Moses - On this day, simultaneously, we remember the ritual purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary after she gave birth to the Savior: "When the time for Mary's purification according to the Law of Moses had passed, she and Joseph brought the child to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, according to what is written in the law, 'Every firstborn male child shall be consecrated to the Lord,' and also to offer, as the law says, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons" (Lk 2:22-24). According to the ancient custom of the people of Israel, 40 days after the birth of a firstborn child, he was to be brought to the Temple for his presentation. For this reason, the Church counts 40 days after Christmas Day (Dec. 25) to the feast of the Presentation of the Lord on Feb. 2.

The prophecies of Simeon and Anna - Arriving at the Temple, the parents of Jesus with the child in their arms meet Simeon, the man whom the Holy Spirit promised would not die before seeing the Savior of the world. It was the same Spirit who put in the mouth of this prophet that this little child would be the Redeemer and Savior of mankind: "This child is destined to bring about the fall of many in Israel, and also the rise of many others. He was sent as a sign from God, but many will oppose him. As a result, the deepest thoughts of many hearts will come to light, and a sword will pierce your own soul" (Lk 2: 34-35, from the Cantic of Simeon, Lk 2:22-40, known as "Nunc Dimittis" because of the Latin words with which it begins: "Now you leave"). "Also that day there was in the Temple the daughter of Phanuel, of the Tribe of Asher, named Anna. She was a woman of very advanced age; she had been widowed only seven years after her marriage and remained so until she was 84 years old. Anna walked day and night in the Temple, worshipping God, offering fasting and prayers. When she saw the child, she recognized him and began to proclaim to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem that salvation had come" (Lk 2:36-38).

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD February 2, 2025

The next Men's Group will be Thursday, February 6, at 7 PM in the DeSerio Ctr.

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Come and join us at the Monthly **Charismatic Healing Liturgy**. Christ Our Light RC Church, 1 Maria Dr., Loudonville, NY.

Date: Wednesday, February 12, 2025

Time: 7:00 PM Prayer & Praise Music by Joyful Heart
7:30 PM Liturgy, Healing Prayer to follow

Presider: Fr. Michael Melanson

There will be individual prayer teams available after Mass.

For more information about the Charismatic Renewal
Check out the website: www.AlbanyCCR.Org

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Walking with Moms in Need could use the following items: preemie diapers, size 1 diapers, desitin cream, baby onesies, baby brush/comb. If you are able to donate, please leave in the basket in the front church vestibule. Thank you!

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Pictures of Jaden and Perla from **Unbound** are available on the bulletin board at the side entrance of the church. Please stop by to see how big they have gotten.

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Diocesan Appeal Update:

Our 2024/2025 assessment is \$14,504. We received \$7,200. The balance is due by June 30, 2025. If you have not made a one time gift or pledge, you can go online or use the envelopes that are located at the entrances of the church. If we don't make our assessment the balance due will have to be paid by St. Paul's operating fund. Whatever you can do would be greatly appreciated.

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The Generosity Habit - How daily giving can change your life and transform the world by Matthew Kelly.

Part Two: 101 creative ways to be generous:

generosity is essential. Save a life. Give blood. If you have ever been in a situation where you or someone you love has needed blood to survive, you know how vital this gift is to a community. Giving blood is a selfless and noble form of generosity.

"The greatest virtues are those which are most useful to other people." ~ Aristotle ~

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This week's spotlight for the businesses that support St. Paul's by advertising in the bulletin

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Remember to support those that support St. Paul's.

MONTHLY FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

Week of 2/2 Jelly

Week of 2/9 Instant potatoes

Coffee, Tea and Sugar are welcomed anytime.

Please drop off items at the church doors. Thank you for your generosity.

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Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for February:

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

STEWARDSHIP

SACRIFICIAL GIVING January 25/26

Number of regular collection envelopes.....	20
Loose cash and checks.....	\$281.00
Regular envelope collection.....	\$594.00
Total.....	\$875.00

Additional Offerings

Votive candles.....	\$45.00
Utilities.....	\$10.00
Restoration & Repairs.....	\$4.00

Attendance January 25/26

Saturday: 6:30 PM Church.....	34
Sunday: 8:00 AM Church.....	28
Saturday: Facebook Live.....	4
Sunday: Facebook Live.....	2
Total.....	62

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, February 3

(Office Closed)

Wednesday, February 5

6:00 PM Prayer Group - Rectory

6:00 - 7:00 PM Adoration - Church

Thursday, February 6

7:00 PM Men's Group - DeSerio Ctr.

Friday, February 7

7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous - Hall

Cleaning Group # 3: K. White

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