

**Saint Anne Church**

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**Mass Schedule:**

**Saint Anne Church**

Every day: 8:00 a.m.

Tuesdays: 8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Saturdays (Vigil): 4:00 p.m.

Sundays: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,  
and 6:00 p.m.

**Saint Winifred Church**

M, W, F : 8:45 a.m.

Saturdays (Vigil): 5:30 p.m.

Sundays: 11:30 a.m.

*Return* TO GOD WITH  
ALL YOUR *Heart*



**Sunday, April 6, 2025**

**The Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**Confessions:**Saint Anne Church

Tuesdays: 5:15 - 6:15 PM

Saturdays: 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM

Saint Winifred Church

Saturdays: 4:45 PM - 5:15 PM

**Eucharistic Adoration:**Saint Anne Church

Tuesdays, after the 8:00 AM mass, with Benediction at 6:15 PM.

**Divine Mercy Holy Hour:**Saint Anne Church

Tuesdays, at 3:00 PM

## Mass Intentions

**Monday, April 7, 2025**8:00 AM (St. A) Patrick & Pauline Meehan (WA), *requested by Maureen Meehan*8:45 AM (St. W) Frank & Leona Cibrone, *requested by Frank, Terri & Connie Cibrone***Tuesday, April 8, 2025**8:00 AM (St. A) Jane A. Fuscaldo, *requested by Pat & Tracy Reilly*6:30 PM (St. A) Antoinette & Victor DeFazio, *requested by Deacon Victor DeFazio***Wednesday, April 9, 2025**8:00 AM (St. A) Lois Helferty, *requested by The Maloney Family*8:45 AM (St. W) Heidi Potter, *requested by Madeleine Troppe***Thursday, April 10, 2025**8:00 AM (St. A) John Pershing Morris, Jr., *requested by Ed & Virginia Gates***Friday, April 11, 2025**8:00 AM (St. A) Janet Koenig (SI), *requested by James & Mary Murray*8:45 AM (St. W) Pietro & Sara Raimondi, *requested by The Chesnos Family***Saturday, April 12, 2025**8:00 AM (St. A) Emil Owoc, *requested by his family*4:00 PM (St. A) Catherine & Joe Matthews, *requested by Joe & Judy Matthews*5:30 PM (St. W) Tyler Ferguson, *requested by Christine Infante***Sunday, April 13, 2025**8:00 AM (St. A) Mary Jane Reffner, *requested by The Reffner Family*10:00 AM (St. A) Elizabeth & Russell Marano, *requested by their son, Richard & family*

11:30 AM (St. W) For the People of the Parish

6:00 PM (St. A) Giuseppe Strangis (BR) (AD), *requested by Maria Strangis & family*

Jesus has made  
Himself the  
Bread of Life to  
give us life. Night  
and day, He is  
there. If you really  
want to grow in love,  
come back to the  
Eucharist, come back  
to that Adoration.

Mother Teresa

In your prayers please also remember to pray for **John Koempel, Rosemarie Barthen, Grace Lydia Skladany, Donald J. Baungart** and all the deceased members of Saint Paul of the Cross Parish.

# From the Pastor

## *These Final Days of Lent*

When you walked into church today, you noticed that many of the statues and sacred images have been veiled in purple. This Catholic tradition, sometimes called "Passiontide Veiling", marks a deepening of our Lenten journey as Holy Week approaches and we enter the final phase of this holy season.

The veiling of sacred images find its origins in the ancient Roman liturgy, where the Gospel reading for this Sunday included Jesus' words: *"They picked up stones to throw at Him, but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the Temple"* (John 8:59).

Therefore, the covering of statues and crosses is a visible reminder of Christ withdrawing from public ministry, intensifying our longing for His presence. It also serves to heighten the dramatic showing of the cross for our veneration on Good Friday.

And finally, by veiling other familiar and favorite images of the saints, the Church encourages us to detach from even good and holy things in order to focus more intently on the greatest mystery of our faith; namely, the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ.

### **Preparing for Holy Week**

Years ago, lamenting over the fact that Lent was coming to a close and I really hadn't taken it seriously, my spiritual director advised that I let go of my regrets and put all my energy into observing Holy Week with maximum determination. Knowing me, he said, "Even you Mike can do something for a week!"

I suspect that Lent may have been a mixed bag for many of us, and so we turn our gaze and place our hope in Holy Week, which begins next Sunday. Here are some practical ways to prepare for Palm Sunday and the days that follow:

**1) Plan Your Schedule** – Mark your calendar for the key liturgies: Palm Sunday Mass, the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday and one of the Easter Masses. Prioritize these moments and plan everything else around them!

**2) Deepen Your Prayer Life** – Set aside some extra prayer time in your daily schedule. Maybe wake up 15-20 minutes earlier to read the Gospel accounts of the Lord's Passion (Matthew 26-27; Mark 14-15; Luke 22-23; John 18-19). Pray the Stations of the Cross and the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy

Rosary. If you do all five of these, then you pretty much have Holy Week covered!

**3) Go to Confession** – If you haven't yet gone this Lent, come Monday of Holy Week from 6:00-7:00pm in Saint Anne church. Six priests will be hearing Confessions. If you haven't been to Confession in years, this year is the time to stop making excuses. Confession is one of the seven Sacraments of the Church instituted by Christ for our salvation. They are gifts that Jesus wants us to receive, and it's just rude to reject a gift.

**4) Fast and Sacrifice** – If you're anything like me, you sometimes play games with the fasting and abstinence requirements of the Church. But, as my spiritual director said to me, "We can do anything for a week!" Consider fasting not only on Good Friday, but several days during Holy Week. And why not fast during Holy Week from social media or unnecessary entertainment or focus more fully on Jesus?

Whatever, we do, let's pray for one another, that Holy Week will make a difference in all of our lives – that we will all receive the grace to leave behind that which separates us from God and one another, and from being the image of Christ we're all called to be.



### **Palm Sunday Mass Times**

Saturday Vigil 4:00 P.M. (St. A) & 5:30 P.M. (St. W)

Sunday 8:00 A.M. 10:00 A.M. & 6:00 P.M. (St. A)  
11:30 A.M. (St. W)

### **Monday Holy Week Confessions**

6:00-7:00 P.M. (St. A)

### **Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper**

6:30 P.M. (St. A) with private adoration until Midnight.

### **Good Friday Liturgy of the Lord's Passion**

1:30 P.M. (St. A)

Stations and Veneration of the Cross at 6:30 PM

### **Holy Saturday**

12:30 P.M. (St. A) Blessing of Easter Baskets

8:30 P.M. (St. A) Easter Vigil Mass

### **Easter Sunday Mass Times**

8:00 A.M. 10:00 A.M. & 6:00 P.M. (St. A)

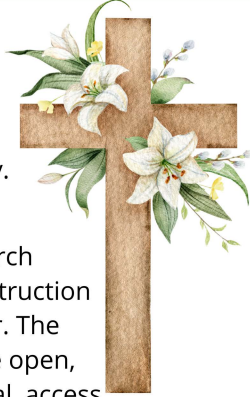
11:30 A.M. (St. W)

# Parish News

## Reminders

The Parish office will be closed, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Monday.

For future planning, be aware that in early April the upstairs church restroom will be closed for reconstruction and the installation of the elevator. The new downstairs bathrooms will be open, but until the elevator is operational, access to those restrooms will be limited. If you're in need of an accessible restroom, this could be an issue for about a month, and you may want to consider worshipping at Saint Winifred's or a neighboring church during that time frame.



## LITTLE SISTERS of the POOR



*"My little ones, never forget that the poor are Our Lord; in caring for the poor say to yourself: This is for my Jesus - what a great grace!"*  
(St. Jeanne Jugan)

The Little Sisters of the Poor and their volunteers will be with us after all of the Masses this weekend to collect for their mission. Your contributions enable them to continue the work of their foundress, Saint Jeanne Jugan, in caring for the elderly poor at their Home on Benton Avenue in Brighton Heights, Pittsburgh. They are counting on your continued support. Donations can be given to the sisters next week-end, but can also be given online at [www.littlesistersofthepoorpittsburgh.org](http://www.littlesistersofthepoorpittsburgh.org), by scanning this QR code, or by asking a Sister or volunteer for an envelope. During this Year of Hope, we remember you in our daily prayers. Thank you for your generosity.



## Wedding Banns

Robert Hackford &  
Natasha Yurek (III)



## Baptisms

Last weekend,

**Carson Joseph Rehak**

son of Matthew and Kathleen Rehak received the Sacrament of Baptism.

Please pray for Carson, his parents and Godparents.

## Estate Planning - April 10

Join the teams from Zacharia Brown and Executor Services for a free workshop on estate planning and executor responsibilities. Learn how to organize key documents, avoid common mistakes, and make things easier for your loved ones—before a crisis hits. The workshop will start at **6:00 PM in the Convent dining Room**. Search "estate" on our website to learn how to register or scan this code.



## Calling all Bakers!!

The Fish Fry committee is grateful for all the donations of baked goods they have received this Lent. Individually, pre-wrapped items or bulk baked items can be dropped off to the former St. Anne School cafeteria between 9:00 AM and Noon ONE LAST TIME Friday, (April 11). Thanks again for your support.



## Easter Flower Memorials

Envelopes for the annual Easter Flower offering are included in your envelope packet and are available at the entrances of the churches. You can make a donation in memory or honor of someone or make a donation in your own name. Please make sure to print the names clearly on the envelope. You can make a flower donation through Faith Direct as well. Look in their "annual collection" section. Please remember to indicate who the donation is for in the note section beneath the donation field. The flower memorials will be published in a bulletin during the Easter season.

## Parish Offertory March 30, 2025

Offertory: \$ 17,929.44  
Utilities: \$ 154.13

St Vincent de Paul: \$ 8,106.00  
Campaign for human development: \$1,229.00

The second collection 4/13/2025 will support the Saint Paul of the Cross Youth Ministry.

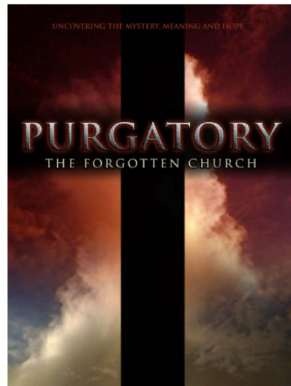
# Ministry Announcements



Please join fellow parishioners on **Friday, April 18th**, in praying the outdoor Stations of the Cross at Seton LaSalle High School at 8:00 AM, rain or shine. The outdoor stations are located at the right rear of the building behind the parking lot. This **Good Friday** tradition was started by our Catholic Men's Fellowship several years ago. Stick around for coffee and conversation afterwards at a location to be determined. ALL ARE WELCOME. Contact Jim Stein 412-979-6976 with questions.

## Lenten Programs for Adults

*Purgatory: The Forgotten Church* - Tuesday, April 15, 7:15 PM, Convent Dining Room (video)  
In this documentary renowned scholars, historians, and church leaders thoroughly address common questions about Purgatory and life after death.



## Saint Paul of the Cross Parish Vocation Council

*"Therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest" Matthew 9:38*

We are starting a new ministry! All members of the parish are invited to attend a very brief, informational meeting immediately after the Holy Thursday Mass, April 17th, at the Saint Anne Shrine in the courtyard.

This new ministry's primary function is to pray for and support vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. We will be praying for all priests, deacons, seminarians and for an increase in vocations in our own parish. Please contact Joan Harrison at (412) 877-1990 or [joanharrison35@hotmail.com](mailto:joanharrison35@hotmail.com) with any questions.

## Journey of Grief Ministry

*"Grief is not a disorder, a lack of faith or a sign of weakness. It is an emotional, physical and spiritual necessity; the price we pay for love." - Earl Grollman*



Our Spring bereavement program begins soon! We will meet in the DePalma room at 7:00 PM on the following dates: April 24, May 1, May 8, May 15, June 5 and June 12. If you have lost a loved one recently or even in years past, please consider joining us. This is a confidential casual group setting where we will explore the pain, fear and tools to help you cope. You need not be a member of our parish to attend and there is no fee. If you are interested, have questions or would like to register, please call Kathy at 412-344-9690 or email [moozie1217@verizon.net](mailto:moozie1217@verizon.net). Thank you and God bless you!

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

### Tues., April 8

8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration in St. Anne church  
3:00 PM Divine Mercy Holy Hour in St. Anne church  
5:15 - 6:15 PM Confessions in St. Anne church  
6:00 PM LAOH meeting in the Convent Dining Rm  
7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul meeting in the DePalma Rm

### Wed., April 9

1:00 PM Stations of the Cross in St. Winifred church  
6:00 PM Confessions in St. Anne church  
7:00 PM OCIA in the DePalma Rm  
8:30 PM A.A. in the Convent Dining Rm

### Thurs., April 10

6:00 PM Estate Planning in the Convent Dining Rm  
7:00 PM ARM Grief Support in the DePalma Rm

### Fri., April 11

1:00 PM Stations of the Cross in St. Winifred church  
4:00 PM Parish Fish Fry SHCA (St. Anne School) Gym  
6:30 PM Stations of the Cross in St. Anne church

### Sat., April 12

10:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt at SHCA  
11:00 AM Confessions in St. Anne church  
4:45 PM Confessions in St. Winifred church  
9:30 PM NA in the Convent Dining Rm

### Sun., April 13

9:00 AM Carmelites in the DePalma Rm  
9:00 AM OCIA Meeting in Don Fontana's office

## Starting Good Friday

# Divine Mercy Novena

Join the parish in St. Anne church as we begin a Divine Mercy Novena leading up to our celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27th. Our nine day prayer schedule is below. We hope to see everyone in person, but if you must miss a day, or you can participate at home. The prayers can be found on our website. They consist of a short prayer for the day's intention and recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

**Day 1**, 4/18, Good Friday; We will pray the Divine Mercy Novena after the Good Friday 1:30PM Service and after Stations & Veneration of the Cross at 6:30 PM.

**Day 2**, 4/19, Holy Saturday; We will pray the Divine Mercy Novena at 3:00 PM.

**Day 3**, 4/20, Easter Sunday; Parishioners are encouraged to pray the Divine Mercy Novena at home with family this particular day since it's Easter Sunday.

**Day 4**, 4/21, Easter Monday; We will pray the Divine Mercy Novena after the 8:00 AM Mass

**Day 5**, 4/22, Easter Tuesday; We will pray the Divine Mercy Novena after the 8:00 AM Mass, at 3:00 PM during Adoration and after the 6:30 PM Mass.

**Day 6**, 4/23, Easter Wednesday; We will pray the Divine Mercy Novena after the 8:00 AM Mass.

**Day 7**, 4/24, Easter Thursday; We will pray the Divine Mercy Novena after the 8:00 AM Mass.

**Day 8**, 4/25, Easter Friday; We will pray the Divine Mercy Novena after the 8:00 AM Mass.

**Day 9**, 4/26, Easter Saturday; We will pray the Divine Mercy Novena after the 8:00 AM Mass.

**Divine Mercy Sunday** 4/27; Holy Hour at 3:00PM with Exposition, Adoration, Prayers and Benediction.



# Last Days of Lent

## Lenten Confession Schedule

This Lent, rediscover the healing power of God's love in the Sacrament of Confession. Confessions will continue to be offered on Tuesdays from 5:15 - 6:15 PM and Saturdays from 11:00 - 11:45 AM in Saint Anne church, and on Saturdays from 4:45 PM - 5:15 PM in Saint Winifred Church.

Additionally, Saint Paul of the Cross Parish will join other Parishes throughout the Diocese of Pittsburgh to offer an opportunity to make a good confession this Wednesday, April 9th. If you've been away for a long time, don't worry; The Light is on for YOU! Confessions will be heard from 6:00-8:00 PM in Saint Anne church.

Finally, Saint Paul of the Cross Parish will offer a last opportunity for Reconciliation on Monday, April 14th, beginning at 6:00 PM in Saint Anne church. **Several priests will be available to hear confessions that evening.**

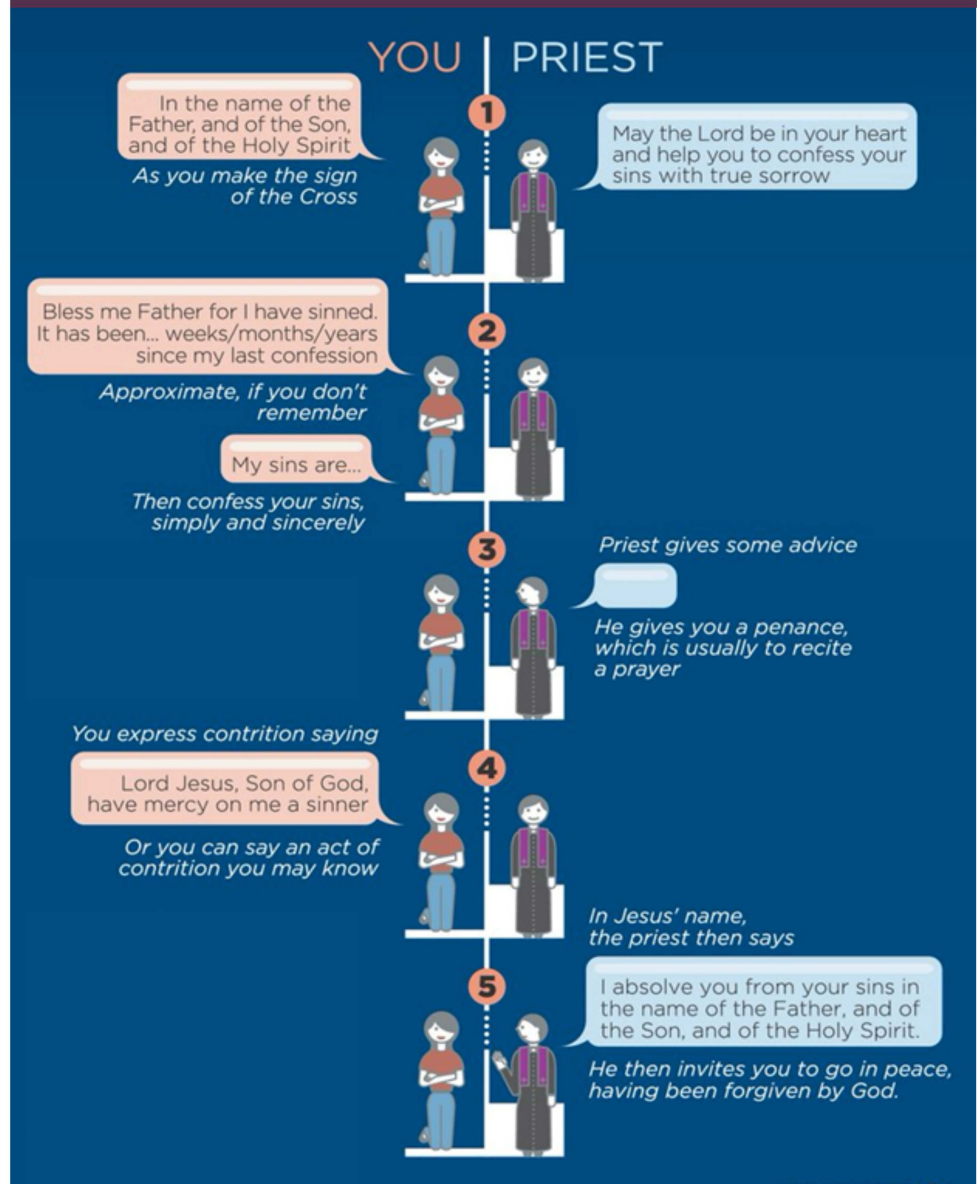


### CHRIST'S TWO COMMANDMENTS

How well do we love God and others? Do we love as Christ calls us to? In the Gospel of Matthew, Christ gives us Two Commandments: "He said to him, 'You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments'" (Mt 22:37-40).

Not sure what love is? St. Paul describes it for us in his Letter to the Corinthians. Is this how you love God and others? "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, [love] is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails" (1Cor 13:4-8).

## Confession Made Easy

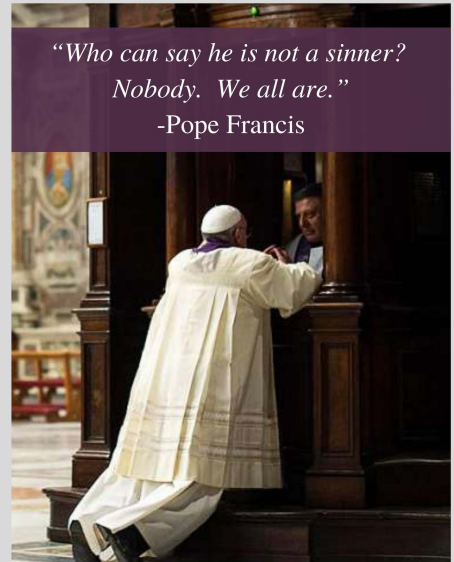


# Reconciliation During Lent

One of the ways to keep a Holy Lent is to go to Confession so that your Easter Communion will truly be holy. Make a point to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation soon. A sincere Confession unites us with Jesus. This act of leaving sin behind is sometimes not easy. Remorse may bring us to tears of regret when we realize the impact of our hard-hearted actions. Mercifully, forgiveness is assured. Reconciliation is achieved because the Father still welcomes home prodigal sons and daughters. If you haven't been to Confession for a while consider making it part of your seasonal preparation.

Before celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation, one should prepare oneself with an examination of conscience, which involves reflecting prayerfully on one's thoughts, words, and deeds in order to identify any sins.

There are various ways to examine your conscience but the one you use should be rooted in Scripture; particularly, the Ten Commandments and Beatitudes.



*"Who can say he is not a sinner?  
Nobody. We all are."  
-Pope Francis*

## For Adults

**I am the Lord your God: you shall not have strange Gods before me.** Have I treated people, events, or things as more important than God?

**You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.** Have my words, actively or passively, put down God, the Church, or people?

**Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.** Do I go to Mass every Sunday (or Saturday Vigil) and on Holy Days of Obligation? Do I avoid, when possible, work that impedes worship to God, joy for the Lord's Day, and proper relaxation of mind and body? Do I look for ways to spend time with family or in service on Sunday?

**Honor your father and your mother.** Do I show my parents due respect? Do I seek to maintain good communication with my parents where possible? Do I criticize them for lacking skills I think they should have?

**You shall not kill.** Have I harmed another through physical, verbal, or emotional means, including gossip or manipulation of any kind? Have I participated in an abortion, or encouraged someone to do so?

**You shall not commit adultery.** Have I respected the physical and sexual dignity of others and myself, and been faithful in marriage?

**You shall not steal.** Have I taken or wasted time or resources that belonged to another?

**You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.** Have I gossiped, told lies, or embellished stories at the expense of another?

**You shall not covet your neighbor's spouse.** Have I honored my spouse with my full affection and exclusive love?

**You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.** Am I content with my own means and needs, or do I compare myself to others unnecessarily?

## For Children

### Responsibilities to God:

- Have I prayed every day?
- Have I prayed my morning prayers and night prayers?
- Have I prayed with my parents and family?
- Have I been moody and rebellious about praying and going to church on Sunday?
- Have I asked the Holy Spirit to help me whenever I have been tempted to sin?
- Have I asked the Holy Spirit to help me do what is right?

### Responsibilities to others:

- Have I been obedient and respectful to my parents?
- Have I lied or been deceitful to them or to others?
- Have I been arrogant, stubborn or rebellious?
- Have I talked back to parents, teachers or other adults?
- Have I pouted and been moody?
- Have I been selfish toward my parents, brothers, and sisters, teachers, or my friends and schoolmates?
- Have I gotten angry at them? Have I hit anyone?
- Have I held grudges or not forgiven others?
- Have I treated other children with respect or have I made fun of them and called them names?
- Have I used bad language?
- Have I stolen anything? Have I returned it?
- Have I performed my responsibilities, such as homework and household chores?
- Have I been helpful and affectionate toward my family?
- Have I been kind and generous with my friends?
- Have I cheated in school?



St. Paul of the Cross Parish



# Fish Fry

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## Easter

# EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 12 at 10 AM

For children 10 and under  
on the grounds of South Hills Catholic Academy &  
St. Winifred church  
(550 Sleepy Hollow Road)



scan here to register or visit  
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