

SAINT PAUL

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Schedule of Masses

Saturday: 9 am

Saturday Eve: 5 pm (Sunday Obligation)

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9 am, 10:30 am, 12 pm, 7:00 pm

Weekdays: Monday-Friday 7:30 am & 12 pm

Holy Days: 7:30 am, Noon & 7:30 pm

National Holidays: 9:00 am

Spanish Mass: 7:00 pm, Second Saturday Each Month



*They were overjoyed at seeing the star,
and on entering the house
they saw the child with Mary his mother.
They prostrated themselves and did him homage.
Then they opened their treasures
and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*

The Parish is Served by

Rev. John Gabriel, Pastor

Rev. Paul Houlis, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Stefano Hong, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Patrick Adikwu, In-Residence

Mr. Tom Flanagan, Deacon

Mr. Jeremiah K. Rehse, Deacon

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JANUARY 7, 2018

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, January 8 ~ The Baptism of the Lord

7:30AM Novena of Masses

12:00PM Michael McCanney ~ Charlie & Cathy Campbell

TUESDAY, January 9

7:30AM Dorothy Bonanno ~ Andrea Pellicciari

12:00PM John Joyce ~ Grace Schulte

WEDNESDAY, January 10

7:30AM Robert Greenseich ~ Sal Capone

12:00PM Thomas Paden ~ Kate Molinari

THURSDAY, January 11

7:30AM Novena of Masses

12:00PM Michael Sargenti ~ The McDermott Family

FRIDAY, January 12

7:30AM Steve Adams ~ Friends at 7:30 Mass

12:00PM Ann & Joe McLoughlin ~ Ann Davaris

SATURDAY, January 13

9:00AM Thomas Skrobala, Jr. ~ The Heck Family

5:00PM Thomas Skrobala, Jr. ~ Charlie & Cathy Campbell

SUNDAY, January 14 ~ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM The Merolli Family ~ Dawn Merolli

9:00AM Deceased Members Holy Name

10:30AM Jim Kinney ~ Ann Kinney

12:00PM People of the Parish

7:00PM Spanish Mass

ST PAUL FAMILY MASS

Sundays at 9:00 AM



Please consider joining our Family Mass

Come One And ALL:

Altar Servers

Greeters

Choir Members

Lectors

Eucharistic Ministers (18 and older)

Usher

Training is available to anyone who wants to participate in any of these roles

Please Contact us at:

familymass@stpaulchurch.org

Or visit stpaulchurchfamilymass.org



DEVOTIONS AND MEMORIALS

To have a loved one remembered please call
the Parish Center
Sanctuary Lamp ~
Bread and Wine



ALTAR BREADS

Maureen Morelli ~ Geri Cassella

ALTAR WINE

SANCTUARY LAMP

Arminda Bonilla Montalvo ~ Sister, Irma

PRAYER REQUESTS

Military

All the women & men who serve in our armed forces.

Sick

Ava Richardson, Dave Columbia, Tommy Fitzpatrick, Beth Peterman, Edward Tighe.

For those names that are listed on the altar

Deceased

Christine Pappas

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

We invite you to begin your new year
With a special invitation:

Spend time before Jesus
in the Most Blessed Sacrament

Eucharistic Adoration will be held in the
Church on

Monday, January 15th

Following the noon mass through 7:30 pm

Please stop in the Church to visit
Our Eucharistic Lord!

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Although the stores have been featuring their Valentine's Day displays for a while now, it is only this weekend that the Church officially ends the Christmas Season. Saturday is the *Feast of the Epiphany*, and this weekend is the *Feast of the Baptism of the Lord* (which is actually the *First Sunday of Ordinary Time*). For those of you who are diehard Christmas fans, a case could be made that we should keep our homes decorated for Christmas until February 2nd, the fortieth day since His birth and the *Feast of the Presentation of the Child Jesus* in the Jerusalem temple. This weekend we will enjoy bringing the Christmas Season to an end with a beautiful concert featuring the Franciscan Sisters of St. Elizabeth Choir and the Stardust Big Band Orchestra (who many of you may remember from our parish Feast day outdoor concert last July). We hope to see many of you present this Sunday afternoon to end the Season in a festive and joyful spirit.

This Sunday is also a first for St. Paul Parish: *we will begin celebrating Mass every Sunday evening at 7 p.m.!* We want to make this liturgy a wonderful and prayerful experience, and we will be working to enhance even further the musical and liturgical experience of those who attend. It was our idea to offer this Mass for one year, the calendar year 2018, to see if there is a genuine need. So, at the end of this year our parish clergy and staff will evaluate whether or not we should continue it. But for this year, we are pleased to offer this option for Holy Mass. It is our hope that it will draw more people to a weekly experience of the Eucharist, the 'source and summit' of our lives as Catholic Christians. Please pass the word, and if you are able to take some liturgical role at this Mass (through your musical talent or in some other way) please let me know.

I also wanted to take some space in this week's bulletin to thank so many people who helped to make the *Advent/Christmas Season* such a tremendous experience of community, spirituality and love. Of course, once we begin to name names, there is always the possibility that someone may be forgotten. Let me apologize in advance if I inadvertently leave someone out- in some ways, you would be the most blessed of all, since the parish didn't officially thank you then God will have to do it Himself, and His rewards are always far better than anything we can give one another on earth! But I do want to thank all those who worked so hard to decorate the Church (Diane Flynn and her Art and Environment Committee and Knights of Columbus who are so relentlessly creative in their desire to make our worship space so beautiful and worthy of the prayer we offer to God), and those who helped to make the outside of the Church beautiful as well (especially John Sebastian and those who work with him who hung the wreath on the tower, put lights on the parish Christmas tree and in the tower, and made sure everything kept working). I want also to thank Donna Schifano, Karen Flanagan, Joe Lynch, and all those who helped to set up so beautifully (and break down so quickly) the Academy gym that we used for our 4:15 Mass on Christmas Eve. We estimate that the 4 p.m. Mass in the Church had over 1000 participants and, at virtually the same time, the Mass in the Gym had over 700 more! I want to thank the Extraordinary Ministers, Altar Servers, Lectors, Ushers, Greeters, Family Mass Committee, and the parish Music Ministry under the direction of Kristen Dabaghian who helped our common prayer to be such a powerful inspiration.

In a very special way, *the priests and I want to thank all of our parish family* who sent us cards, cookies, candy, and so many other wonderful goodies and greetings of the season, along with your expressions of love for your priests, and your friendship, and most especially the assurance of your prayers. How blessed we all feel to be part of this wonderful family of St. Paul. At this time of year, I offer to you once again a poem I discovered many decades ago but really need to read and reflect on every year called "*The Work of Christmas*" by Howard Thurman: "*When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flock, then the work of Christmas begins: to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among people, to make music in the heart.*"

*In the Love of Jesus and Mary,
Father John.*

RESPECT LIFE

Our next Respect Life Committee meeting will be on Tues. Jan.9th, 7:30 pm in the Parish Center - new members are always welcome - please come, and encourage your teen children to join us as well! *Be a voice for the unborn, who seek life!*

Join us for the March For Life - the world's largest pro-life rally - Fri., Jan 19th in Washington, DC; bus departs from St. Elizabeth Church, Wyckoff. See this bulletin for sign-up information!

It's a new year, but an on-going cause: please don't forget the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, if passed, would protect innocent babies from enduring the pain of late-term abortion (20 weeks - or 5 months - post fertilization and beyond). Join this important effort by contacting NJ legislators, asking them to support NJ Bills A-3452 and S-2026. For more information on this and other ways to get involved, visit:

<http://babiesinthewombfeelpain.com/get-involved/>
or visit our parish website: www.stpaulrchurch.org

Healing Retreats, and other resources, are available to assist women and men who may have made decisions they may now regret. For more information on the "Rachel's Vineyard" and "Grief to Grace" Healing Retreats contact Cheryl Riley: rileyche@rcan.org or 973-497-4350.

FAITH FORMATION

There will be a Faith Formation Parent meeting on Wednesday, January 17 at 4 pm or 6 pm for all families with children preparing for First Holy Communion

You can attend either meeting, no need sign up. It will be held in the Academy Cafeteria. If you do not have child care, please bring your children!

Materials will be distributed, therefore it is crucial that your child is represented at one of these meetings.

HELP BUILD A BRIDGE FROM THE STREET TO THE PARISH

"Whoever has encountered Christ, as the Samaritan woman at the well, cannot keep this experience to him/herself, but has the desire to share it, to bring Jesus to others." (Pope Francis)

The teachings of the Catholic faith are unfamiliar to many. Unfortunately, the largest non-Catholic religious group in our country are fallen-away Catholics.

St. Paul Street Evangelization is a non-profit Catholic evangelization organization. The program offers a casual and friendly approach to share Jesus Christ and the truth and beauty of our Catholic Faith with a hungry culture. Our parish recently partnered with this organization in effort to share the Good News with the people of our local communities.

Visit streetevangelization.com and to learn more about joining our newly formed St. Paul Parish Evangelization Team, please don't hesitate to reach out to Deacon Tom at tpflanagan12@gmail.com.

Help us as we respond to our call from Jesus to share the great gift of our Catholic faith. Please join us as we develop a plan to encourage, inspire and invite others into our Parish Family.

Our next meeting will be Jan 15th from 7:30 - 8:30 in the Parish Center.

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On Saturday, Dec 23rd and 24th, Sunday morning of Christmas Eve, Tom, Gary (Gyss) and Dave (Federici) spent almost 3 hours each morning in front of the B & G Bagels shop to answer questions about the Catholic faith, hand out rosaries and literature to anyone that stopped by.

Parishioners may see them around town from time to time.

NEXT BOOK FOR ST PAUL BOOK CLUB!!!

COME AND JOIN our parish Book Club.

The next book we will be reading is "Church Fathers" by Pope Benedict XVI.

Pope Benedict's Church Fathers presents these important figures of early Christianity in all their evangelical vitality and uncompromising love of God. Benedict tells the true story of Christianity's against-all-odds triumph in the face of fierce pagan Roman hostility and persecution. He does this by exploring the lives and the ideas of the early Christian writers, pastors, and martyrs, the men so important to the spread of Christianity that history knows them as "the Fathers of the Church". This rich and engrossing survey of the early Church includes those churchmen who immediately succeeded the Apostles, and is wonderful way to get to know the tremendous spiritually rich patrimony they have bequeathed to us.

At our next meeting will discuss the entire book on Wednesday, January 31st at 7:30pm in the Rectory.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS DONATIONS



We wish to thank all who made a donation towards the Christmas flowers used to make St. Paul Church look so beautiful and festive this Christmas Season. Thank you for your generosity!

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



The New Youth Group has meetings every Tuesday night from 7-9pm in the youth room above the gym. Any high school aged student is welcomed to join us any time. We have fun, food, and most importantly faith. Come check out a style of ministry you have never seen before. You would have never guessed that having faith could be so fun. Hope to see you soon.

Any questions please contact the youth minister, Craig Jandoli at craigjandoli@gmail.com.

"Come & See" Nights



Jesus turned, and saw them following, and said to them, "What do you seek?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?"

An evening to come and see what seminary is like by spending time with priests, seminarians, and other men thinking about priesthood.

RSVP: 201-327-0976 Fr. Stefano or e-mail: shong@stpaulrchurch.org

High School / College Come & See at St. Andrew's College Seminar

5:00pm - Mass, Dinner, Conversation with priests and seminarians
Parents welcome!

Jan. 24, 2018 & Mar. 21, 2018

MARCH FOR LIFE

JANUARY 19, 2018 / WASHINGTON DC

The **March for Life** is the world's largest pro-life rally.

St. Paul Church will join with St. Elizabeth Church, Wyckoff and 7+ other parishes in our area (Only) two buses will depart from St. Elizabeth Church

****Seating is limited - Sign up soon! ****

WHEN: Friday, January 19, 2018

WHERE: Departing from and Returning to St. Elizabeth Church, 700 Wyckoff Ave., Wyckoff

TIME: Leaving for Washington DC after 6am mass celebrated at St. Elizabeth Church (Bagels and coffee will be served in the morning, and a box lunch provided on bus)

COST: Bus transportation, Breakfast and lunch \$40



REGISTRATION FOR MARCH FOR LIFE RALLY, Washington, DC on 1/19/18

Submit your registration and payment at St. Elizabeth Church Parish Center (cash or check payable to Church of St. Elizabeth)

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

TOTAL # TICKETS: _____ @ \$40.00 PER PERSON = \$_____ ENCLOSED CIRCLE : Cash Check

SOCIAL CONCERN

Food Certificate Program - St Paul Food Certificate Program currently aids 50 local families per month by supplementing their incomes with the donation of a food certificate. Donations towards purchasing food certificates are greatly needed as we have seen an increase in need for local families and a decrease in funds for the program. Shoprite of Ramsey offers the Parish a 5% bulk discount when purchasing our monthly allotment of food certificates. Your contribution will help us to continue our efforts in supporting local families in need. Please make checks payable to St Paul Parish and indicate Food Certificate Program in the memo section. If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact Elieen Wimberger at 201-825-0413.

Food Pantry - The St Paul Food Pantry is supported through generous donations from St Paul parishioners. The pantry is located in the front vestibule of the church and is available for all in the community in need. The Food Pantry is open on **Tuesday's from 11:30am - 12:00pm**. Please contact the Parish Center at 201-327-0976 if you need to make special arrangement to access the Food Pantry. Place all food donations in the wooden donation boxes located at the side entrances of the church. We are always in need of the following items:

Juice, Snacks/Cookies/Crackers, White Rice, Canned Meat (Tuna, Chicken, Ham), Can Fruit (Peaches, Pears, Fruit Cocktail), Peanut Butter, Spaghetti Sauce, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Soup, Canned Vegetables (No Peas Please), Paper Products (Tissues, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels), Bath Products (Soap, Shampoo, Deodorant, Toothpaste) Coffee and Tea.

Please no perishable items...

STEWARDSHIP TREASURE

WEEKEND of Dec. 23 – 24: \$15,545.00
\$10,055.00 Collection
\$5,490.00 from Faith Direct

Collection for the weekend of Dec. 30-31 will be in next week's bulletin.

Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: NJ654 to sign up for Online Giving.
Thank you for your continued support.

SAINT PAUL BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
Matthew 5:4

Meetings are held once a month
The Third Wednesday at 10 -11:30 a.m.
Or
The Third Thursday at 7:30 – 9 p.m.

Our next meeting will be
Wednesday, January 17 at 10 a.m.
Or
Thursday, January 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Meetings are strictly confidential. They will be held on a continuing basis for support, sharing and encouragement. For more information

Contact Linda Chiappetta 201-970-6548 or
E-mail at Bereavement@stpaulrcchurch.org.

Going Through A Difficult Time, Don't Suffer Alone...



We're brought up to be strong, self-sufficient, independent people. We tend to think that if we ask for help, it is a sign of weakness. So we try to keep our struggles hidden and are reluctant to ask for help. However, that's not God's plan. Galatians 6:2 says, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." God wants us to care for others – and allow others to care for us in our time of need. If you're grieving or sad or struggling with a difficult situation in life, don't suffer alone. Ask for help. Here at St. Paul's we have a team of Stephen Ministers who are ready to listen, care, encourage, pray, and help you through a tough time while maintaining confidentiality.

Find out more about Stephen Ministry by contacting Anne Palladino at annaitalia20@aol.com or calling the Parish Center at (201) 327-0976.

Let us all celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany by experiencing our own epiphany - become Enlightened!

BOOK STAND (Kiosk) Locations:

Jan. 6-12 entrance closest to the Rectory
 Jan. 13-26 entrance near Gospel side of the Altar

Why do we March for Life in Washington, DC?



There is Life in the Womb (CD)
 Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen



A Voice for the Unborn (CD)
 Lila Rose

What does Baptism do for us?

Reborn Episode 1: A New Creation (English with Spanish Dub- DVD)

- the amazing power and relevance of Baptism

How was the Holy Family like our family?

Joy to the World - Dr. Scott Hahn (Book) - The Story of a Family

-the story of a father, a mother, and a child, their relationships, interactions, principles, individual lives, and their life in common



10 Things that Make for a Great Catholic Family
10 Things that Make for a Great Catholic Mom (Dad)
On Love in the Family

GOD BLESS!

MORNING OF HEALING

FOR PERINATAL LOSS

THE OFFICES OF FAMILY & RESPECT LIFE

The morning of healing is for those who have suffered the loss of a child due to miscarriage, stillbirth or neo-natal death. We invite all parents, siblings, grandparents and others who are affected by the loss of a baby. All are welcome to attend regardless of whether the loss was recent or long ago.



EVENT DETAILS

When: Saturday, February 17, 2018
Time: 8:30am to 12:30pm
Where: St. Thomas the Apostle Church
 60 Byrd Avenue, Bloomfield, NJ 07003
Cost: Free of Charge
Free babysitting available

AGENDA INCLUDES:

Presentations on topics specific to perinatal loss, small group discussions with others who have experienced this type of loss, a memorial service for your child, resources and fellowship. Lunch & Refreshments will be provided. Registration is required for the preparation of the event.



REGISTER ONLINE AT:

<http://Events.rcan.org/PerinatalLoss/>

For more information contact :
 Cheryl Riley 973-497-4350 or Cheryl.Riley@rcan.org
 Lauren Egan 973-497-4327 or Lauren.Egan@rcan.org

VNA of Englewood Hospice is now recruiting Hospice volunteers: We have an array of opportunities for any individual looking to serve their community and become part of our Hospice Team. VNA provides in-house training to all new volunteers at our Englewood office. VNA of Englewood Hospice Volunteers are compassionate individuals who attend special training to become a supportive component for our Hospice team.

We have opportunities to volunteer directly with patients as well as many clerical and administrative duties available. Perhaps you are a creative individual and would like to work with arts and crafts, sewing, massage or Reiki and would like to share your talents through hospice care. We welcome all who would be giving of their time to help provide companionship to our patients.

To learn more about our training sessions, dates and times please feel free to contact me. Thank you.

Marion McGowan

MASS Appeal

Attending Mass with your child

From a Mom's point of view

Prepare at home

Eat

Dress in your Sunday best

Make going to church a special event

Discuss your expectations: sit still, be quiet and respectfully, etc. We come to

God's house to offer praise and thanksgiving

Arrive at church early

Rushing in only leads to a child being just as rushed and hyper at Mass

Sit in the front - it is the best seat in God's House!

Appeal to the senses

*Let them follow in the worship book. Even if they cannot read they will feel important when they are doing what you do.

*Let them light a candle

*Before or after Mass, walk them around, show them the stained glass, the statues, the baptismal font, tabernacle, etc.

*Teach them to shake hands at the Sign of Peace

*Let them touch whatever is appropriate (holy water, statues)

*Teach them to sing...Alleluia and Amen are very easy for them to learn

*Teach simple responses (Thanks be to God)

*Do not be afraid to sit with your child (even if it is time to stand). Sit with them and explain what is happening, this will help them understand. Remember they may be unable to see what we see since they are smaller in stature.

*Explain the Mass parts; let your child know what to anticipate. When they will hear Scripture stories, when they will sit, stand and kneel, how many songs you will sing from the songbook

If you have any questions about the Mass, do not be afraid to ask the priest or parish staff.

If you feel you have tried everything and your child is being disruptive at Mass, try backward chaining. Come for the last 10 minutes of Mass for awhile, and keep increasing the time by 10 minutes until your child can participate in the entire celebration.

Participation = Success

The Mass is an incredible celebration which engages all of our senses! Take advantage of the richness of the Eucharistic celebration and a prayerful hour with the Lord. Before you know it, Mass will be appealing to you and your family!

By: Colleen Jagde

Director, Faith Formation

Created on: 9/13/07 - when our daughter was 4 years old

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS



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Academy of St Paul is our parish school! Make a Catholic education a priority for your family.

Academy of Saint Paul, a 2015 National Blue Ribbon School, provides academic excellence in an atmosphere of love and Catholic Christian values through scholarship, spirituality and service. Our rigorous curriculum and exemplary teachers prepare our students to take their place as faith-filled stewards in the Church and the world. Let us partner with you in your child's school success and in the development of their Catholic identity. Call 201-327-1108 to arrange a tour. For more information, visit www.academyofstpaul.org.



Academy Happenings



CALENDAR RAFFLE TICKETS

The Academy of St Paul will be selling calendar raffle tickets following this weekend's Saturday evening and Sunday morning and noon masses. For a donation of \$10, you have a chance at a prize between \$50 and \$300 every day through March 31. Even if you win, we put your name back in the barrel and you can win again and again. Thank you for supporting the Academy of St Paul.

We are soliciting volunteers to sell at all of the masses except Sunday night.

PARISH STAFF INFORMATION

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MISSION STATEMENT

*We are Catholic Christians
who embrace the plan of God for our salvation.*

*We come together in faith
to worship in a loving community.*

*We are moved by the Holy Spirit
to witness to the life, death, and
resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

*We wish to live out the vision of Jesus
expressed in the Beatitudes
as it unfolds in our daily life,
through time, talent and treasure.*

SACRAMENT INFORMATION

Baptism

Parents, please contact the Parish Center during the pregnancy, or prior to adoption, to begin preparing for your child's baptism.

Penance

Saturdays 1:00-2:00 pm or by appointment.

Marriage

Arrangements must be made one year in advance.

Anointing of the Sick

At two special Eucharistic Liturgies in Church during the year. Visitation of the sick at home any time.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

For those interested in becoming a Catholic. Call the Parish Center for information.