



ST. PAUL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

200 WYCKOFF AVENUE - RAMSEY, NEW JERSEY 07446

the *amazing* parish

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

January 8, 2017

The Epiphany of The Lord



Schedule of Masses

Saturday: 9 am

Saturday Eve: 5 pm (Sunday Obligation)

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9 am, 10:30 am, & 12 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

Served by

Rev. John Gabriel, Pastor

Rev. Paul Houlis, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Stefano Hong, Parochial Vicar

Mr. Tom Flanagan, Deacon

Mr. Jeremiah K. Rehse, Deacon

Gail Ritchie, School Principal

John Nunziata, Pastoral Associate

Colleen Jagde, Director of Faith Formation

Kristin Dabaghian, Director of Music Ministry & Liturgy

Donna Schifano, Director of Outreach

Eric Erler, Director of Youth Ministry

John Weiss, Business Manager

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School: 201.327.1108 // www.academyofstpaul.org

Youth Office: 201.825.9199

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.*

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.



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Mass Intentions for the Week of January 8th



MONDAY, Jan. 9 - The Baptism of the Lord
 Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17 (21)
 7:30 **Marie Vachon**; *Req by Addie Caputi*
 12:00 **Michael Connolly**; *Req by Jim & Anne McGowan*

TUESDAY, Jan. 10 - Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28 (306)
 7:30 **Novena of Masses**
 12:00 **Joan McCormack**; *Req by Mr. & Mrs. Earl Ritchie*

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 11 - Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39 (307)
 7:30 **Betsy Ursich**; *Req by Gail Ritchie*
 12:00 **William J. Gallagher**; *Req by The Gallagher Family*

THURSDAY, Jan. 12 - Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45 (308)
 7:30 **Deacon Fritz Kautz**; *Req by Carol & Frank Meyers*
 12:00 **Novena of Masses**

FRIDAY, Jan. 13 - Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12 (309)
 7:30 **Stephen Sules**; *Req by Deborah Davison*
 12:00 **May Furlong**; *Req by Theresa O'Keefe*

SATURDAY, Jan. 14 - Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17 (310)
 9:00 **Joseph Giannini**; *Req by The Byrne Family*
 5:00 **Joseph D'Apolito**; *Req by The Family*
 7:00 **Hispanic Mass**

SUNDAY, Jan. 15 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34 (64)
 7:30 **People of the Parish**
 9:00 **Cornelia Heintz**; *Req by Jim & Pat Forbes*
 10:30 **Christopher Canavan**; *Req by Nancy Johnston*
 12:00 **Benjamin Conroy**; *Req by Marie Mulcahy*



IN YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE REMEMBER

all the women & men who serve in our armed forces;

THE SICK, ESPECIALLY:

Jimmy Lanza
John Owsik

FOR THOSE NAMES THAT ARE LISTED ON THE ALTAR;

and THE DECEASED:

Dorothy Bodnar
Doris Ciarfello
Loretta Dembia

This week's **SANCTUARY LAMP** burns in memory of Elmo Cauda requested by Frances Narducci.



Bereavement Ministry

Do you feel called to serve to the needs of the bereaved persons in your parish community? An eight-week Bereavement Ministry facilitator training program is now open for registration. The course is offered by the Office of Family Life Ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark. Two hour sessions begin in February and continue into April. Participants may become Bereavement Support Group Facilitators in parishes within the Archdiocese. For class days, location, registration and fee information, please contact Lauren Egan at 973-497-4327 or eganlaur@rcan.org. Pre-registration is required; class size is limited. **Participants must meet the requirements of the Safe Environment Program of the Archdiocese of Newark.**

If you are interested in becoming part of the Bereavement Ministry at St. Paul Parish, please contact Donna Schifano at dschifano@stpaulrcchurch.org.

The Epiphany of the Lord

From
the
Pastor 

Dear Parish Family,

So, how are the New Year's Resolutions coming along? Usually at this point in time I am already backtracking on my good intentions, but it's important we keep striving (in our own imperfect way) to continue on the journey toward holiness and wholeness. Recently I read *Pope Francis List of New Year's Resolutions* gleaned from counsel he has given to us over this past year. They include: *Don't gossip, finish your meals, make time for others, choose the more humble purchase, meet the poor in the flesh, stop judging others, befriend those who disagree, make commitments (such as marriage), make it a habit to 'ask the Lord' and be happy.* Imagine how different aspects of 2017 would be for us if we chose these resolutions for ourselves and attempted to live by them! This New Year of grace offers so many wonderful opportunities to us as individuals, as families, and as a parish family. May the Lord guide us along the road according to His desires and His direction this year.

As I look back on my first Advent/Christmas here at St. Paul's I am amazed at how wonderful the experience has been (and a little exhausting as well). I was especially overjoyed that first Monday morning of Advent when we opened the rectory for scripture sharing before the fireplace and 73 people showed up (and we had to expand to Monday AND Wednesday mornings)! The quiet and stillness of those mornings and the grace-filled *Lectio Divina* sharing truly helped me to anchor Advent in the beauty of faith. All of the Christmas parties, the concerts, the beautiful liturgies, the academy and faith formation events, and so many wonderful greetings and joy-filled sharing made it a memorable experience for so many. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of you who participated in any way in the festivities: the *Art & Environment Committee* for the beautiful Advent and Christmas decorations both in the Church and in the parish gym, the *Music Ministry* for sharing their gift of music (so integral to the Christmas celebrations), the other *liturgical ministries* that helped our parish prayer to be so profound, the *teachers and catechists* that worked with our children to help them understand the true meaning of Christmas, our *youth ministry* who set up the luminaria around the Church as people arrived for Holy Mass, the parish counting teams, all those who worked so hard to set up and clean up and cook and serve, to the *Social Action Committee* and *Knights of Columbus* and all those who coordinated and contributed to our parish outreach to those in need (*the Giving Trees*, food, etc.), and all who came to pray and invited others to do so. I also want to thank the *Parish Staff* for all of their hard work and the opportunity to share this joyful season with them. *In the name of Father Stefano, Father Paul, and in my own name we are so personally grateful to all of you who sent cookies, cakes, candy, lasagna's (we got three!), cards and gifts to the rectory. I know I speak for the other priests when I assure each of you a warm place in our own personal prayers.* Soon we will put Christmas away until next time, but we thank God for the ways He has been born again in our hearts, in our relationships, in our generosity, and in our parish family! *New Year Blessings to all!*

Let us also pray for the *Youth Group* who are away this weekend on retreat, that this will truly be a time of deeper personal conversion and faith in their own lives (it was a youth retreat when I was a high school senior that changed my life forever!). Remember to join us next Friday night for the *Mike Mangione Concert* and next Saturday morning as the parish *Extraordinary Ministers gather for a Morning of Reflection*. And let us also pray for *Cardinal Joseph Tobin*, our new Archbishop. We look forward to welcoming him to his new family here in Ramsey. This year the *Feast of the Baptism of the Lord* (the end of the Christmas season) takes place Monday, January 9. We want to welcome back to St. Paul all of those families who have baptized their children here during this past year as we invite them to join us this Sunday morning in the rectory for some fellowship. *Christmas may be over, but let the joy and celebrating continue! After all, Christ is born, and that reality can cultivate enough joy for a lifetime and beyond!*

*In His Love,
Father John Gabriel*

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FR. PAUL & ST. PAUL'S PRESENTS

FREE
ENTRY

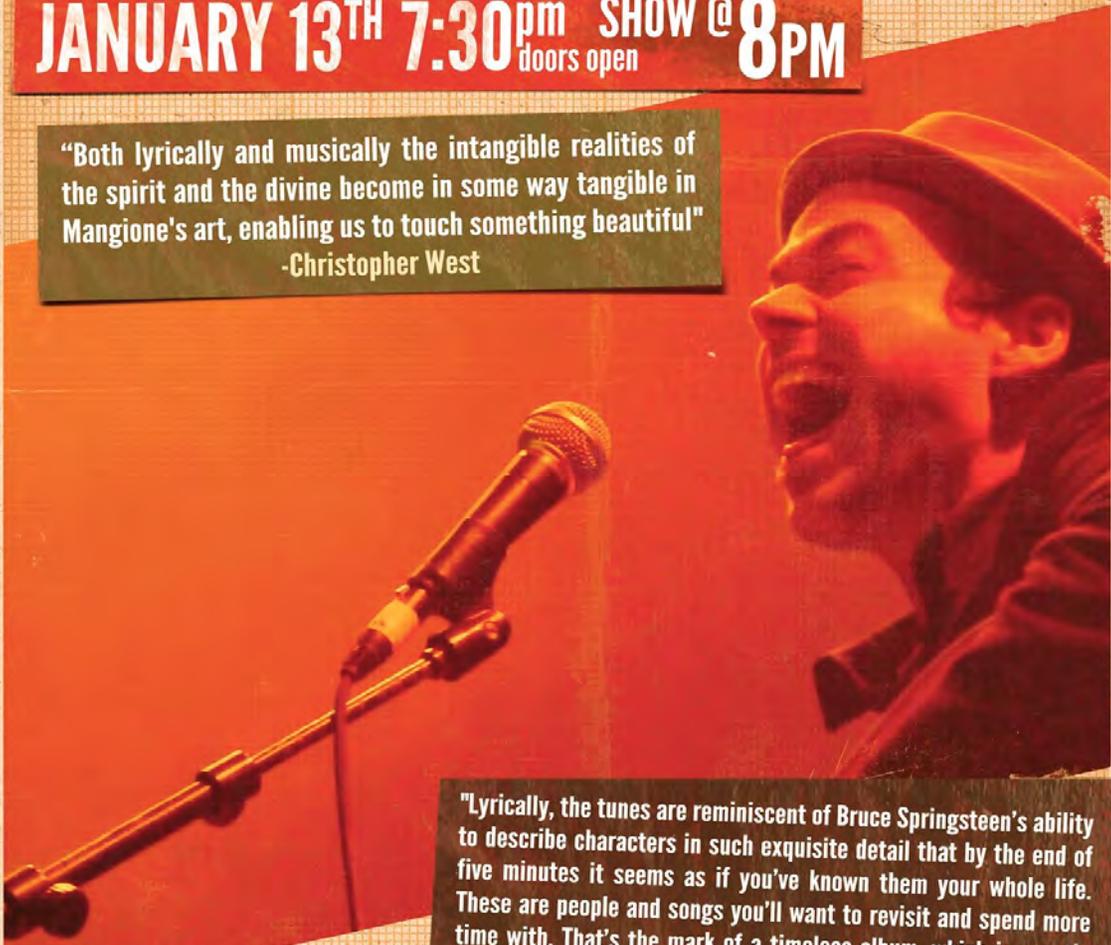
MIKE MANGIONE



GOODWILL
OFFERING
ACCEPTED

JANUARY 13TH 7:30^{pm} SHOW @ 8^{PM}
doors open

"Both lyrically and musically the intangible realities of the spirit and the divine become in some way tangible in Mangione's art, enabling us to touch something beautiful"
-Christopher West



"Lyrically, the tunes are reminiscent of Bruce Springsteen's ability to describe characters in such exquisite detail that by the end of five minutes it seems as if you've known them your whole life. These are people and songs you'll want to revisit and spend more time with. That's the mark of a timeless album, which is exactly what this under the radar gem is. Play it once and you'll be calling your friends to rave about Mangione, his chamber folk and one of the hidden musical highlights of the year."
-American Songwriter Magazine

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Morning of Reflection

All Extraordinary Ministers are invited and encouraged to attend a Morning of Reflection with Fr. John Gabriel on Saturday, January 14 beginning with the 9 am Mass. Following the liturgy, we will review practical preparation to fulfill our roles, knowledge and reverence.

Building & Grounds Committee

Our next Building & Grounds Committee Meeting will take place on Monday, January 14 at 7 pm in the Parish Center.

Holy Hour For Life

Mt Carmel Church, Ridgewood --
Thursday January 26th - 7:30 Pm

Fr. Paul Houlis will be preaching at the Holy Hour for Life on Thursday, January 26th, 7:30 pm at Mt. Carmel Church in Ridgewood.

Please join us - as the 3 parishes of St. Paul Church and St. Elizabeth Church (Wyckoff) and Mt. Carmel Church (Ridgewood) join efforts to support the sanctity of human life - beginning with this Holy Hour for Life, on the eve of the March for Life - followed by our pilgrimage to Washington DC on Friday, January 27th to witness to the opposition of the 1973 Roe v Wade decision which legalized abortion in the U.S.

March For Life - Friday January 27th

Bus Departs St. Elizabeth Church, Wyckoff Following 6 Am Mass. Seating Is Limited - See The Flier In This Bulletin For Details!

Social Media Outlets

Please follow St. Paul's Young Adult Ministry on social media. Find us on Facebook at "St Paul Young Adult Ramsey", and on Twitter at "youngadultspc". Soon to come... "Instagram".

The STEWARDSHIP TREASURE for the WEEKEND of December 31-January 1 is \$19,078.00 which includes \$5,691.00 from Faith Direct. We are grateful for your ongoing generosity.

Since we are still receiving Christmas donations, the total will be in the future bulletin.



Thinking Priesthood?

www.NewPriestNJ.com - Archdiocesan Office of Priestly Vocations
973.313.6190

Know someone thinking about priesthood?
Invite them to our

Monthly Holy Hours & Discernment Group:

Spring 2017: Jan. 11, Feb. 8, Mar. 8, Apr 19*

A time for prayer, discussion, and fraternity for men thinking about a call to serve as a Diocesan Priest in the Archdiocese of Newark.

During the academic year (September-April) we meet on the second Wednesday of the month from 7:00pm-9:00pm at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Seton Hall University.

Registration suggested: 201-327-0976 Fr. Stefano or e-mail: shong@stpaulrcchurch.org.

**April 2017 falls on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.*

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.

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MARCH FOR LIFE / 2017

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

Thousands of Americans make their way to Washington, D.C. every January to remember the more than 50 million American children who have been lost to abortion.

We march with the vision of a culture of life, one where every child is welcomed into life and protected by the law. We march, in remembrance of – and with great sensitivity to – the Moms and Dads who have suffered from the pain of abortion.

St. Paul parish will join with St. Elizabeth Church, Wyckoff and Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Ridgewood for bus transportation, departing from St. Elizabeth Church, Wyckoff.

****Seating is on a
first-come, first-served basis. ****

WHEN: Friday, January 27, 2017

WHERE: Departing from and Returning to St. Elizabeth Church, Wyckoff (parking Lot)

TIME: Leaving for Washington, D.C. 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 and Lunch: \$50

Questions: Contact Diane Flynn: the3flynns@aol.com / (201) 891-9237.

REGISTRATION FOR MARCH FOR LIFE RALLY, Washington, D.C. on 1/27/17
(Submit to St. Paul Parish Center: Registration, cash or check payable to St. Elizabeth Church)

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

TOTAL # TICKETS: _____ @ \$50.00 PER PERSON

\$ _____ ENCLOSED

CIRCLE:

Cash

Check

The Epiphany of the Lord



Upcoming Events:
Journey
January 6 - 8

Archdiocesan Ski Retreat
February 24-26

The Ski Trip offers an opportunity for our youth to experience an Archdiocesan community of their peers, to be able to share stories, witness to one another, pray, dance, learn and basically have a good time. The trip includes a Friday Pizza & Pool Party, a youth mass, a dance on Saturday night, and an opportunity to challenge Eric to a skiing contest. Registration fee and form to be submitted January 10. For more information attend youth group meetings

Souper Bowl of Caring Food Drive
February 4 & 5

The "Souper Bowl of Caring Food Drive" utilizes Super Bowl weekend to mobilize youth to fight hunger and poverty in their local communities. The nationwide event transforms Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest youth-led weekend of giving and serving. The youth group will create posters to raise awareness and collect food and money outside the church after masses. Help the St. Paul's Youth Group reach this year's goal of 750 cans of soup and \$3,000 by volunteering to help out on Super Bowl Weekend. Youth interested in helping out with this event must register by January 24. For more information attend youth group meetings.

Mark Your Calendar

Fish Fry Volunteers Needed
Every Friday During Lent!

Check Out Our Website!

Go to www.StPaulRCChurch.org, scroll over "Ministries", and click on "Youth Ministry" to get information about meetings, retreats, events, community service, and all the fun activities we do every year!

High School Youth Group

Meetings are scheduled for Tuesdays from 7:30 until 9:00 pm; gather at 7:15 pm.



**Discipleship Events for
6th, 7th & 8th Grade**

6th and 7th grade Students that are enrolled in the Summer or Sunday Program should attend 3 Discipleship events. Those enrolled on Monday Evenings should attend one event. Parents are invited to attend this session with their child. Calendars have been distributed to all families. Students are encouraged to attend Parish Events (i.e. Daughters of St. Paul, Living Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Children of Hope, etc) as part of this requirement. Students should write a brief reflection about their experience. This reflection should be submitted to the Faith Formation office. Attendance will only be taken at Discipleship Events that meet in the cafeteria and scheduled through the Faith Formation office. There will be no attendance taken at Parish Events that meet in the Church; the written reflection will be counted as the attendance.



Please like and give the St. Paul Faith Formation Ramsey NJ Facebook page a thumbs up. Prayers, Catholic news and announcements are posted on the page on a regular basis.



<https://www.facebook.com/St-Paul-Faith-Formation-Ramsey-NJ-737477742985941/>

**St Paul Church Christian Community
joyfully welcomes the children
baptized in the month of**

December 2016



- Julia Rose Ascrizzi**, daughter of Jennifer & Robert
- Gianni Stephen Moccio**, son of Kassidie & Louis
- Ryan William Yurt**, son of Melissa & Gregory

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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



National Junior Honor Society students share their leadership talents as Recess Counselors during K-3 Recess.



Please join us for

Open House
 Wednesday,
 1/11/2017,
 10:00-11:30am

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

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Saint Paul Church ~ RCIA
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

"Creating Disciples, Not Scholars"



Is your spiritual life dry and in need of inspiration?
Are you or a loved one yearning to be in full communion with the Catholic Church?
Baptized but never received First Communion or Confirmation?
Not baptized but eager to learn more about becoming Catholic?

Inquire now on how you can receive the Sacraments

What is RCIA? ~ the process for initiation into the Catholic Church which is a rewarding journey of faith development, learning and prayer.

Who is RCIA for? ~ Persons in need of Baptism; Persons baptized in another Christian faith but interested in becoming Catholic; Persons baptized Catholic in need of First Communion and/or Confirmation.

Why RCIA? ~ Come and find peace, wisdom and reconciliation. Today's Catholic Church is a *hospital for sinners, not a museum for saints*. You will learn how the History of Salvation is relevant today. Embrace Jesus as Savior and Redeemer. Have you ever wondered about the devotions and gestures of the Catholic Church? Do you *really* understand the Mass? Did you know there are more than 12,000 saints? Can the Beatitudes, if practiced, be the solution for peace in the world? When did *reconciliation* replace *confession*? All this and more If you sincerely want to fully embrace the Catholic faith.

How to begin the process? ~ Contact John Nunziata, Pastoral Associate
201-327-0976 or jnunziata@stpaulrchurch.org