



ST. PAUL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

200 WYCKOFF AVENUE - RAMSEY, NEW JERSEY 07446

the *amazing* parish

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

January 15, 2017

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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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.



January 15, 2017

Mass Intentions for the Week of January 15th



MONDAY, Jan. 16 - Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22 (311)
7:30 Fritz Kautz; Req by Mr. & Mrs. Earl Ritchie
12:00 Salvatore Palmieri; Req by Mrs. Gail Ritchie & Academy of St. Paul
TUESDAY, Jan. 17 - St. Anthony
Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28 (312)
7:30 Carolyn Thiel; Req by Theresa O'Keefe
12:00 Nora Walsh; Req by Judy & Ray Walsh
WEDNESDAY, Jan. 18 - Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6 (313)
7:30 Thomas Rogers; Req by The Family
12:00 Novena of Masses
THURSDAY, Jan. 19 - Heb 7:25 - 8:6; Mk 3:7-12 (314)
7:30 Barbara Suess; Req by Bernard Suess
12:00 Doris Daigie; Req by Mr. & Mrs. Earl Ritchie
FRIDAY, Jan. 20 - Heb 8:6-13; Mk 3:13-19 (315)
7:30 Novena of Masses
12:00 Arthur McCormack; Req by Theresa O'Keefe
SATURDAY, Jan. 21 - St. Agnes
Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Mk 3:20-21 (316)
9:00 Vincent Mahon, Sr.; Req by Fran Mahon
5:00 Sisto Sacconanno; Req by The Family
SUNDAY, Jan. 22 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 8:23 - 9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17 (67)
7:30 Dr. Joseph Pizzurro; Req by The Filippone Family
9:00 Madison Ann Voigt; Req by The Voigt Family
10:30 Marc Smith; Req by Judi & Ugo D'Andrea
12:00 People of the Parish

Prayer Request logo
IN YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE REMEMBER
all the women & men who serve in our armed forces;
THE SICK, ESPECIALLY:
Baby Avery Rose Harris
Leonard Gudelski
Dina Klaic
FOR THOSE NAMES THAT ARE LISTED ON THE ALTAR;
and THE DECEASED:
John A. Dispoto
Robert Carey Jr.
Palma Ravettine

This week's ALTAR WINE is donated in memory of Catherine Bartley requested by Joe & Ann Marie McCarthy.



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.

From
the
Pastor 

Dear Parish Family,

In ancient pagan Roman mythology, the god Janus was the god of portals, gates and doors. He was usually depicted as having two faces, one on the front and the other on the back of his head. The reason was because he was able to see backward in time and forward, as the god of doors he could see where someone had come from and where they were going. The month of January is named for Janus, the month that begins a new year, looking back on all that has been and forward to all that is still yet to be. As we begin this new year of grace 2017, we are indeed mindful and grateful for all that has been. When we reflect on our own personal lives, and the history of St. Paul Church, the people of this parish can be justly proud of all that you have accomplished and the many ways Christ has been known through your presence, your faith and love. But January is also a time to look forward with eager expectation, not afraid of the unknown (as those without faith might be afraid) but confident in all that God still wishes to do in us and through us. God said to the prophet Jeremiah: *"I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future."*

Rooted in the excitement and new opportunities that a new year presents before us, I would like to announce *three new parish initiatives here at St. Paul*. It is my hope that, after careful consideration and prayer, many members of our parish family will choose to take part in one or all of these (or even one of the existing groups and ministries already present in the parish). The three new things I would like to begin here at St. Paul are:

1. **PARISH BOOK CLUB**: I love to read, and I know many of you do as well. I thought it might be fun to come together monthly and discuss books that we might read on pertinent spiritual topics. The first book I would like us to read together is called *"Silence"* by Shusaku Endo. This novel is a work of historical fiction written in 1966 and tells the story of Jesuit missionaries that labored to bring the faith to Japan. The paperback version of the book can be purchased at your favorite bookstore or online (and we will have a few copies for sale in the Parish Office). I would like to have our first meeting of our new Book Club on Wednesday Evening, February 1 in the parish library when we can discuss Chapters 1 and 2 of the book. I hope those who love to read will join me!
2. **COMMUNICATIONS/MEDIA COMMITTEE**: Many people today, especially the young, are truly gifted when it comes to websites, apps and the internet. I would like to form a committee to help us upgrade our parish website, perhaps develop a parish app, and use social media in a better way to assist in the New Evangelization. Please watch the bulletin in the next few weeks for the date and time of the first meeting!
3. **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**: Pope Francis has called the Church (and all people of good will) to a greater care for the environment. I would like to form a group of concerned parishioners who can look at the Pope's encyclical *"Laudato Si"* to discover the pope's thoughts on this topic, to help the parish learn more about how religious faith and our obligations to God's creation intersect, and to be involved concretely in environmental issues on the local or state level. This group will meet for the first time on Monday Evening, February 6 (location TBD). All are invited!

I have other ideas floating around in my head for new initiatives in our parish, but let's start here for now. Stay tuned for other opportunities! There are so many ways faith can impact our world, so many opportunities to grow in the life of the Spirit, so many ways to encounter one another and serve together. Get involved in something! There's so much to choose from!

*In His Love,
Father John*

Building & Grounds Committee

Our next Building & Grounds Committee Meeting will take place on Monday, January 16 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!

Vocations Prayer Chalice

Our parish will start praying for vocations with a "Vocations Prayer Chalice." Praying for vocations is a responsibility and privilege of the laity. The Prayer Chalice will be presented to a family at the conclusion of a Sunday Mass each week. The family will take the Chalice home and use it as a focal point while praying through a week-long program for vocations within the Archdiocese of Newark. In successive weeks, the Chalice will be passed to other families. If you are interested in this program, please contact shong@stpaulrcchurch.org. Please watch the bulletin for more details.



Souper Bowl Of Caring Food Drive

Super Bowl Weekend
February 4 & 5



THE ST. PAUL'S YOUTH GROUP PRESENTS: The "Souper Bowl of Caring Food Drive"! This community service event 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. Help the St. Paul's Youth Group reach this year's goal of 750 cans of soup and \$3,000 by bringing cans of soup and cash to masses on Super Bowl Weekend. Donations may be placed in the displays at the corners of the altar.

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".

Weight Watchers Program

A new Weight Watchers Program begins at St Paul Parish Center beginning February 2, call Donna Schifano for details at 201-327-0976 or email dschifano@stpaulrcchurch.org.

Our Prayers and Best Wishes to
Melanie Ann Strollo and Michael Patrick Bohlin
who celebrated their marriage at
St. Paul Church
on Saturday,
December 31, 2016 at 3:00 pm.

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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

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Cash

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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 arrangements 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, Ice Tea Mix, Snacks/Cookies/Crackers, White Rice, Canned Meat (Tuna, Chicken, Ham), Can Fruit (Peaches, Pears, Fruit Cocktail), Cereal, 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...

Youth Group News



Upcoming Events:

Archdiocesan Ski Retreat

February 24-26

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.

Stewardship Treasure

The STEWARDSHIP TREASURE for the WEEKEND of January 7-8 is \$17,648.00 which includes \$4,553.00 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.

Faith Formation



"Our Family Prays"

The Office of Faith Formation has the "Our Family Prays" prayer booklet available for purchase. This book is a collection of rituals, blessing, prayers, and traditions to encourage and inspire Catholic families to keep prayer at the heart of their home. It is organized by the seasons of the liturgical year and includes religious traditions and celebrations from around the world. "Our Family Prays" will engage families in all stages of life. Please contact the Faith Formation Office at 201-327-8010 or stop by the Parish office, if you would like a book. Books are \$5 each, supply is limited.



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.



"Time for Me"



There will be a "Time for Me" (Adults all ages) at Pinot's Palette on Wednesday, February 11 from 11 am or 1 pm (doors open at 10:30 am). Then there will be a Middle School (grades 6, 7 and 8) gathering at Pinot's Palette "Surfin' with the Saints" on Tuesday, April 11 from 11 am to 1 pm (doors open at 10:30 am)....sign up information will be available shortly.



St. Paul Faith Formation Ramsey NJ Facebook

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/.



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**Young Adult Sip and Paint
Great people and great time!
Everyone has a new Christmas decoration too!**





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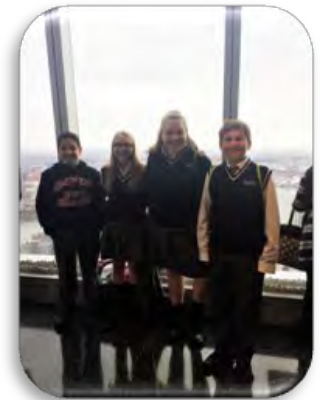
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Academy of St Paul is our parish school! Make a Catholic education a priority for your family.

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



Eighth grade students had an amazing trip to WTC in New York City for a presentation about engineering cities of the future.

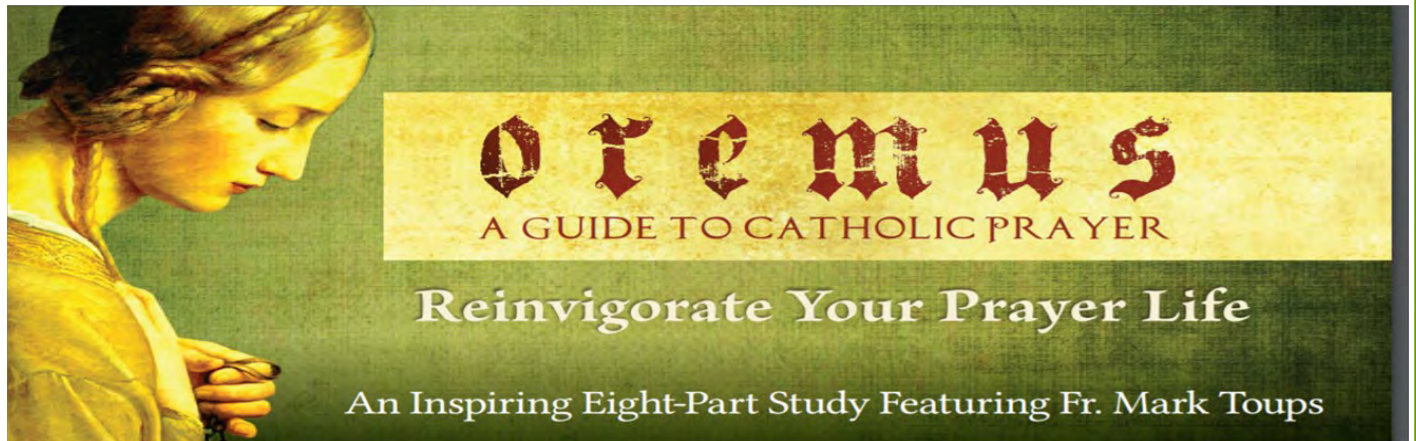
West Side Story

The Tony and Academy Award winning musical, West Side Story, will be performed on the stage of the Inserra Theater at **St. Joseph Regional High School**, 40 Chestnut Ridge Road Montvale, NJ. The cast includes Saint Paul parishioners: Megan Roche and James Zitelli.

Performance dates are: Friday, January 27 at 7:00pm; Saturday, January 28 at 2:00pm and 7:00pm; Sunday, January 29 at 3:00pm; Thursday, February 2 at 7:00pm; Friday, February 3 at 7:00pm; and Saturday, February 4 at 2:00pm and 7:00pm. Tickets are \$23 & \$19 each. Our Senior Citizen Preview performance is Wednesday, January 25 at 3:00pm with unreserved seating and tickets will be sold at the door (\$5 each for seniors) for this performance. Students may purchase tickets online to the Thursday performance at \$15 with student identification provided at admission. **TICKETS ON SALE JANUARY 16 at sjr.booktix.com**

For more information contact: www.sjrtheater.com or call 201-391-7422.

January 15, 2017



Welcome to Oremus...the next Bible Study Course offered at St Paul Parish...Beginning the week of Feb 17 we will meet once a week for (8) weeks to be inspired and deepen our prayer life. In the Oremus program there are eight sessions, each of which will be led by Fr Mark Toups (via video) who will guide us through an easy-to-understand teaching on prayer. After each session we will have small group discussions surrounding the truths of what we have heard.

In Oremus you will:

- Become aware of God's Presence in your life
- Discover the simple yet profound steps of Catholic Prayer
- Learn how to respond to God and express yourself in prayer
- Discover how to hear God's voice in Scripture, in your heart and in ordinary moments
- Learn how to overcome frustration, distractions and dryness in prayer
- Set that desolation and consolation are a normal part of everyone's walk with God
- Grow in your relationship with God and those around you

In addition to the weekly discussions, you will be invited to pray using specific Scripture passages in your workbook. There will be a specific Scripture passage for each day of the eight weeks. It will be like making an eight week retreat, a perfect way to enter into the Lenten Season and prepare for the Resurrection of our Lord at Easter.

In her autobiography, St. Therese of Lisieux describes prayer in this way: "For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven; it is a cry of recognition and love, embracing both trial and joy". God calls all of us, regardless of our state in life, to grow in holiness; and prayer provides the means to deepen our relationship with the Lord. This course is designed to help guide you step-by-step to draw closer to God and listen for his voice speaking to you. If you are hungry for a "surge of the heart" or have been searching for a way to strengthen your prayer life...this study is for you.

PLEASE JOIN US ON THIS SPIRITUAL JOURNEY...

WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION. ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT Anne Palladino at annaitalia20@aol.com.