A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once.

Mk 1:40 – 45

ASH WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 14, 2018

Schedule of Masses
7:30 am Mass,
9:00 am Mass
Noon Mass
3:30 pm Prayer Service
7:30 pm Mass

FEBRUARY 11, 2018

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, Feb. 12**  
7:30AM Louis Cassella ~ Geri Cassella  
12:00PM Novena of Masses

**TUESDAY, Feb. 13**  
7:30AM Patricia Hajek ~ The McCormack Family  
12:00PM Kevin Houlis

**WEDNESDAY, Feb. 14 ~ Ash Wednesday**  
7:30AM Mildred Oberle ~ Virginia Shiatkowski  
9:00AM Patricia Englert ~ Chris & Mike Magee  
12:00PM Deceased Members of the Campbell & Lennon Families ~ Charlie & Cathy Campbell

3:30PM Service  
7:30PM Kevin Houlis ~ Charlie & Cathy Campbell

**THURSDAY, Feb. 15 ~ Thursday After Ash Wednesday**  
7:30AM Salvatore Franco ~ The Franco Family  
12:00PM Catherine Newell ~ Fran Mahon

**FRIDAY, Feb. 16 ~ Friday After Ash Wednesday**  
7:30AM Joan Canavan ~ Kevin & DeAnne Canavan  
12:00PM Novena of Masses

**SATURDAY, Feb. 17 ~ Saturday After Ash Wednesday**  
9:00AM Mildred Oberle ~ The Oberle Family  
5:00PM Bill Weir ~ Helen Markey

**SUNDAY, Feb. 18 ~ First Sunday of Lent**  
7:30AM Mary Banasiak ~ Joe & Cathy Lynch  
9:00AM Aldina Polli ~ Fil & Bob Siléo  
10:30AM William New ~ The Bergonzi Family  
12:00PM People of the Parish  
7:00PM Virginia O’Rourke ~ The Reganato Family

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### PRAYER REQUESTS

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

**Sick**  
Ava Richardson, Ann Nardo, & Sam Sullivan  
For those names that are listed on the altar.

**Deceased**  
Margaret Drobesh, Daniel Krakosky, & Garry Banta.

Please bring your old palms to the church by Feb. 12th and place them in the baskets at the back doors to be burned in preparation for Ash Wednesday.

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### CANDLELIGHT LIVING ROSARY

**HONORING OUR LADY OF LOURDES & WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK**  
Sunday, February 11th, 4:00 pm  
St. Paul Church

Following the Rosary, the SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK will be available for those in need.

A Living Rosary is a beautiful spiritual opportunity for the entire family, where the Holy Rosary is prayed by candlelight with musical accompaniment. This year marks the 160th anniversary of Our Blessed Mother Mary appearing to St. Bernadette in Lourdes France, where Our Lady revealed herself as The Immaculate Conception. The Blessed Mother has asked the faithful to pray the rosary daily for the conversion of hearts back to God, for peace in our families and in the world, for the intentions of Her Immaculate Heart.  
ALL ARE WELCOME!
Thursday, February 15, 2018
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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

It was Abraham Lincoln who once said: “Give me six hours to chop down a tree and I will spend the first four sharpening the axe.” His words remind us of something crucial—when embarking on an important project, good preparation is the key. This Sunday as a Church we find ourselves on the brink of Holy Lent. For forty days we will have the opportunity to examine our lives, sacrifice and discipline ourselves for a greater good, grow in relationship with God and others, and deepen our faith. These last few days are the perfect time for us to finalize our personal Lenten plan for this year and to do that we need to know all of the various opportunities for Lenten growth St. Paul parish can provide. I wanted to use this weekend’s letter to point out some of the possibilities!

Before Lent begins, we will have one last chance to party! We invite all of the parish children (and any adults who would like to come along) to a Mardi Gras party to be held on Tuesday afternoon this week in our Academy cafeteria. We will begin with a short outdoor prayer service when we will burn the old palms from last year (these palms create the Ashes with which we will sign ourselves the following day). Then, we will move indoors for some dancing, eating, and celebrating! On Wednesday, we enter into the solemnity of the season with Ash Wednesday— the schedule of liturgical celebrations with imposition of ashes can be found elsewhere in this bulletin. Remember: ashes are only an outward sign, not magic dust that makes us holy. If there is no attempt at interior conversion, ashes are simply an empty gesture without meaning or effect. For many of us, it is the one day of the year when it will be visible to anyone who sees us that we are Christians. Our actions, speech, and attitudes should be the sign that we belong to Christ every other day of the year.

One of the highlights of Lent this year will be our Parish Mission, preached by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (this is the community started several decades ago by Fr. Benedict Groeschel and Fr. Andrew Apostoli, both of whom have been called home by God). The Friars will preach at all Masses next weekend, inviting our entire parish family to join them each evening (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday February 19-21) at 7:30 p.m. for the Retreat talks. I’ve asked all parish ministries and groups to forego any meetings during these holy days and attend the Parish Mission. I invite all parishioners (and any friends you would like to invite) to attend. This is a great way to begin Lent, and to be “inspired to accept God’s Unconditional Love, Forgiveness, and Unfathomable Mercy!” The Friars will provide inspirational music and the opportunity on Tuesday evening for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, as well as a healing service on Wednesday evening. The Friars come to us from Most Blessed Sacrament Friary in Newark. This promises to be a truly amazing event!

Also, for Lent this year we will be offering two extra daily Masses each evening at 7 p.m., on Mondays and Wednesdays. Coming to Holy Mass more often during Lent is one of the most important things we can do. We invite you, especially those who cannot come to daily Mass because of work commitments, to come and spend time with Our Lord, listen to His Word, and receive Him in Holy Communion more frequently during Lent.

During Lent once again this year I invite our parish family to join me at 6:30 a.m. each Monday morning for LectioDivina (Divine Reading) in the rectory living room before the fireplace when we will spend time reflecting on the Lenten scriptures. We will finish by 7:15 a.m. And once again this year we invite our parish family to join us each Friday evening for Stations of the Cross, that traditional Lenten devotion so special during these holy days preceded by the Fish Fry. Please watch the Bulletin for other Lenten opportunities: Men’s Cornerstone “Strength Through Peace” is another great way for the men of the parish to grow in relationship with Christ and one another, and St. Paul Sisterhood No Longer Strangers Project Linus Service Project is another. I pray that this season of Holy Lent will be a time of great grace for all of us. As Pope Francis said: “Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy.”

In His Love,
Father John
1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the “paschal fast” to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On the day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence “substantially”, or as a whole, is serious obligation.

3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

4. The time of fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, February 18, 2018 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 27, 2018.

*Canon 920, §1. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.

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**VESPER FOR THE VIGIL OF ST. VALENTINE**

All couples are invited to join Fr. John Gabriel on the evening of

Monday, February 12 at 7:30pm
in the Church for
"Vespers for the Vigil of St. Valentine”.

During this prayer service, he will share a few thoughts on the Sacrament of Marriage and couples will have the opportunity to renew their wedding vows. Afterwards, we invite all to the rectory for champagne and wedding cake.

Please respond to Donna Schifano at (201)327-0976 or dschifano@stpaulrcchurch.org.

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**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent beginning at 7:00pm in the Church.

Join our parish priests in praying and reflecting on the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who accepted the cross for each of us. This is a wonderful prayer opportunity for all adults and children!

Feb. 16 The Way of the Cross with St. Paul
Feb. 23 The Stations of Mercy with Pope Francis
(The rest of the schedule will be in next week’s bulletin.)

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**Eucharistic Adoration**

**IMPORTANT SCHEDULE CHANGE**

Extended Eucharistic Adoration will be held in the Church on Monday, February 19th, following the noon mass through 6:50 pm.

Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to spend time in prayer with our Eucharistic Lord – before the 7pm evening mass and 7:30 pm Lenten mission that will follow on Monday the 19th!

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**CRS RICE BOWL**

ENCOUNTER LENT

Join our faith community-and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States-in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family’s CRS Rice Bowl beginning next weekend at the back doors of the church. During the 40 days of Lent, as companions on the journey, we will encounter our neighbor.
MARDI GRAS PARTY!

The St. Paul Family Mass Ministry invites you to a Mardi Gras Party!
Fun for Kids and Adults
DJ, pizza, soft drinks
Tuesday, February 13th at 5:00 p.m.
In the Academy of St. Paul Cafeteria
Bring your palms to be burned
RSVP: lisamclark1@verizon.net

St. Paul Sisterhood
No longer Strangers

Join us on Thursday, February 15th
7PM at St. Paul School for a rewarding, fun service opportunity to benefit children in need.

We will be making “no sew” blankets to donate to Project Linus. The blankets will provide love, security, warmth and comfort to children in hospitals and shelters in New Jersey. For more information, go to http://www.projectlinus.org. No skills are needed, except for cutting and tying – we promise! A $10 materials fee will be collected at the door and an RSVP is a MUST to ensure we have enough material for all. Please go to SignUpGenius.com and to the St. Paul Sisterhood Project Linus Event for details and sign up.

Questions should be directed to Lynn Connell (201) 546-2819 or Jane Triglia (201) 934-1295. Please do not call the Parish Center as they won’t be able to answer your questions.
St. Paul Parish Community
Invites All Men of the Parish

Men's Cornerstone
February 23-24, 2018
“Strength Through Peace”

“The Lord will give STRENGTH to his people; the Lord will bless his people with PEACE.” Psalm 29:11

Since 1988 more than 650 men have participated and benefitted from Cornerstone

Steve Yonkers, Co-Lay Director  steyonkers@verizon.net - 201-274-9785
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John Nunziata, Pastoral Associate  jnunziata@verizon.net - 201-327-0976
Father John Gabriel, Pastor
Father Paul Houlis, Spiritual Director

SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS ANNUAL APPEAL

Last weekend was our Commitment Weekend for the 2018 Sharing God’s Blessings Annual Appeal. If you have not yet completed your form, please prayerfully make your pledge and mail it in the attached envelope or drop it off at the Parish Center. We would like 100% participation in our One Body, One Mission that is the Archdiocese of Newark.

STEWARDSHIP TREASURE

WEEKEND of February 3-4: $20,216.00
$13,828.00 Collection
$6,388.00 from Faith Direct

We are glad to report that our 2017 Christmas donation is $128,574.00.
Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: NJ654 to sign up for Online Giving.
We are very grateful for your continued generosity.
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)
  Ushers

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

Please Contact us at:
  familymass@stpaulrcchurch.org
Or visit stpaulrcchurchfamilymass on

"Come & See" Nights

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@stpaulrcchurch.org

Young Adult (21+)
Come & See
at Immaculate Conception Seminary
7:30pm - Cocktails, Seminary Tour, Prayer with the Seminary Community
Feb. 22, 2018, Apr. 19, 2018

PACK 175

ST. PAUL CHURCH, RAMSEY

Listed below are our scouts and the awards they’ve received. Congratulations!

  *Light of Christ*
  J’rai D’Antuono  Ronan Bamrick  Owen Kenny
  *Parvuli Dei*
  Joseph Evans  Jonathan Owens  Matthew Peko
  Benjamin Pineault  Kyle Surdoval

FISH FRY FRIDAYS

FISH FRY FRIDAYS starts next Friday February 16 and will continue through March 23.

The St. Paul Fish Fry team and the St. Paul Youth Group invite you to Fish Fry Friday where the Saint Paul community can come together and share a meal - all are welcome!. The menu is served a la carte and includes Fish & Chips, Corn & Clam Chowder, Pizza, Tossed Salad, assorted beverages, and weekly Pasta, Fish, and Dessert specials! Eat in for the community feel or enjoy the convenience of take-out. Food is served from 5:30pm until 8:00pm in the St. Paul Academy cafeteria.

**SPECIALS for February 16:**
  Pasta Special – Eggplant Rollatini
  Fish Special – Herb and Pecan Encrusted Tilapia
**WEEKLY CORNER CALENDAR**

**Monday, Feb. 12**
- 3:30PM-5:00PM Altar Server Training – Church
- 4:00PM-7:15 PM Faith Formation – School
- 4:00PM-7:15 PM Faith Formation – Cafeteria
- 7:00PM-9:00PM Women’s Prayer Group – PC-CR
- 7:30PM-8:30PM Vespers – Church
- 7:30PM-9:30PM Intro to the Heart-Theology of the Body – Gym

**Tuesday, Feb. 13**
- 6:30AM-7:30AM Men’s Prayer Group – PC-CR
- 8:00AM-9:30AM Parish Mardi Gras Breakfast-Cafeteria
- 4:00PM-7:00PM Mardi Gras – Gym/Cafeteria
- 5:00PM-7:00PM Mardi Gras – Gym/Cafeteria
- 7:00PM-9:00PM Youth Group-1st Meeting – Youth Rm
- 7:00PM-9:30PM Choir Rehearsals – Church
- 7:00PM-10:00PM Lent set-up – Church
- 7:30PM-9:30PM Men’s Prayer Group – PC – UMR

**Wednesday, Feb. 14**
- All Day-Ash Wednesday
- All Day-Arcdioesan Retired Priests
- 7:30AM-8:30AM Mass – Church
- 12:00PM-1:00PM ASP Students attend noon Mass-Church
- 2:00PM-3:00PM Mass at Woodlands – Offsite
- 3:30PM-4:30PM Service – Church
- 7:30PM-8:30PM Mass – Church
- 7:30PM-9:30PM Men’s Basketball League Gym

**Thursday, Feb. 15**
- 5:00PM-7:00PM ASP Play Rehearsal – Music Room
- 7:00PM-9:30PM Sisterhood Event – Cafeteria
- 8:00PM-9:30PM Prince of Peace Prayer Group – Church

**Friday, Feb. 16**
- 12:45PM-2:00PM Therapy Dogs – Gym
- 5:30PM-8:00PM Fish Fry – Cafeteria
- 7:00PM-8:00PM Stations of the Cross – Church

**Saturday, Feb. 17**
- 8:00AM-10:00AM Men’s Cornerstone – PC-CR
- 12:00PM-1:00PM Liturgy Meeting – Rectory
- 1:00PM-2:00PM Confessions – Church
- 5:00PM-6:00PM Franciscan Friars Lenten Mission-Church

**Sunday, Feb. 18**
- 7:30PM-1:00PM Franciscan Friars at all Masses-Church
- 9:00AM-11:00AM RCIA – PC-CR
- 1:30PM-2:30PM Baptism Sessions – Library
- 7:00PM-8:00PM Evening Mass – Church
- 7:30PM-9:30PM Men’s Basketball – Gym

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**RESPECT LIFE**

Catholic Bishops’ Pro-Life Chairman Calls Senate Failure to Pass Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act “Appalling”

January 29, 2018

WASHINGTON — Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York, chair of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ (USCCB) Committee on Pro-Life Activities called the Senate’s failure to pass the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act “appalling”. The bill proposes to ban abortions starting at 20 weeks after fertilization.

"The U.S. Senate’s failure to adopt the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, prohibiting abortions at 20 weeks post-fertilization, is appalling. Abortions performed in the second half of pregnancy usually involve brutally dismembering a defenseless unborn child, while also posing serious dangers to his or her mother. The Senate’s rejection of this common-sense legislation is radically out of step with most Americans. Opinion polls consistently show that a strong majority of the public opposes late-term abortions — including those who self-identify as ‘pro-choice’.

Furthermore, the United States is currently one of only seven countries that allows abortions beyond 20-weeks. The other six are North Korea, China, Vietnam, Singapore, Canada and the Netherlands. The Senate must rethink its extreme stance on late-term abortions. I call upon the public to tell the Senate that this vote is absolutely unacceptable."

Please don’t forget that your help is needed to enact the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act – on both the Federal and NJ state level. This legislation would protect innocent babies from enduring the pain of late-term abortion (20 weeks – or 5 months –post fertilization and beyond). Contact NJ legislators, and ask 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.stpaulrcchurch.org

JOIN THIS IMPORTANT EFFORT!

Pray . . . Join the Respect Life Ministry

(next meeting is Monday, February 26th at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center)

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**YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**

Saint Paul’s Youth Group (SPYG) meets every single Tuesday night from 7-9pm in the youth room. The youth room is located in the school above the gym. If you are in grades 9-12 and want to experience faith in a new, fun, and never seen before way than this is the place for you.

For more information contact Craig Jandoli at craigjandoli@gmail.com.
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Students exercised their minds and bodies while on a class trip to Gagasphere. Second graders had fun designing marble mazes with enough momentum for marbles to do amazing twists and turns. Students themselves also had fun twisting and turning during a few rounds of Gaga.

ST PAUL BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM PRESENTS

“Come and See”
A comprehensive study - Gospel of Mark

During this liturgical year (Cycle B), which began in Advent Dec 2018 and will end Dec 2019, we will examine the life and ministry of Jesus Christ according to St. Mark. The authors helpful commentary on Mark’s narration of the Good News highlights the healings, parables, teachings, exorcisms, and miracles of Jesus that underline the Gospel writer’s important message that…Jesus is the Son of God.

JOIN US ON THIS SPIRITUAL JOURNEY…

Beginning the week of March 5th we will meet for 16 weeks every other week - March until June (8 sessions), break for summer then resume our study from Sept through Dec (8 sessions).

If you have yearned for a deeper understanding of the Gospel then consider joining us as we take a comprehensive look at the Gospel of St Mark.

Please fill out the registration form below and deposit your registration form with payment for the course, in the boxes at the doors of the church, or bring your form and cash or check to the Parish Center by Friday February 23rd.

Cost of Book $25.00 - payable by check made to St Paul RC Church or Cash
(This book will cover material for all 18 session / 2 years)

Questions can be directed to Anne Palladino at 201-394-7375 or email at: annaitalia20@aol.com.

Name: (Print) _____________________________
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Email: ___________________________________________

Please indicate your session preference (Choose one)

WednesdayBeginning March 7th
☐ 10:30am – 12noon (K. Erler/K. Little)
☐ 7:30pm – 9pm (N. Mangieri/P. Gonnella)

SaturdayBeginning March 17th
☐ 10:30am – 12noon (A Palladino)
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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.

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

JOIN FR. PAUL HOULIS AND CHRISTOPHER WEST ON AN EPIC PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY IN NOVEMBER!

Imagine having private time in the Sistine Chapel — which St. John Paul II called "the Shrine to the Theology of the Body" — with the world's leading teacher and author on the Theology of the Body! Father Paul Houlis will be joining Christopher as a chaplain on an epic, once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage to Italy Nov. 8-17! We'll start in Assisi and make our way south to Rome, with daily Mass in stunning churches and daily formation from Christopher and the pilgrimage team. Package includes papal audience; exclusive Sistine Chapel visit with special talk by Christopher; Bernini’s “Ecstasy of St. Teresa” masterpiece; visiting the four major basilicas; Tuscan winery sampling; Ancient Roman history, amazing food and more! You also have an opportunity to extend your pilgrimage and visit Florence, Padua and Venice. Spaces are limited due to the capacity limit for the Sistine Chapel. For pricing and full itinerary details, go to corproject.com/italy. Flight is from JFK and land-only pricing is available. For questions, contact Bill at The Cor Project at bill@corproject.com.