

SAINT PAUL

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Jesus said to his disciples:

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.

Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place.

MT 5:17-37

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

The Parish is 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*

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FEBRUARY 12, 2017

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, February 13

7:30AM **Edward Egan** ~ Joan Tommaney

12:00PM **Richard Franks** ~ Fran Mahon

TUESDAY, February 14 ~ Sts. Cyril, Monk & Methodius

7:30AM **Paul Venezia** ~ Sharon D'Amore

12:00PM **Frederick Farina** ~ Diane & Gary Trotter

WEDNESDAY, February 15

7:30AM **Novena of Masses**

12:00PM **Eugene Tolomeo** ~ The McGuinness Family

THURSDAY, February 16

7:30AM **Joan P. Canavan** ~ Kevin & DeAnne Canavan

12:00PM **Thomas Hodgson** ~ The Flood Family

FRIDAY, February 17

7:30AM **Armando Pelaschier** ~ Pia Pelaschier

12:00PM **Novena of Masses**

SATURDAY, February 18

9:00AM **Aldina Polli** ~ The Sileo Family

5:00PM **Mary & Thomas Byrne** ~ The Byrne Family

SUNDAY, February 19 ~ Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM **Kathleen Rogers** ~ The Family

9:00AM **People of the Parish**

10:30AM **Mildred Sullivan** ~ Judi & Ugo D'Andrea

12:00PM **Anthony Riccardi** ~ Hank & Rose Enberg

DEVOTIONS AND MEMORIALS

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



ALTAR BREADS and ALTAR WINE

Ashley Anne Riggitano ~ Her parents,
Debbie & Roy Riggitano

PRAYER REQUESTS

Military

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

Sick

Leonard Gudelski
For those names that are listed on the altar

Deceased

Filomena Dillon

VESPERS FOR THE VIGIL OF ST. VALENTINE



All couples are invited to join Fr. John Gabriel on the evening of **February 13 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.



FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

"Nobody reads the bulletin!" Often people, staff included, make this remark to me, and I always hope and pray it is not true. Of course, we cannot make anyone read the bulletin, but we hope that our parish family loves their parish so much that they are interested in knowing what is going on and taking part in whatever they can. Every parish has the obligation to communicate well: to proclaim the Gospel with enthusiasm, to explain the teachings of Christ's Church with clarity, and to be in dialogue with the parishioners about how we flesh these things out in our particular Church. Someone once told me that they thought the most important part of the Mass are the announcements at the end because there we articulate some of the concrete ways we are attempting to live out our Gospel call to be Church. I'm not sure it's the most important part, but it is certainly a crucial part! In an attempt to keep the announcements at Mass from becoming too unwieldy, each week we present a parish bulletin.

While we (the parish staff) have the obligation to communicate, each member of our parish family also has an obligation: to do whatever they can to come to know what our parish is doing and accept the invitation to enter more deeply into parish life by celebrating Sacraments, joining a Ministry, coming to a meeting or other gathering, and participating in our common life together. In an effort to facilitate this encounter, ***I thought we might change the format of our parish bulletin*** to make it more attractive and more easily readable. Our bulletin has always been done well and is a useful tool for communication. But it is our hope that a different cover and interior will help more people to read its contents. Please be sure to read it, be aware of what your parish is doing, pass it along to others and invite them to participate. In this way, we can grow in our friendships and the spiritual bonds that make us one!

Of course, the bulletin is only one way the parish communicates. It is my wish that we form a **Communications/Media Ministry** here at St. Paul. Are we using technology as best we can to proclaim Christ to the world? Is the parish using contemporary means of communication to spread our message to others effectively? Today, so many people (especially the young) are experts at using all sorts of new modes of communication! I would like to form a group to help us revamp our parish *website*, keep our *Facebook* account exciting and up to date, and perhaps help us to use *Twitter* as another way to communicate. I hope we can eventually have a *parish App* for our cell phones! In one parish where I was pastor for nine years, we developed our own *television studio* where we produced two shows a week for the local cable station (one for adults and one for teens)! Let's think big! Who knows what we can accomplish together!

Our Holy Father Emeritus, Pope Benedict XVI wrote: *"New technologies allow people to meet each other beyond the confines of space and of their own culture, creating in this way an entirely new way of potential friendships."* This is our hope: friendships with Christ, His Church, and one another! ***I would like to invite all those interested to join me in the first meeting of a new Communications Media Ministry Tuesday evening February 21st at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.*** Perhaps some of our teens or young adults will consider helping their parish in this way. I continue to look forward to all we can do together. The sky's the limit! But in some ways it's also the goal!

Special thanks to all who helped to make *Catholic Schools Week* so terrific this year! And a warm St. Paul's welcome to ***Father Matthew Dooley, Archdiocesan Director of Vocations***, to our parish this weekend to lead us in a reflection on this important topic. As Mother Teresa used to say: "What you can't do, I can do. What I can't do, you can do. And together we can do something beautiful for God!"

*In His Love,
Father John*

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 Eileen 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.

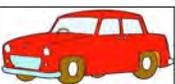
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STEWARDSHIP TREASURE

The **STEWARDSHIP TREASURE** for the **WEEKEND of February 4-5** is **\$21,841.00** which includes **\$6,496.00** from Faith Direct.

We are very grateful for your continued generosity

CAR NEEDED



Car needed for working woman...must be in good working order....call Eileen Wimberger 201-825-0413.

RESPECT LIFE

LET US PRAY: *Lord, God, we lift up all children awaiting adoption, that they be welcomed into loving families. Mary, our Mother, pray for these children and for those who seek to adopt.*

St. Paul Parish is launching a Respect Life Ministry under the spiritual direction of Fr. Paul Houlis.

The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 28th at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center.

Please consider attending this start-up meeting. *All are welcome ... from high school students to seniors!*

In other News:

Do you know about the 20/20 Project?

The 20/20 project is starting point to attaining equal rights for babies in the womb. The first goal is to pass the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act in New Jersey by the year 2020 (bill numbers are A-3452 and S2026). This legislation, which has already been passed in 14 other states, would protect babies from late-term abortion (20 weeks or 5 months - post-fertilization and beyond).

Learn more ...

St. Elizabeth Church, Wyckoff will host speaker, Ms. Keri Landeche, Northeast Regional Coordinator for Students for Life of America on Tues. Feb. 14th, 7:30 pm at St. Elizabeth Church, Elizabeth Room, lower level. Please consider attending to **learn more about Students for Life as well as this important 20/20 Project.**



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Thank you to everyone who helped and supported us in this year's Souper Bowl of Caring Collection. We appreciate your continued generosity.

THANKS AGAIN!

ST. JOSEPH DINNER AND DANCING

Would you like to be on the committee to help with the St. Joseph's dinner dance? The dance will be held on Saturday, March 18 at 7 PM.

If interested, contact Donna Schifano at the parish center or email dschifano@stpaulrcchurch.org.

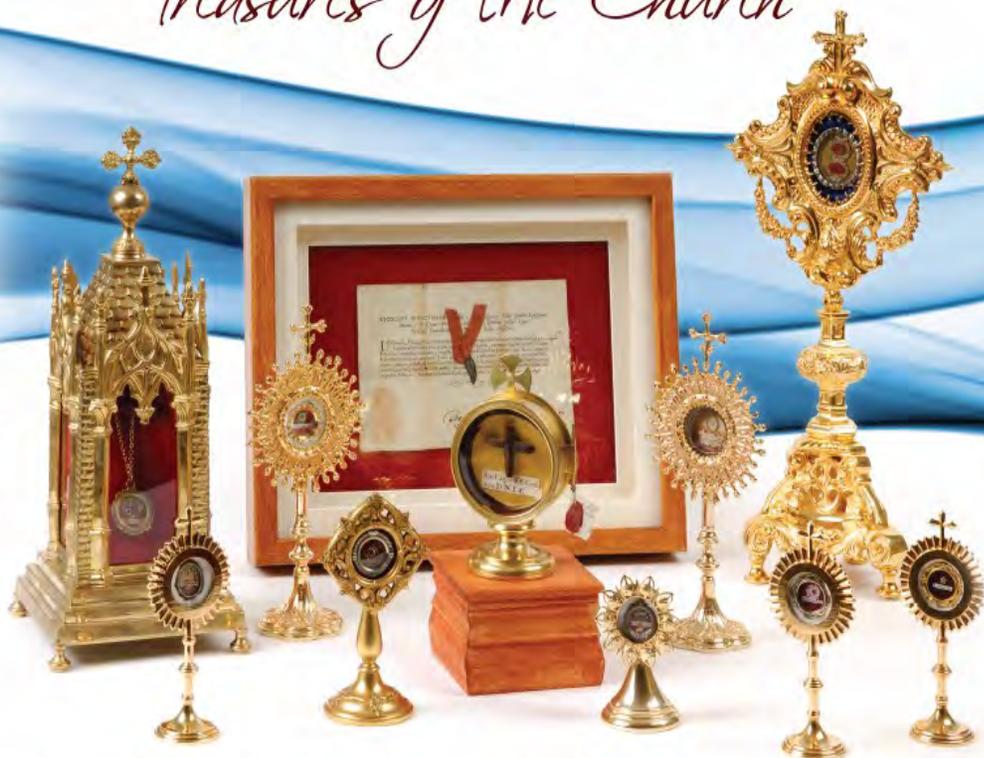
EXPOSITION OF SACRED RELICS

Treasures of the Church

St. Paul Parish welcomes you to a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics. Over 150 relics will be shown, some believed to be as old as 2000 years.

Among the treasures will be relics of St. Maria Goretti, St. Thérèse of Lisieux (the "Little Flower"), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska.

In addition, there will also present a piece of a veil which is believed to have belonged to Our Lady and one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world.



presented by Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross

HELD IN THE CHURCH ON
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 16 AT 7:00 PM

See www.treasuresofthechurch.com for more information

VOCATION PRAYER CHALICE PROGRAM



Beginning in mid-February, St. Paul 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. At this time, if you would like to sign up to be part of this program, please contact Fr. Stefano at shong@stpaulrcchurch.org or call the Parish Office at (201)327-0976.

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Revive your spirits and build your faith!

**Saturday, March 4, 2017, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm,
Cost: \$25, Seton Hall University.**

This year's theme is *"Be Not Afraid: Becoming Missionary Disciples!"*

Speakers for the English track will be *Cardinal Sean Patrick O'Malley*, Archbishop of Boston, and *Joe Lombardi, Jr.*, quarterback coach for the New Orleans Saints. Spanish track speakers will be *Cardinal Sean Patrick O'Malley*, *Pepe Alonso from EWTN*, and *Mario J. Paredes*. His Eminence *Joseph W. Cardinal Tobin* will be celebrating the Mass!

Register at www.NJCatholicMen.org.

MEN'S CORNERSTONE

Saint Paul Church
Men's Cornerstone: March 3-4, 2017
"Be Not Afraid"



- *Over 600 St. Paul Men have experienced Cornerstone*
- *An experience of discovery, renewal, and healing.*
- *Peaceful, relaxing environment for men at every stage of life*
- *Escape pressures of the world for 27 hours of contemporary Christian faith*

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<i>Father John Gabriel</i>	<i>Pastor</i>		

YOUTH GROUP NEWS



Upcoming Events:

Fish Fry Volunteers Needed

Every Friday During Lent!

The Fish Fry is one of our most popular events for "Groupies" and parishioners alike. It offers an opportunity for parishioners to come together and share a meal, while the youth group and adult volunteers have some fun in the kitchen serving our fellow parishioners. Youth interested in helping out with this event must register by February 14. For more information attend youth group meetings.

Passion Play

Friday, April 14

Our most prominent community faith building event and the play serves as a form of worship for parishioners. It doesn't matter if you've been the lead role in the school play or are afraid to read in class, there is a place for you in this play. The youth group performs one of several rotating formats of this play each year and each year we learn something new about ourselves and our faith. Rehearsals begin March 5 and are held every Sunday in the church from 2:00pm to 4:30pm. On Good Friday participants need to be at the church for a final dress rehearsal at 4:30pm. The performance begins at 7:30pm sharp on Good Friday. Youth interested in helping out with this event must register by March 5. For more information attend youth group meetings.

Mark Your Calendar

The Cotillion Ball

Friday, April 7

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.

2017 STEWARDSHIP PROJECT

Needed: New or Used Communion Dresses and Suits

The Archdiocese of Newark will be organizing their fourth annual collection of gently used and new communion outfits. First Communion is usually celebrated when children are between the ages of seven and eight. It marks the first day on which a child is admitted to receive the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ, the sacrament that unites us to Christ throughout our lives. A child's First Communion is a special day for any family and the Archdiocese of Newark along with St. Paul Parish is trying to make sure financial hardship does not stand in the way of it being as special as it can be.

We will be collecting gently used, in good condition, Communion dresses/veils, suits and shoes for our inner city parishes, the Religious Sisters at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart who know families in need, and any parishioner in need of one for their child. Last year over 400 dresses and 200 suits were distributed.

All items can be dropped off to the Parish Center beginning Monday, February 27 through March 24 between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM (Fridays until Noon). We will distribute the outfits in April.

Questions? dschifano@stpaulrcchurch.org or call the Parish Office at (201)327-0976.



Please make sure all outfits are free of stains and clean.



FAITH FORMATION

A fun morning for our Parish Family!

Take some time out for yourself!

This painting event is for adults of all ages.

Come by yourself, meet new friends and/or bring family and friends !

This is fun and relaxing and when you are done...you will have a nice new decoration for your home. You do not need painting experience and you do NOT have to be an artist.



Wednesday, February 22, 2017

11:00 am to 1:00 pm – please arrive 30 minutes early

Pinot's Palette, 25 Oak St, Ridgewood, NJ

\$35.00 person (snacks are included)

BYOB (glasses, ice, and ice buckets are provided)

To register go to:

<http://www.pinotspalette.com/ridgewood/event/143493>

reservations are directly through the Pinot's Palette website via the link above

If you should have any questions, please contact Colleen Jagde at

201-327-8010 or cjagde@stpaulrcchurch.org.

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.

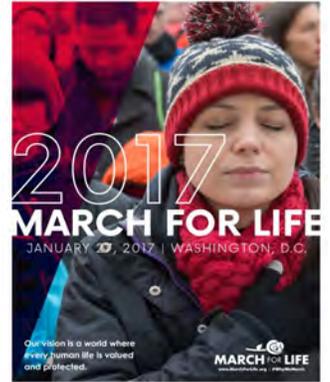


Academy Happenings

Congratulations to Amanda Potenza for receiving the "Outstanding Catholic School Graduate of Saint Paul Class of 2017 Award." Amanda serves as a steward of Catholic Values, Academic Achievement, and Service to others.



2017 MARCH FOR LIFE



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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.