

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 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 ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Thursday, May 10, 2018

**HOLY DAY OF
OBLIGATION**

Masses:

Wednesday, May 9 Vigil ~ 7:30pm

Thursday, May 10 ~ 7:30am, Noon,
and 7:30pm.



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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MAY 06, 2018

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, May 7

7:30AM **Novena of Masses**
12:00PM **Jim Kinney ~ Ann Kinney**

TUESDAY, May 8

7:30AM **Deceased Members of the Sibson Family ~ Denise Walter**
12:00PM **Eleanor Capomaggi ~ Carol & Frank Meyers**

WEDNESDAY, May 9

7:30AM **Novena of Masses**
12:00PM **Jean Schwartz ~ Susan De Siena**
7:30PM **John Terrence Ryan ~ The Zitelli Family**

**THURSDAY, May 10 ~ The Ascension of the Lord
(HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)**

7:30AM **Gus Shroder ~ Joe & Cathy Lynch**
12:00PM **Joseph & Georgine Irving ~ The Cooney Family**
7:30PM **Larry O'Brien ~ Darlene McCloud**

FRIDAY, May 11

7:30AM **Ashley Anne Riggiano ~ The Laspina Family**
12:00PM **Virginia O'Rourke ~ Kathy & Mike Monahan**

SATURDAY, May 12

9:00AM **Kevin Houlis ~ Fil & Bob Sileo**
5:00PM **All Mothers Living & Deceased**

SUNDAY, May 13 ~ Seventh Sunday of Easter

7:30AM **All Mothers Living & Deceased**
9:00AM **All Mothers Living & Deceased**
10:30AM **All Mothers Living & Deceased**
12:00PM **Kevin John Houlis (1st Anniversary) ~ Mom, Dad, Paul & Gavin**
7:00PM **All Mothers Living & Deceased**



St. Paul R.C. Church Family Mass at Your Home

"How precious is the family as the privileged place for transmitting the faith." -Pope Francis

**Every Friday Evening
7:00 pm**

This Family Mass is Free Gift!
Increasing Priestly Vocation
Fostering Family's Faith and love
Encouraging children to obtain greatness
& seeking holiness

The sign-up process will be provided in the Church
Please Contact: Rev. Stefano Hong:
shong@stpaulrcchurch.org
or St. Paul Parish Center: 201-327-0976.

DEVOTIONS AND MEMORIALS

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



ALTAR BREADS

Carol Laux ~ Kurtz Family

ALTAR WINE

Special Intention
George Wodowski ~ Honey Bonadonna

SANCTUARY LAMP

Edward & Nancy Carr ~ Joe & Cathy Lynch

PRAYER REQUESTS

Military

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

Sick

Ava Richardson & Tommy Fitzpatrick
For those names that are listed on the altar.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Thank you for your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Your contributions will help strengthen the Church at home and ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click on the "How to Give" link on the left.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration is a beautiful opportunity for quiet, meditative prayer before our Eucharistic Lord.

Extended Eucharistic Adoration will be held in the Church on **Monday, May 21st, following the noon mass through 7:30 pm.**

Please stop in the church to offer your praise and prayer intentions to our Lord!

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

In the first reading from Acts of the Apostles for this *Sixth Sunday of Easter*, Cornelius meets St. Peter and falls at his feet in homage. Peter raised him up, saying, "Get up. I myself am also a human being." In today's language we would call Peter the first Pope and the Bishop of Rome. But, like all priests and bishops, he recognized himself as a human being like others, with hopes and joys, struggles and fears. Still, like all Christians, he was called to a supernatural love, faith and fidelity. As a priest/bishop, he was called to conform his life to Christ's life in all things, to renounce even the legitimate goods of this earth for Christ's sake, to serve even in sacrifice, and, in the words of the Rite of Ordination for priests today, to "*conform your life to the mystery of the Lord's cross.*" As St. Paul tells us, we hold this treasure in earthen vessels: and most of us priests are very aware of just how "earthen" we can be. Nevertheless, Christ works through our very imperfect lives. He touches the hearts of people not because we are worthy, but because He is.

In the past (and in the memory of many today) priests were often "put up on pedestals", greatly loved by their congregation, and respected even by those who were not Catholics. This has not always been true: throughout history, priests have often been persecuted, arrested, even put to death for their priesthood (read stories of priests in Tudor England or priests during the time of the Cristeros in Mexico or even Nazi Germany when over 3,000 priests were arrested and sent to the concentration camp at Dachau or Auschwitz just for being priests). These priests gave all to Christ, and when tortured and ordered to renounce Christ, remained faithful to him. Today in our American culture, priests are often maligned and mocked. Whenever a priest appears in a Hollywood film, I cringe - long gone are the days of Bing Crosby. Today priests in films are usually portrayed as immoral, unfaithful hypocrites. Some of this can be attributed to the sins of a small group of very ill priests who used their position to hurt others. Some of it can be attributed to a growing atheism and relativism that often expresses itself in anti-Christian and anti-clerical rhetoric. Generally speaking, few Catholics protest when their priests are portrayed in this way. Maybe someday that will change, but that remains to be seen.

Those of you who have spoken with **Fr. Patrick**, or who make yourselves aware of "*Catholic news*" might know that this past week two priests were put to death by terrorists in Nigeria along with 14 parishioners who were simply attending Holy Mass together. One of the priests killed was a seminary friend of Fr. Patrick himself. At the same time, three priests were murdered in Mexico in the span of eight days (24 priests have been killed there since 2013), and several priests were put to death in the Philippines, one of them shot dead while blessing children after Mass. Of course, none of these deaths were covered by any news outlets in the United States (at least to my knowledge). But they were noticed by God. While I am sad and outraged for my brother priests, in some ways I am not too sad for them: *they have attained the prize as Christ's martyrs, everlasting joy in heaven.* Their fidelity has won them the crown after which we all strive. When I see their heroic lives and heroic love, I am embarrassed for myself and my easy life, the many small things I complain about, and the daily pinpricks that I consider to be great crosses. In those moments, I imagine my brother priests through the centuries in their bloody cassocks beckoning me to a greater fidelity and love. *Three weeks from now, nine young men will be ordained priests for service in the Archdiocese of Newark.* Most of them were men I worked with and lived with during my years as Director of Vocations and Emmaus House of Discernment. I wonder what their lives will be like in the future? Mostly I pray that God will give them everything I ask for myself. Please pray for your priests, and for vocations to the priesthood. All things considered, it is truly a wonderful life, and I wouldn't trade it for anything in this world.

Special thanks to all those who helped our children prepare for their First Holy Communion over the past two weeks, our R.C.I.A. team who helped prepare Joey DeGaetani and Marc Greenwood for Confirmation, all those who volunteered to support our Academy carnival this past week, those from our Environmental Ministry that helped with Ramsey Clean-Up Day, those who took part in our crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all those who participate in our parish life together. Let us pray for each other!

*In the love of Jesus and Mary,
Father John*

A TRIBUTE TO MOTHERS



**ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH ARE INVITED
TO JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE
“BLESSED MOTHERS”**

OF OUR LIVES

MAY 7, 2018

7:30 PM

ST. PAUL R.C. CHURCH

**A TRIBUTE TO MOTHERS IS A SPECIAL EVENING SPENT WITH
OTHER PARISHIONERS WHERE WOMEN OF OUR PARISH WILL
SHARE THEIR STORIES OF ADMIRATION, LOVE AND FAITH**

REFRESHMENTS FOLLOWING ON THE PLAZA

GIVE YOURSELF THIS SPECIAL GIFT OF TIME AND RELAXATION!

Last year, we introduced Project Hospital Warming (PHW). PHW donates gift bags to Valley Hospital to the Moms who will spend Mother's Day in the NICU and PICU units to help make their stay a bit more comfortable. This year, we have extended PHW to Hackensack Hospital as well! Our goal this year is to donate 90 Gift bags!

Suggested donations:

Blankets (for adults), Best Seller Books, Magazines, Activity Books, Toiletries (lip balm, hand lotion, sanitizer), Slippers, “Mom” or inspirational Jewelry, Eye Masks.

No food please. Drop off at St. Paul Parish Center or the evening of the event in the church! A wishlist has been set up on Amazon also if you'd like to donate through this: <http://a.co/hWCJM5E>

Please give yourself this special gift and join us in the church. You will not regret it!!! For more information, contact Donna Marie Schifano at dschifano@stpaulrcchurch.org or (201)327-0976!

The staff of
St. Paul Parish
wants to
celebrate all
volunteers and
all you do to
make our
parish what it is
today. If you are
a volunteer for
any ministry
please join us on
Saturday, May
12th at the 5pm
Mass followed
by dinner and
music in the
school gym.



celebrate
you

RSVP@stpaulrcchurch.org
or (201) 327 0976

CAN YOU ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS?

Find the answers on the Bookstand located at the Main entrance to the Church from May 5- 11, OR at the entrance nearest the Rectory from May 12 -25.

Why Go To Mass? Who Do You Say That I Am? What do you know about our Mother, Mary?

Suggested Donation - \$.50 Pamphlets, \$2 Booklets, \$3 CDs, \$4 Books Donations may be placed in the slot at the bottom right of the bookstand.

Confirmation

Congratulations & Welcome

Joseph DeGaetani &
Marc Greenwood

Sacrament of Confirmation ~ April 29th

"In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit."
Saint Paul

With great joy we welcome and congratulate Joey & Marc who received the Sacrament of Confirmation with Father John presiding at the 10:30 Mass on April 29th. With the support of our parish RCIA team, priests and community they have journeyed for the past year in preparation to receive the Sacraments. Joey also received his First Communion. We also congratulate their sponsors Betty Ann Weiss (Joey's grandmother) and Peter Cahill (Marc's uncle). These two young men give us inspiration and hope for the future of our Church. We ask God's blessings on them that they may live lives filled with faith, the Sacraments and Christian ideals. Special thanks to the RCIA Team ~ Karen Little, Eddie Scholl, Mary Jane Weir, Walter Zuck, Pastoral Associate John Nunziata and Father John.



RESPECT LIFE

HEALING RETREATS

The Archdiocese of Newark Respect Life Office is sponsoring two important retreats May 11-13th:

The Rachel's Vineyard Retreat: Healing the Wounds of Abortion

If you are suffering from a past abortion experience and have isolated yourself from help and forgiveness, many others have been there! Consider attending this retreat, or the one to follow in September. "

Grief to Grace Retreat: Healing the Wounds of Abuse

The retreat was composed by Dr. Theresa Burke, author of the Rachel's Vineyard Retreats for healing after abortion. Embark on an adventure to release the pain and move forward in resurrection, reconciliation and freedom.

For confidential help or more information, please call: Archdiocese of Newark Respect Life office (973) 497-4350 or via e-mail Cheryl: rileyche@rcan.org www.Rachelsvineyard.org or www.griefftoGrace.org.

EMBRACING GRACE



'Embracing Grace' is part of the St. Paul Sisterhood. This group provides spiritual support for women with cancer and embraces those seeking support. If you are living with cancer and would like to join this support group, please contact

Donna Schifano, dschifano@stpaulrchurch.org or call the Parish Center (201) 327-0976

Our first meeting will be held on Thursday, May 17 at 1 pm in the Parish Center. All women are invited to join us!

THANK YOU!

To Laurie Stephen, Jennifer Iorio, Jim Forbes, Jack Roche, Alex Bogaenko, Bob Sileo, Craig Stephen, and the entire Sisterhood Team---thanks for making Handbag Bingo a Hugh success! To all our St. Paul Sisters....thanks for your support!!!

Saint Paul Environmental Ministry



Ramsey Community "Clean-Up" Day

More than 30 parishioners joined the Ramsey Environmental Commission and other residents in a 'clean-up' of Ramsey streets, bike paths and recreation areas. We also cleaned the St. Paul property. A great day of fellowship and community service.



The Saint Paul Environment Ministry offers opportunities for parishioners of all ages to embrace and act on the Pope Francis' Encyclical on the earth's environment entitled "*Laudato Si*" (Praise be to You). There is a place for you in this ministry. For information please contact the Parish Center (201-327-0976) or Chris Nunziata (cnunziata@verizon.net) or Kim Scanlon (kimoscanlon@gmail.com).

SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2018 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal is well underway. We have \$76,060.00 already pledged by 187 donors. This is approximately 67.33% of our goal of \$114,079.00. The outpouring of support from many parishioners like you helps sustain the important ministries across the Archdiocese of Newark. These programs help to make our own parish a more vibrant place of worship. If you have yet to give, please pick up a pledge form at the back of the church or visit www.rcan.org/sharing.

STEWARDSHIP TREASURE

WEEKEND of: April 21 – 22 \$19,327.00

Collection **\$13,560.00** Faith Direct **\$5,767.00**
Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: NJ654 to sign up for Online Giving.
Thank you for your continued support.

The Knights of Columbus Council #3962 would like to congratulate Michael Stone for finishing 3rd in his age group in the State of New Jersey in the 2018 Free Throw Shooting Competition

PARISH BEAUTIFICATION

DAY

SATURDAY, MAY 19

9:30 – NOON

WHY NOT GET IN SOME MORNING EXERCISE WHILE HELPING US SPRUCE UP THE GROUNDS OF OUR PARISH PROPERTY!

WE HAVE JOBS FOR ALL ABILITY LEVELS AND THOSE WHO LIKE TO WORK OUTSIDE RAKING, WEEDING, PLANTING, CLEANING, ETC.

“BRING WORK GLOVES AND YARD TOOLS IF YOU HAVE THEM”

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE FLOWERS TO BEAUTIFY THE PROPERTY – WE ARE ASKING FOR THE FOLLOWING:
MARIGOLDS, DAISIES, HYACINTHS, IRIS, VINCA (PERIWINKLE), FORSYTHIA, HOLLY, BOXWOOD, PIERIS JAPONICA OR ORIENTAL GRASSES**

FOR MORE INFO E-MAIL BILL RUBEL wtr64-26@verizon.net

Service Hours Available for Students

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

Next week, our second collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ, here and around the world in developing countries, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. And fifty percent of funds collected remain in our diocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

SAVE THE DATE

July 22 through July 29
Family Promise of
Bergen County
coming to St. Paul
More information to follow.

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



Last week, Father John Gabriel was a guest speaker for the fifth grade of the Academy of Saint Paul. He spoke about the Sacrament of Holy Orders and shared his memories of his own Ordination with the class. The students cannot wait for Father John to come back and visit them again!



Open House

**Wednesday,
May 16, 2018
10:00-11:30am**

SOCIAL CONCERN

Baby Diaper Drive - There is a great need for disposable diapers in many of our local, less fortunate families. Our committee would like to collect diapers (Newborn - 5) and Baby Wipes to provide help to those in need. Please bring the diapers to church the weekends of April 28th thru May 6th. There will be bins available at the church entrances during those weeks. Thank you for your generous and caring gifts to others.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Golf Outing & Raffle/Auction Dinner

The Academy of St. Paul is having their 6th Annual Golf Outing on Monday, May 21, 2018. The event will take place at the Ramsey Golf & Country Club on Franklin Turnpike and includes a BBQ lunch, scramble format golf and a cocktail reception & dinner with raffle and auction prizes! Look for more information in the coming weeks or contact Lynn Neyland at 973-493-3867.

ALTAR SERVER APPRECIATION DINNER

The Ramsey Knights of Columbus invite the Altar Servers of St. Paul Church and their families to dinner to honor the Altar Servers for your dedicated service to the church throughout the past year.

Date: Friday, May 18, 2018
Time: 5:30 to 8:00 pm
Location: 48 Mechanic Street, Ramsey, NJ 07446
The evening will include dinner and fun for all, with recognition of the altar servers.
RSVP with a count of family members to the Parish Office: 201-327-0976 or email liturgy@stpaulrcchurch.org

LIGHTHOUSE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN



Beginning on Mother's Day and running through Father's Day, our parish will be supporting the Lighthouse Pregnancy Resource Center through it's annual Baby Bottle Campaign. We encourage you to take an empty baby bottle home, fill it with coins, cash, or a check made payable to Lighthouse PRC and return it to church on or before Father's Day. This year's Baby Bottle funds will help Lighthouse to further expand its services for those facing or at risk for unplanned pregnancy.

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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 IN NOVEMBER

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

Imagine having private time in the Sistine Chapel – the most beautiful chapel in the world which St. John Paul II also called "the Shrine to the Theology of the Body" – with the world's leading teacher and author on the Theology of the Body. Join Christopher West, the world's leading teacher and author on St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body, Father Paul Houlis and The Cor Project pilgrimage team on an unforgettable, life-changing Italy pilgrimage set for Nov. 8-17, 2018. We'll start in Assisi and make our way south to Rome, with daily Mass in stunning churches and daily formation from Christopher, Father Paul and the pilgrimage team. A major highlight will be TWO HOURS of private group time in the Sistine Chapel! 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 (gelato!) and much, much 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.