

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



Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying:
"Holy Father, keep them in your name that you
have given me,
so that they may be one just as we are one.

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 13, 2018

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, May 14 ~ St. Matthias

7:30AM **George Hauck, Jr.** ~ *Fil & Bob Sileo*
 12:00PM **Kevin J. Houlis** ~ *Fran Mahon*

TUESDAY, May 15

7:30AM **Trisha & William Gonska on the Occasion of their 8th Wedding Anniversary** ~ *Mom & Dad*
 12:00PM **Novena of Masses**

WEDNESDAY, May 16

7:30AM **Denis & Kathleen Mullins** ~ *Denis & Marilee Mullins*
 12:00PM **John Clancy (7th Anniversary)** ~ *The Family*

THURSDAY, May 17

7:30AM **Frank Scazafave** ~ *Fil & Bob Sileo*
 12:00PM **Harry P. Kilman** ~ *The Kilman Family*

FRIDAY, May 18

7:30AM **Novena of Masses**
 12:00PM **Virginia O'Rourke** ~ *The Bianco Family*

SATURDAY, May 19

9:00AM **Phyllis DeLuca** ~ *Mike DeLuca*
 5:00PM **Michael Laheney** ~ *Donna Lupo*

SUNDAY, May 20 ~ Pentecost Sunday

7:30AM **People of the Parish**
 9:00AM **Mary Cremer** ~ *Bob & Jackie Turner*
 10:30AM **Bruce Johnson** ~ *The Lazarus Ministry*
 12:00PM **Eileen & Bill Buckley** ~ *Charlie & Cathy Campbell*
 7:00PM **Robert Welch** ~ *Gary Blundo*

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@stpaulrchurch.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

Marion Plant ~ *The Lombardo Family*

SANCTUARY LAMP

Stefan Mazur ~ *The Mazur Family*

PRAYER REQUESTS

Military

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

Sick

Tommy Fitzpatrick & Ann Nardo.

For those names that are listed on the altar.

Deceased

Nicole Draper, Rosemarie Nestasia, Betty Stone, Rev. Robert H. Langdon & Mary T. Kleine.

EUCHARISTIC 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!

STEWARDSHIP TREASURE

WEEKEND of: May 5-6 \$19,428.00

Collection **\$13,661.00**

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.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

A few days ago an article caught my attention. It was about this past week's "*Met Gala*" in New York City. Not knowing too much about the world of fashion, I came to learn that the Met Gala is the "party of the year" for fashion. What caught my eye most was this year's theme: "*Heavenly Bodies: Fashion and the Catholic Imagination.*" Tapestry gowns, angel wings, fabrics that evoke stained glass, and even dresses modeled on the armor of St. Joan of Arc- these were on display at the Gala. It's not too often these days that the world of fashion elites and Hollywood types celebrate anything that smacks of Catholicism, I found it interesting that they would recognize the Catholic imagination as having value. Of course it's true: the Catholic worldview proclaims that God is present in all things beautiful. For many centuries, Catholic truth has inspired countless artists and artisans, designers and architects, sculptors and musicians, to create things of beauty. We value beauty not for its own sake, but because we recognize beauty as a way of evangelizing: in things that are beautiful we can come to know Beauty Itself (*with a capital "B"- that is, God Himself*). The ancient and grand cathedrals of Europe with their immense spires draw our eyes beyond the horizontal planes of this world up to Heaven, the goal of all our striving. The colors and images of the stained glass rose windows of *Chartres Cathedral* (as well as our own *Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark, and St. Paul Church in Ramsey*) speak of the complexity and simplicity of the God Whose light illumines our lives. Why doesn't the Vatican just sell *Michelangelo's Pieta* and give the money to help the poor? Because the point of creating and displaying the Pieta is that those who view it will be so inspired by its beauty, so enraptured by the gentle yet profound truth it professes in marble, that they will change their own lives and go out to help the poor in Christ's name! There are those throughout history who have been converted to Christ through the Pieta and have done great things for the poor. There are those who have been divinely inspired by the beauty of a Cathedral (or even a local church done well) and those whose hearts have been forever touched by God as they listened to *Mozart's Requiem Mass*, the haunting chants of *St. Hildegard of Bingen*, or Johann Sebastian *Bach's "St. Matthew's Passion"*, an 18th

century Oratorio considered one of the most beautiful pieces of music ever composed. A Japanese scholar recently wrote: "*Put simply, the Passion is music that calls for mankind to reflect and to awaken. It prompts repentance, urging us to turn from vice toward freedom and salvation. It moves the spirit toward self-reflection and the exercise of the conscience.*" Art inspires, but it also evangelizes when the recipient allows that inspiration to lead them to its Source. Contemporary artists seem less interested in inspiring people and more interested in provoking people. This is a tragedy.

Surprisingly, the Vatican permitted some priceless vestments from the Sistine Chapel Sacristy (some of which have never left the Vatican) to be on display at the *Met Gala*. The fabrics, design and craftsmanship of vestments are also meant to inspire, and to give God the worship He deserves. When Judas criticized Mary of Bethany for spending too much money on Christ (she anointed His feet with expensive perfumed ointment) Jesus supported Mary's impulse of extravagant love. Perhaps some of you noticed our new Easter altar cloth? A local artist made it for us, and our hope was that its beauty would add to the beauty of our Church, the beauty of our worship, so that in this beauty we might experience BEAUTY! God knows we are rightly critical of the "*rich and famous*" for their usual putdowns of the Catholic faith. But, when they get it right, we should acknowledge it. Of course crosses and rosaries are not really fashion accessories or jewelry, they are images to lead us to true prayer and communion with God. As any priest or religious sister knows, the things we wear are important- a priest in a Roman collar and a religious sister in habit speak volumes to the world about the meaning of witness and consecration. For all of us, the things we wear are important and tell the world who we are. *Modesty in dress is something our culture has too often forgotten. As we approach the summer months, let us remember the virtue of modesty, especially as we choose what we are to wear in God's house!*

It's not just beautiful "things" that speak to us of God, but also the beautiful "people" He puts into our lives. *On this Mother's Day, let us thank God for our mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, aunts and spiritual mothers living and deceased whose beauty reflected God's great love for us!*

*In the love of our Beautiful God,
Father John*

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.

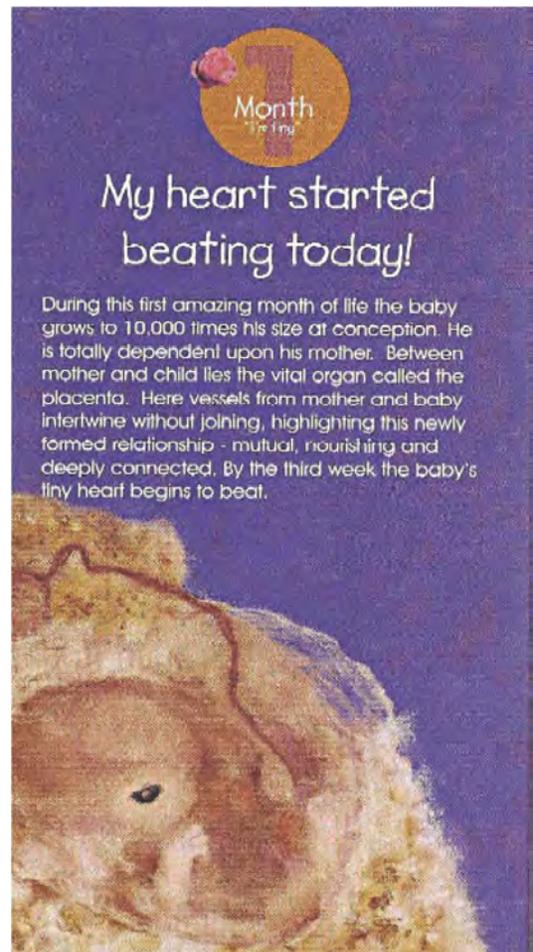


RESPECT LIFE



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! LET US PRAY during this month of May - in which we honor Our Mother Mary, and all Mothers - that all who choose life despite great difficulties are cherished and receive the support needed to thrive.

UPDATE: Our Mass for Life was held on the Feast of the Annunciation, and we are grateful for those who are currently praying daily for the protection of an unborn baby they have "spiritually adopted" and who is most vulnerable to abortion. This is a critical time for this baby whose mother is considering abortion, as most abortions (91%) take place in the first twelve weeks. These babies received their souls at the moment of conception. Rejoice in knowing their tiny hearts have been beating since Week 3 ... and will continue for years to come with our prayers and God's grace!



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

SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2018 Sharing God’s Blessings Annual Appeal is well underway. We have \$76,460.00 already pledged by 197 donors. This is approximately 70.40% 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.

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).

COMMUNICATING GOD'S WORD COLLECTION

Today, we are taking up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ, here and around the world, through the internet, television, radio and print media. Half of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the gospel message, and support the collection today! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

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!



Family Promise is the only organization in Bergen County that provides shelter and support to working families who become homeless. These hardworking families struggle because even though their income is not enough to afford a place to live it is enough to disqualify them for most forms of government assistance so they have no where else to turn. The week of July 22-29, 2018, St. Paul Parish will be hosting up to four families with up to 14 individuals from 5 pm on Sunday through 7:30 am the following Sunday. We seek at least 35 volunteers to help with preparing meals, entertaining children and staying overnight. An informational meeting will be scheduled soon. If interested, please call Donna Schifano at the Parish Office (201)327-0976 or email info@stpaulrchurch.org.

Watch the bulletin for sign up and donation opportunities.



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 Donna Schifano at the Parish Center, 201-327-0976.

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 arrangement 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, Snacks/Cookies/Crackers, White Rice, Canned Meat (Tuna, Chicken, Ham), Can Fruit (Peaches, Pears, Fruit Cocktail), 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...**

HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY!!

Looking For More Info About:

Our Mother, Mary?

Discovering Mary

Mary: Handmaid of the Lord

Fatima For Today

How to be the Best Mom Ever?

10 Things That Make For a Great Catholic Mom

10 Things That Make for a Great Catholic Family

On Love in the Family

Evangelization - Share our faith with our families

Find answers on the **Bookstand**, located from:

May 12 -25 at Entrance nearest the Rectory

May 26-June 8 at Entrance on Gospel side

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



KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

The Rev. Patrick F. Pindar council of the Knights of Columbus in Ramsey, NJ

Invites

**The Altar Servers of St. Paul Church
and their families**

To the

Altar Server Appreciation Dinner

To honor you 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
Lower Level and back yard

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

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



Miss Jen James



Miss Denise



Dr. Megan



The Academy of Saint Paul participated in "Bring Your Child to Work Day" on Thursday April 26th. Several Staff/Faculty members brought their children to work with them for the day. The Saint Paul students enjoyed meeting Miss Jen's, Dr. Megan's and Miss Denise's children.

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

Happy Mother's Day
from the
Academy of Saint Paul

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 its 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.