

# 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 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 20, 2018**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### MONDAY, May 21

7:30AM Susan Roller ~ John Urinyi  
12:00PM John Pullaro ~ Fran Mahon

### TUESDAY, May 22

7:30AM Tommy Cushing ~ The Kolb Family  
12:00PM Deceased Members of the Pelaschier & Zustovich Families ~ Pia Pelaschier

### WEDNESDAY, May 23

7:30AM Baby Connor Mark Doherty ~ Edward & Patrice Stapp  
12:00PM Novena of Masses

### THURSDAY, May 24

7:30AM Michael & Laura Meyers 4th Wedding Anniversary ~ Mom & Dad  
12:00PM Bill Weir ~ Jane & Barry Coyle

### FRIDAY, May 25

7:30AM Bill Weir 1st Anniversary ~ Mary Jane Weir  
12:00PM Peter Morgan ~ Noreen Morgan

### SATURDAY, May 26 ~ St. Philip Neri

9:00AM Novena of Masses  
5:00PM Maria Teresina Marino ~ Her Son

### SUNDAY, May 27 ~ The Most Holy Trinity

7:30AM Catherine Bartone ~ Fil & Bob Sileo  
9:00AM Kathleen Belloise ~ Fr. John Gabriel & St. Paul Parish  
10:30AM Josephine Belardino ~ Steven Huth  
12:00PM Arline Gondiosa ~ Richard Gondiosa  
7:00PM Robert Tommaney ~ Joan Tommaney



## 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

Lisa Forte ~ The Irving Family

### ALTAR WINE

Lisa Forte ~ The Irving Family

### SANCTUARY LAMP

Bill Weir ~ The Weir 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

Daniel J. Carroll

## 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 21<sup>st</sup>, following the noon mass through 7:30 pm.**

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

**Please note: Eucharistic Adoration schedule for June:**

First Friday Adoration will **NOT be held on June 1<sup>st</sup>**, due to the Church schedule.

Adoration **WILL be held on Mon, June 18<sup>th</sup>**, following the noon mass through 7:30 pm.

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Today I want to wish all of you a **Happy Birthday! Today, the Feast of Pentecost, is the birthday of the Church!** Today we end the Easter Season (although we never really end Easter: as Pope St. John Paul II used to say, "*We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song!*") with a remembrance of the coming of the Holy Spirit among us and within us. How blessed we are to have one another, to be part of Christ's Church and to love her as He does! So many today seem to want Christ without the Church, and yet they are one. We are His Mystical Body, and the Spirit of Unity brings us together. We are not in this alone!

Speaking of the Holy Spirit this weekend, I wanted to announce that the parish has hired a new part-time staff member- her name is **Donna Johnson**, and she will take over as the **Coordinator of our Parish Confirmation Program**. Donna is a full-time teacher in the Rochelle Park school system with a Masters Degree in Education. She has also been the **Coordinator of the Confirmation Program at St. Philips Church in Saddle Brook** as well as their youth minister and coordinator of their parish Liturgy of the Word with Children. She is currently an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist at her home parish of St. Anthony Church in Hawthorne. Soon Donna will be in communication with the Confirmation candidates and their families to continue moving forward in preparation for this wonderful Sacrament of the Holy Spirit. **We welcome Donna to our parish family!**

And speaking about the religious education of our children, I wanted to update you on our parish search for a new **Director of Faith Formation**. We've formed a **Search Committee** made up of a few parents and catechists who will help me begin this week to interview our candidates for this full-time pastoral staff position. We've received resumes from twelve different people and are looking forward to meeting some of them. I am also waiting for word from the Mother Provincial of the **Franciscan Sisters of St. Elizabeth** (the Sisters down the street)- I've asked the community if one of the Sisters might be available for us to consider for this position on the parish staff. I am not sure if the Sisters have anyone available yet, unfortunately most religious communities today have personnel issues rooted in lack of religious vocations or perhaps parish ministry is not part of the vision of

their founder or their current ministry preferences, but I ask you to join with us in prayer so that God will lead us in the best way forward so that we can provide quality religious education for our youth. I am also hoping to meet with all the catechists soon to discuss some of your ideas to make our program better.

Some of you may remember last year when a seminarian named **A.J. DeSilva** was living with us for a while. This weekend, A.J. will be ordained a deacon for service in the Archdiocese of Newark. A.J. spent several years as a religious brother of the Community of St. John in East Orange, and then discerned God's call to priesthood. His diaconate ordination is the last step until he is ordained a priest next spring (please God). We are so pleased to know of A.J.'s ordination and keep him in our prayers. Also, **Immaculate Conception Seminary** asked me if our parish could welcome another seminarian to live with us this summer, and of course I was thrilled to say yes! **Kamil Belling** was born in Poland and is studying for priesthood here in our Archdiocese (his name sounds like Camille). This summer, he will be taking part in a program called Clinical Pastoral Education at St. Joseph Hospital in Paterson, but he will be living with us during the ten weeks of his program. I hope some of you get the chance to meet Kamil, he is a wonderful young man. Let us continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. There are so many important things still to be done through the ministry of priests and religious throughout the world, and especially here within our own local Church of Newark. Next weekend, seven young deacons will be ordained to the priesthood (five of them I worked very closely with and lived with during my time as **Director of Vocations and Director of Emmaus House of Discernment**). We promise to keep all of these men in our prayers, and pray that perhaps some of our own young people will feel the tug of the Holy Spirit within their own hearts to service in the Church, and not be afraid to say YES! May the Spirit continue to inflame our lives. As St. John Vianney said: "*When in heaven we ask the saints how they became saints they will answer 'for having listened to the Holy Spirit!'*" May we listen together, love together, and build the Kingdom together now and always!

**In the peace and joy of the Holy Spirit,  
Father John**

## RESPECT LIFE



Our Next Respect Life Meeting will be held on Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm in the meeting room in the rear of the Church. This will be an important planning meeting for Respect Life activities for the remainder of the year, with a focus on October which is "Respect Life month". *Please come ... there are many ways to contribute to this ministry: whether it be from a position of "activity" or "prayer".* This meeting will immediately follow the 7:30pm conclusion of Eucharistic Adoration held throughout the day on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Why not stop in Church to pray before our Eucharistic Lord, and then stop by our meeting to see what the Respect Life ministry is about!

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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.



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@stpaulrcchurch.org](mailto:info@stpaulrcchurch.org). Watch the bulletin for sign up and donation opportunities.



## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Fathers Evening of Reflection

Saint Paul Church ~ Ramsey, New Jersey  
Wednesday, June 13, 2018 ~ 7:30PM  
Saint Paul Church



~ Fathers, Sons, Uncles, Nephews, Grandfathers, Step Fathers, Brothers ~

**All men are invited & encouraged to attend our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Fathers Evening of Reflection**

**Men of the parish will share their experiences in their roles as sons and fathers**

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For information contact John Nunziata - [jnunziata@stpaulrcchurch.org](mailto:jnunziata@stpaulrcchurch.org)

## 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](mailto:craigjandoli@gmail.com).

## COMMUNICATING GOD'S WORD COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) We collected \$1,211.00. Your support will help the CCC connect millions of people with Christ and spread the gospel message. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections), and click on the "How to Give" link on the left.

## THANK YOU

Wow! Another amazing year for our "2018 Mother's Day Tribute"

A special thank you goes out to Fr. John Gabriel and Fr. Stefano Hong for your guidance, support and love.

Kristin Bianco, Khristine Briggs, Jennifer Burns, Alexis Callaghan, Gaby Callaghan, Gaetano Cecere, Toni Bilotti-Cecere, Kristin Dabaghian, Andrew Fernandez, Andre Floyd, Matt Fowler, Sebastian Fox, Linda Magala, Joyce Mason, Charlie McNamara, Jennifer Paradiso, Madeline Rapp, Mary Beth Remy, Jeff Rutkowski and all the Youth Candidates who helped make this evening a big success.

Over 90 bags were delivered to Hackensack -Meridian Medical Center and Valley Hospital for all the moms who spent Mother's Day in the hospital with their sick children. Thank you to all who donated to Project Hospital Warming and who came and helped organize the bags that were delivered.

This event not only is special for all women of our parish and community but touches the hearts of so many because of the generosity of our parish and community. I thank each and every one of you.

I encourage each and every one of you to get involved in your parish. It is such a rewarding feeling and FREE gift you can give yourself.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

*Donna Schifano*  
*Director of Outreach*

**SAVE THE DATE: MAY 8, 2019**  
**MOTHER'S DAY TRIBUTE**

## SPRING RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to our Spring Raffle Winners who were drawn after the Noon Mass on Mother's Day:

First Prize: D'Angelo, D. - \$5,000  
Second Prize: Patricia Callanan - \$3,000  
Third Prize: Hasencz, Amy - \$2,000

## STEWARDSHIP TREASURE

**WEEKEND of: May 12–13 \$23,950.00**

**Collection \$17,653.00 // Faith Direct \$6,297.00**

Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: NJ654 to sign up for Online Giving.  
Thank you for your continued support.

## NEXT BOOK FOR ST PAUL BOOK CLUB!!!

COME AND JOIN our parish Book Club.

The next book we will be reading is "**The Case for Jesus**" by **Dr Brant Pitre**.

For well over a hundred years now, many scholars have questioned the historical truth of the Gospels, In *The Case for Jesus*, Dr. Brant Pitre, goes back to the sources—the biblical and historical evidence for Christ—in order to answer several key questions, including:

- Are the Gospels folklore? Did Jesus claim to be God?
- Did Jesus fulfill the Jewish prophecies of the Messiah?
- What is the evidence for the Resurrection?

As *The Case for Jesus* will show, recent discoveries in New Testament scholarship, as well as neglected evidence from ancient manuscripts and the early church fathers, together have the potential to pull the rug out from under a century of skepticism toward the traditional Gospels.

**At our next meeting will discuss the entire book on Wednesday June 20th at 7:30 pm in the Rectory.**

## You Can Play an Important Role in St Paul's Stephen Ministry . . .



. . . Because you may know of a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or relative who is going through a difficult time and who could benefit from the focused care, encouragement, and support of a Stephen Minister. If you know of someone who is hurting, St Paul's Stephen Ministry provides confidential, one-on-one faith filled support. Stephen Ministers are trained care-givers who listen, pray, encourage and offer the love of Christ during times of need.

**Contact Anne Palladino at [annaitalia20@aol.com](mailto:annaitalia20@aol.com).** She will talk with you about how we can connect the person you know with one of our Stephen Ministers. It's a great way for you to show how much you care!

# 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).

## NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE

I would like to share the beautiful news for the community of St. Paul.

Our eleven parishioners with other parishioners went to the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, MA on May 4<sup>th</sup> for the celebration of the Divine Mercy Sunday (April 8<sup>th</sup>). We prayed the Rosary together, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and celebrated Holy Mass with special intentions in the Divine Mercy Chapel. What is Divine Mercy? The message of the Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us - all of us. And he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

*In the Mercy of our God,  
Father Stefano*





# PARISH SCHOOL NEWS



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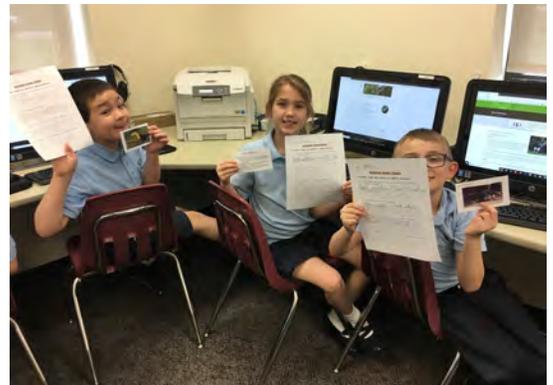
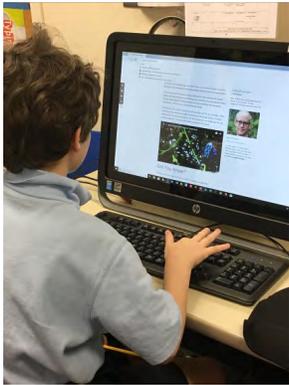
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**Academy of St Paul is our parish school! Make a Catholic education a priority for your family.**

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](http://www.academyofstpaul.org).



## Academy Happenings



The Third Grade began learning about the rainforest. Each student is also assigned a rainforest animal. He or she will research its features, habitat, eating habits and whether it's a carnivore, herbivore, or omnivore, as well as its behavior and adaptations.

## 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](http://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](mailto:bill@corproject.com).

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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.

### Gift of Days: Spirituality & Aging Retreat

June 5 - 7 (mid-week)

Marianist Family Retreat Center  
Cape May Point, NJ 08212

This retreat (intended for those 55+) will explore the mystery of aging and God's desire for our spiritual fulfillment and development. This retreat will consist of input, quiet personal time, prayer rituals, Mass and small group sharing.

**Cost:** \$130 per person (includes program, lodging & meals)

**Sign up online at** [www.capemaymarianists.org](http://www.capemaymarianists.org) or call 609-884-3829 for more information.