

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

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

His disciples approached him and said,
"Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."

He said in reply,

"He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom."

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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JULY 23, 2017

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, July 24

7:30AM Novena of Masses

TUESDAY, July 25 ~ St. James

7:30AM Don Markey ~ Ted & Helen Rybacki

WEDNESDAY, July 26 ~ St. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30AM Sophie Kaprowski ~ The Schifano Family

THURSDAY, July 27

7:30AM Novena of Masses

FRIDAY, July 28

7:30AM Patricia Griffin Johnson ~ Marie Cannon

SATURDAY, July 29 ~ St. Martha

9:00AM Peter Morgan ~ Maureen Sarkissian

5:00PM Tom Moran ~ The Schifano Family

SUNDAY, July 30 ~ Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM Nance D'Anna ~ The Butler Family

9:00AM Marion M. Alcaro ~ Celeste & Michael Mazzeo

10:30AM People of the Parish

12:00PM Theresa Komor ~ The Komor Family

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – Aug. 4

In honor of our Parish observance of the First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration will be held in the church on **Friday, August 4th** from **7:00 to 8:00 pm**. Our First Friday Holy Hours begin with the Rosary, include time for personal prayer and adoration, and conclude with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction.

Take advantage of the slower pace of summer – and spend some time in prayer and adoration of Our Lord, Jesus. All are welcome!

Extended Eucharistic Adoration is also held on the third Monday of each month from 12:30–7:30 pm. Please consider volunteering as a Scheduled OR Substitute Adorer for any of the one-hour sessions between 12:30 and 7:30pm. A sign-up sheet is located in the Penance Room of the Church.



PARISH CENTER SUMMER HOURS

THROUGH LABOR DAY

Monday ~ Thursday: 9:00am to 4:00 pm

Friday: 9:00am to Noon

Saturday: 9:00am to 1:00pm

Sunday: Closed

DEVOTIONS AND MEMORIALS

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



SANCTUARY LAMP

Rafael Fuentes Melendez ~ The Family

ALTAR BREADS

ALTAR WINE

PRAYER REQUESTS

Military

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

Sick

Baby Tommy Fitzpatrick and
Deacon Jerry Rehse

For those names that are listed on the altar

Deceased

Joseph Damiani, John Kachadurian,
Ann Nally, & Eileen Buckley



**SUMMER
Mass
Schedule**

There will be:

**One Daily Mass at 7:30 am
Monday through Friday
until Tuesday, September 5**

The weekend Mass schedule will remain the same with a:

**Vigil Mass Saturday at 5:00 pm and
Sunday Masses at 7:30am, 9:00am,
10:30am and Noon.**

Greetings, a Thank You, and an Invitation from Fr. Paul

Greetings family! It's been awhile since I've seen many of you. I'm very grateful that Fr. John asked me to write to you about my recent pilgrimage to Ireland. Before I do that however, I want to briefly express my DEEP gratitude to all of you for your gracious love and support to me and my family surrounding the death of my brother Kevin. I am going to write MUCH more about this in September when most of the parish is back from summer vacation, but my family and I cannot thank you enough for your prayers, presence, and for your loving generosity towards the college fund for my nephew Gavin. THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU.

So I just came home from Ireland yesterday. It was my first time there. I always knew I'd go to Ireland one day, because that is where my mother's side of the family is from, but I had no clue I'd be there so soon. However, one day I came across a flyer for a "Theology of the Body immersion experience across the Emerald Isle". By now, many of you know that I love St. John Paul II's masterpiece; his *Theology of the Body*, a life-giving, liberating, beautiful teaching.

The TOB Ireland pilgrimage was led by Christopher West, one of the world's most dynamic, popular, and sought-out speaker and author on the Theology of the Body. I can attest to this myself. My parish priest gave me a talk recorded by Christopher West when I was 18 years old. While I was listening to his talk, I knew my life would never be the same again. Since then I have listened to and watched Christopher's teachings on the Theology of the Body hundreds of times. I've also attended three of his week-long courses at the Theology of the Body Institute in Quarryville, PA. I've had the honor of being a chaplain for him on one of those courses, and since then, he has become more of a teacher to me...but truly a mentor, and now a friend. No one speaks to the truths...the longings...the hunger which lie in my heart like Christopher West can. This is why it was an absolute honor that I was able to travel through Ireland with him and 30 others while he spread the Theology of the Body over the land of St. Patrick.

As you know, The Catholic Church in Ireland is going through a very dark time right now. Not only has their country experienced their own horrible sexual abuse crisis, but their vocations to the priesthood are at an all-time low, and their government is becoming ever more secular, and truly starting to support what St. John Paul II referred to as a "culture of death". As you know, Ireland was the first country in the world which passed a national "same-sex marriage" law just a few years ago, and now the Irish people have to vote on whether to keep the 8th amendment, which allows equal right for the mother and the child in the womb, or to get rid of this amendment, which will not recognize the rights of the child. Mercy Lord!

There was a time when Catholic Church in Ireland was thriving to the point that they had so many priests that all of the newly ordained priests had to be sent to other countries. I just met an Irish cousin of mine that I never knew existed. His name is Fr. John O'Connor. He is my mother's grandfather's first cousin. He was ordained a priest in 1957, but he and 6 others of his classmates were sent to serve the Catholic Church in England because there was no room for them in Ireland. The rest of his classmates were sent to the United States. Now the vocation crisis in Ireland is just that, a crisis! I just visited Maynooth University while in Ireland. . While I was there it was revealed to me that the entire campus used to be a Catholic seminary from 1795-1997 that held up to 600 seminarians preparing for the priesthood. However, because of the extreme decline in vocations, a separate entity was created in 1997, and even though there is still a seminary there (which houses about 30 seminarians rather than 600) the campus is mostly a secular university. In fact, when Christopher West took a break from lecturing and was roaming the halls, he saw a flyer promoting same-sex marriage and abortion. Can you imagine that? A place that used to uphold vital Catholic teachings on life is now promoting the exact opposite. The seminary itself has also been rocked with a sex scandal over the past few years.

Why do I mention all of this? Because the country of Ireland needs the Theology of the Body more than ever before. In fact, Pope Francis personally selected Ireland to be the home for the 2018 World Meetings of Families. It was not supposed to be in Ireland, but I think our Pope is making a point...Ireland needs its faith back and faith starts with the family...husband and wife, father and mother, and their children.

What an honor it was to be a part of a pilgrimage and speaking tour that "kicked off" the World Meeting of Families one year in advance. The theology of the body teaches us exactly what it means to be human...what it means to be made male and female, revealing God's glorious plan for our life. We, at St. Paul have the honor of having Christopher West coming to speak at our parish on Tuesday, November 14th. You DO NOT want to miss this event...it will be an evening you will never forget. Tickets are being sold in the parish center, but you can also purchase them at www.corproject.org. Please don't delay in getting your tickets, because once September comes, tickets will go fast. Buy one for you, and for EACH of your family members. This is NOT just for teenagers or young adults...this message is for every BODY. If you have a body, the Theology of the Body is for you. While this talk, which is entitled, "Made For More" is appropriate for 7th grade and up, this talk is primarily directed towards adults, so come on out! God Bless you and let's all pray for the Church in Ireland and for the Church in America.

*God Bless You,
Fr. Paul*

RESPECT LIFE

Do you know about the 20/20 Project?

The 20/20 project is a collaborative effort of local pro-life groups and individuals throughout the state who are working together to attain equal rights for babies in the womb.

- The first goal of this project is to pass the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act in New Jersey by the year 2020. (The 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).
- This goal is a START, and seeks to educate individuals about the humanity of babies in the womb - and to show women and men that healing is possible and resources are available for those who may have made decisions they now regret.

**Join us at our next meeting
to plan activities for "Respect Life Month" this
October:**

**Tuesday, July 25th at 7:30 pm
in the Church meeting room, behind the altar.
Encourage your teen and young adult children
to become involved in this ministry!**

STEPHEN MINISTRY INFORMATION NIGHT



**Stephen Ministry Information Night
- Thursday July 27 7:30pm Parish
Center**

**Are you being called to become a
Stephen Minister?** A Stephen Minister
is a lay person who has received

Christian Care giving training offered here at St Paul's. Once trained a Stephen Minister will be assigned to provide one-to-one Christ centered care to a hurting member of our community. Each Stephen Minister typically has one care receiver at a time. Men minister to men and Women minister to women. For information about joining this ministry and being trained as a Stephen Minister come to an information night on **Thursday July 27th 7:30pm, Parish Center** - Main Contact Anne Palladino at [mailto: annaitalia20@aol.com](mailto:annaitalia20@aol.com).

CELEBRATE THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA



Our Lady did not speak in the third part (or secret) of the July 13, 1917 Fatima apparition. Rather, the children saw a prophetic vision to be understood as symbolic, which was not made public until the May 13, 2000 beatification of Francisco and Jacinta. The children again saw the Angel, this time with a flaming sword, crying: *Penance, Penance, Penance* - followed by a vision of martyrs as they climbed a mountain and made their way to God.

**Watch the bulletin for details on Our Lady of
Fatima
MOVE NIGHT,
Sunday Evening, August 13th**

*Learn the message Live the message Spread
the message!*

STEWARDSHIP TREASURE

**WEEKEND of July 15 – 16
\$19,121.00**

\$13,551.00 Collection // \$5,570.00 from Faith Direct

Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: NJ654 to sign up for Online Giving.

Thank you for your continued support.

SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS ANNUAL APPEAL

176 parishioners have made a sacrificial pledge to the 2017 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal totaling \$65,702.00. Our parish has reached 56.67 % of our goal. Please make a generous pledge today and help us reach our financial goal.

Our Middle School Summer Faith Formation IN ACTION!

We loved the presence of Fr. John, Fr. Paul and Fr. Stefano!



FAITH FORMATION

St. Paul R. C. Church

Volunteer Form

2017/2018

Our Faith Formation Program enrollment is almost 1100 students. Our greatest need is your gift of time. We need 120 adults (each year) willing to volunteer to plant the seeds of faith and teach the Good News to our children. Please prayerfully consider how you can help with our program; any assistance you can offer is greatly appreciated!

Name _____

Phone # _____ Email address _____

Do you have children in the program and what grade _____

Please indicate when you can volunteer.

Monday Evening
6 pm to 7:30 pm

Monday Afternoon
4pm to 5:30 pm

Sunday Mornings
8:15 am or 10:15 am

_____ As a catechist for the following grade _____
(training provided)

_____ As a for Confirmation Preparation table Facilitator (calendar to be announced)
After Saturday 5 pm Mass or after Sunday Noon Mass

_____ As a co-catechist (team up with another person)

_____ As a class aide

_____ As a substitute catechist

_____ I can help with office work/monitor hallways during Faith Formation Sessions

_____ I am a youth volunteer (must be in high school)

_____ Other/I can assist by _____



*All new volunteers (18 years old and older) will need to agree to attend a training session and apply for a background check as required by our archdiocese and the NCCB's plan for Protecting God's Children. These are provided at no cost.

Please return this form to Colleen Jagde at the Faith Formation Office.

** Classroom Aides and Office Helpers are great service opportunities for Confirmation and High School Students.

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. **Please no perishable items...**

School Supplies - Each Year the committee collects school supplies for less fortunate children in our area and Archdiocese. Barely able to have essential food and clothing, it means a lot to these children to be able to bring just a few new items to school. We will collect the items from August 5th through August 27th. Bins will be located at the doors of the church. If you are able, please purchase sets of crayons, markers, notebooks, pens, pencils, backpacks, etc. when you are shopping for your own children or grandchildren. It's a great opportunity to share with those less fortunate.



FAITH FORMATION

Enrollment in the St. Paul Faith Formation Program is offered to all registered parishioners who participate in the sacramental life of the church and most especially Sunday Eucharist. The Program is open to all Parish children in Kindergarten through Grade 8, who are not in Catholic School.

Our goal is to give the children the opportunity to build their faith which is grounded in God's love, family experience, the witness of others and is brought to fruition as we celebrate as a parish family of faith, especially when we celebrate the Eucharist.



The Adults and Children Together Program (ACT) meets on Sunday Mornings once per month. This gives families the opportunity to attend Faith Formation as

an entire family. Children in grades Kindergarten through grade 8 are welcome to enroll in this program. There are two program times offered to help families with scheduling, one group meets at 8:15 am and the other at 10:15 am.

The children gather and break out into peer groups with a Catechist, while the parents/adults have their own faith gathering.

The Faith in Action Program is more of a "traditional" program model.

Grades 1 through 4 will meet on Mondays after school from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm. Grades 5 through 8 will meet on Monday evenings from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Most of the curriculum is covered in the classroom setting and facilitated by trained, volunteer Catechists.



To register in our Parish Faith Formation program please contact the office at 201-327-8010 or via email at faithformation@stpaulrchurch.org.

 Please like and give the St. Paul Faith Formation Ramsey NJ Facebook page a thumbs up.

Prayers, Catholic news and announcements are posted on the page on a regular basis.

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Paul-Faith-Formation-Ramsey-NJ-737477742985941/>

WHAT MAKES A GREAT CATHOLIC FAMILY?

This week located in the entrance nearest to the rectory:

PAMPHLETS:

**Ten Things That Make a Great Catholic Dad
Ten Things That Make a Great Catholic Mom
What makes a Great Catholic family?
On Love in the Family**

See also our great selection of CDs for adults and children!

If possible, donations of \$.50 for Pamphlets and \$3 for CDs are suggested to help defray the cost and may be placed in the slot at the bottom right of the kiosk.

ON THE GO THIS SUMMER?

Computer/iPhone sources for enriching our Catholic faith:

1. Laudate app for your iPhone
Includes daily Mass readings, hundreds of prayers and Catholic Church information download from iTunes
2. "Living Through Faith - Daily Catholic Devotions" <https://www.livingfaith.com>
3. Ascension Press podcasts available on iTunes, Stitcher, or the web
<http://ascensionpresents.com/podcasts/>

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS



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Website: www.academyofstpaul.org

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY



YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS RESUME IN SEPTEMBER!

"St. Paul's Youth Group is a place for friends to gather and use the teachings of Jesus Christ to enrich our community, peers, and self. With a focus on honesty, integrity, and community, we aim to reach others through prayer, service, and living the Gospels in everyday action."

Our High School program (9th to 12th grade) is a great place for youth to relax, meet new friends, talk about faith, family, and friends, as well as the pressures of being a teen. There are opportunities for community service and retreats as well as events just for fun!

Announcements about the many activities planned for our Youth Group are listed on our website and here in the parish bulletin.

Up Coming Events:

As the school year approaches, watch this section for an overview and description of the many events, community service opportunities, and retreats that we sponsor during the year.

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!

Contemplative Prayer Retreat, September 25-28

Marianist Family Retreat Center -
www.capemaymarianists.org
Cape May Point, NJ 08212
609-884-3829

This retreat is intended for those interested in a contemplative prayer experience. First-timers as well as those who are familiar with this type of retreat are all welcomed. Our time will be filled with prayer experiences, quiet personal time, special liturgies and daily Eucharist.

Cost: \$150/pp

SAVE THE DATE



MADE FOR MORE
VISIONS OF THE PROMISED LAND

with **CHRISTOPHER WEST** MUSIC BY **MIKE MANGIONE**

Made for More is an inspired blend of live music, art, and presentation that taps the deepest desires of the human heart revealing their ultimate purpose and goal. Join Christopher West and Mike Mangione as they offer a vision of the Gospel like you've never heard through the lens of Saint John Paul II's Theology of the Body.

TUESDAY
—NOVEMBER—
14
2017

Tickets will be sold in the parish office
or at www.corproject.com
FOR MORE INFORMATION
201-327-0976
dschifano@stpaulrcchurch.org

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7:00-9:30 PM

www.corproject.com **THE COR PROJECT**

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Plants need fertilizer to grow healthy and strong and so does your marriage. Without some nurturing and care it will remain weak and unfulfilling. Spread a little fertilizer on your relationship. Make a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend and watch your love for each other grow stronger.

For more information, contact Janet and Mike Turco at 973-427-7016 or 609-335-6880 (njwwme@peoplepc.com) or go to njwwme.org.

IS YOUR MARRIAGE VALID?

If you were married civilly, that is not in the Catholic church before a priest or deacon, it might not be a valid marriage. Some couples believe that a marriage before a Justice of the Peace or a non-Catholic minister is valid. For marriage to be valid in the Catholic church, the marriage must be in a Catholic Church or Chapel and officiated by an authorized Catholic priest or deacon along with 2 witnesses. (There are limited interfaith exceptions with proper permission.)

We invite you to speak with one of our priests if there are any questions or if indeed you wish to validate your marriage. The process can be very simple and your marriage will now be blessed by the church.

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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.