



ST. PAUL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

200 WYCKOFF AVENUE - RAMSEY, NEW JERSEY 07446

the *amazing* parish

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

November 20, 2016

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



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

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

Gail Ritchie, School Principal

John Nunziata, Pastoral Associate

Colleen Jagde, Director of Faith Formation

Kristin Dabaghian, Director of Music Ministry & Liturgy

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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.*

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.



Mass Intentions for the Week of November 20th



MONDAY, Nov. 21 - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Lk 21:1-4 (503)

7:30 Novena of Masses

12:00 Mary McCarten; Req by Grace Schulte

TUESDAY, Nov. 22 - St. Cecilia

Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11 (504)

7:30 Michael Carey, Sr.; Req by Walsh Family

12:00 Antoinette Piraneo; Req by Reganato Family

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 23 - Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19 (505)

7:30 Jim Kinney; Req by Roz Hughes

12:00 Thomas O'Hara; Req by The Monahan Family

THURSDAY, Nov. 24 - St. Andrew Dũng-Lac and Companions

Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Lk 21:20-28 (506) or for Thanksgiving Day (suggested): Sir 50:22-24 [943.2]; 1 Cor 1:3-9 [944.1]/Lk 17:11-19 [947.6]

9:00 People of the Parish

FRIDAY, Nov. 25 - Rv 20:1-4, 11 - 21:2; Lk 21:29-33 (507)

9:00 Novena of Masses

SATURDAY, Nov. 26 - Rv 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36 (508)

9:00 People of the Parish

5:00 Most Rev. Bishop Thomas A. Donato; Req by The Schifano Family

SUNDAY, Nov. 27 - First Sunday of Advent

Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44 (1)

7:30 Msgr. Larry Cull; Req by The Walsh Family

9:00 Christine Wyszomirski; Req by Celeste & Michael Mazzeo

10:30 Fernanda Dinocco; Req by Laura & John Rocoszak

12:00 Christine Wyszomirski; Req by Marie & Gary Marzolla



IN YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE REMEMBER

all the women & men who serve in our armed forces;

THE SICK, ESPECIALLY:

- Ava Richardson
Catherine Kelleher
Robert Fagan
Ed Falato

FOR THOSE NAMES THAT ARE LISTED ON THE ALTAR;

and THE DECEASED:

Josephine Passafiume



This week's ALTAR BREADS are donated in honor of Cathy & Charlie Campbell on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary requested by Dolores Heck.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration - December 2nd

'Be still and know that I am God' Psalm 46:11



The Eucharist is the summit of our faith, in which the entire story of our salvation is made real in a miraculous and powerful way. As Advent begins, we invite you to participate in the celebration of First Friday Eucharistic Adoration on December 2nd from 7-8 pm in the Church.

This Holy Hour offers an opportunity for private praise and worship of Jesus, our Lord and Savior - as well as the group prayers of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Holy Rosary - and concludes with Benediction.

Please join us . . .

From
the
Pastor 

Dear Parish Family,

This weekend is sort of like the Catholic Church version of New Years Eve! *The Solemnity of Christ the King* ends the liturgical year with this beautiful reflection on the relationship between Christ and the world. Not everyone acknowledges Him as King, and our nation began with the desire to throw off the power of a king. But this King is different: His throne was a cross, His crown made of thorns, His Kingdom is one of love, and His desire is to reign over the human heart. We are all children of a King! How sad that we settle so often for mediocrity! This Sunday officially ends the *Jubilee Year of Mercy* proclaimed by Pope Francis. But don't worry, with Christ mercy is never out of style!

Next Sunday is sort of like the Catholic Church version of New Years Day! The *First Sunday of Advent* begins this beautiful season of waiting in joyful expectation for the coming of Christ. Advent is my favorite season. I love the scriptures of Advent that call us to hope. I love the deep purple color, the smell of pine, and the growing glowing light of the Advent wreath reminding us of the Light that is coming into the World. *The only problem with Advent is Christmas!* The secular world anticipates Christmas earlier and earlier, and Advent (which has a flavor and a message all its own separate from Christmas) is swallowed up. Let's do our best not to miss the beauty of Advent. But as our lives become busier with Christmas preparations, we must be creative in the ways we use our time, creating opportunities to spend in quiet contemplation and prayer. *I would like to invite all parishioners to join me each of the four Monday mornings of Advent at 6:30 a.m. in the rectory living room before the fireplace ("Faith Before the Fireplace").* I'll put on the coffee and together we will reflect on the gospel reading for the following Sunday. I'll open the rectory side door at 6:15 a.m. and hope that at least a few of you are brave enough to venture out into the cold December morning to join me. We will end by 7:15 a.m. so that those who attend can get to work, to 7:30 Mass, or back home to bed (your choice!).

Also this week our nation comes together to celebrate *Thanksgiving Day*. More than just a day for parades, turkeys, and the annual showing of the "*March of the Wooden Soldiers*" (anyone else who loves to watch this old film on Thanksgiving morning?), it is a day devoted to being thankful. Some years thanksgiving comes more easily than others, but always if we look hard enough we can find countless ways God has given to us of His bounty. We invite all to join us for the one celebration of *Holy Mass on Thanksgiving morning*- put your turkeys in the oven then come to pray with us! And may our good God always make us thankful. The past two weeks have seen some spiritual milestones in the lives of some of our children and teens here at St. Paul. One hundred forty three of our teenagers received the *Sacrament of Confirmation* and almost the same number celebrated the *Sacrament of Reconciliation* for the first time! We congratulate those young people and their families for these crucial experiences of faith, and we look forward to all of the graces we all can hope to enjoy as these families come closer to Christ through the sacramental life of His Church. In addition, 70 children with their parents joined me last Sunday evening for our first evening of *Eucharistic Adoration, Children of Hope!* It was a beautiful and peace-filled time of prayer before Our Lord truly present in the Blessed Sacrament on the altar. Our next "*Children of Hope*" meeting will take place on December 11th when we will reflect on the life of St. Nicholas. We have so many things to celebrate! Let's get to it!

*In His love,
Father John*

Saint Paul Children's Choir



Sing a joyful song to the Lord! All children Grade 2 through 8 are encouraged to join the Children's Choir at Saint Paul. Rehearsals are held on Tuesdays from 3:30-4:15pm in the church. We are preparing for Advent and Christmas. If your child loves to sing, this is a wonderful opportunity for them to worship the Lord in song!

Any questions, please contact Kristin Dabaghian at kdabaghian@stpaulrcchurch.org



If you are reading this, our YOUTH NEED YOU!
We are in need of Catechists, Substitute Catechists & Aides

Training Provided!

Please prayerfully consider continuing Jesus' mission as the Sower and help sow the seeds of faith with the young people of our parish family!

High School age students are encouraged to volunteer as well. This is a great way to earn Acts of Service for the Sacrament of Confirmation or fulfill High School service requirements.

To volunteer contact Colleen Jagde at 201-327-8010 or email at cjagde@stpaulrcchurch.org.



Christmas Shopping Spree Raffle



A raffle has been sent to all registered parishioners who will have the opportunity to PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS EARLY THIS YEAR by participating in the "Christmas Shopping Spree Raffle," a cash raffle taking place at St. Paul RC Church. Tickets are sold on a first come first served basis, so purchase your tickets early. Tickets are \$25.00 each and only 800 tickets will be sold. The church receives 50% of the proceeds from the total ticket sales, which, if all 800 tickets are sold, would net \$10,000.00 for our parish. The remaining 50% is awarded in 3 cash prizes as listed on the ticket. Winning tickets will be drawn on Sunday, December 18 following the Noon Mass.

Save the Date: December 4 at 6 pm

"Cinema Divina" praying with the movies

A Christmas Carol prayers and reflections on this classic Christmas tale led by Father John Gabriel. OPEN TO ALL PARISHIONERS.

The STEWARDSHIP TREASURE for the WEEKEND of November 12-13 is \$22,036.00 which includes \$5,643.00 from Faith Direct.

We are grateful for your ongoing generosity.

****Correction****

The STEWARDSHIP TREASURE for the WEEKEND of November 5-6 is \$19,524.00 which includes \$5,643.00 from Faith Direct.

Anita Foley, the representative from RCL Benziger will be our guest presenter during the month of November for the A.C.T. (Adults and Children Together) adult sessions. Anita holds a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and a Master's in Religious Education from Seton Hall University. She has also attended Immaculate Conception Seminary, South Orange for continuing post-graduate education and formation. Before joining RCL Benziger, Anita taught in Catholic elementary and high schools, served in ministry in the Archdiocese of Newark, in parish ministry as a Director of Religious Education, Pre-K Religious Education Program Coordinator, and Director of RCIA and Adult Faith Formation. Articles written by Anita have been published in "Today's Parish", "Catechist Magazine", and "Word on Worship". She is currently a workshop and retreat facilitator, and serves a member of the Liturgical Commission of the Archdiocese of Newark.

We are looking forward to her presentation on Celebrating Advent with Our Children.

Fr. Paul will be our "guest" presenter for the month of December.

Social Concern

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 **Tuesdays 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 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...

Thanksgiving Meals (Drop Off) – Many thanks to all who are providing Thanksgiving meals to the families at St Joseph’s Parish in East Orange this year. Please bring the food to the church garages on Monday, November 21, between 5 and 6:00pm. The food will be brought to East Orange the next morning. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Christmas Giving Tree – As we wait in prayerful anticipation of the joys and blessings of Christmas, please join in our annual Christmas Giving Tree project. Each year angels requesting gifts for children are placed on the trees in church. This year the tags will be available beginning Saturday, November 19 through Sunday, November 27. Our committee receives the names and requests from Bergen County organizations such as Children’s Aid and Family Services, Shelter Our Sisters, Bergen Regional Medical Center, St Rocco’s Parish in Newark, two classes of children in Orange and several local families in need. Children vary in age and a variety of gifts are requested.

ALL GIFTS MUST BE RETURNED BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4. Please securely attach the angel tag to the wrapped gift with the code and child’s name visible. *All gifts to be wrapped unless otherwise noted... Please include gift receipt for all clothing purchased...* Place your gift in the bins located by the church entrances during Saturday and Sunday mass or contact the Parish Center to make drop off arrangements. If you take an angel and for any reason cannot purchase the gift, please return the tag to the Parish Center, put it in the collection basket or back on the tree. We do not want to disappoint any child, and ask that you please make every effort to provide the gift you have chosen. *If requested gift cannot be found, please replace with a gift card...* This is a wonderful opportunity for our own children to experience the true meaning of Christmas through giving to others. Thank you for your loving generosity.

Catholic Relief Services Collection

“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me” (Mt 25:40). Today, we are reminded that Jesus identified himself with our poorest brothers and sisters. The Catholic Relief Services Collection serves Jesus in the victims of human trafficking, those who suffer from unjust laws, and those who need pastoral care and humanitarian assistance across the globe. Through supporting today’s collection, you help Jesus in disguise.

Please be generous.

Parish Center Schedule

The **Parish Center** will close **at Noon on Wednesday, Nov. 23 and will remain closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday until Saturday, Nov. 26 when the office will open from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm** with the usual limited services available. We will **resume** our regular schedule on **Monday, Nov. 28 at 9:00 am.**





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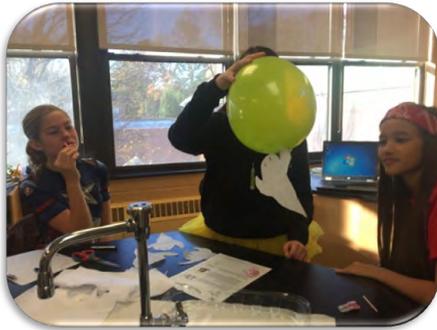
Academy of St Paul is our parish school! Make a Catholic education a priority for your family.

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



The 7th and 8th grade students made ghosts rise with static electricity. They also predicted and determined the relative density of a variety of candy bars.



Youth Group News

Mark Your Calendar

Journey
January 6 - 8

Christmas Eve Luminaria
December 24

Archdiocesan Ski Retreat
February 24-26

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.



St. Paul Roman Catholic Church Presents

Advent Wreath Making Event

Sunday, November 27th, following 9am mass until noon

Academy of St. Paul Cafeteria

The cost is \$25 per family for continental breakfast and an Advent wreath kit, which includes the base, greenery, decorations, and candles.

Money can be dropped off at either the St. Paul Parish Center (open M-Th 9am – 5pm and F 9am – 12pm) or sent to the Academy of Saint Paul office via your child.

Please make checks payable to St. Paul Parish and address the envelope to the attention of Karen White. Remember to include your name and number of people attending when you submit your reservation.

Money and reservations are due by Tuesday, November 22nd. Please send your payment early as reservations are limited.

Family Name: _____

Number attending: _____ Contact #: _____

November 20, 2016



*READING THE SCRIPTURE
REFLECTING ON THE MEANING
RESPONDING THROUGH PRAYER
RESTING IN GOD
RESPONDING IN ACTION*

November 28, December 5, 12 & 19

**WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN FR. JOHN GABRIEL
FROM 6:30-7:15 AM BEFORE THE FIREPLACE
IN THE RECTORY DURING ADVENT**

rsvp@stpaulrcchurch.org



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

A MERRY *little* CHRISTMAS CONCERT

WITH THE
DAUGHTERS OF SAINT PAUL



ST. PAUL R.C. CHURCH

Wednesday, November 30 at 7pm

200 Wyckoff Ave. Ramsey, NJ 07446

***FEATURING DON BOSCO PREP CHORUS AND ORCHESTRA
UNDER THE DIRECTION OF TONI BILOTTI CECERE AND GAETANO CECERE**

Ticket Information: 201-327-0976

Website: stpaulrcchurch.org

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Daughters of St. Paul Choir

Name _____

Phone# _____ Email _____

No. of Adult Tickets @ \$10.00 _____ No. of Child Tickets @ \$5.00 _____ - _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

November 20, 2016

Relief Bus Trip-Mark Your Calendars-Bring A Friend

What better way than to feed and pray with the poor than on the streets of NY with fellow St Paul Parishioners and members of the Ramsey K of C

What is the Relief Bus?

Please let me know if you can volunteer on December 3rd Saturday

All volunteers please meet in the St Paul's Church parking lot at 6:20am on Saturday December 3rd to depart for the Relief Bus Headquarters in Elizabeth, NJ.

We will leave NO LATER THAN 6:30 a.m. so that we can arrive in Elizabeth at 7:15am.

Volunteers will meet at The Relief Bus Base (295 Walnut St.) in Elizabeth, NJ at 7:15 AM to begin outreach preparation. After the prep session, we will ride in the bus to the site where we will set up tables & chairs on the sidewalk, serve soup/beverages, cleanup the outreach area, offer socks/toiletries and personally interact with our friends from 10 AM - 2 PM. Afterwards, volunteers return to The Relief Base to clean up, finishing around 4:30 PM. We will be back at the church parking lot by 5:30 p.m. that day.

For more information, please call Dave Federici at (201)248-0140 or e-mail davefed@optonline.net.

THE CHILDREN OF ST. PAUL PARISH WHO

PARTICIPATE IN THE BASKETBALL PROGRAM ARE

INVITED TO JOIN US SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 AT

THE 5 PM MASS FOR A BLESSING BEFORE THE SEASON BEGINS!

**FOLLOWING MASS WE WILL HAVE PIZZA AND SHOOT
AROUND IN THE PARISH GYM.**

**ALL FAMILIES REGISTERED FOR BASKETBALL THROUGH THE
ACADEMY OF ST. PAUL OR CYO ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!**

**WEAR YOUR
UNIFORM
TO MASS**



RSVP NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1st

TO JOE LYNCH, CYO DIR. AT JTSIELYNCH@AOL.COM (914)325-2473

or MATT MANNION ASP BASKETBALL DIR. at MATTMANNION1@VERIZON.NET (201)400-1228

An Evening with Mike Mangione



Mangione is critically acclaimed and national touring musician who is also the host of the Time and Mystery Podcast. He will be performing here at St. Paul on Friday, January 13th, 2017 at 8:00p.m. More information to follow.

Feel free to visit his website at

www.mikemangione.com.

