

# SAINT PAUL



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## *Feast of the Epiphany Concert*

*Featuring*

The St. Joseph Pre-School Franciscan Sisters  
along with The Stardust Big Band Orchestra



**When:** Sunday, January 7th  
**Where:** St. Paul Church  
**Time:** 4:00pm  
**Cost:** \$10 Per Ticket  
Children under 12 Free

Tickets on sale at the parish center office beginning Monday, December 11.



## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, Jan. 1** ~ The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

7:30AM **Special Intention of the D'Silva Family** ~ *The D'Silva Family*

9:00AM **Kevin Houlis** ~ *Nida & Tom McDonnell*

10:30AM **Ann Kilkenny** ~ *The Rutkowski Family*

12:00PM **Deceased Members of the Conti Family** ~ *Rev. John Gabriel*

**TUESDAY, Jan. 2** ~ Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

7:30AM **Larry Tripaldi** ~ *Tonia Holtz*

12:00PM **Phyllis DeLuca** ~ *Mike DeLuca*

**WEDNESDAY, Jan. 3**

7:30AM **Paul & Jean Bunone** ~ *The Costadza Family*

12:00PM **Novena of Masses**

**THURSDAY, Jan. 4** ~ St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

7:30AM **William Horn, Sr.** ~ *Patricia & John Fesen*

12:00PM **Robert O'Keefe** ~ *The Family*

**FRIDAY, Jan. 5** ~ St. John Neumann

7:30AM **Novena of Masses**

12:00PM **Kevin Houlis** ~ *The Lazarus Ministry*

**SATURDAY, Jan. 6**

9:00AM **Deceased Members of the Pelaschier & Zustovich Families** ~ *Pia Pelaschier*

5:00PM **Carmella & Edward Bilotti** ~ *The Schifano Family*

**SUNDAY, Jan. 7** ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30AM **People of the Parish**

9:00AM **Cornelinus Heintz** ~ *Pat & Jim Forbes*

10:30AM **John Bukowski, Jr.** ~ *Dawn Merolli*

12:00PM **Richard Komor** ~ *The Komor Family*

7:00PM **Patricia Englert** ~ *Janet & Gary Gyss*

## DEVOTIONS AND MEMORIALS

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



### ALTAR BREADS

**Maureen Morelli** ~ *John & Ellen Giovacco*

### ALTAR WINE

**Maureen Morelli** ~ *John & Ellen Giovacco*

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### Military

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

### Sick

Kenneth Kase, Tara Sullivan-Via, Joseph and Ann De, Heather Sebella, Ava Richardson, Dave Columbia, Tommy Fitzpatrick, Beth Peterman

For those names that are listed on the altar.

### Deceased

Christopher Zuza



## Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 31 - 5:00pm Vigil  
Monday, January 1 - 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am & Noon

## PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

### NEW YEAR

**Closed:** Sunday, Dec. 31 through Tuesday, Jan. 2

**Re-opening:** Wednesday, Jan. 3 at 9:00 am

## ST PAUL FAMILY MASS

Sundays at 9:00 AM



Please consider joining our Family Mass

Come One And ALL:

Altar Servers

Greeters

Choir Members

Lectors

Eucharistic Ministers (18 and older)

Usher

Training is available to anyone who wants to participate in any of these roles

Please Contact us at:

[familymass@stpaulrechurch.org](mailto:familymass@stpaulrechurch.org)

Or visit [stpaulrechurchfamilymass.org](http://stpaulrechurchfamilymass.org)



## FROM THE PASTOR

*Dear Parish Family,*

The week before Christmas the children of our *Academy* presented a beautiful Christmas concert for our enjoyment- each class sang a song that delighted the parents, families, faculty and parishioners that attended. The highlight of the concert for me was the presentation of the Eighth Grade story of the Nativity. The academy music teacher Rosa Lengua wrote a type of play taking as her theme the first *Christmas Nativity* scene presented by St. Francis of Assisi in the small Italian town of Greccio in the 13<sup>th</sup> Century. It was always the dream of St. Francis to travel from Assisi to the Holy Land to visit the places of Christ's birth and to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the sultan and those who never heard of Him. Although he didn't win many converts to Christianity, the sultan (who admitted to Francis "*if there were more Christians like you, I would become a follower of Christ*") gave him safe passage to the places of Christ's life. After experiencing the cave of Bethlehem, St. Francis returned to Italy and told a friend: "*I want to do something that will recall the memory of that Child who was born in Bethlehem, to see with bodily eyes the inconveniences of His infancy, how He lay in the manger, and how the ox and ass stood by.*" Traveling to the town of Greccio, he set up a manger in a cave, using live animals. Through these visual aids Francis wanted everyone to understand more deeply how Christ came into the world in such poverty and simplicity. St. Bonaventure tells us that Francis did these three years before his death, and only after receiving permission from the Pope to erect this first Nativity. In describing that first Nativity scene in Greccio, St. Bonaventure wrote: "*The man of God (St. Francis) stood before the manger, full of devotion and piety, bathed in tears and radiant with joy; the Holy Gospel he chanted. Then he preached to the people around the Nativity of the poor King; and being unable to utter His name for the tenderness of His love, Francis called Him the Babe of Bethlehem.*" This custom of erecting a Nativity scene has become part of the tradition of our churches as well as our homes. What was especially moving for me as I listened to our Academy 8<sup>th</sup> Grade tell the story of St. Francis and the first Nativity scene was the fact that I visited Greccio this past October and was able to see the cave of the first Nativity scene (today contained within a small but beautiful Church).

This year at St. Paul's, in light of the story of St. Francis in Greccio as well as our own *parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land*, I wanted to do something different that would highlight our own parish experience of the Nativity scene. Those of you who came on Christmas Eve or Day certainly noticed the live animals that were part of our outdoor scene. This was not done as a gimmick or novelty, but as a way to draw people's attention to the 'poverty and simplicity' surrounding the birth of the Christ Child. And, this year, our indoor Nativity scene looks different than usual. Instead of a wooden stable, which was certainly not the setting of the actual birth of Christ (wooden structures in the Holy Land were not common- there are few trees there), we wanted to evoke the idea of the true Bethlehem cave, the place where ancient families would have kept their animals. During our parish pilgrimage to Bethlehem last November, we visited this cave (now existing under the altar of the Church of the Nativity which was built on top by St. Helena). Looking more closely at our parish Nativity scene this year, you might also notice some elements that connect it to the altar: candles as well as the thurible (the metal bowl used for incense on a chain) remind us that the *Christ of Bethlehem is the Christ present during each celebration of Holy Mass all year long and how important it is to adore Him there*.

This weekend as we celebrate the *Feast of the Holy Family*, we pray that these images of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, united and love and open to the will of God, will be models for each of our own families. This year once again we invite each family to take home a parish calendar with the theme "*Twentieth Century Saints*" (provided for us by *VanEmburchPernice Funeral Home* and to whom we are very grateful for their generosity). May they remind us of our own call this year to become Saints, but not alone- within the context of our families and our parish family. May Joseph and Mary pray for us! Merry Christmas once again! And rich blessings in the New Year.

*In the Love of Jesus and Mary,  
Father John.*

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration is a beautiful opportunity for quiet, meditative prayer before our Eucharistic Lord. St. Paul's now offers Adoration twice a month on the following schedule:

### First Friday of the Month:

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will be held on **Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, from 7-8pm** in the Church.

### Third Monday of the Month:

Extended Eucharistic Adoration will be held in the Church on **Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, following the noon mass through 7:30 pm.**

Consider volunteering as a Substitute hourly Adorer; a sign-up sheet is located in the Penance Room of the Church.

## JANUARY NOVENA OF MASSES

James Ralston  
John Holster  
Kevin Houlis  
William Weir  
Rudi Iorio  
Paul Huot  
Amelia Nazzari  
Mazur Family  
Andrew Gross  
Craig Spain  
Brian M. Kenney  
Luke Ferrone  
John Hassan  
John & Eileen Lynch  
Charles Straniero, M.D.  
Carmine J. Idone  
Patricia Englert  
Dennis McIntyre  
John Sykora  
Geraldine Holden  
Mary Maloney

Carol Linguanti  
John Jarka  
Nicholas Milanese  
Julianne Law  
Daniel Siracusa, Sr.  
Mary Ablamsky  
Kenneth Riedel  
Thomas Pollutri  
Gloria Nigro  
Rosemary Satriano  
Josephine Gollinello  
Silvia Alfonso  
Alfonso Storace  
Charles Henderson  
Russel Sparrow  
Carl Joseph Dietze  
*Special Intentions*  
The Aquino Family  
The Albin Family  
The D'Silva Family

## SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE



Thank you for supporting the 2017 Sharing God's Blessing Annual Appeal. 2016 parishioners have made a sacrificial pledge to the Annual Appeal totaling \$72,327.00. Our parish has reached 62.46 % of our goal.

Again, thank you for your prayers and support. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

## FATIMA: A MESSAGE FOR OUR TIME: REPARATION THROUGH THE FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

During the apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima, our Blessed Mother showed the visionaries her heart surrounded with piercing thorns, which represented the offenses committed against her – and were the sins that needed reparation through the 'First Saturday devotion'. To fulfill the First Saturday devotion, Mary asked that the faithful:

- confess their sins,
- receive Holy Communion,
- recite 5 decades of the Rosary,
- and keep Our Lady company for 15 minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary,

The two conditions necessary for the devotion are that the practices be done on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, and that they be done with the intention of making reparation to our Lady for the sins of blasphemy and ingratitude against her. Mary promised that she will assist at the moment of death with all graces necessary for salvation to all who make this devotion. Jesus subsequently appeared to Sr. Lucia, encouraging this devotion to be made not once, but over and over again.

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

## FAITH FORMATION

**There will be a Faith Formation Parent meeting on  
Wednesday, January 17 at 4 pm or 6 pm for all  
families with children preparing for  
First Holy Communion**

You can attend either meeting, no need sign up. It will be held in the Academy Cafeteria. If you do not have child care, please bring your children!

**Materials will be distributed, therefore it is crucial that you child is represented at one of these meetings.**

## STEWARDSHIP TREASURE

**WEEKEND of Dec. 16 – 17: \$21,156.00  
\$15,666.00 Collection**

**\$5,490.00 from Faith Direct**

**Collection for the weekend of Dec. 23 – 24 will be in next week's bulletin.**

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.

## MARCH FOR LIFE

JANUARY 19, 2018 / WASHINGTON DC

The **March for Life** is the world's largest pro-life rally.

St. Paul Church will join with St. Elizabeth Church, Wyckoff and 7+ other parishes in our area (Only) two buses will depart from St. Elizabeth Church

**\*\*Seating is limited - Sign up soon! \*\***

**WHEN:** Friday, January 19, 2018

**WHERE:** Departing from and Returning to St. Elizabeth Church, 700 Wyckoff Ave., Wyckoff

**TIME:** Leaving for Washington DC after 6am mass celebrated at St. Elizabeth Church (Bagels and coffee will be served in the morning, and a box lunch provided on bus)

**COST:** Bus transportation, Breakfast and lunch \$40



REGISTRATION FOR MARCH FOR LIFE RALLY, Washington, DC on 1/19/18

Submit your registration and payment at St. Elizabeth Church Parish Center

(cash or check payable to Church of St. Elizabeth)

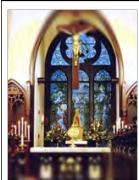
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EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL # TICKETS: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$40.00 PER PERSON = \$\_\_\_\_\_ ENCLOSED CIRCLE: Cash Check

## "Come & See" Nights



Jesus turned, and saw them following, and said to them, "What do you seek?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?"

An evening to come and see what seminary is like by spending time with priests, seminarians, and other men thinking about priesthood.

**RSVP:** 201-327-0976 Fr. Stefano or e-mail: shong@stpaulrcchurch.org

**High School / College Come & See at St. Andrew's College Seminar**

5:00pm - Mass, Dinner, Conversation with priests and seminarians  
Parents welcome!

**Jan. 24, 2018 & Mar. 21, 2018**

## HELP BUILD A BRIDGE FROM THE STREET TO THE PARISH

*"Whoever has encountered Christ, as the Samaritan woman at the well, cannot keep this experience to him/herself, but has the desire to share it, to bring Jesus to others." (Pope Francis)*

The teachings of the Catholic faith are unfamiliar to many. Unfortunately, the largest non-Catholic religious group in our country are fallen-away Catholics.

St. Paul Street Evangelization is a non-profit Catholic evangelization organization. The program offers a casual and friendly approach to share Jesus Christ and the truth and beauty of our Catholic Faith with a hungry culture. Our parish recently partnered with this organization in effort to share the Good News with the people of our local communities.

Visit [streetevangelization.com](http://streetevangelization.com) and to learn more about joining our newly formed St. Paul Parish Evangelization Team, please don't hesitate to reach out to Deacon Tom at [tpflanagan12@gmail.com](mailto:tpflanagan12@gmail.com).

Help us as we respond to our call from Jesus to share the great gift of our Catholic faith. Please join us as we develop a plan to encourage, inspire and invite others into our Parish Family.

Our next meeting will be Jan 15th from 7:30 - 8:30 in the Parish Center.

## REPORT OF ABUSE

The Archdiocese of Newark takes very seriously any and all complaints of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform the Archdiocese immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse.

Although we will report all allegations of abuse immediately to the appropriate County Prosecutor, we encourage anyone with an allegation of abuse also to reach out to the prosecutor.

Individuals who report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Victim's Assistance Coordinator of the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at (201) 407-3256. The phone number for the County Prosecutors within the Archdiocese is (973) 753-1121.

## ST. PAUL MEN'S MINISTRY ANNUAL SOUP KITCHEN WEEKEND

On Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> 100 men of the parish gathered for dinner at the Knights of Columbus hall for an evening of fellowship, good food and charity. Under the direction of Chairperson J.M. Nunziata and Executive Chef Mike Hornidge, the crew of cooks prepare a phenomenal meal. We appreciate the generosity of Woolco Foods (Matt Brogowski) and Marvel Produce and Mike Hornidge. The proceeds from the free-will donations funded dinner for 100+ guests at the Family Promise Soup Kitchen on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Father Patrick led the men in pre-dinner prayer to get the evening started. On Saturday, meals were prepared and delivered to the Family Promise facility in Hackensack.



The photo of the servers includes Eric Smith Middle School students Cecelia Greenwald and Topher Nunziata and parishioners Noel McGuinness, Chip Greenwald, Deacon Tom Flanagan, Father Patrick, Brian Leaman, J.M. Nunziata, Art Keys, Dave Pritchard, Rob Maloney and Rob MacDonald.

### SAINT PAUL BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

*Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.*  
Matthew 5:4

Meetings are held once a month  
The Third Wednesday at 10 -11:30 a.m.  
Or

The Third Thursday at 7:30 - 9 p.m.

Meetings are strictly confidential. They will be held on a continuing basis for support, sharing and encouragement. For more information

Contact Linda Chiappetta 201-970-6548 or  
E-mail at Bereavement@stpaulrchurch.org

### YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



The New Youth Group has meetings every **Tuesday** night from **7-9pm** in the youth room above the gym. Any high school aged student is welcomed to join us any time. We have fun, food, and most importantly faith. Come check out a style of ministry you have never seen before. You would have never guessed that having faith could be so fun. Hope to see you soon. Any questions please contact the youth minister, Craig Jandoli at [craigjandoli@gmail.com](mailto:craigjandoli@gmail.com).

### 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!



# WHAT ARE YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS?

## One Idea: Strengthen and Broaden Your Faith

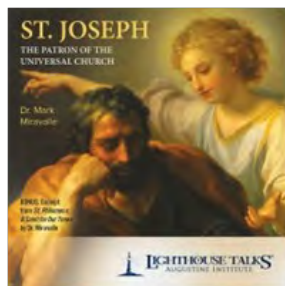
Stop by the BOOKSTAND (Kiosk) at the Entrance closest to the Rectory for some great reading and listening ideas.

1. **Joy to the World - Dr. Scott Hahn (Book) - The Story of a Family**  
-the story of a father, a mother, and a child, their relationships, interactions, principles, individual lives, and their life in common
2. **The True Meaning of Christmas - Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen (CD)**  
-reflections on the meaning of the Incarnation of Jesus.
3. **Religionless Spirituality: Why We Need the Church - Dr. Tim Gray (CD)**  
-the role of the Church - sure to help those who have left her
4. **Why Go To Confession - Dr. John Fader (Booklet)**
5. **Reborn Episode 1: A New Creation (English with SpanishDub- DVD)**  
- the amazing power and relevance of Baptism

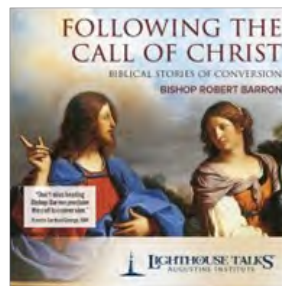
### MARY



### ST. JOSEPH



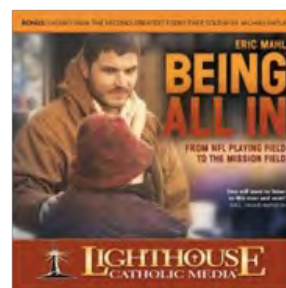
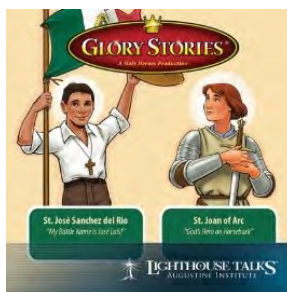
### CONVERSION



### FOR CHILDREN



### FOR TEENS/ADULTS



**BLESSED AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES!  
GOD BLESS!**

## Morning of Healing: For Perinatal Loss

The Offices of Family & Respect Life are offering a Morning of Healing to support families who have experienced the loss of a child due to miscarriage, stillbirth or neo-natal death. We invite all parents, siblings, grandparents and others who are affected by the loss of a baby, either recently or long ago. Agenda includes: Presentations on topics specific to perinatal loss, small group discussions, a memorial service, resources and fellowship. Lunch and refreshments provided.

**When:** Saturday, February 17, 2018 at 8:30am to 12:30pm at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 60 Byrd Avenue, Bloomfield, NJ Free of charge and babysitting is provided.

**Must register online at:**

<http://Events.rcan.org/PerinatalLoss/>

# THERE IS NO HEALTH WITHOUT MENTAL HEALTH



Did you know that approximately 1 in 4 adults are affected by mental illnesses, such as depression, anxiety or alcohol and substance use disorders? Despite the prevalence of mental illness, more than half of people affected will not seek treatment. The primary reason individuals fail to seek the help they need is due to the stigma associated with the disease of mental illness. Such stigmas evoke a sense of shame and fear of judgment from friends, family and co-workers. These stigmas are often based in a lack of knowledge or training.

Earlier this year, Ramsey Mayor Deirdre Dillon, asked me to join a committee whose goal is to disseminate information and foster a stigma-free environment where people are free from judgment and can get the help and support they need. Through powerful words and actions, we aim to shift the social and systemic barriers for those living with mental health conditions. We are dedicated to raising awareness of the disease of mental illness and creating a culture wherein people who may suffer from a mental health disease feel supported by their community and neighbors to seek treatment without the fear of stigma.

**Joining the Stigma-Free Initiative will:** \*Educate residents that mental illness is a disease and must be treated as such. \*Raise awareness of the prevalence of mental illness in our community. \*Provoke public interest in learning what is "STIGMA-FREE". \*Provide residents an opportunity to become involved in their community. \*Allow people living with the disease to feel supported by their community and thus decrease feelings of isolation and shame. \*Link people in need to local mental health resources. \*Raise awareness that care is accessible regardless of income.

Please join the campaign and sign the pledge. Visit [www.ramseystigmafree.org](http://www.ramseystigmafree.org) for more information and details. Also, please visit Ramsey's school district website at [www.ramsey.k12.nj.us](http://www.ramsey.k12.nj.us) and click on the quick link "Parent Academies" for a list of excellent and important Wellness Initiative events.

I'd like to personally invite you to a very important event taking place soon. Many of us remember Maddy Holleran, the 19 year old star athlete from Allendale who took her own life just a few years ago during her freshman year of college. Author Kate Fagan just wrote a book about her entitled, "What Made Maddy Run: The Secret Struggles and Tragic Death of an All-American Teen. Superintendent Matthew Murphy has invited author Fagan to Ramsey to speak about her book on Maddy. This will take place on January 29th, 2018 at 7:00p.m. at RAMSEY High school in the auditorium I think we should all be there, and if you have teenagers, please bring them.

*God Bless you,  
Fr. Paul Houlis*

*P.S. I am in need of one volunteer from our parish who can help me with the RAMSEY Stigma-Free campaign. Please see me for details*

The logo for Ramsey School District Board of Education, featuring a ram's head and the text "Achieving Excellence One Student at a Time".

**RAMSEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

**SAVE THE DATE**  
One Book - One Community Discussion  
Author Kate Fagan - What Made Maddy Run  
January 29, 2018  
7 pm

A small image of the book cover for "What Made Maddy Run" by Kate Fagan, showing a young woman and a man.



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



### Academy Happenings

The third grade at ASP recently participated in a STEM activity. The students learned about igloos and how they are created. Then, in groups, they designed a plan for how to best build their igloo. After, using only toothpicks and marshmallows, the students built their igloos!



**Happy  
New Year  
To All!**

## SOCIAL CONCERN

**Christmas Giving Tree (Thank You)** - Heartfelt thanks to all who participated in this year's program by providing hundreds of gifts for children in need, as well as those who donated food and gift certificates to many local families. Thanks to the students of Academy of St Paul for making the beautiful angels that adorned our trees. Thanks to those who helped sort and cart the gifts, with special thanks to Ron Cording and Company for delivering the gifts to Newark again this year. May this Christmas be truly blessed for you all. Thank You.

**Woodlands Food Drive** - Thank You to all at the Woodlands who participated in the recent food drive, 20 bags of food and a \$5 donation were collected for the food pantry.

**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 Elieen 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 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...**

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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.