TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. PAUL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
MANY CULTURES, MANY COUNTRIES, MANY LANGUAGES IN ONE BODY: ST. PAUL’S FAMILY

AUGUST 27TH, 2017

MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday: 5:30pm  Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am, and 1:00pm (Spanish)
Weekdays: 8:00am Mass is celebrated in the St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Chapel in the Parish House.
Holy Days: 8:00am and 7:30pm
Confessions: Saturdays from 4:15pm-5:00pm

DEVOTIONS

Novena in Honor of the Immaculate Conception: Monday after the 8:00am Mass.
Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Wednesdays after the 8:00am Mass.
Mass and Novena for Our Mother of Perpetual Help: Wednesday at 7:30pm in the Chapel and gathering every 3rd Wednesday of the month. (Parish Hall)
Prayer for Vocations: Friday after the 8:00am Mass.
Eucharistic Adoration: First Friday of the month from 8:30am to 6:00pm.

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TODAY’S GOSPEL
Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Matthew 16:13-20

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CONFIRMATION AND EUCHARIST.

The pastor visits the sick twice a month. Please notify the parish office if you or a family member would like to receive Holy Communion at home. The sacrament of the sick is celebrated during the 5:30pm Mass or if you wish to be anointed during the 5:30pm Mass on Saturday. If you are celebrating during the 5:30pm Mass on Saturday, you must be contacted one year prior to the date of the wedding. In your initial meeting with the pastor or deacon, couples must bring the following documents: Letter from their parish, if Godparents are not registered in St. Paul Church, they must bring a sponsor certificate. For more information, please look in the website at www.stpaulcnj.org for more information contact our Parish Office.

PARISHIONERS IN ST. PAUL CHURCH, they must bring a sponsor certificate. For more information, please look in the website at www.stpaulcnj.org for more information contact our Parish Office.

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY IS CELEBRATED.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IS CELEBRATED EVERY SATURDAY FROM 4:15PM TO 5:00PM IN THE CHAPEL. THE SACRAMENT OF THE INFIRM IS CELEBRATED EVERY SATURDAY AT 1:00PM AND 2ND SUNDAY AT 1:00PM (SPANISH MASS). THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK IS CELEBRATED EVERY SATURDAY FROM 1:00PM TO 3:30PM AND SUNDAY FROM 3:30PM TO 5:30PM. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE LOOK IN THE WEBSITE AT WWW.STPAULCNJ.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.

THE PROGRAM PROVIDES RELIGIOUS FORMATION AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN OF OUR PARISH IN GRADES 1 THROUGH 8. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT OUR PARISH OFFICE.

NEWLY BAPTIZED:

NEWLYWEDS:

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED:
Leonardo Yudiel Vasquez, Aiden Elijah Jimenez, Richard Cruz Moreno Mendoza

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLYWEDS:
Brian Andrew Zai and Annavy Do Nguyen

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August 27th, 2017
Mass Intentions of the Week

SATURDAY, August 26, 2017
8:00am: †St. Paul Parishioners
5:30pm: †Agnes Provost, †Rhonda Provost, †Diane Reilly, †Nancy De Francesco

SUNDAY, August 27, 2017
7:30am: †Houda Sabeh
9:00am: †John Hilla Jr., †Natalia and Ricardo Caicedo
11:00am: †Houda Sabeh
1:00pm: †Carlos Rodas, †Hernán Ortiz, †Jose Pacheco, †Jose Restrepo, †Limver Paz, **Acción de Gracias a Santa Ana**

MONDAY, August 28, 2017
Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
8:00am: †St. Paul Parishioners

TUESDAY, August 29, 2017
The Passion of Saint John the Baptist
8:00am: †Elaine Carr, †Rodolfo Lupena

WEDNESDAY, August 30, 2017
8:00am: †Jose Pacheco
7:30pm: †Rosa Ruberto

THURSDAY, August 31, 2017
8:00am: †St. Paul Parishioners

FRIDAY, September 1, 2017
8:00am: †Lucila Cura

SATURDAY, September 2, 2017
8:00am: †Annamae Holly
5:30pm: †Rosalia Russo, †Susanna Mannina, †Diane Reilly, †Jack Gutjahr, †Fidel and Estela Del Rosario

SUNDAY, September 3, 2017
7:30am: †Edmund Kopacz
9:00am: †Concetta Seragusa, †Phyllis and John Hilla Sr., **In Thanksgiving for Robert and Sandra Moore on their 50th Wedding Anniversary**
11:00am: †St. Paul Parishioners
1:00pm: †Edrian Peguero (1st Aniversario), †Miriam Giraldo, **Acción de Gracias por los 94 años de Vida de Jose Cardona**

An Invitation To Our Parish Community
St. Paul Church would like to invite its loving and dedicated parishioners to remember St. Paul Church in their last Will and Testament as an act of loving kindness, gratitude and service to our parish community for years to come. St. Paul Church is open to receive the blessings given by its parish community and is grateful for your generosity. May God bless you always.

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Readings For This Week

Monday: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10; Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Matthew 23:13-22
Tuesday: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Psalm 139:1-3, 4-6; Mark 6:17-29
Wednesday: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Psalm 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab; Matthew 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13; Psalm 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17; Matthew 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Psalm 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12; Matthew 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Psalm 98:1, 7-8, 9 Matthew 25:14-30
Sunday: Jeremiah 20:7-9; Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27

Remember Your Offerings AUG/SEPT Envelope Schedule
8/27 Weekly
9/3 Weekly
9/10 Weekly
9/17 Weekly
9/17 Maintenance & Repairs

God’s Plan for Giving:
Collection for August 20th, 2017
Regular Collection $ 3,830.00
Second Collection $ 1,632.00
Assumption $ 1,371.00
Candles $ 202.00
Young Children’s $ 14.00
Novena $ 94.00
Total $ 7,143.00

Jesus said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” (Acts 20:35)
Thank you for your generosity

August 27th, 2017
ST. PAUL CHURCH YOUTH MINISTRY

Our next youth ministry meeting will be on Wednesday, August 30th at 6:45pm in the Mother Cabrini Center. We welcome all the youth of our parish to come and join us and bring a friend!

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

PRAYERS FOR FIREFIGHTERS, POLICEMEN, AND THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

May they be strengthened by knowing that Jesus Christ is with them always especially;


PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

We especially pray for the sick who are suffering in our parish community: Margaret Bernhardt, Elizabeth DaCunha, Giovanna Miceli, Fran Messina, Marilyn Mays, Marie Marranzino, Wayne Carbona, Jorge Vallejo, Marc Gallichio, Ruth Vargas, Margie Schwieghardt, Ruben Diaz, Alma Dickinson, Maria Van Dorn, Evelyn Mack, Gerry Meola, Lijia Salinas, Celina DeGraaf, Lewis Morgan, Eugene Jurewicz, Jessica Hernans, Mateo Cardenalle, Brian Beirne, Gary Davila, Maryanne Ciallella, Honorio Gomez, Enna Bracagliano, Leonore Triolo, Catherine O’Brien, Marie Kennedy, Cheryl Martinelli, John Krumpfier, Wdsying Osorio, Dolly Ramirez de Salazar, Joseph Archer and Agnes Roe. Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray especially for those that recently passed away in our Parish:


GOSPEL REFLECTION

In today’s Gospel we encounter the first use of the word “church” in the gospels. The Greek word ekklesia is only found here and in Matthew 18. While common in Acts and the New Testament letters, it is rare in the gospels. The term “kingdom of heaven/God” is what Jesus announces rather than the church.

Caesarea Philippi was the site of a shrine to the Greek god Pan. Previously called Paneas, it was part of the territory of Herod the Great and

There was a shrine there dedicated to the emperor Augustus. Herod’s son Philip rebuilt the city and named it after Caesar Augustus and himself. Thus it is at a location where the Roman emperor is venerated as a god that Jesus’ identity as the “Son of the living God” (v.16) is revealed and acknowledged. In the text of Isaiah the prophet is sent by God to declare that there is to be a new “master of the palace” (v.15), replacing Shebna, who has displeased the Lord. He is to be replaced by Eliakim. Like Peter in today’s gospel Eliakim is to receive authority to rule. “I will place the key of the House of David on his shoulder” (v.22). He will be given authority over the people.

Paul reminds the Romans that God’s ways are “unsearchable” (v.33), for we cannot know the mind of God. The mysteries of God are beyond our comprehension. Quoting the Hebrew prophets he reminds us that no one can know “the mind of the Lord” (v. 34, based on Is 40:13) nor can we give anything to God that would put God in our debt (v. 35, cf. Jb 41:3 in Greek). It is God who has called and saved us, “To him be glory forever” (v.36).

For Reflection: Why do you think Jesus preached “the kingdom” instead of “the church”? Though God’s ways are “unsearchable,” is there a way that scripture and prayer can bring us closer to beginning to understand God’s mind?

CATHOLIC HUMOR

Do you mind if I strap your phone to my forehead so I can pretend you’re looking at me when I talk?
The Rosary Society will open its 2017-2018 season with a meeting on Monday, Sept. 11, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in the parish hall. We cordially extend an invitation to the women of St. Paul's parish who have yet to join the Rosary Society as well as to women in our surrounding communities – come be part of a life-long sisterhood devoted to our Blessed Mother and to a mission of benevolence to those in need. All are welcome and we urge you to take the opportunity to join this wonderful ministry of St. Paul's church. Our numbers are diminishing and we need members to keep this vital ministry strong and active. The new slate of officers will be installed by Father Leonardo at the opening meeting. They are Louise Moccia, President, Dale Ferment, Vice President, Patricia Csatlos, Treasurer and Rosilyn Struller, Recording Secretary. The Rosary Society meets the first Monday after the first Sunday of each month. A brief business meeting is conducted, a planned program or presentation is made followed by light refreshments. Throughout the year we have other events and programs, luncheons and a major annual Fish-N-Chips/Tricky Tray fundraiser. Join us not only for spiritual enrichment but for social enrichment that comes in bonding with your “sisters of the Rosary.” The Lord says, “When one or two are gathered in my name, there am I, in the midst.” Be part of an organization doing the Lord’s work within our parish and help us to keep the Rosary Society the vital ministry it has become. “Once a Rosarian – Always a Rosarian.”

ST. MOTHER TERESA
HER ESSENTIAL WISDOM—A CALL TO SERVE

“I see God in every human being. When I wash the leper’s wounds I feel I am nursing the Lord himself. Is it not a beautiful experience?”—Mother Teresa’s words.

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SPIRITUALITY OF STEWARDSHIP

Understanding Stewardship

What does it mean to be a good steward?

The Christian steward is a disciple who lives in gratitude by recognizing and embracing God’s gifts and sharing them in love of God and of one’s neighbor. Stewards who are disciples of Jesus live in thankfulness because we recognize that first we have been given the gift of redemption in Jesus, a gift we do not earn or deserve. Jesus freely offers that gift from His great love for us. Stewards recognize that what we have does not absolutely belong to us in the strict sense. Rather it is entrusted to us to be cultivated so that it grows for the greater honor of God. Therefore, our fundamental posture is openness to receive from God and the resolve to share what we have in love of neighbor so that others come to respond more fully to the saving love of God.

Stewardship is based on the spiritual principles of the Old Testament and the teachings of Jesus. It is a way of thanking God for all the blessings He has given us by returning to Him a portion of time, talent and treasure. Stewardship can change the spiritual lives of both individuals and the parish as a whole.

Living as a Christian Steward—Time: Giving of time for Christian stewards include time spent in prayer and worship, in sharing our love with family and friends, and in volunteering for Church and community activities that help others and promote justice. Talent: We share our talents by using the unique gifts God has given us to praise the Lord, spread the Gospel message, and help those less fortunate. Treasure: We give our treasure unconditionally, without any expectation in return, in proportion to our giftedness, and as an expression of thanksgiving.

¿Qué significa ser un buen Administrador Cristiano?

Un administrador Cristiano es un discípulo que vive en gratitud al reconocer y aceptar los dones que ha recibido de Dios y los comparte por amor a Él con su prójimo. Un administrador es el discípulo de Jesús que vive en agradecimiento por el don de la redención recibido de Jesús, el cual es un regalo que no es ganado ni merecido, Jesús libremente ofrece este regalo de su gran amor por nosotros. Un administrador reconoce que lo que tenemos no nos pertenece en sentido estricto. Más bien se nos confía para que se cultive, se administre y se haga crecer en honor a Dios. Por lo tanto, nuestra postura fundamental es una apertura a recibir de Dios y a la voluntad de compartir lo que hemos recibido con los demás, por amor al prójimo para que otros respondan plenamente al amor salvífico de Dios. Ser un buen administrador Cristiano se basa en los principios espirituales del Antiguo Testamento y en las enseñanzas de Jesús. Es una forma de dar gracias a Dios por todas las bendiciones que de Él hemos recibido, devolviéndole a Él en gratitud con una porción de nuestro tiempo, talento y tesoro. Ser un administrador Cristiano puede cambiar las vidas espirituales de los individuos y la parroquia en su totalidad.

Viviendo la vida de Administrador Cristiano—Tiempo: Dar de su tiempo puede ser tiempo dedicado en oración y adoración, como también compartir nuestro amor con familiares y amigos. A la vez, siendo voluntarios en actividades de nuestra Iglesia y en la proyección a la comunidad luchando por la justicia. Talento: Compartimos nuestros talentos mediante el uso de los regalos que Dios nos ha dado para alabarlo, difundir el mensaje del Evangelio y ayudar a los menos afortunados. Tesoro: Damos nuestro tesoro incondicionalmente, sin esperar nada a cambio, en proporción a nuestros dones y como una expresión de acción de gracias.

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August 27th, 2017
It is an honor and a privilege to recommend Barbara Ann Griffith for the VIVERE CHRISTUS Award. Barbara is without a doubt a part of the mainstay of St. Paul’s. She and her family have been active parishioners of St. Paul’s for over 85 years. Barbara has given of herself with sacrifice and humble service. She was baptized at St. Paul’s, attended and graduated from St. Paul's School, received First Communion and Confirmation at St. Paul’s, and was married at St. Paul’s Church. Barbara is an active member of St. Paul’s Leisure Club, as well as its Rosary Society, where she also served as Treasurer.

Barbara Ann Griffith selflessly shares her talents with St. Paul's Family Community, and her generosity has been a great blessing for our Parish community. There has never been a time in which a favor has been asked of her that she has refused. On the contrary, her availability and her generosity goes beyond what is normal for the sake of making sure that God is loved and served in any Parish activity. Her participation seeks to provide the necessary means for members of our Parish to grow in their relationship with God.

Barbara’s dedication and devotion to the Church and its mission is evident in the way she works, and she is deserving of the VIVERE CHRISTUS Award. Thanks Barbara and God bless you!

Fr. Leonardo Jaramillo, Ph.D
Pastor

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Father Leonardo Jaramillo, Ph.D.

Cordially invites you, as his guest, to celebrate his 25th Priesthood Anniversary
Celebrating 25 years of devotion to our Lord

Thursday the 9th of November, 2017
Mass of Thanksgiving at 5:30pm

St. Paul Roman Catholic Church
124 Union Avenue
Clifton, NJ 07011

Followed by a reception at:
7:00pm
The Venetian
546 River Drive
Garfield, NJ 07026

Please R.S.V.P. No Later than August 30th, 2017
Seating is limited – first come first serve
(No children allowed)

For questions and reservations please contact:
Suzanne Marzouka (201) 410-6346 (English)
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Please do not call the parish office

Please cut along the dotted line and mail to our
Event Coordinator:
Suzanne Marzouka
St. Paul Roman Catholic Church
P.O. Box 793
Clifton, NJ 07015

_____ # of Person(s) will attend

Please print the name(s) of person(s) attending:
No children allowed

Address:________________________________________

Phone #: _______________________________________

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you.” Jeremiah 1:5

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