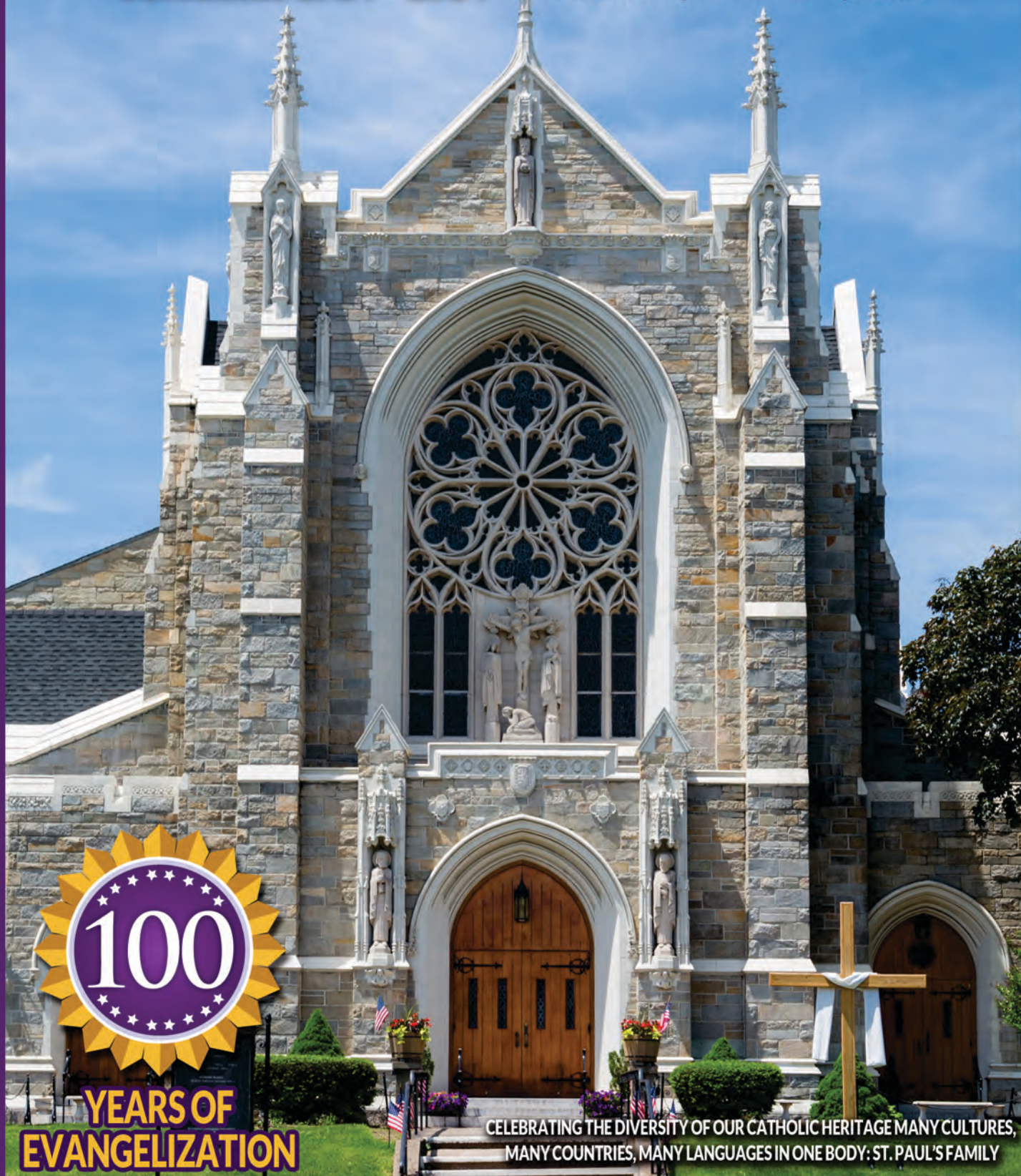


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Clifton, New Jersey



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SIXTH PASTOR



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Saint Paul Prayer

Oh holy Apostle Paul, forever our special patron of Saint Paul Church, Saint and advocate, who was fore chosen by God as the Vessel of election and the Preacher of truth to the whole world: Obtain for us, we pray to you, lively faith, firm hope, burning love, complete detachment for ourselves, contempt of the world, patience in adversity, humility in prosperity, attention in prayer, purity of heart, a right intention in all our works, diligence in fulfilling the duties of our state of life, constancy in our resolutions, resignation to the Will of God and perseverance in the grace of God even unto death.

That so, by means of your intercession and your glorious merits, we may able to overcome the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and may be made worthy to appear before the chief and eternal Shepherd of souls, Jesus Christ, Who with the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns for endless ages, to enjoy His presence and love Him forever.

***Our Father.... Hail Mary... Glory be to the Father...*

Let us pray:

O God, Whose right hand raised up and delivered blessed Apostle Paul from the depths of the sea when he suffered ship wreck: graciously hear us and grant, by the merits of St. Paul, that we also may attain unto everlasting glory: Who live and reign, world

Oración a San Pablo

Glorioso Apóstol San Pablo, por siempre Patrón de nuestra Parroquia, Santo y Defensor, quien fuiste escogido por Dios como Vaso de elección y predicador de la verdad a todo el mundo. Concédenos: fe viva, fe firme, amor ardiente, renuncia a nosotros mismos, desprendimiento del mundo y de las cosas temporales, paciencia en la adversidad, humildad en la prosperidad, concentración y atención en la oración, corazón puro, buena intención en todos nuestros trabajos, cumplimiento en las tareas de la vida, constancia en nuestras resoluciones, resignación ante la voluntad de Dios y perseverancia en la gracia de Dios hasta la muerte.

Así, por medio de tu intercesión y tus méritos gloriosos, podamos vencer las tentaciones diarias del mundo, la carne y el demonio para que seamos dignos de presentarnos ante El, el buen Pastor de las almas, Jesucristo, quien con el Padre y el Hijo y el Espíritu Santo vive y reine hasta el fin de los siglos, goce de su presencia y amor por siempre.

***Padre Nuestro.... Dios te salve María...Gloria al Padre y al Hijo y al Espíritu Santo...*

Oremos:

Oh Dios, Tu que has levantado tu mano derecha para rescatar, enviar y bendecir a San Pablo desde las profundidades del mar donde sufrió el naufragio: escúchanos y concédenos, por los méritos de San Pablo obtener cuanto te pedimos hasta la vida eterna: quien vive y reina en el mundo sin fin. Amén

The Parishioners and Father Leonardo Jaramillo, Ph.D. congratulate Saint Paul Church as it celebrates its 100th Anniversary as a vibrant community.

"...From whom the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, with the proper functioning of every part, brings about the body's growth and builds itself up in love." Ephesians 4:16



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THE BISHOP

June 2014

Dear Saint Paul Parishioners,

On behalf of all the faithful of the Diocese of Paterson, I congratulate Saint Paul's Parish as you celebrate the 100th Anniversary of your parish. What a great milestone! Celebrations like these are wonderful opportunities to thank God for His love and grace.

The Eucharist is the center of all parish life and activity. It is in the breaking of the bread that the faithful of your parish come together to experience Christ in a deep and profound way. Through reverence and adoration of the Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament, a parish grows in faith and love and is blessed with good family life and vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

For decades, your parish has celebrated the gift of divine life in the Sacraments. You have offered so much to Christ in His Body, the Church. You have welcomed the stranger and helped those in need. You have enriched our Diocese with your love of the Church. You have been a great example of faith in action.

On this happy occasion, I congratulate your faith community for enthusiastically proclaiming Christ in both word and deed.

May our Lord continue to bless your parish and keep you close to his heart.



Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, S.T.D., S.S.L., D.D.
Bishop of Paterson



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As St. Paul's Family celebrates 100 years of service to God and his Church through the Gospel, faith, and evangelization, I would like to express my gratitude to God, to Jesus Christ, his only Son, that through the actions of the Holy Spirit, He renews the faith of the earth for granting me the grace of serving each and every one of you as your Pastor.

"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, Jews or Greeks, slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it." (1 Corinthians 12:12-13; v.27)

The Parish Community of St. Paul's is our home where everyone is welcome, where people gather to worship and pray, and share our belief in God. Even though everyone is different, the diversity has transformed this Christian community, where we are "Celebrating the diversity of our Catholic heritage: many cultures, many countries, and different languages in one family, St. Paul's family."

I am proud to be a part of St. Paul's History. We are a close family that can and will face any oncoming challenge. St. Paul's is a powerful parish, operating at full speed with modern changes and advances; we have grown spiritually, structurally, and in unity. Just like the body that needs all its members, everyone in this community is important.

I would like to thank Rev. Paul P. Guterl, as well as Rev. Msgr. Joseph H. Hewetson, Rev. Msgr. Frank J. Rodimer, Bishop Emeritus of Paterson, Rev. Msgr. Ronald A. Amandolare, and Rev. Victor J. Mazza, for dedicating their lives and ministry in creating such a beautiful community where we all learn to respect and love each other. To each and every one of you, thank you for your sacrifices and generosity from the bottom of my heart, for your gratefulness to God, for all your prayers directed to our celestial Father, for your life's testimony, for all your time, loyalty, talents, and for your financial support to maintain this home, your home, God's home.

In the 100 years of our Parish family of St. Paul, we have been blessed with the presence of 10 Popes, six Pastors, including myself. Our greatest blessing are the people, staff, and the volunteers who dedicate their time and service to make St. Paul's a strong faith community. We all work hard to establish God's kingdom on earth. There are not enough words to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you for allowing me to serve you.

May God bless you as we celebrate this grand occasion, I am

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Fr. Leonardo Jaramillo".

Rev. Leonardo Jaramillo, Ph.D.
Sixth Pastor

Muy queridos hermanos y hermanas,

La familia de San Pablo está celebrando 100 años de servicio al Señor Jesús y a su Iglesia, a través del anuncio del Evangelio, la Evangelización y la fe. Quiero expresar mi gratitud a Dios, a Jesús, su único Hijo, quien a través de la acción del Espíritu Santo, renueva la faz de la tierra, por haberme concedido la gracia de servirles a todos ustedes como su pastor.

“Pues del mismo modo que el cuerpo es uno, aunque tiene muchos miembros, y todos los miembros del cuerpo, no obstante su pluralidad, no forman más que un solo cuerpo, así también Cristo. Porque en un solo cuerpo hemos sido todos bautizados, para no formar más que un cuerpo, judíos y griegos, esclavos y libres. Y todos hemos bebido de un solo Espíritu. Ahora bien, vosotros sois el cuerpo de Cristo, y sus miembros cada uno por su parte.” 1 Cor. 12:12-13; v. 27

Nuestra comunidad parroquial de San Pablo se ha convertido en la casa de todos, donde todos son bienvenidos y donde todos son llamados los Hijos e Hijas de Dios, y aunque cada uno es diferente, la diversidad ha transformado esta comunidad cristiana en un solo hogar, donde celebramos la diversidad de nuestra herencia católica: “muchas culturas, muchos países y diferentes lenguas en una sola Familia, la Familia de San Pablo.”

Ha sido una bendición estar entre ustedes, esta bendición nos conduce, fortalece y nos da la esperanza que juntos, como una sola familia, enfrentaremos nuevos retos. San Pablo ha sido una parroquia viva, que camina a la par con los avances modernos; hemos crecido espiritualmente, estructuralmente y en unidad. Como el cuerpo necesita de todos los demás miembros, cada persona en esta comunidad es importante y seguirán siendo una bendición.

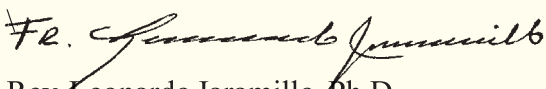
Sé que cada uno de ustedes se siente orgulloso de pertenecer a esta hermosa parroquia, así mismo me siento yo, al ser quien canalice los recursos para mantener nuestra Iglesia, como la casa de Dios, que acoge a todos sin ningún tipo de excepción.

Quiero agradecer al Reverendo Padre Paul P. Guterl, primer párroco de nuestra comunidad, al Reverendo Monseñor Joseph H. Hewetson, al Reverendo Monseñor Frank J. Rodimer, ahora Obispo Emérito de la Diócesis de Paterson, al Reverendo Monseñor Ronald A. Amandolare y al Padre Victor J. Mazza, por haber dedicado sus vidas y su ministerio a crear esta hermosa comunidad, donde todos aprendemos a respetarnos y amarnos. A cada uno de ustedes, mis fieles Católicos, mil gracias por su generosidad de corazón, por su acercamiento al Señor, por sus oraciones dirigidas al Padre celestial, por su testimonio de vida, por su dedicación, tiempo, talentos y su ayuda financiera al mantenimiento de Esta su Casa, la casa de Dios.

En 100 años de nuestra familia de San Pablo, la Iglesia Católica nos ha bendecido con la presencia de 10 papas, con cinco párrocos y conmigo el sexto, que luchamos arduamente por establecer el reino de los cielos en la tierra. No tengo palabras suficientes para expresarles mi gratitud por permitirme servirles.

Que el Dios les bendiga al celebrar esta gran ocasión,

Sinceramente suyo en Cristo, el Señor,


Rev. Leonardo Jaramillo, Ph.D.
Sexto Párroco

CITY OF CLIFTON, N.J.

WHEREAS, *ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, LOCATED ON UNION AVENUE IN CLIFTON, IS CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FOUNDING THIS YEAR; AND*

WHEREAS, *FROM ITS MODEST BEGINNINGS IN 1914, THE CHURCH HAS FLOURISHED AND GROWN OVER THESE MANY YEARS, ENRICHING THE LIVES OF NOT ONLY ITS OWN PARISHIONERS, BUT THOSE OF ALL THE CITIZENS OF CLIFTON AS WELL, AND HAS BECOME AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE SPIRITUAL AND TEMPORAL LIFE OF THE CITY; AND*

WHEREAS, *TO MARK THIS MOST IMPORTANT OCCASION IN THE LIFE OF ST. PAUL'S, A 100TH ANNIVERSARY MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED BY MOST REVEREND ARTHUR J. SERATELLI, BISHOP OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PATERSON, ON SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2014, AND A CENTENNIAL DINNER WILL BE HELD AT THE VENETIAN ON THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2014; AND*

WHEREAS, *THIS GOVERNING BODY WISHES TO JOIN WITH THE ENTIRE ST. PAUL'S FAMILY IN RECOGNIZING THIS MILESTONE IN ITS EXISTENCE AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS IT HAS MADE IN THE LIFE OF OUR COMMUNITY AND ITS CITIZENS;*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *THAT WE, THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, ON BEHALF OF ALL THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF CLIFTON, DO HEREBY FORMALLY AND OFFICIALLY TENDER TO*

ST. PAUL'S R. C. CHURCH

ITS PASTOR, PARISHIONERS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS, CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF THIS MILESTONE IN ITS EXISTENCE: THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FOUNDING, AND DO FURTHER EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS, FURTHER DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS IN THE FUTURE.



ATTEST:

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DATED: JUNE 2014

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CELEBRATE WITH US ON

June 15th, 2014 - Anniversary
Mass at 11:30am

June 19th, 2014 - Anniversary
Dinner at 6:00pm

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THE HISTORY OF SAINT PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH CLIFTON, NEW JERSEY

All history begins with a vision and as soon as that vision becomes a reality, history is once again a memory and a new vision is created. The visions of many ordinary as well as extraordinary people have shaped our existence. Our own roots were nourished by the hopes and dreams...the visions of our ancestors.

The Lenni-Lenape Indians, who owned and occupied the land where we now live and worship, had their dreams of peaceful living in their Algonquin nations. Settlers came into this area called "Acquackanonk" in the late seventeenth century. They shared the dreams of their new Indian friends...productive farms and peaceful living. These settlers purchased the area of Acquackanonk fairly and peaceably in the early eighteenth century.

Acquackanonk was basically a farming community. However, other people were also drawn to this quiet and rural place, coming from cities such as New York where ethnic neighborhoods were becoming very crowded. Thanks to the railroads, commuters could still keep their jobs in the city and return to their new homes in the "country" where they could enjoy a healthful environment with their families.

The visionaries who came to Acquackanonk formed small communities where their dreams grew into realities. Slow but steady growth brought people together in hamlets and townships, with the greater hope of someday becoming a city.

Other visions took a little more time. Religious freedom had come very slowly to the new nation and Catholics were not always welcome. However, in the nineteenth century, all religions became established and Catholic parishes began to grow in number. In the late nineteenth century, some of the commuters who had settled in Acquackanonk longed for the convenience of a nearby church. Some families traveled to Saint John's in Paterson, others to Saint Nicholas in Passaic, and some preferred national churches where their "home" language was spoken...Saint Boniface, Paterson (German); Sacred Heart, Clifton (Italian). Saint George, Paterson was closer, and soon became important to some families.

Gradually, the need for a worship center close to their homes became stronger and stronger, and eventually a vision began to take on the shape of reality. At first, the founding fathers of our parish were only a few, but the vision expanded as the idea was passed on to others. The seeds of faith planted by ancestors in Ireland, Italy, Germany, and France, nurtured by time and circumstances, were beginning to take root and would ultimately flourish far beyond our founding fathers' imaginations!



Pope Leo XIII, 1810 - 1903

"A tiny acorn is planted in the ground, and lo, in the fullness of time a mighty oak raises its branches to heaven. Over two thousand years ago, the Church of Christ had its humble beginning in a stable in Bethlehem. Ever since that peaceful night, adorers of the Real Presence have knelt in tiny chapels, and in stately cathedrals, amid changing scenes and times, to receive His unchanging truth.

So it was, and still is, the way of the Holy Roman Catholic Church in America and in the State of New Jersey, in the Diocese of Paterson, and in the Parish of Saint Paul, Clifton, New Jersey."

*From the Solemn Ceremony
of Dedication of
Saint Paul Church
June 4th, 1939*



PART I

1889
1914

In 1889 there were only about fifty houses between the Erie Railroad and Fourth Street and Weasel Brook and Piaget Avenue. Just a few Catholic families resided in this area. However, the Clifton Race Track was well patronized at the time of the meets. As an experiment, and in order to afford the attaches of the race track an opportunity to perform their churchly duties, Rev. John A. Sheppard, Pastor of Saint Nicholas Church in Passaic, came to Clifton to celebrate Mass on three consecutive Sundays in a hall over the Grocery-Post Office on Erie Street. These services were not continued.

In 1897, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Wigger of Newark established a new Catholic parish in South Paterson. This was Saint George Church on Getty Avenue. The first Pastor was Rev. Joseph Dolan. Fr. Sheppard announced from the pulpit that a new parish had been established and, at the same time, informed all persons living north of the Passaic Line (Highland Avenue) that they were to attend the new church. Shortly after this announcement, Fr. Sheppard was appointed Vicar-General and Pastor of Saint Michael Church in Jersey City. The clergy of Saint Nicholas Church attempted to reclaim part of this territory by sending their curates to take a census of Catholics in Clifton, going as far north as Passaic Avenue which is now Harding Avenue.

In the meantime, Clifton had increased in size and population. Fr. Dolan of Saint George Church recognized the necessity of forming a Catholic center in Clifton in the near future. Also, this matter was discussed at various times by several Clifton men. Finally, a meeting was called for September 16, 1911 at the house of William J. Dowling. Only five men responded: Thomas Carney, Michael Shine, John P. Gaffney, Charles McLellan and J.P. Genthon.

The last named is the only person whose history and involvement are known because of parish records. Jean-Pierre Genthon, who had been a Christian Brother in his native France, was very determined to do something about a worship center in his neighborhood. From 1889, when he first came to Acquackanonk, he shared his vision with his new acquaintances whom he met at Saint John's in Paterson and Saint Nicholas in Passaic. For twenty years he prayed for a beginning, and finally his prayers were answered when he managed to persuade a few men to meet and discuss the problem. J.P. Genthon acted as secretary to this committee until it was expanded and named the "Acquackanonk Catholic Association." His hand-written notes are preserved in the parish archives and it is the first written account of the founding of this parish.



Pope St. Pius X, 1903 - 1914

*"There is an appointed time for everything,
and a time for every affair under the
heavens.*

*A time to be born and a time to die, a time
to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.*

*A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to
tear down, and a time to build.*

*A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time
to mourn, and a time to dance.*

*A time to scatter stones, and a time to
gather them; a time to embrace, and a time
to be far from embraces.*

*A time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to
keep, and a time to cast away.*

*A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to
be silent, and a time to speak.*

*A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of
war, and a time of peace.*

*"I have considered the task which God has
appointed for men to be busied about.*

*He has made everything appropriate to its
time, and has put the timeless into their
hearts,*

*without men's ever discovering, from the
beginning to end, the work which God has
done".*

*"I recognized that there is nothing better
than to be glad and to do well during life.
For every man, moreover, to eat and drink
and enjoy the fruit of all his labor is a gift of
God.*

*I recognized that whatever God does will
endure forever, there is no adding to it, or
taking from it."*

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-14

By 1912 the enlarged committee had new officers and twenty members from 147 families. The elected officers were: Eugene P. Genthon (son of J.P. Genthon), President; Joseph Liebhauser, Vice President; M.V. Kennedy, Secretary; and Charles McLellan, Treasurer.

Five of the committee members were women. They spread the word and gathered other Catholic women and formed the "Women's Catholic Club," whose task was to recruit others and to raise money for the use of the total committee. In general, the meetings were devoted to exchanging views as to the proper method to be followed in establishing a church in Clifton. A tentative list of Catholics was compiled and it indicated a growing population.

After Fr. Dolan's death, Fr. Flanagan, Pastor of Saint George Church in Paterson was empowered by the Bishop of Newark to work with this group in establishing a community that would be a mission of Saint George. Fr. Flanagan began a Sunday School that was held in the firehouse on Passaic Avenue (now Harding Avenue), and sent two Sisters of Charity to direct and teach. More than sixty children were enrolled and numbers increased as the weeks went by.

Fr. Flanagan agreed to celebrate Mass every Sunday, and so the exciting preparations began. Arrangements were made to rent the firehouse for \$2.50 per Sunday. A committee was then established to make the necessary liturgical preparations which included the building of an altar and kneelers, borrowing chairs from the nearby Reformed Church, moving an organ from the Genthon home to the firehouse, and storing all this in a nearby home during the week. Finally, the big day arrived. The first Mass in the newly established mission was celebrated on June 8, 1912. In September of that year, the firehouse on Main Avenue (across from Luddington Avenue), was rented and Mass was celebrated there until the early part of 1914.

In December 1912, the Bishop transferred the mission from Saint George Church to Saint Nicholas Church in Passaic. Rev. F. J. Kernan, Pastor of Saint Nicholas, was very interested in the mission and was devoted to helping build a church for the growing community. This was an enormous undertaking for the little community and they were, of course, concerned with finances. Money was needed for a church to be constructed and they were united in their efforts to accrue a sizable "church fund." Brainstorming took place concerning ways and means of raising money for the desired new building. One of the first fundraising events was a cake sale held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Belden. Net proceeds were \$42.00! This was a



The Harding Avenue Fire House

good start. The success of this and other fundraisers, as well as the regular Sunday collections and Sunday School proceeds, soon bolstered the committee's confidence.

And so it was that in April 1913, Fr. Kernan was able to purchase the Marcy property on Second Street and Union Avenue for the sum of \$5,800.00. The house, which stood on that property, was sold for \$125.00 and was moved to Washington Avenue.

On May 21, 1914, "Saint Paul's Catholic Church of Acquackanonk" was incorporated. The corporate name was eventually changed to "Saint Paul's Catholic Church of Clifton" on September 29, 1930.



The First St. Paul's Church



Ground breaking festivities on the newly acquired property took place in November 1913. The property next door on which stood an old farmhouse was later acquired for use as a convent and school in 1917.

Christmas 1913 was very special. Mass was still being celebrated in the Main Avenue firehouse where three children not only celebrated the birth of Jesus, but reception of their First Eucharist, as well. Mary and Daniel Shine, and Catherine Genthon were children of two of the founding families and had the privilege of being the first Eucharist class.

In January 1914, the first Baptism was celebrated. Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Meyer presented their son, George, for Baptism into the Community of Saint Paul.



PART II 1915 1923

*"A time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant and a time to uproot the plant."
Ecclesiastes 3:2*

Part II in the series of "The History of Saint Paul Church" brings us to the Spring of 1914 and the completion of Saint Paul's first "home", a brown shingled church facing Second Street. Artistically and structurally it could not compare to the magnificent church in which we worship today. However, it was the first church to be called "our own" and one of which to be proud!

Every legitimate conceivable means were employed to help raise funds for the newly organized parish and the building of the church. The first known "big" fundraiser was a Musical Recital arranged by the talented soprano, Bertha Genthon, and her brother pianist, Eugene P. Genthon. These two artists engaged the YMCA Auditorium in Paterson for the event. Mr. John Finnigan, soloist from Saint Patrick's Cathedral, and Mr. George E. Clauder, a well-known cellist from New York appeared on the program with the Genthons. The affair was an artistic and financial success. Encouraged by the success of this first musical event, many other entertainment programs were arranged by the Genthon Family, and the younger parishioners under this leadership soon fell in line, and a wealth of unknown talent was discovered and put into action.

In addition to the musicals, a Dramatic Society was organized which performed many dramas. Other parishioners held card parties which were popular in those days. Dances were not uncommon, frequent bazaars and car raffles were held, etc., all of which helped to swell the fund for the building of the first church, and eventually the rectory, convent, and school.

Finally, the first Liturgy celebrated in the new little church took place on April 25, 1914. Fr. Kernan presided and his young Altar Server was Joseph Zimmerman. After investing so much time and personal effort into bringing the hopes and dreams of this community to fruition, in July of 1914 it was time for Fr. Kernan to hand over the fruits of his labors to our first Pastor, Rev. Paul P. Guterl.



This was not the end of the vision, but rather, the beginning of new ones, for the Pastor of Saint Paul Church in Acquackanonk was a great visionary, too! Capable, energetic and zealous, Fr. Guterl came to Saint Paul a young man in the tenth year of his priesthood and labored indefatigably for the welfare of his parishioners. He was an efficient administrator, as well as a holy priest, and plunged into the task of building this new church community into a healthy, faith-filled parish. He deeply cared for the spiritual progress of his flock and longed for a fully involved community with opportunities for everyone, young and old, to come to know God and serve Him well.

When Fr. Guterl reported for duty as the first resident Pastor of Saint Paul, the little church was completed but there was no rectory in which to live. He, therefore, rented the house at 97 Washington Avenue for his rectory. (This house was subsequently purchased as part of a plan to acquire property. It was rented to families, utilized as a Parish House, and today serves as the Mother Cabrini Religious Education Center.) Fr. Guterl began construction of a permanent rectory on the parish property in 1915. A large substantial rectory was built on Union Avenue. This sturdy, well-built house is still in use, having accommodated many associate pastors through the years and six pastors.



Mother Cabrini Center



During Fr. Guterl's first year of "settling in," two Trustees were named: Eugene P. Genthon and Charles McLellan, members of the original founding committee. An accomplished organist, composer, and choir director, Fr. Guterl formed a choir which was an expansion of the original group of Genthons who sang in the firehouse. Eugene Genthon continued to share his talents with the community and remained the organist for the church. It soon became obvious to our fledgling community that music was not merely a hobby with Fr. Guterl. He recognized its importance as a way of praising God, and a pleasant and efficacious way of integrating the social resources and talents of the parishioners.

Nineteen Sixteen was a year of steady growth for Saint Paul. An elementary school was begun in the church basement and the Sacrament of Confirmation was celebrated for the first time in our parish. Eighty-three children were confirmed that year – forty boys and forty-three girls. Among those confirmed were Catherine Genthon (Barrett), Mary Shine, and Daniel Shine. Two sponsors represented the confirmation class. Emile Chappius sponsored the boys and Mrs. Stephen Donnelly sponsored the girls.

Because of growing school enrollment, Fr. Guterl purchased the farmhouse next to the church and renovated it for use as a convent for the Sisters of Charity and use as a school. This was occupied in 1917. (This same house on Second Street is presently Saint Paul's Parish Office.) Saint Paul's long tradition of school graduations began in June of 1918 with a graduating class of five: Mazie Quackenbush, Walter Finnegan, Joseph Zimmerman, Joseph Fox, and Maurice Genthon.

Nineteen Twenty not only ushered in a new decade, but the assignment of Saint Paul's first Associate Pastor, Rev. Carmel J. Scanlan. This same year saw the beginning of the "Rosary Altar Society" which was a natural outgrowth of the "Women's Catholic Club". A group of men also established the "Holy Name Society", with Eugene Genthon as the first president. These organizations were vital to the young parishioners as fundraisers and also became the

spiritual haven for the faith community. During the early Twenties other societies came into being: "The Society of the Holy Angels," for girls in the elementary school; "The Junior Holy Name Society" and "Knights of the Altar," for the boys; "The Children of Mary," also called "Young Ladies Sodality," for the young women of the parish. Bertha Genthon was the first president of this Society. And, 1922 also brought about another Associate Pastor, Rev. Michael Magnier, who replaced Fr. Scanlan.

In the early history of the parish two mammoth fund raising drives were held...one for Saint Paul School and the other for the construction of our present beautiful church. Thus, in 1922 ground was broken for Saint Paul School on the corner of Washington Avenue and Main Street. It was completed in 1926 and the Sisters of Charity continued their ministry under the direction of the Superior and Principal, Sister Maria Rita.

Truly a "renaissance parish" in its own right, a theatrical group was formed in 1923. Productions were presented under various names: "St. Paul Players," "St. Paul's Dramatic Society," "St. Paul's Operatic Society," "Revelart Players." The first production was "The Melee," a musical written by Rene Genthon, music composed by, none other than Fr. Guterl and Eugene Genthon. These performances were not only successful fundraisers, but social and cultural entertainment, as well.



Convent or Parish House



PART III 1924 1936

*“A time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to tear down, and a time to build.”
Ecclesiastes 3:3*

The completion of Saint Paul School in 1926 brought about a tremendous growth surge for the community. An outstanding institution of learning from its inception, Saint Paul School has educated thousands of men and women through its closing in June 2006. This education has provided them with an excellent background in academic studies along with a strong foundation in the Catholic faith.

Also during that year, Rev. Jon F. Pugach was assigned as an Associate to Saint Paul Church and remained until September 1926. In addition, Rev. George A. Brown was appointed Associate Pastor, replacing Father Magnier. Saint Paul was Father Brown's first assignment after his ordination on May 30, 1926, and he remained for fourteen years.

The organist for the Parish in 1928 was Godfrey Meyer, Jr. Mr. Meyer was one of ten children of Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Meyer, Sr., who were among the founding families of Saint Paul Church. All of the Meyer children were actively involved with this Parish for many years. The interest and zeal of this family had much to do with Saint Paul's early continued development. In 1942, Mr. Meyer became a Benedictine Brother and was replaced as organist by his brother, Theodore.

Nineteen Twenty-Nine was a gala year for the parishioners of Saint Paul since it marked the Silver Jubilee of their Pastor, Father Guterl. It was important to Father Guterl that the entire Parish be invited to participate in this event. Therefore, the festivities included an evening of entertainment presented by the children of the Parish on May 28th, a public reception in Saint Paul's Auditorium on May 29th, and a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving on May 30th. All in all, this was a gala musical affair, a fitting tribute to a person who was truly a holy man and connoisseur of the arts.

*“Twenty-five years at the altar,
Wearing thy cassock of black
O'er thy camps and thy battles and triumphs,
True soldiers of Jesus! Look back
To the day when thou kissed thy first altar,
In love with youth's fervor athrill.
From the day when we meet and greet thee,
So true to the loved altar still.”
Rev. Abram S. Ryan*

*Quote from the Silver Jubilee Program
of The Rev. Paul P. Guterl May 28, 1929*

In 1930 the corporate name of the Parish was changed to "St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church of Clifton." During the early years there were several people who served the Parish as lay Trustees: 1914-1917: Mr. Eugene Genthon and Mr. Charles McLellan; 1918-1921: Mr. Emil Chappuis and Mr. Charles McLellan; 1921-1930: Mr. Emil Chappuis and Mr. John McCarthy; and 1931-1940: Mr. Michael Murphy and Mr. John Gaffey. These men were dedicated and committed individuals who devoted much of their time, energies, and talents in fulfilling the responsibilities of the Office of Trustee.

It was during the early Thirties that Father Guterl's vision of a beautiful new church was gradually being instilled in the hearts and minds of the parishioners. The times were changing from when Clifton was a country village. In the beginning, the Parish had only four hundred people. As time marched on, Clifton became a large city – the greatest in area in New Jersey – and the Parish had increased and multiplied into over twenty-two hundred resident parishioners worshipping in the little country church. So, for the conscientious parishioners of Saint Paul, it was back to the drawing board.

During the Thirties, fundraising events were a priority and common occurrence. Card parties, lawn parties, concerts, recitals, dramatic productions, and minstrels were all part of parish life that, not only increased church funds, but served to bring people together as well. However, the biggest effort in fundraising was yet to come... "The Builders' Society of the Church of Saint Paul." This monumental campaign was launched in November of 1937 at a testimonial dinner to Rev. Paul P. Guterl, the Pastor. At this dinner, plans were completed and the crusade was begun so that all could share in "this splendid adventure."

An Official Bulletin of The Builders' Society, The Record, was also published so that every parishioner could be kept abreast of the campaign's progress. Headquarters for The Record was located in Washington Hall and the Editorial Staff consisted of two men: Mr. Paul A. Kennedy, Ph.D., Editor, and Mr. John A. McKeown, Director. Those on the Executive Committee of the Builders' Society were: Father Guterl, Honorary Chairman; Father Brown, Secretary; Mr. Rodney Benson, Dinner Chairman; and Mr. Dennis Fenelon, Organization Chairman.

The following are excerpts from a letter written by Father Guterl, which appeared in the first issue of The Record:

"The crowning achievement of the devout Christian is the erection of a beautiful building for the worship of

God. In primitive times every member of the congregation actually took part in the building of the church. Now we have other methods, but through the medium of the Builders' Society every one of us can take part in this noblest of projects. Not indeed, by labor in stone, not by the exercise of talents in the decoration of the structure, but by a united, organized effort to provide the material means for making a substantial and beautiful House of God.

You are as familiar with the needs of the parish as I am. You know from experience the inadequacy of the present structure. The present church served the temporary needs of a beginning parish; but its inadequate size, and the absence of architectural beauty make it entirely unrepresentative of the splendid parish of Saint Paul. We are agreed on the problem. What is the answer?

The answer seems to be the formation of Saint Paul's Builders' Society. And since this seems to be a most inspired and satisfactory answer, I rejoice at its discovery. That is why I am glad to announce the formation of the Society and to pledge my most fervent prayers for its initial, continued, and final success."

The first issue of The Record also contained details of the campaign, an article written by Father Brown, Mr. Benson's observations concerning Saint Paul's financial situation, and an "Inquiring Reporter" section. One of the letters contained in that section was submitted by Mr. Eugene Pellegrine. It seems to have been written for us, who were back then the "vision," the future of Saint Paul Church.

"When I think of the new Church of Saint Paul, I think of the future rather than of the present or the past. It is true we have the inspiring precedent past builders to spur us on. It is true that the present needs are pressing. But I like to think of the new and beautiful church as a future spiritual home for our children. What better legacy could we leave them?

It is comforting to think that we shall not be forgotten. It is encouraging to dream of the future greatness of this parish to realize that in a humble way we can see our children and our children's children kneeling in prayer at the altar, the altar we helped raise. To transmit the faith of our fathers to the children of the future is, in my opinion, the paramount reason for building the New Church."

Thank you, Mr. Pellegrine!

*"With our story, our history, we know who we are,
we know why our life has meaning,
And we know the One who has sent us."*

PART IV

1937
1946

*"A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance."
Ecclesiastes 3:4*



Nineteen thirty-seven marked a new beginning for the Community of Saint Paul. The wooden church on Second Street that served the people of Saint Paul so well in the early years was demolished and construction of a new stone church was begun.

Breaking of ground for the new church took place on Sunday afternoon, May 9, 1937, with Father Guterl turning the first spade of earth. Msgr. Paul Knapik of Saint Casimir Church turned the second spadeful. The third was turned by the very Rev. Msgr. John G. Delaney, Secretary to Bishop Thomas J. Walsh and Rector of Saint Patrick Cathedral in Newark. The fourth was turned by the Rev. George A. Brown, Associate of Saint Paul. Speakers for the occasion were Msgr. Delaney, the Very Rev. Dr. James Kelly, President of Seton Hall College, Father Guterl, and Father Brown. One of the features of the exercises was the singing of hymns by the children of Saint Paul School and the Seton Hall Sextet, led by Godfrey Meyer, Jr. All in all, over two thousand parishioners attended this ceremony.

The following is an excerpt from Dr. Kelly's speech:

"The new church is a genuine contribution to the Community of Clifton. It is not merely a church of stone, mortar, brick and marble, but something instilled in the hearts by the thoughts and desires of the parishioners, to leave behind for their children a place where the soul might go for a little meditation and reflection, to learn true values."

On December 9, 1937, the Holy See divided the Diocese of Newark by establishing the Diocese of Paterson, which comprised the counties of Passaic, Morris and Sussex. The Most Reverend Thomas H. McLaughlin was appointed the first Bishop of Paterson.

As the Parish needs grew, in June 1938 Bishop McLaughlin sent Rev. James J. Daly to Saint Paul as a second Associate. Father Daly had just been ordained as one of the first priests for the Diocese of Paterson. He continued at Saint Paul until 1941 when he was transferred to Assumption Parish in Morristown. On July 3, 1938, Rev. Christian D. Haag was the first diocesan priest from Saint Paul to be ordained.

During the construction of the new church, the school auditorium served as a temporary site for liturgies. In the Fall of 1938, the basement of the new church was completed and services were celebrated there until the church's entire completion.

On Sunday, June 4, 1939, the cornerstone of the new stone church was laid by Bishop McLaughlin followed by the Ceremony of Dedication by His Excellency, and a Solemn High Mass, Coram Pontifice, presided over by the Bishop. Rt. Rev. Msgr. John J. Dauenhauer, Rector of Saint Vincent Church, Madison, delivered the sermon. In the words of Bishop McLaughlin, the occasion was really a triple celebration, as it marked the Thirty-fifth Anniversary of Father Guterl's Ordination, the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of his Pastorate, and the dedication of the new church. A beautiful souvenir booklet





commemorating these events was prepared to be cherished by many and is included in the Parish archives. The following is a quote from the booklet as a testimonial to the new building:

"Now the sacred edifice, in its inspiring grandeur, has been solemnly dedicated to the glory of God by His Excellency, the Most Reverend Thomas H. McLaughlin, Bishop of Paterson, with all pomp and splendor of the Roman Liturgy. What a striking contrast it presents to the firehouse of twenty-five years ago! It is a magnificent testimonial of the faith and generosity of the Catholics of Clifton, but especially of the unselfish and conscientious zeal of our beloved pastor and his able assistants."

Near the conclusion of the Dedication Liturgy, Father Guterl collapsed on the high altar after he had expressed his thanks to God that he had seen the new edifice completed and just as he was thanking Bishop McLaughlin for participating in the dedicatory ceremonies. Hundreds waited outside the new church at the conclusion of the services until it was announced Father Guterl was better.

As we have all come to know and appreciate, Saint Paul Church is one of the most distinguished buildings in New Jersey. No effort was spared to make it one of the most beautiful churches in the East. Father Guterl spent years in this country and abroad

enlisting the services of the finest craftsmen, and succeeded in filling this church with a remarkable collection of treasures.

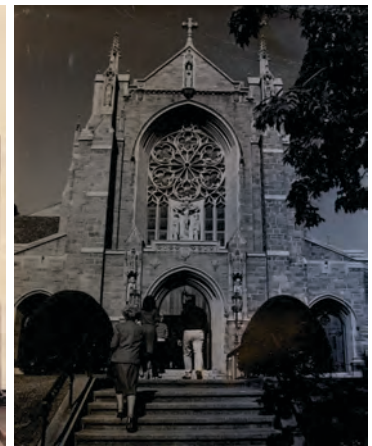
The church, which was designed by the New York architect, Paul C. Reilly, has a monumental setting. It stands majestically on an angle at the intersection of Union Avenue and Second Street. It is a Neo-Gothic, Scholastic building made of seamfaced Waymouth granite, with limestone and terra cotta trim. On either side of the front door are statues of Saint Peter and Saint Paul, carrying the symbols of their office; Peter with his keys; Paul with the book and the sword. Above the front door there is a limestone Crucifixion scene and a beautiful rose window designed and carried out by the Hiemer Studios which are still in existence in Clifton. Mr. Hiemer, who was a German



craftsman, worked very closely with Father Guterl in planning all of the windows in the new church.

Looking at the church from the outside, one cannot help but notice, as in all old-world Gothic structures, everything reaching upward and outward to heaven. It's hard to believe this magnificent structure was built for \$175,000 in 1939!

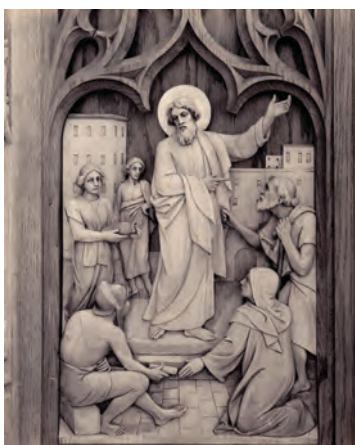
Changes in Associate Pastors took place during that period. Father Brown left Saint Paul in 1940 to become a pastor. Other associates were: 1940-1941: Rev. Dennis Donovan; 1941-1942: Rev. James Doyle; 1941-1942: Rev. Michael O'Meara; 1942-1943: Rev. Albert Gladis; 1942-1943: Rev. William Makesy; 1943-1944: Rev. John Pokrywka; 1944-1945: Rev. Thomas Molloy; 1945-1946: Rev. Francis McGowan; 1946-1954: Rev. William Lawlor; and 1947-1961: Rev. John R. Ryan.



From the day of the church's dedication in 1939, Father Guterl's health steadily deteriorated. He died suddenly on November 1, 1946 at the age of sixty-six, having been a priest for forty-two years and the Pastor of Saint Paul for thirty-two years. He is buried near Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, which is part of the church façade. Rev. John Tully, another Associate who had been assigned to Saint Paul earlier that year, acted as administrator of the Parish until the appointment of the next pastor.

Perhaps someday, a biographer will wish to expand this brief account of the priestly life of the first

Pastor of Saint Paul Church. His personality, his idiosyncrasies, his determination and willfulness, may all be recorded in a fuller and more serious study of the man. But in the memories of the parishioners, the person whose vision provided us with this unique beautiful church building will always hold dear, the priest. Memory will contain his great love to God, his sermons about God's love for us, and his zeal for this parish. Remembered always will be his fire, his enthusiasm for proper worship and the proper liturgical setting, his gift of music, his exemplary taste in art. He was a visionary, and this parish is the inheritor of his dream!





The Altar and Tabernacle



Saint Ann Mosaic



Wedding of Peter Stephen Babits and Mary Ann Nilan on October 10th, 1942



Saint Paul Catholic School



The Altar



Gathering in The Parish Hall

PART V 1947 1963

*"A time to scatter stones
and a time to gather them;
A time to embrace, and a time
to be far from embraces."
Ecclesiastes 3:5*



*Funeral of Bishop Thomas H. McLaughlin
March 1947*

After guiding the Community of Saint Paul through the first thirty-two years, Father Guterl was buried on the church grounds that he loved and nurtured for over three decades. Most fittingly, the backdrop for his places of rest was his beloved church.

Msgr. Joseph H. Hewetson succeeded Father Guterl. Just as Father Guterl's mission at Saint Paul was to build a magnificent structure of stone and granite that would last for generations, Msgr. Hewetson knew it was his mission to build also. But his materials for building would be the living stones, the people of Saint Paul. Thus, on New Year's Day 1947, Msgr. Hewetson took over his assignment as the second Pastor of Saint Paul Church.

Having the ability to enable people to work for the Church by his "saintly" approach, he was truly adored by parishioners from the very beginning. His giftedness in ministering to his parishioners was largely attributed to his personal background. A convert to Catholicism, Msgr. Hewetson's parents were devout Anglicans. His father became a Catholic just prior to his death and shortly thereafter, his mother's wish was that the whole family follow his

example. While a student at Columbia University in New York, Msgr. Hewetson developed a religious vocation and was accepted to Seton Hall College, South Orange, and eventually completed his priestly studies at Immaculate Conception Seminary, then located on the Seton Hall Campus. He was ordained to the priesthood by the Most Reverend John J. O'Connor, Bishop of Newark, in Seton Hall Chapel on the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady, August 15, 1916.

Upon his ordination, Msgr. Hewetson was assigned to the faculty of Seton Hall where he taught Latin for eight years. Two of his outstanding students were the Most Reverend Thomas A. Boland and the Most Reverend James A. McNulty, both of whom served as Bishops of Paterson.

In 1924, Msgr. Hewetson became the pastor of what was then a little country church in Morris County, Saint Cecilia Church in Rockaway. He remained there until 1940 when he was transferred to the pastorate of Immaculate Conception Church in Franklin. As of April 20, 1944, Pope Pius XII elevated Msgr. Hewetson to the rank of Papal Chamberlain with the title of Very Reverend Monsignor. After almost six years in Franklin, Msgr. Hewetson moved to Saint Joseph Church in Paterson in 1945. In 1946 Pope Pius XII raised him to a Domestic Prelate with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor. After only thirteen months at Saint Joseph, he was assigned to Saint Paul Church.



Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine

Additional honors conferred on Msgr. Hewetson included his appointment as Officialis of the Diocese of Paterson by Bishop McNulty on February 3, 1954, as well as his designation as Prothonotary Apostolic by the Holy Father.



*Brian James Grace was Baptized
on December 2nd, 1956
with Andrew Grace and Carol Grace, Godparents*

Impressive as his background was, Msgr. Hewetson was a humble man, a true teacher and enabler who worked very hard at Saint Paul to bring his vision and ideas to fruition. In 1947 alone, he established a scouting troop and encouraged the formation of Bible Study Groups, teaching many of the sessions himself.

Nineteen Forty-Seven also brought a new Associate, Rev. John R. Ryan, who replaced Father Tully. Father Ryan remained until 1961, the longest term of any Associate at Saint Paul.

By 1949, Msgr. Hewetson had helped the mothers of Saint Paul to establish a Mother's Auxiliary, whose first President was Betty Mossay. He promoted C.Y.O., C.C.D., and advocated the formation of the Saint Vincent DePaul Society. Msgr. Hewetson also rejuvenated the Holy Name Society of which he served as Moderator for the first ten years of his pastorship. During this time, he assumed the duties of Moderator of the Passaic-Clifton District of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, which is still in existence today.

A pastor who was devoted to ministry and enhancing the spiritual and social growth of his flock, Msgr. Hewetson was a role model for many young men aspiring to the priesthood. During his pastorship at Saint Paul, the Parish led the Diocese in the number of seminarians studying for and ultimately being ordained to the priesthood.

Although his primary focus always seemed to be directed toward the spiritual growth of the people of

Saint Paul, Msgr. Hewetson also brought about many changes in the physical aspects of the Parish. He built an addition to the rectory, repaired and improved the convent, beautified the church grounds, paved the school playgrounds, decorated the interior of the church twice, replaced the original wooden altar rail with a white marble altar rail and gold plated gates. Today, during the celebration of the Eucharist the gates are always open, folded back behind the rail, unseen by worshippers. They are noteworthy because of the beauty of their design, and the knowledge that many parishioners donated gold (jewelry, artifacts, etc.) for their construction. A new organ was purchased and electronic chimes were installed. In addition, Msgr. Hewetson equipped both the school cafeteria and church hall with modern kitchen facilities and improvements.

Msgr. Hewetson had also, from time to time, purchased additional parcels of property in the block bounded by Union Avenue, Maple Place, Washington Avenue and Second Street. Most of these parcels have since been sold, enabling the Parish to benefit from their proceeds.

In 1951, the grateful parishioners of Saint Paul feted Monsignor on the occasion of the Thirty-fifth Anniversary of his Ordination to the priesthood.

A new Associate was assigned in 1953, Rev. William Connery, who remained until 1955. Rev. John Heusser (1955-1962) succeeded Father Connery.

In the Summer of 1954, the first Religious Vacation School was established at Saint Paul, under the direction of Mrs. Cally Barrett and Mrs. Florence Heany. Mothers, who were assisted by high school girls, staffed the School. This endeavor was very successful and continued for fourteen years.

The latter part of the Fifties was especially memorable for the people of Saint Paul and Msgr. Hewetson. In 1956, Monsignor celebrated his Fortieth Anniversary to the Priesthood and, in 1958, he was elevated to Prothonotary Apostolic. This was also the year in which Parish Trustee, Harry Phalon, was named Knight of St. Gregory by the Holy Father.

The early to mid-sixties brought yet another round of Associate Pastors: 1955-1962: Rev. John Heusser; 1961-1968: Rev. Denis McHugh; 1962-1965: Rev. Elso Introini (in residence); 1964-1965: Rev. Paul McVey; and 1964-1968: Rev. Lee A. Williamson.



The month of June 1964 marked the Fifteenth Anniversary of the founding of the Mother's Auxiliary of Saint Paul School. Mrs. Cally Barrett, the founder of the Auxiliary, was honored at a parish dinner, along with Mrs. Albert Marotta, the retiring president, and Mrs. Vincent Sullivan who was installed as the new president. Formed in 1949, the purpose of the Auxiliary was to advance understanding and foster cooperation between the sisters and the parents; to assist in the management of the school cafeteria; render financial aid and assistance if and when needed; and to promote friendship among the mothers.

Msgr. Hewetson was responsible for the formation of the lay lector group. Lay readers together with the cooperation of the people of the Parish, made Saint Paul one of the first parishes in the Diocese of Paterson to introduce the Dialogue Mass, joining voices in unity with the priest in offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, instead of mute attendants withdrawn from the celebrant. The first lectors were: Mr. Stephen Kazimir, Mr. Edward Walsh, Mr. Emil Molinaro, Mr. John Fencsak, Mr. William Kane, Mr. John Lowe, Mr. Roland Nagy, Mr. Fred Sprick and Mr. Stephen Bistrick.



Funeral of Bishop Thomas H. McLaughlin March 1947



Saint Anthony of Padua-The Narthex-



Gathering in the Parish Hall

PART VI

1964
1972

*"A time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to cast away."
Ecclesiastes. 3:6*



JUBILEE PROCESSION — Officers of the Mass commemorating the 50th anniversary of St. Paul's Parish, Clifton, are shown in procession leaving the church. Left to right are Rev. Elso C. Introini of St. Paul's, Rev. Philip A. Carey, S.J., of the Xavier Institute of Industrial Relations, New York, Rev. Dennis F. McHugh of St. Paul's and Msgr. Joseph H. Hewetson, P.A., pastor. The celebration was held Oct. 25.

Golden Jubilee on October 25th, 1964 50th Anniversary of Saint Paul's Parish, Clifton

Our lives are formed not by anniversaries, but by the events that fall between them. For the Community of Saint Paul, the celebration of the Golden Jubilee on October 25, 1964, was a time for reminiscing, a time for appreciating the present, and a time for looking ahead. The highlight of the Anniversary was the Solemn Pontifical Mass of Thanksgiving which was celebrated by Msgr. Hewetson. Assisting him were Rev. Philip A. Carey, S.J., Rev. Denis McHugh, Rev. Elso Introini, and Rev. Lee Williamson.

More than five-hundred people attended the Jubilee Dinner-Dance held at Donohue's Restaurant in Wayne, which was chaired by Mr. Vincent O'Donnell. Speakers at the dinner were Mr. Robert F.X. Meyer and Msgr. John J. Sheerin, Vicar General, representing Bishop Navagh.

A beautiful souvenir booklet of this occasion has been preserved and is part of the Parish archives. The following is a quote from this booklet: "Parishioners of St. Paul's, you have heeded the scriptural injunction to love the beauty of God's House. You, too, are temples of God. May your souls ever reflect this beauty in sanctity until life eternal. Amen!" These words were

taken from the conclusion of Msgr. Dauenhauer's sermon on the occasion of the dedication ceremonies of Saint Paul Church, 1939.

In 1966 another Golden Jubilee was celebrated, Msgr. Hewetson's Fiftieth Anniversary of his ordination. This was a joyous occasion for the parishioners of Saint Paul, for they welcomed this opportunity to honor their beloved Pastor. A Solemn Pontifical Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated on Sunday, April 17, 1966 in the presence of The Most Reverend Thomas A. Boland, Archbishop of Newark, and The Most Reverend James A. McNulty, Bishop of Buffalo. Very Rev. Msgr. Frank J. Rodimer delivered the homily.

A Jubilee Dinner followed at Hickory Hills Country Club in Totowa. Addresses were given by the Honorable Ira Schoem, Mayor of the City of Clifton; Mr. Harry Phalon; Very Rev. Msgr. Frank J. Rodimer; Rev. John R. Ryan; Rev. John Hewetson; and Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph Brestel. Chairpersons for the event were: Mr. Joseph A. Nee, Mr. Harry Phalon, and Mr. Stephen Kazimir.

From June, 1966 to January 1968, Msgr. Hewetson's brother, Rev. John Hewetson, served as an Associate at Saint Paul. During his two-year assignment, he encouraged the formation of an Ecumenical Study Club, which evolved into a very active ecumenical parish committee.



Also in 1968, Mr. James Iler retired as Parish Custodian after twenty-nine years of dedicated service to Saint Paul. His replacement was Mr. George Gerardi, his son-in-law, who was no stranger to Saint Paul Church, having worked part-time with his father-in-law since 1959. What seems to be a family tradition, George Gerardi served Saint Paul as Custodian for many years until his retirement. Since 1939, our

buildings and grounds have been cared for with a vigor and enthusiasm for which we are all tremendously grateful.



A big year of change for the people of Saint Paul, 1968 brought about the retirement of Msgr. Hewetson after twenty-one years of service. His successor was a young priest who he had baptized and given his First Communion, Very Rev. Msgr. Frank J. Rodimer, (presently Bishop Emeritus the Most Reverend Frank J. Rodimer, former Bishop of Paterson.) Thus, on January 3, 1968, the Community of Saint Paul welcomed their third Pastor.



Bishop Rodimer was born and raised in Morris County. He was educated at Seton Hall Prep, South Orange; St. Charles College, and St. Mary's Seminary in Maryland; Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington, NJ; and the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., where he received his Licentiate in Sacred Theology in 1951.

Ordained to the Priesthood in Saint John's

Cathedral in Paterson on May 19, 1951, Bishop Rodimer returned to the Catholic University of America for further studies and was awarded a Doctorate in Canon Law in 1954. He was then appointed by Bishop McNulty as Assistant Chancellor of the Diocese of Paterson and assigned to Saint Brendan Church in Clifton, where he served as Assistant Pastor for nine years.

In 1963, he was named Secretary to Bishop Navagh, and in that position, was given the opportunity to attend the Second Vatican Council. Also during that year, he was named a Papal Chamberlain by Pope Paul VI, and in December 1964, was appointed Chancellor of the Diocese of Paterson, then the second priest to hold this office since the founding of the Diocese in 1938.



Wedding of Deacon Joseph A. Puskas and Margaret Ann Seabert on August 2nd, 1969

Bishop Rodimer was the first Chairperson of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission and in that capacity chaired the Sacred Art and Architecture Subcommittee of the Commission. He was also the Paterson representative to the Advocate and an editorial board member when it was the official newspaper for both Newark and Paterson. He served as an elected member of the Priests' Senate, and also served as Chairperson of its Social Action Committee. In addition to his duties as Chancellor, he was Secretary of the Board of Consultors; a member of the Diocesan Pastoral Council; and Chairperson of the Building and Sites Commission.

In Clifton, Bishop Rodimer served as President of the Passaic-Clifton Council of Churches, Vice President of the Clifton Urban Council, was a member of the Juvenile Conference Committee, and in 1972,

was the recipient of the B'nai B'rith Maurice F. Karp Award for outstanding citizenship.

Just prior to his assignment by Bishop Casey to Saint Paul, Bishop Rodimer was the Administrator of Our Lady of the Lake Church in Sparta.

During his Pastorship at Saint Paul, Bishop Rodimer had the responsibility of leadership in the parish renewal called for by the Second Vatican Council. Liturgical reforms were continued and implementation of changes in the celebration of the sacraments took place. Ecumenical interest

expanded and it was a time for greater involvement in community affairs and in efforts towards social justice both locally and beyond. Religious education programs were broadened and updated, and in 1968, Mr. David Galusha was employed as the first Director of Religious Education at Saint Paul.

Two Associates were assigned to Saint Paul, Rev. Kevin Flanagan, who remained until 1971; and Rev. Edward Collins, who remained until 1974.

The early post-Vatican II years at Saint Paul reflected the effects of the Council. A Parish Advisory



Board was formed, with Mr. Al Esser as Chairperson, which eventually grew into a Steering Committee leading to a Parish Council. Members of the Advisory Board were: Harry Phalon, Cally Barrett, Mary Genthon, George Esser, Angelo Battista, Robert Meyer, Jane Lowe, Ed Freyland, Vincent O'Donnell, Mr. Finn, Kathy Murray, Stan Kobylarz, Ceasar Cellini, Frank Boehm, Robert Canova, Joseph Walker, Dave Galusha, and Roger Camire.

Once again, a precedent was set by Saint Paul Church in 1969 when the Advisory Board appointed Mrs. Cally Barrett the first woman Trustee in the Diocese of Paterson. Mrs. Barrett replaced Mr. Godfrey Meyer who died that year. A gifted and learned Catholic lay person, Mrs. Barrett was a student of the Bible and also a teacher of the Bible, forming and leading Bible Study groups. She was one of Saint Paul's first women Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers, and initiated many parish organizations and programs. Having conducted many tours of the church, Mrs. Barrett was an expert on every detail of the building. Numerous articles describing the church interior and exterior, including tapes recorded by Mrs. Barrett are preserved in the Parish archives.



The Altar and Tabernacle

More evidence of a Church in transition, in 1969 the "Home and School Association" replaced the "Mothers' Auxiliary," which invited the involvement of both parents. The first president of this Association was Mr. Joseph Walker. Also established that year, was the "Leisure Time Club" moderated by Father Flanagan. Mrs. Mae Haag, the mother of Msgr. Christian Haag, was elected the first President. Another first was the assignment of a transitional deacon for parish work, James Termyna.

In 1970, the Rosarians celebrated their Fiftieth Anniversary that was commemorated at a beautiful Communion Breakfast. Mrs. Lucy Cellini was President of the Rosary Society at that time, and Mrs.

Anne Paul was the President of the Passaic-Clifton District Council of Catholic Women. The Rosary Society had been affiliated with this organization since 1947. Rev. James Termyna was ordained to the priesthood in 1970 and left Saint Paul for a new assignment. Another deacon, James Regan, replaced him. In 1977 Father Regan died tragically in a sea diving accident while serving as a Naval Chaplain.



The Magnificent Rose Window

Two more assignments were made in 1971: Rev. Kieran Scott, who remained until 1973, and a new deacon, Joseph Davis. In addition to these assignments, 1971 also brought about the first Parish Council Meeting on January 11th. The first President of the Council was Mr. Joseph Wolak. Bishop Rodimer and Father Flanagan were present at this first meeting and among the agenda items were the acceptance of temporary by-laws, appointment of special committees, and implementation to appoint an ad-hoc committee on the constitution and by-laws. The Parish Council, working closely with Bishop Rodimer, both as a voting member and as Parish leader, helped Saint Paul Church keep abreast of the times, times that were changing more rapidly than ever before in Church history!



The Baldachin or Canopy

PART VII

1973
1978

*“A time to rend, and a time to sew;
a time to be silent, and a time speak.”
Ecclesiastes 3:7*



The Seventies brought about a thrust in ecumenical activities at Saint Paul. The Parish was affiliated with the Council of Churches, was instrumental in establishing an Ecumenical School of Religion, and was responsible for hosting and sponsoring many interfaith services and social

gatherings. An influential proponent of ecumenical endeavors, Bishop Rodimer was the recipient of a special Fellowship Award from the Jewish Community.

Nineteen seventy-two was the year women were invited to serve as Lectors. These “pioneer” women were: Lois Caravillano, Mary Grace McCormick, Ann Paul, and Cally Barrett. It was also the time for a very innovative parish retreat, Movement for a Better World. This retreat was a movement in the Church that sought to bring about the experience of a “living” community, not just the experience of talking about it. Its aim was to bring together the whole People of God: bishops, clergy, religious, and the laity to share in dialogue, in prayer, and in all aspects of life. The effects of that retreat are still felt even now. For it was out of those group discussions that the birth of the Four Seasons Canteen took place under the leadership of Kathryn Collins.



The Pipe Organ

Also during that year, Chester Moczydowski came to serve as the fifth deacon at Saint Paul, and a parish newspaper, Witness rolled off the parish press for the first time. The purpose of this publication was to “bear witness to our faith in Jesus Christ as the center of our lives and in our parish as a means of conveying His light, His truth, His peace and hope to one another.”



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Mosaic

Cally Barrett and a Witness staff member suggested the title for the newspaper and the masthead was struck. The first Editor was Stephen Cellini; Staff Members were: Kathy Murray, Rita and George Petersen, Al Esser, Cally Barrett, Betty Foy, Roger Agnoli, Peter Knopka, Joseph Latiano, Marie O'Neill, Ronnie Colligan, Sheila Murray, Corinne Mullin, and Mary Ann Corradino. The newspaper has since been discontinued because of printing costs.

On October 21, 1972 some of the parishioners of Saint Paul journeyed on an eight-day excursion to Rome, Italy. Emil Molinaro was the Chairperson and his committee members were Albert Bednarz and Jean Baker. The \$350.00 round-trip fare included first-class hotel accommodations, two meals a day and three tours in Rome!

Last, but most certainly not least, Saint Paul School celebrated its Fiftieth Anniversary. Vincent Genthon, a student in the first class in 1922, reflected on the

School's history in the November and December 1972 issues of Witness. These issues are among those preserved in our Parish archives. The following are excerpts from these articles:

"The building has not changed very much since 1922. The appearance is much the same. Black top has replaced the grass on which we were never allowed to walk. Someone has stolen the sword from St. Paul's hand. The building weathered somewhat, retaining a good portion of our atmospheric pollution." "...Perhaps through its continuance our school may be hailed by future historians as the model for 20th Century scholastic achievement. Surely the school does stand today as the bulwark for Christian Education in this area."



Sacred Heart Mosaic

In 1973 Rev. Dennis Hogan was assigned as Associate Pastor and remained until 1975. During this time, the Parish experienced the first Seder Supper and a Charismatic Prayer Group was formed.

Rev. Charles A. Perricone came to Saint Paul as an Associate in 1974 and left in 1978. Also, our church organ was renovated and rededicated on September 29, 1974. The pipe organ was repositioned and enlarged by the Peragallo Organ Company to include a total of thirty-seven ranks of pipes containing over two-thousand pipes.

A time of steady change and growth for the Church worldwide, Saint Paul Parish continued to evolve socially and spiritually. Social action groups emerged, and Ministers of the Eucharist were commissioned for the Parish by Bishop Casey. The first Eucharistic Ministers at Saint Paul were: Sr. Maureen Mahon, Sr. Patricia O'Neill, Sr. Susan McNamara, Sr. Elizabeth Bishop, Cally Barrett, William Farrell, Thomas Keenan, Jack Lowe, James Martin, Jeff Shagawat, Rita and George Petersen, Fran and Joseph Wolak.



Stations of the Cross

The music program at Saint Paul began to broaden as well. Thomas R. Charsky was hired as the first Minister of Music in 1974. Under his direction the Adult Choir was revitalized and the previously established Folk Group was expanded. A Boys Choir was also organized and the organ console was replaced.

A Co-operative Play Group was formed under the direction of Andrea Donato and Joan Newcombe in 1974. Finally, during that time, the Sisters of Charity serving our Parish requested a mural for their chapel. With the Pastor's approval, artist Richard Botto was commissioned to paint the beautiful and unusual Last Supper which is currently on display in the Mother Teresa of Calcutta Chapel.

Nineteen seventy-five was a Holy Year and the Parish was very blessed to have Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen present a retreat to the parishioners of Saint Paul. It was somewhat of a historic event as the most famous spokesman for the Catholic Church in America was the guest preacher. He preached at seven services, including the evening service to an audience of close to a thousand people. Many people attended all seven services. He spoke on the topics of the Cross, the Mass, Mary – Mother of Sorrows, Who and What is Jesus Christ, Suffering, Love, and Sin. Archbishop Sheen lived at the Rectory for the three days he was at Saint Paul and between services, he visited sick parishioners, and walked throughout the neighborhood greeting Clifton residents.



Bishop Fulton J. Sheen

Rev. Peter McHugh was assigned as an Associate and remained until 1979. Father Termyna returned to Saint Paul, this time joining the ranks of Associate Pastors, and left in 1976. During this period, some of the church properties were sold and the house next to the Rectory on Union Avenue was demolished.

Nineteen seventy-six marked the Bicentennial Celebration of our nation, and within our parish, the year Bishop Rodimer celebrated his Twenty-fifth Anniversary in the Priesthood. An Anniversary Liturgy was celebrated on May 19, 1976 and a banquet followed at the Camelot in Wayne, N.J. A souvenir booklet commemorating this occasion is preserved in the Parish archives. Nicholas Bozza was assigned as deacon that year, and remained Associate after his ordination to the priesthood. During his time at St. Paul, Fr. Bozza established the first Youth Group for the junior high and senior high school students. He moved on from Saint Paul in 1979.

Many parishioners enjoyed a memorable experience in 1977 when Bishop Rodimer led a trip to the Holy Land. Bishop's father and Rev. John Demkovich from St. Mary's Parish in Passaic also accompanied the group.

Bishop Casey died that year and our Pastor was named the new Bishop. In February 1978, Frank J. Rodimer was ordained the sixth Bishop of Paterson. What an exciting, spirit-filled time it was for the Community of Saint Paul. So rarely is a parish blessed with the privilege of witnessing their pastor's elevation to the Office of Bishop. Parishioners at Saint Paul lost a well-loved, skillful Pastor, but gained a gifted, young, efficient Bishop. Tears of loss were shared, mingled with pride and joy.



Saint Paul



The Sacristy



Saint Joseph Mosaic



Nativity Window

PART VIII

1979
1990

*"A time to love, and a time to hate;
a time of war, and a time of peace."
Ecclesiastes 3:8*



Saint Paul Mosaic

The end of a decade brought with it a change for the people of Saint Paul. On March 5, 1978, Bishop Rodimer celebrated a Liturgy for his people; and on March 16, 1978, Rev. Ronald A. Amandolare was appointed the Fourth Pastor of Saint Paul Parish. Having been in residence at Saint Paul since 1960, the transition was not only an easy one for Rev. Amandolare, but for the community as well.

Rev. Amandolare was born and raised in Bronx, New York. It was during his high school years at Fordham Prep that he entertained the thought of becoming a priest. Upon graduating from high school, Rev. Amandolare entered Cathedral College where he began his preparation for the priesthood. He continued his studies at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington, NJ and in 1961, was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Paterson. As a newly-ordained priest he was assigned to Immaculate Conception Parish in Franklin, N.J. While there, he also taught at Pope John High School. He was later assigned to Blessed Sacrament Parish in Paterson and taught at DePaul High School in Wayne, N.J. In 1965, he was assigned to full-time teaching at Morris Catholic High School in Denville, N.J.

Rev. Amandolare's love for education has very much been at the heart of his priestly life. He held various Diocesan offices, serving as President of the Priests' Senate, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Diocesan Director of Religious Education, and Executive Secretary for Evangelization and Catechesis. He became actively interested in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.), studying in various places, here and in other parts of the country. The outcome of his studies was the inception of Saint Paul's R.C.I.A. Process in 1980. This Process is still a vital part of Saint Paul's spiritual life, having brought many people into Full Communion with the Church since its inception.

The year 1978 not only brought a new Pastor to Saint Paul, but the first Pastoral Minister as well, Sister Rita Cerne. Mr. Chris DiLella was assigned as deacon and the Parish had the joy of hosting his Ordination to the Priesthood in 1979. Also that year, Mrs. Nan Rorke was honored for having completed eighteen years of teaching in Saint Paul School. This busy year ended with a "Parish Speak-Up" which was organized to set goals for the 1980s.

The new decade was a time for new concepts. Tithing was introduced to the Parish in 1979 by the Gerry McKenna Tithing Ministry and the first full time Youth Minister, Sheila O'Neil, was employed by Saint Paul. Roger Lakins succeeded Thomas R. Charsky in 1981 and continued both the Adult Choir and Folk Group. As Director of Music, Roger Lakins also developed a Children's Choir program, a Bell Choir, taught music to the students of St. Paul School, and composed the music for the Installation Mass of Msgr. Ronald A. Amandolare.

Deacon Peter Basch served briefly after Mr. Lakins' departure, prior to the hiring of Veronica Heinlein. The Adult Choir continued to flourish and the Folk Group, along with the Children's Choir, were merged to form St. Paul's Contemporary Choir. After Ms. Heinlein's departure, Frank Hydash became the Director of Music and continued the Adult, Contemporary and Bell Choirs.



Nineteen eighty-one was a proud year for the people of Saint Paul, especially the women. Cally Barrett was awarded the highest honor for woman of the Roman Catholic Faith, the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice. Mrs. Barrett was cited for “dedication and loyal service to the Lord, teaching through word and example the riches of Sacred Scripture and the beauty of divine worship, and devotion to family, parish and ecumenism. Mrs. Barrett passed away in 1987 at the age of eighty. The Community of Saint Paul had lost a dear friend and devoted parishioner. Mrs. Betty Foy was appointed the second woman Trustee, replacing Mrs. Barrett.

March 14, 1982 was an equally memorable occasion when Rev. Amandolare was elevated to the rank of Prelate of Honor of His Holiness, with the title of Monsignor. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Amandolare, parents of Msgr. Amandolare, were present for the ceremony, which took place during an Evening Prayer Service in Saint Paul Church.

When parishioners celebrated the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul in 1983, they saw a whole new side of this Saint embodied in a portrait painted by Mr. Richard Botto. Unlike the many characterizations of saints as elderly people, Mr. Botto decided to portray Paul as a young man with a “big job to do”. His model for the portrait was Mr. John Quinn. The portrait is presently displayed in St. Paul's Parish Hall.

Celebrations continued in 1984. The Sisters of Charity celebrated 125 years of service. This was a special occasion for Saint Paul Parish since the Sisters of Charity had been serving the School from its very beginning in 1916. Saint Paul School honored the sisters with a week of special events in recognition of 125 years of educational ministry. The week's festivities concluded with a gala dinner at the Westmount Country Club in honor of the faculty.

This was also the year which hosted the Parish's Seventieth Anniversary. Included in the celebrations were special Masses, prayer services, evenings of reflection, a concert, and a Dinner-Dance, which was held at Paul VI High School in Clifton on October 19, 1984. An Anniversary Directory was published containing pictures of Saint Paul Staff members and family portraits of parishioners.

The scope of parish life broadened substantially during the Eighties. A comprehensive Confirmation Program was implemented, our first Parish Communal Anointing of the Sick was celebrated on May 26, 1984, Sr. Anne Mercier, O.S.M., pastoral minister, established the Lazarus Ministry of Saint Paul to assist the bereaved of the Parish and established a ministry to the sick and homebound of the Parish, and women were appointed as Ministers of Hospitality for Sunday Liturgies. Rev Richard Quinn, a Maryknoll Missionary and parishioner of Saint Paul, celebrated his Thirtieth Anniversary on June 17, 1984, and a Parish Mission Statement was developed.

On January 26, 1986, the Feast of Saint Paul, a mosaic of the Saint was blessed and dedicated at the Liturgy. That same year, Msgr. Amandolare celebrated his Silver Jubilee on May 27th. A Mass of Thanksgiving in honor of this occasion was celebrated on June 1, 1986, the Feast of Corpus Christi. The Liturgy was followed by a Dinner-Dance at the Wayne Manor in Wayne, N.J. The Master of Ceremonies was Msgr. Thomas Trapasso and Bishop Rodimer was a guest speaker.

Saint Paul Leisure Time Club commemorated its Twentieth Anniversary in 1988; and Mr. Joseph A. Puskas, a parishioner of Saint Paul, was ordained a Permanent Deacon on June 18, 1988. He was assigned to Saint Paul Parish upon ordination and still serves the Community.



In 1989, the headline in the local newspaper read: "Church Celebrates 75th Anniversary". Events for that year included: the celebration of the Feast of Saint Paul in January, a Dinner-Dance sponsored by the Alumni Association and held at The Bethwood Manor in Totowa, N.J., the celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the church building, and a Seventy-Fifth Anniversary Concert in November of that year.

Amidst a decade of growth for the Parish, both spiritually and socially, changes in associates continued: 1976-1982: Rev. Nicholas Bozza; 1980-1988: Rev. David McDonnell; 1982-1985: Rev. Vincent S. Treglio; 1982-1985: Rev. Thomas G. Rainforth; 1985-1987: Rev. Msgr. Vincent P. Molloy (in residence); 1986-1992: Rev. Joseph J. Goode; and 1986-1992: Rev. John P. Dauenhauer.

As a progressive, adaptable community, the parishioners of Saint Paul were no strangers to the tides of change which were to take place in the beginning of the Nineties. It was a time for Msgr. Amandolare to move on to a new Pastorship at Saint Patrick Parish in Chatham.



Wedding of Brian and Cynthia Eromenok and Laura Eromenok on April 4th, 1981

PART IX

1991
2011

*"I have considered the task which God has appointed for men to be busied about. He has made everything appropriate to its time, and has put the timeless into their hearts, without men's ever discovering, from the beginning to end, the work which God has done."
Ecclesiastes 3:10-11*



Saint Therese, "The Little Flower" Mosaic

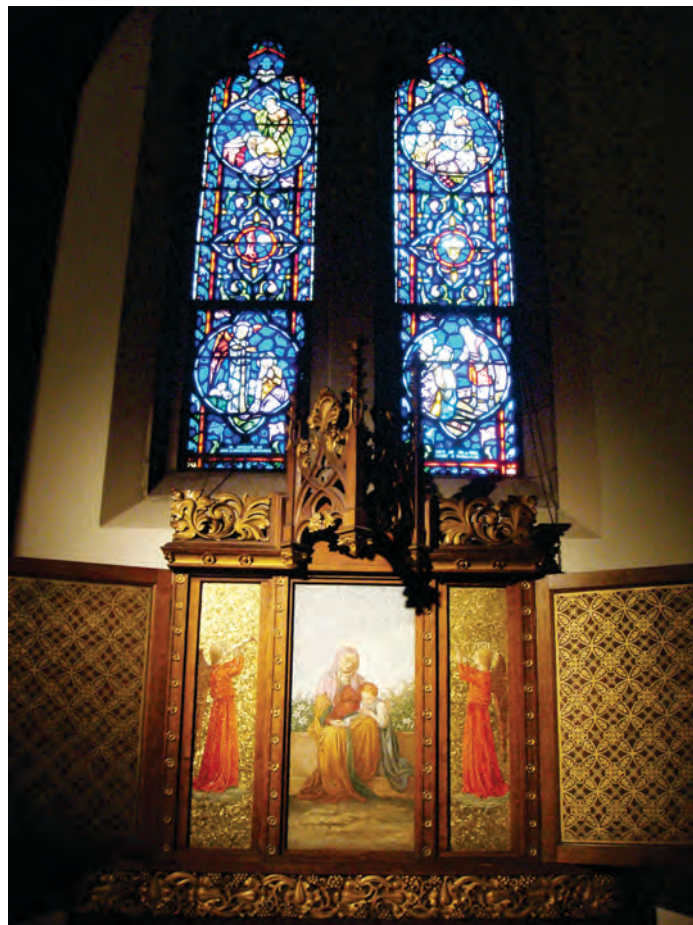
On July 2, 1991, Rev. Victor J. Mazza was installed as the Fifth Pastor of Saint Paul Parish. Father Mazza was a native of Newark, NJ and a graduate of Essex Catholic High School. He received his B.A. from Seton Hall University, South Orange and a Masters in Theology from Conception Seminary in Conception, Missouri. He had also taken post-graduate studies at Seton Hall University.

Upon his ordination on May 30, 1970, Father Mazza was assigned to Saint Brendan Parish in Clifton. He also served as Associate Pastor at Saint Margaret of Scotland Parish in Morristown, and Saint Vincent Martyr Parish in Madison. His interest in the growth and education of youth led to his assignment as Chaplain at the former Pope Pius XII High School in Passaic. He eventually returned to Morris County in 1983, where he served as Dean of Studies at Bayley-

Ellard High School in Madison. In 1986 he was appointed Principal of Bayley-Ellard, a position which afforded him the opportunity to not only serve the youth of our Diocese, but to fulfill the responsibilities of Administrator as well.

Father Mazza held several Diocesan positions. He was a member of the Personnel Board from 1972-1978 and a member of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission from 1972-1974. In 1991 he was appointed to the Ministry for Priestly Formation and Education Council.

Under this leadership at Saint Paul, restoration of the exterior of the church building was begun in 1991 and was brought to completion in 1996. Through the generosity of the parishioners of St. Paul's Church, the original slate roof was removed, new roofing was installed and the interior of the church was restored to its original beauty.



Saint Ann Mosaic

In addition to “Restoring the Lord's House”, he concentrated his efforts in bringing the people of Saint Paul to a special appreciation of the eighty year legacy that has made them the true disciples of Christ, which they are today. Bringing with him a wealth of experience in youth and education, Father Mazza revised the Religious Education Programs and Youth Ministry by expanding the curriculum in every level of education. His appreciation of Catholic education and the importance of this education in our society today gave new hope and encouragement to Saint Paul School.



The Pulpit or Ambo

Nineteen hundred ninety-four brought about the celebration of the Eightieth Anniversary of St. Paul Church. The events for this occasion included an Anniversary Concert conducted by Veronica Heinlein, Music Minister, followed by a Champagne Reception on the West Lawn which took place on Friday, June 3, 1994. On Sunday, June 5th, Bishop Rodimer celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving after which the Replacing of the Cornerstone Ceremony took place. The contents of the cornerstone included a list of contributors for all campaigns, an engraved cross, pictures of the interior and exterior of the church, a picture of Fr. Guterl, the history of St. Paul Church,

signatures of parishioners, a news summary of 1994, and a letter from Fr. Mazza. Immediately following the ceremony, an Anniversary Picnic was held on the church grounds and the evening concluded with a Jazz Concert by “Taurus, the Jazz Experience” on the West Lawn.

In the Fall of 1994, an Eightieth Anniversary Pilgrimage to Rome was enjoyed by some of our parishioners and friends. The group departed on Monday, September 26th and returned on Tuesday, October 4, 1994. The tours included Ancient Rome, Artistic Rome, Florence, Assisi and Christian Rome. The cost of this nine-day excursion was \$1,995 per person.

Nineteen hundred ninety-five brought about the celebration of Fr. Mazza's Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. A Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated Sunday, June 5, 1995, the Feast of Pentecost, at 11:30 a.m. Following the Mass, an Anniversary Dinner took place at the Brownstone in Paterson. The prayer was led by Msgr. Lawrence D. McGinley and the Toast was given by Msgr. Christian D. Haag.

In 1996, the parish celebrated the Eightieth Anniversary of St. Paul School. A Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated on September 22, 1996. Three graduates of St. Paul School were honored: Emily Reilly, Class of 1924; Lillian Mullen, Class of 1925; and Olga Kurtyka, Class of 1926.

Through the years, the Church of St. Paul in Clifton has come to appreciate its rich diversity of cultures and traditions that are represented by our many parishioners. Every heritage is an important strand, making up the tapestry of our spiritual community. In honor of our unity through diversity, the first Mass of Nations was celebrated on the Feast of Christ the King in 1998. This has become an annual celebration as each flag is proudly carried into the church in the Entrance Procession. The countries represented are the United States of America, Argentina, Austria, Belize, Brazil, Chile, China, Columbia, Croatia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Ireland, Italy, Lebanon, Nigeria, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Puerto Rico, Scotland, South Korea, Spain, Syria, Switzerland, Ukraine, and Vatican City.

A teacher and enabler, Father Mazza “tapped” into the gifts and talents of the people of Saint Paul. The Parish Music Ministry continued to grow, serving the Parish and community with concerts, recitals, and outstanding liturgical music. Ministerial involvement of the laity grew under his supervision, offering various

opportunities for adult education through prayer and study sessions. The priests serving Saint Paul in the early 90's were: Father Brian Flanagan, parochial vicar; Father Robert K. Hooper, parochial vicar; William Ferruzzi, S.D.B., weekend assistant; Msgr. Lawrence G. McGinley, Pastor Emeritus of Saint Mary Parish, Dover, and weekend assistant.



80th Anniversary of St. Paul Church

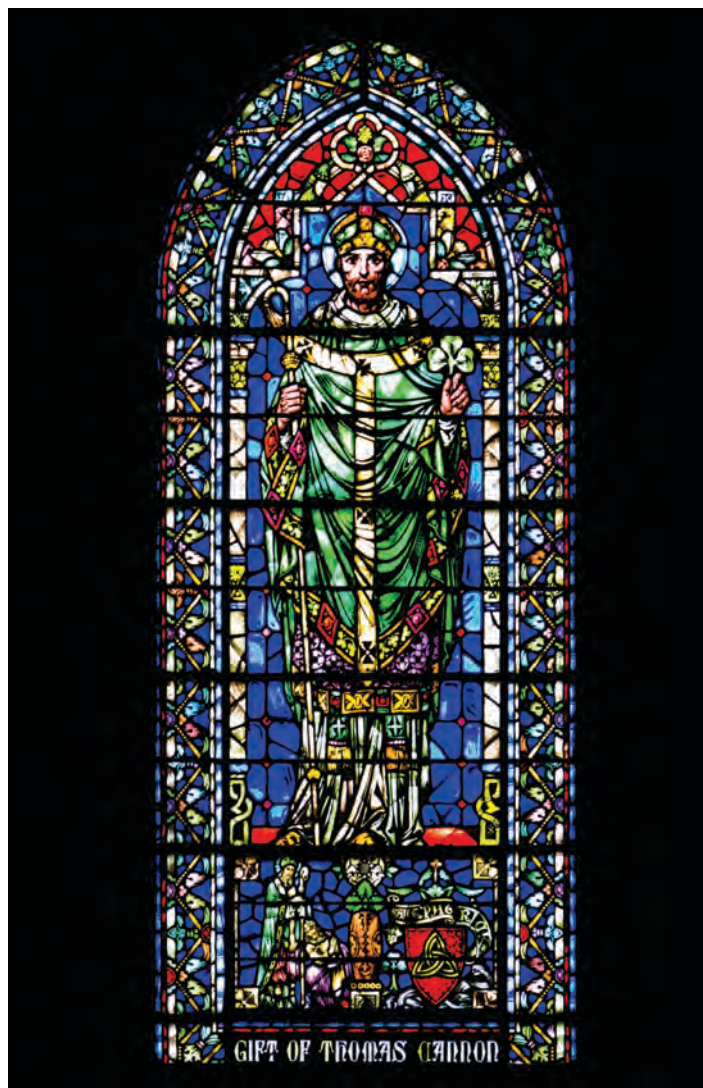
Also ministering to the people of Saint Paul at that time included Deacon Joseph A. Puskas; Sr. Margaret Mary Grenham, S.C., Principal; Sr. Christine Cusati, M.S.B.T., Pastoral Minister; Veronica Heinlein, Music Minister; Diane McGuigan, Director of Religious Education and Pastoral Minister; Robert Moore, Youth Minister; Betty Foy and Joseph Wolak, Trustees; Carol Maguire, Administrative Assistant; Eileen McGrady, Parish Secretary; George Gerardi, Custodian; Robert Sandri, Assistant Custodian; John Vasilenko, Custodial Helper; Jean Marotta, Marie Marotta, Rita Burke, Josephine Donnelly, Business Office; Peggy Litmon, Housekeeper.

Father Mazza's appreciation for the "treasures" of Saint Paul Parish, not only those housed in the magnificent church building, but those housed within the hearts of his parishioners, allowed the people of Saint Paul to see themselves in a new light. This new vision spurred on a renewed hope at the closure of

ninety years of discipleship and approached yet another decade and new millennium.

In preparation for the Third Christian Millennium, our Millennium Cross journeyed through the homes of our parishioners beginning in January of 1999. The cross was transferred from one family to the next each weekend at Sunday Mass. The cross is made of hand-carved wood from Germany and is now located in the Rectory.

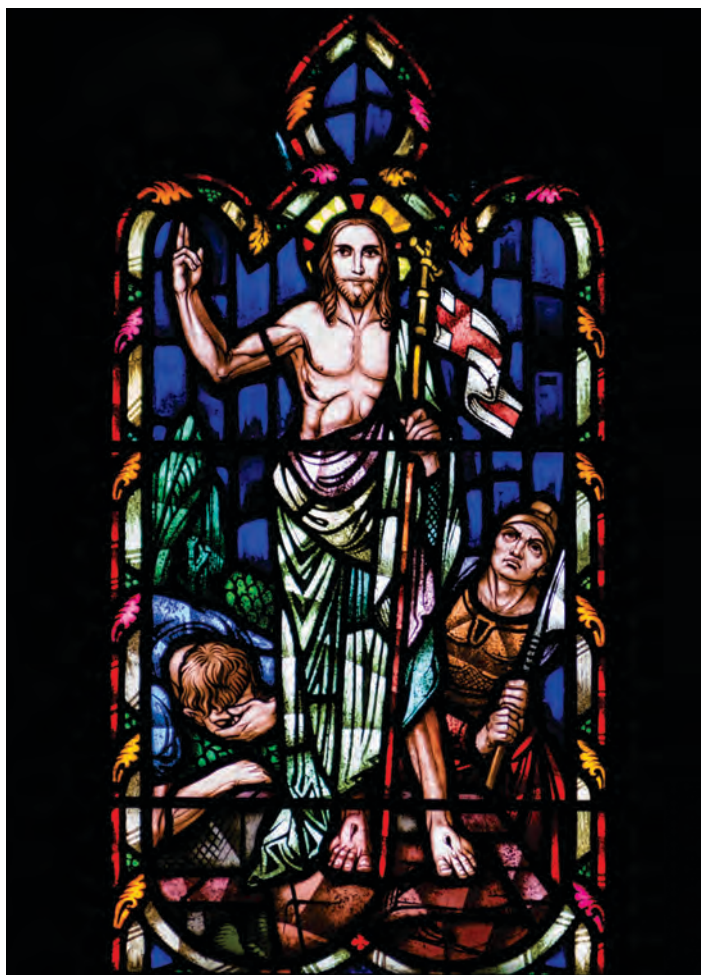
Since entering a new decade, a new century and a brand new Christian Millennium was a once-in-a-lifetime happening in all of our lives, something more than the traditional New Year's Eve seemed to be in order. Our New Year's Eve party began at 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall with music, dancing and dinner. At 12:15 a.m., the first Mass of the new Christian Millennium was celebrated in the Church and at 1:00 a.m. a continental breakfast was served in the Parish Hall.



Saint Patrick

On June 11, 2002, the people of St. Paul gathered for the Dedication of our September 11, 2001 Memorial and Pathway to Peace which is located on the side lawn of the Church on Second Street. Our Memorial to the Victims of September 11th became a reality through the vision and hard work of a young member of St. Paul Church, Brian Eromenok, Jr., with the support and assistance of his parents, Cynthia and Brian. We are grateful for what has been given to us – a sacred place for prayer and reflection because the people of St. Paul will never forget.

On the front lawn of the Church, a flag staff stands honoring Military Chaplain Colonel E. C. Gasparovic for his service to our country. It was commissioned and installed by members of his family.



To celebrate the joyous occasions of our parish family and in memory of the Puskas and Seabert families, the Pathway of Love was dedicated to the people of St. Paul. The Pathway leads from the front door of St. Paul Church to the grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes and memorializes parishioners' weddings, anniversaries and special events in a unique way.

In December 2000, Raymond J. Cramer, Jr. was installed as a Trustee following Betty Foy's retirement and relocation to South Jersey. James Anzaldi became a Trustee following the passing of Joseph Wolak in 2003.

During the Gulf wars, as the number of casualties and wounded grew daily, Fr. Mazza held a mass of remembrance and thanksgiving for all those members of the parish and the country who served the nation in times of need. A quiet memorial area was chosen on the rear lawn of the rectory, bordered by the south side of the Church, where a monument was erected to commemorate the sacrifices made by so many of our nation's men and women during the current and past conflicts.

In June 2006, St. Paul's School closed its doors due to decreasing enrollment and increasing costs. In the fall of 2006, the statue of St. Paul was moved from the front yard of the school to the side lawn of the Church on Second Street. To fulfill the religious education needs of the parish, the building on the corner of Washington Avenue and Second Street was renovated and rededicated as the Mother Cabrini Religious Education Center.

To provide a more intimate, family-like setting and increase the spirituality of the community attending daily mass, the chapel in the parish house was renovated and dedicated in honor of Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

As nine decades of the Church of St. Paul came to closure, it was our constant prayer that peace for the world will ultimately prevail. As we continue our journey through the next decades of our existence, no man, woman or child will ever forget the many lives that were sacrificed for the freedom of our Nation and the families who have learned only too well the real meaning of loss.



PART X 2011 2014

"All history begins with a vision and as soon as that vision becomes a reality, history is once again a memory and new vision is created".

On June 24th, 2011 on the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, we welcomed Rev. Leonardo Jaramillo, Ph.D. the new Pastor of St. Paul Church. Father Leonardo's installation Mass was held on October 2nd, 2011 presided by the Most Rev. Arthur J. Serratelli S.T.D., S.S.L., D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Paterson. Father Leonardo brought with him an abundance of energy, zeal and tenacity, much like that of the very first pastor of the church, Rev. Paul P. Guterl.

As a native of Caracoli (Antioquia) Colombia, South America, Father Leonardo joined the Cristo Sacerdote Seminary in 1986. He became a Deacon in 1991 and was ordained to the priesthood on November 7th, 1992. While in Colombia, Father Leonardo was Pastor of Santa Catalina de Alejandria Church for five years. Santa Catalina de Alejandria Church is a country church situated in the mountains in the middle of nowhere, invaded by left-wing guerrillas and other violent groups. It is a very poor community which has no running water or electricity. Even under such impoverished conditions, it is a strong and faithful community. Father Leonardo also was the Chaplain and a teacher of philosophy and religious education at Jose Eusebio Caro High School, which had over 3,600 students.

In 1996, Father Leonardo graduated with a Master's Degree in Philosophy and Divinity from Saint Thomas Aquinas University, Bogota, Colombia. In 1997 he came to the United States where he continued his education, earning his second Master's Degree from Fordham University, Bronx, NY in the field of Counseling in 2003. In 2005, he went on to Kean University in Union, NJ where he earned his teaching certification for the Spanish language. In 2008, he graduated from Theological Foundation in South Bend, Indiana with a Ph.D. in Philosophy and Theology.

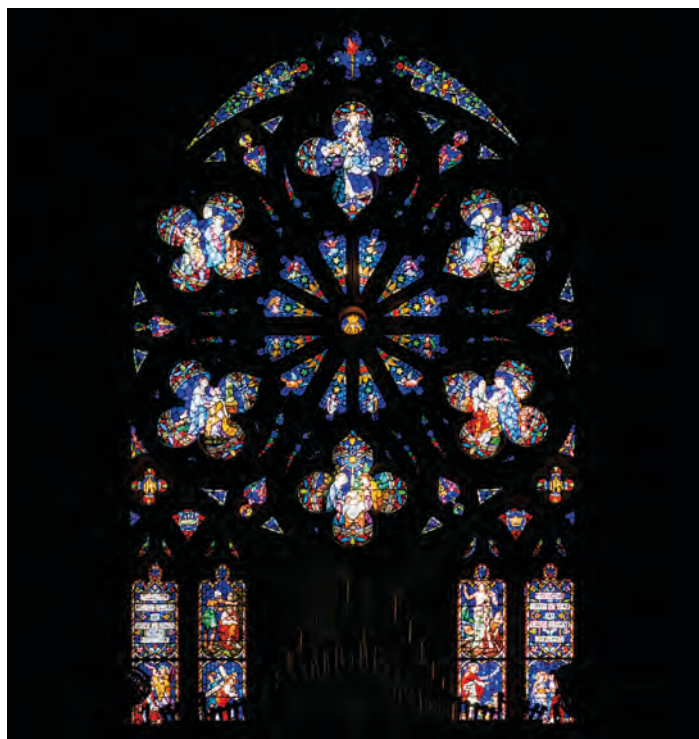
For eight years Father Leonardo served the Newark Archdiocese before transferring to the Diocese of Paterson, where he was assigned to St. Anthony of Padua in Passaic, NJ, Our Lady of the Mountain in Long Valley, NJ, and St. Vincent de Paul in Sterling, NJ.

"I recognized that there is nothing better than to be glad and to do well during life.

For every man, moreover, to eat and drink and enjoy the fruit of all his labor is a gift of God. I recognized that whatever God does will endure forever, there is no adding to it, or taking from it."
Ecclesiastes 3: 12-14

He was incardinated in the Paterson Diocese and was a resident at St. Paul Church, Clifton, NJ for six months during which time he was a Chaplain and teacher of religious education at Paterson Catholic High School. He then returned to St. Vincent de Paul in Sterling, NJ.

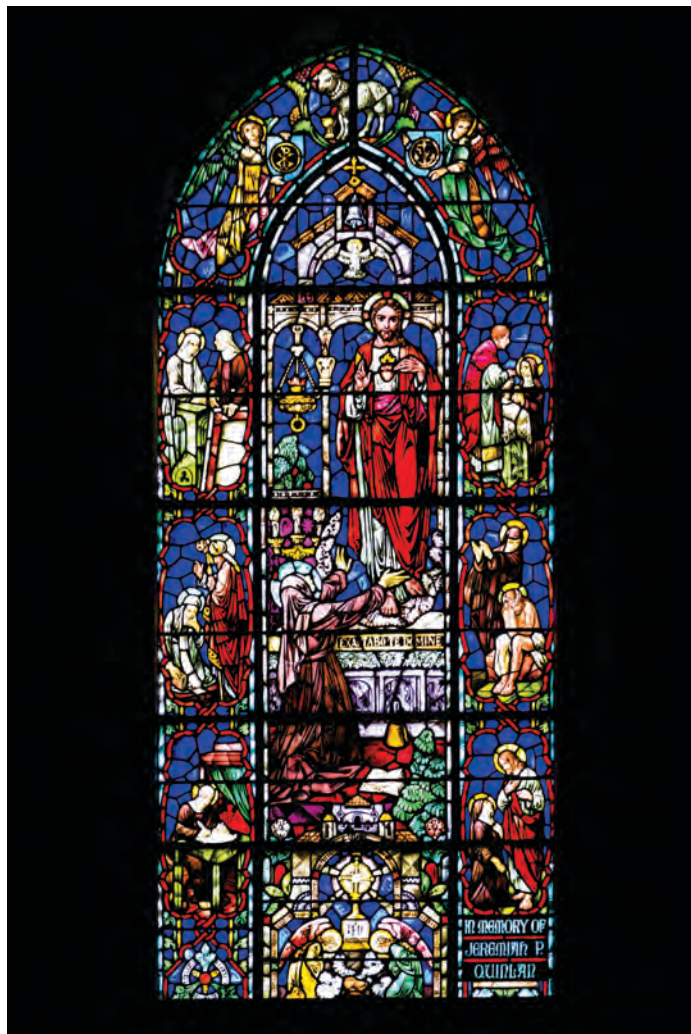
When Father Leonardo, a young man in his 19th year of priesthood, became pastor, his responsibilities were not simply to be the shepherd to his flock; they were much more than that. He was faced with the daunting task of financially stabilizing St. Paul Church. Over the years the church had incurred a tremendous debt of \$2.9 million to the Diocese of Paterson and was facing severe financial difficulties.



Balcony and Rose Window

Father Leonardo's priority was to be "present in the church" and, with full of optimism, enthusiasm and tremendous determination, he began his "mission". That mission was to reduce the debt, repair various properties owned by and surrounding the church, and to restore various parts of the church itself to its original beauty. At the same time, plans were set in place to develop and implement new features to St. Paul Church, new features that would not only benefit the

elderly of the parish, many of whom had been parishioners for over 60 years, but the future generations as well. With the encouragement and inspiration of Laura Eromenok, Father made the decision to install an elevator within the church providing access to the parish hall. The elevator would memorialize those who passed away during the 100 year history of the church and honoring current parishioners. It was not long before Father Leonardo earned the respect and support of the parishioners.



Sacred Heart Window

As Father Leonardo was walking around the parish grounds one day, he noticed a Hispanic man sitting outside in front of the church praying. Father Leonardo introduced himself and asked why he was sitting outside the church rather than going inside to pray and attend Mass. The gentleman answered “because I don’t speak or understand English”. Not long after that day, on September 11th, 2011, Father Leonardo celebrated the first Spanish Mass in the parish. Word quickly spread throughout the community that St. Paul Church now had a 1:00 p.m. Spanish Mass on Sundays.

Father Leonardo established a “Family Mass” on the last Sunday of every month during the 11:30 a.m. English Mass and the 1:00 p.m. Spanish Mass. In addition, Father Leonardo also added a Wednesday evening Mass and Novena in Honor of Our Mother of Perpetual Help, a devotion of the growing Filipino community.

Assisting Fr. Leonardo in the spiritual needs of “St. Paul’s Family” are Deacon Joseph A. Puskas who has served the parish for over 25 years and is also Chairman of the Finance Committee; and Deacon Hector Casillas who joined the parish in January 2013 and serves as Director of Religious Education.



*Laura Eromenok Died on March 19, 2013
First Inspiration in Favor of the Elevator*



The Mass of Nations

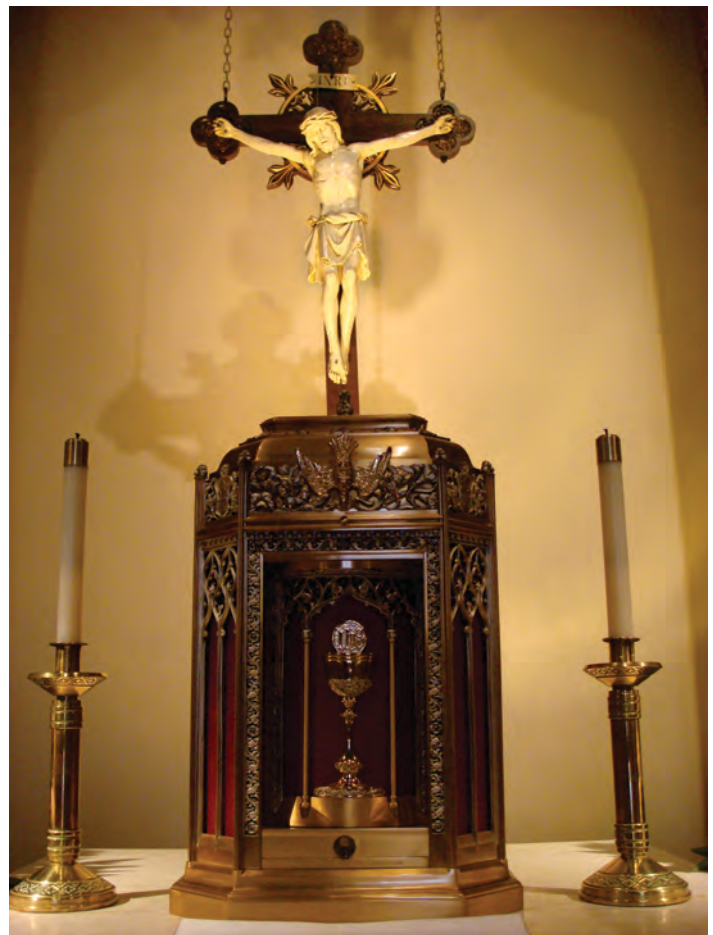
Under Father Leonardo's leadership as Pastor, the following celebrations have taken place at St. Paul Church:

1. On Friday, May 4, 2012 at 7:30 p.m., the first ordination of Diocesan Deacons was held, presided by Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli, followed by a reception in the Parish Hall;
2. An ordination to the priesthood was held on October 6, 2012 at 11:00 a.m., presided by Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli;
3. On November 25, 2012, the feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, the first ordination of a priest in the Latin Rite took place at St. Paul Church, presided by Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli; and
4. On May 5, 2013 at a 4:00 p.m. Mass, the Rev. Thomas Rainforth (a past associate of St. Paul) celebrated his 40th Anniversary as a priest.

On November 7, 2012, Father Leonardo celebrated his 20th Anniversary to the priesthood. A gathering was held on November 11, 2012 at The Brownstone in Paterson, New Jersey. Many parishioners of St. Paul Church, St. Vincent de Paul Church, and Our Lady of the Mountain Church, as well as new and old friends of Father Leonardo's, attended this momentous celebration.

Father Leonardo presided over the existing Finance Committee, some members having served the parish for more than 30 years, and reestablished a Pastoral Council and the Youth Group. Initially, the Youth Group was coordinated by Marisha Czplenski who eventually left St. Paul to become a Carmelite Sister. Luisa and Camilo Bentancourt, a couple who were married in St. Paul's, replaced Marisha; and the Youth Group which had started with only five or six members, continues to grow.

An Event Committee was formed and the brainstorming began with ideas to raise the necessary funds to install an elevator, reduce the parish debt, and make repairs to the church and surrounding properties. In 2012, the events began, many of which were "first time" events and some were annual traditions that took place year after year.



Tabernacle and Crucifix



*Ceremony of Dedication
on June 4th, 1939 - June 15th, 2014*



Car Raffle on December 31st, 2012

- Plant sales for Easter Sunday and Mother's Day.
- One day pilgrimage to the Divine Mercy in Massachusetts, Washington, DC and the Inner Harbor in Baltimore, Maryland.
- One day trip to the Liberty Bell, Historic Site and pilgrimage to several Churches in Philadelphia, PA
- Car raffle which was drawn on December 31, 2012 at the New Year's Eve Party.
- An outdoor dinner known as Pollada sponsored by the Hispanic community.
- On June 29th, 2013, the parish kicked off its yearlong Centennial celebration with an 11:30 a.m. Mass, presided by Bishop Emeritus Frank J. Rodimer, a former pastor, and followed by a coffee and dessert social on the grounds.



- In September of 2013, Father Leonardo held a parish garage sale.
- Later that month, an old tradition was resurrected, the parish picnic was held on the grounds of Holy Face Monastery in Clifton.
- Also held later that same month a new tradition

began, the first "Chicken and Chips" dinner run by the St. Paul Rosary Society. In March of 2014, the Rosary Society sponsored their annual "Fish and Chips" dinner and tricky tray.

- The Youth Group held two car washes and sold tickets to the children around town for a Halloween Trunkers Treat. Parishioners volunteered their car "trunks", decorated them for Halloween and filled them with lots of goodies for the children to go trick or treating.
- In October 2013, an "All You Can Eat Beefsteak Dinner" was held in the Parish Hall which was a success. Another beefsteak was held in February 2014 with a Mardi Gras theme.
- The annual tradition of the Mass of Nations, which is held every November on the Feast of Christ the King, took place along with the traditional multicultural buffet of food provided by the parishioners of the parish.
- On December 20, 2013, the holiday season began with a Christmas Concert featuring the Brass Quintet, St. Paul's Music Minister Ada Simpson, the Parish Cantor Valerie Bernhardt, the Parish Spanish Choir Luis and Esperanza Perez, and Brian Grace, a parishioner of St. Paul.
- In January 2014, the Centennial festivities continued with the first ever "Hot Dog Night" held in the Parish Hall on the Feast of St. Paul.



Good Friday's Decoration

In December 2013, Father Leonardo honored all volunteers for their dedicated service to the parish by hosting a Christmas Party in the Parish Hall. Father Leonardo, Deacon Joseph A. Puskas and his wife, Margie Puskas, and Deacon Hector Casillas and his wife, Rosa Pacheco, served a buffet dinner to the volunteers and staff. The staff of the Parish attending the party was: Office Secretary Natalia Cuba, D.R.E. Assistant Kathy Militello, Youth Ministry Camilo and Luisa Betancourt, Volunteer Psychologist Ingrid Diaz, Music Minister Ada Simpson, Cantor Valerie Bernhardt, Spanish Choir Luis and Esperanza Perez, Saxophonist Jose Parra, Maintenance Abdul Elgamal, Housekeeper Maria del Carmen Jaramillo and Trustees James Anzaldi and Raymond Cramer.



Christmas Decorations, 2012

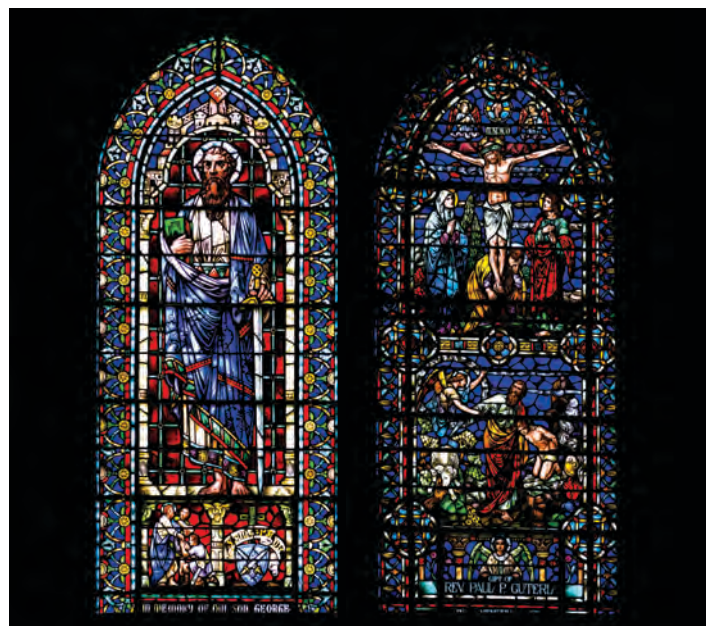
While the fundraising was under way, so were the repairs to the Church, the Parish House and the Rectory. The residential properties were renovated and then rented bringing additional income to the parish. The parish school which closed in 2006 was subsequently rented to Pioneer Academy of Science Technology and then to the Bergen Arts and Science Charter School. Since Father Leonardo's arrival, a portion of the school's rental income was applied to the parish debt.

For over one hundred years, St. Paul's family has been blessed with the presence of 10 Popes who follow Jesus Christ's words, "Go around the world and preach the Good News and baptize everyone in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In our Centennial we remember the following Popes, from 1914 to 2014: 1. St. Pius X – August 4, 1903 to August 20, 1914; 2. Pope Benedict XV – September 3, 1914 to January 22, 1922; 3. Pope Pius XI – February 6, 1922 to February 10, 1939; 4. Pope Pius XII – March 2, 1939 to October 9, 1958; 5. St. John XXIII – October 28, 1958 to June 3, 1963; 6. Pope Paul VI – June 21, 1963 to August 6, 1978; 7. Pope John Paul I – August 26, 1978 to September 28, 1978 (33 days); 8. St. John Paul II – October 16, 1978 to April 2, 2005; 9. Pope Benedict XVI – April 19, 2005 to February 28, 2013; 10. Pope Francis – March 13, 2013 to present.

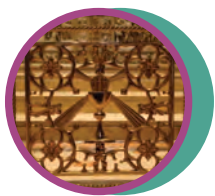
Saint Paul celebrated its Centennial with a Solemn Mass on Sunday, June 15th, 2014 at 11:30am, presided by Most Rev. Arthur J. Serratelli, S.T.D., S.S.L., D.D., Bishop of Paterson Diocese, and on June 19th, 2014 the 100th Anniversary Dinner was held at The Venetian in Garfield, New Jersey.

The parish community of St. Paul has grown since Father Leonardo became pastor in June, 2011. Father Leonardo Jaramillo welcomes everyone: "Many cultures, many countries, and many languages in one body: St. Paul's Family." St. Paul Church has come alive once again!

We look forward to the next chapter in the history of St. Paul Church as seen through Father Leonardo's leadership, vision and creativity for the future of our church, and the generosity and dedication of St. Paul parishioners.



SAINT PAUL'S EVENTS



CELEBRATING THE DIVERSITY OF OUR CATHOLIC HERITAGE
MANY CULTURES, MANY COUNTRIES, MANY LANGUAGES
IN ONE BODY: ST. PAUL'S FAMILY



Christmas Decorations -2014-



Pre-Cana



Crucifix



Beefsteak



Saint Paul's Leisure Club



Youth Ministers



Easter - Confirmations -



Pilgrimage to Cathedral in Washington, DC



Donations to Philippines



Donations to Colombia



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Easter -Confirmations-



First Spanish Mass



Youth Ministry



First Spanish Mass



First Spanish Mass



Trip to Pennsylvania



First Spanish Mass



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New Year's Eve Party



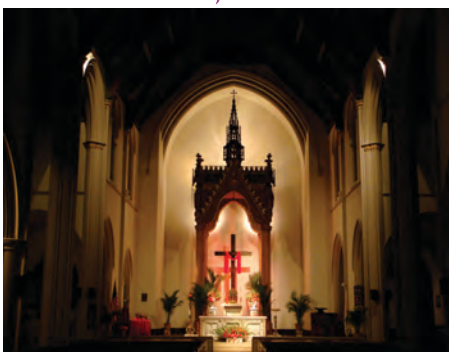
Mass of Nations



Joseph and Barbarita



Trip to Pennsylvania



Palm Sunday's Decoration



Saint Paul's Rosary Society



First Spanish Mass



Easter -Baptisms-



Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel



Thanksgiving Day



Halloween



Halloween



Children's Christmas Pageant



Picnic



Picnic



Beginning of the Centennial -2013-



Confirmation Choir



St. Francis of Assisi Feast



Garage Sale



Living Stations of the Cross -Good Friday-



Fr. Leonardo's 20th Priesthood Anniversary



Easter Vigil