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## RECEPTION HOURS

MON-THURS 9:00am-3:00pm  
Closed for lunch 12:00pm-12:45pm

FRI 9:00am-12:00pm

## MASS TIMES

DAILY (MON-FRI) 6:45am  
(MON-SAT) 8:15am  
(MON-FRI) 12:10pm

SATURDAY 5:30pm

SUNDAY 8:30am, 10:00am  
11:30am, 5:00pm  
1:00pm en espanol

## RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY 4:00pm  
AND BY PRIVATE APPOINTMENT

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is available by scheduling an appointment.

Please contact Monica Heucke:  
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## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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### Bulletin Section of Website

Click or scan here to visit our Weekly Bulletin site which includes our ministers' schedule, Mass Intentions, and more!



# JOIN OUR FAMILY

## OUR PARISH MISSION

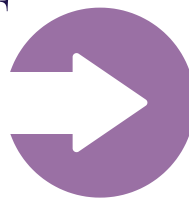
We, the Catholic Community of Saint Paul in Princeton, honor our tradition of welcoming God's sons and daughters from different cultures and backgrounds to hear and live the Good News of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Baptized and formed into the people of God, we continue to grow in the Apostolic tradition of worship, word, and service: Worship through our participation in the Eucharist and celebration of sacraments; Word, in our commitment to Catholic identity through Scripture and catechesis; and Service through living as disciples who share God's love with all by working together for peace and justice to advance the coming of the Kingdom of God.

## WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

We are a welcoming parish family. Whatever your present status in the Catholic Church, whatever your current family or marital situation, whatever your past or present religious affiliation, whatever your personal history, age, background, race or color, sexual orientation, whatever your self-esteem, you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved, and respected by St. Paul Parish, the Catholic Community of Princeton.

## SUPPORT ST. PAUL PARISH:



**GIVE ONLINE**  
Sign up for online giving through Parish Giving. Visit <http://bit.ly/3ki7qg>



**GENERAL OFFERTORY**  
Drop your envelope in the basket or mail directly to the parish.

### GIVING 3/5-3/6

**\$23,530**  
Budget

**\$10,059**  
Identifiable Gifts (#210)

**\$2,215**  
Loose Cash

**\$15,702**  
Online Giving

**\$27,976**  
Total

### 2021-2022 YTD

**\$847,080**  
Budget

**\$407,814**  
Envelopes/Loose

**\$386,020**  
Online Giving

**\$793,834**  
Actual

**93.7%**

### 2020-2021 YTD

**\$847,080**  
Budget

**\$357,335**  
Envelopes/Loose

**\$366,484**  
Online Giving

**\$723,819**  
Actual

**85.4%**

## JOIN OUR PARISH

Register your family today through Parish Soft! Click or scan the QR code here:



Sign up for online giving through Parish Giving! Click or scan the QR code here:



Diocesan  
Assessment  
**\$1,094**  
Feb 26 - Feb 27

Ash Wednesday  
to benefit the St. Vincent dePaul Society  
**\$6,643**  
Mar 2

St. Paul School  
**\$608**  
Mar 5 - Mar 6

Black & Native  
American Missions  
**\$483**  
Mar 5 - Mar 6

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

On behalf of Bishop O'Connell, thank you to the many who have already made a gift to our 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal. Early indications are very encouraging and we hope this positive momentum continues. Our generous parishioners have pledged \$111,676 towards our parish goal of \$140,000 from 167 donors.

If you have not yet made a gift, please consider supporting our diocese by choosing a ministry to support. To donate online, please contact the parish office or give online by visiting clicking or scanning the QR code here to visit [dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal](http://dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal).

Thank you for your prayerful consideration.



# A COMMUNITY OF PRAYER

## SUNDAY

- 8:30am Kenneth Princiotta | Thomas & Marian Princiotta  
10:00am Jill Szabo | Janet & John Italia  
11:30am Joseph, Anna & Theresa Malizia | Robert & Maria Driscoll  
1:00pm Por la Pascua Eterna de: Hortencia Ricardo Vidal  
Por la salud de los hermanos Lopez Silva y del bebé de la sra. Kathy Rodriguez  
Una Accion de gracias por el cumpleaños de: Alexandra Chavez  
Por el matrimonio de la familia Martinez Ibarra  
Una Intencion especial por la Pascua eterna de: Carlos Arturo Lopez y de Oliva Rodriguez de Lopez  
5:00pm Gino Rossi | Gemma & Michael De Santis & Family

## MONDAY

- 6:45am The People of the Parish  
8:15am Maryann Pirone | Altar & Rosary Society  
William & Rosalie Popadenitz | Lee & Linda Brennan  
12:10pm Christopher Spedding | Tom and Sarah Hutchinson  
William Adams | Maria Baldino

## TUESDAY

- 6:45am The People of the Parish  
8:15am Sebastiano Conte | Amelia Adams  
12:10pm Joseph Marchitto | Murphy-Sclano Family  
Gratitude to St. Anthony & St. Cosmas & Damian & St. Padre Pio | Rosina DiFlorio

## WEDNESDAY

- 6:45am The People of the Parish  
8:15am Liam O'Callaghan | Lynne & David Harwood  
Frank Roth | Lee & Linda Brennan  
12:10pm Kimberly Barus | Lee & Linda Brennan  
Heidi Fener | Fener Family

## THURSDAY

- 6:45am The People of the Parish  
8:15am Martin Paczynski | Hanna Paczynska  
Intentions of Patricia | Trudy Fahey  
12:10pm Evangeline Murphy | Anne Marie & Joe Calderone  
Intentions of Kevin Donnelly | Teresa Donnelly

## FRIDAY

- 6:45am The People of the Parish  
8:15am Vincent Welsh | Cathy & Mike Gavin  
Mary De Cillis | Laura & Denise  
12:10pm Frank Fahy | Eileen Fahy  
Dr. Charles F. Jackson | Mark & Nancy Jackson & Family

## SATURDAY

- 8:15am Grace McGlory | Susan Michel & Family  
In Thanksgiving to Saint Joseph | Anthony Di Donato & Family  
5:30pm Giovanni & Cesina Procaccini | Costantino & Flora Procaccini

## OUR SICK

Joe Bendas  
Cecelia Cincotta  
Deirdre Clancy  
Edward Durner  
Jean-Pierre Geronimi  
Donna Hanson  
Susan Howley  
Baby Andrew John Keyso  
Michael McKenna  
Joanne Nini  
Baby Nova  
Doris and Paul Paetow  
Daniel Roach  
Mary Smith  
Connor Weed

## MAR. WEDDINGS

Anna Cianciara & Eduardo  
Hermesmeier  
Kaylee Creegan & Christopher Nunez  
Katherine DiLella & Wilson Urias

## POPE FRANICS'

### *March 2022 Intentions*

#### **A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges**

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.



# WEEKLY WORSHIP

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

*Sunday, March 13, 2022*

Today's readings can be found on page 609 of the hymnal. Please visit the Weekly Bulletin section of our website for more resources about this week's Mass (*click or scan the code*):



## FOCUS ON THE READINGS

*Second Sunday of Lent*

The Lord promises Abram descendants, numerous as the stars, and then makes a covenant with him in which certain land will be given to his descendants. In the second reading, Saint Paul writes that our citizenship is in heaven, encouraging his listeners to stand firm in Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus is transfigured, revealing his glory to Peter, John, and James.

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

*by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

Those of us who get our news from our tablets and laptops have noticed that at the bottom of the particular outlet's web page are smaller pictures of lesser news items and a grab-bag of features. One of the latter items that caught my eye one day was an invitation to compare photos of celebrities from their youth with their present-day looks. So amid a clutter of pesky ads were page after page of these comparisons.

Some of them were amusing and others shocking. The aging process affects us all in ways that differ so widely. Some of these famous people looked well-preserved, likely aided by cosmetic surgery. Others have not fared so well. The transformation of all that were shown, however, gave proof that the passage of time will win out.

Notice I wrote the word "transformation." The mysterious event in Our Lord's earthly life that we call His "Transfiguration" belongs in its own unique category. For a brief time, as we measure change, the Divine nature of our Savior burst through the bonds of His human nature and shone with a brilliance that dazzled the trio of Peter, James and John much like it would any of us. The fact that two great luminaries of Israel's history, Moses and Elijah, were in dialogue with the Divine reassures us of life beyond the grave.

They represented the law and the Prophets respectively, the twin pillars of Israel's life with Yahweh.

I find it so reassuring that all this was not some kind of mirage when our beloved St. Peter blurts out: "Lord it is good to be here!" Of course it is. This is an unexpected glimpse of heaven. This is possibility raised to a higher power than we could imagine on our own.

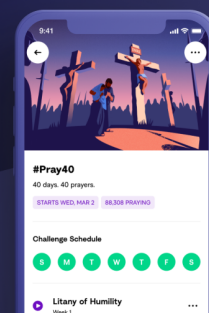
No matter how much ignorance we have to contend with about what happens after death, the Church's belief and teaching, based largely on St. Paul, that our bodies will be changed, glorified and transfigured, this incident gives the most powerful witness to that belief.

I've often thought that the Church presents us with this account from Luke's gospel in the early part of Lent as a kind of spiritual "pep rally." It gets us charged up for victory over our sins through the voluntary penances we take on in this purple clad season. It is a confident answer to the "Why question" about penance in general and Lenten penance in particular.

Note that the transfiguration did not last so long as to have Peter, James and John forget about the reality of this "valley of tears" we presently inhabit. Down from the mountain came the three, with Jesus, minus visible glory walking down with them. Always the mission. Always the reality of lost souls needing hope and sinful souls needing mercy. That, my friends, is us. But let Luke's story stoke the fire of hope in our souls that when our earthly journey comes to an end, it really will be good to be there with Jesus.

## Pray every day this Lent

#PRAY40





# PARISH LIFE

## ST. PATRICK MASS

*Sunday, March 13 at 11:30am*

All are invited to join with us in prayer for Mass honoring St. Patrick as we approach his Feast Day on March 17. The Mass will take place on Sunday, March 13 at 11:30am and will be celebrated by Fr. Dan Cahill.

## ST. JOSEPH MASS

*Saturday, March 19 at 8:15am*

Celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph on March 19, 2022! We will honor St. Joseph at our daily 8:15am Mass that morning with the traditional blessing and distribution of bread to follow.

## LOAVES & FISHES

*Initial Meeting: March 22, 2022*

Our parish's Loaves and Fishes ministry will again serve more than 300 meals on Saturday, June 18, at St. Mary's Cathedral in Trenton to the homeless and poor. Help will be needed on Saturday at the Cathedral to prep, cook, serve, and clean up. On Friday, June 17, in the St. Paul School cafeteria, help will be needed to make sandwiches, package toiletries, and transport items to the Cathedral. The first planning meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 22, at 7:00pm in the Spiritual Center. Any questions, please email [annisamele@gmail.com](mailto:annisamele@gmail.com).

## CRS RICE BOWL

*with Catholic Relief Services*

CRS Rice Bowl is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, the official relief and development agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Through CRS Rice Bowl, faith communities in dioceses throughout the United States put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Lenten alms donated through CRS Rice Bowl support the work of CRS in more than 100 different countries each year. Twenty-five percent of donations to CRS Rice Bowl stay in the local diocese, supporting hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. Click or scan here for more info about CRS Rice Bowl in the Diocese of Trenton.



## STATION CHURCHES of Mercer County

You are invited on a faith pilgrimage to the Churches of Mercer County for Lenten Mass. The purpose of the Station Churches is to provide an opportunity to visit some of the beautiful Churches of Mercer County and to worship with other Catholics of our county. In each Church we will gather for Mass, hear briefly about the history of the parish and an optional tour.



St. Paul will host on March 24 at 7:00pm

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

*Serving the Princeton community*

The SVDP offers assistance to those in need on a person-to-person basis. Aid may include: intervention, consultation, or direct dollar and in-kind service. If you want to recommend someone for an assistance evaluation, or you are interested in learning about SVDP, please contact us. You can visit our website: [svdpprinceton.org](http://svdpprinceton.org); Call 609-924-1743 X250 or X251 (Spanish) or email us for assistance: [wecanhelp@svdpprinceton.org](mailto:wecanhelp@svdpprinceton.org); Email us if you'd like information about volunteering: [info@svdpprinceton.org](mailto:info@svdpprinceton.org); Monetary donations are accepted in the poor boxes located in the church.

## LECTIO DIVINA

*New time: Tuesdays 7:00pm via Zoom*

Lectio Divina is the practice of praying with scripture; it combines reading the text in its context, listening to phrases that speak out to us, meditating on the text, and engaging with God in prayer over it. Through the richness of God's Word, we are calmed, refreshed, and strengthened. Join us for an hour of praying with scripture every Tuesday from 7:00-8:00pm. No prior practice is necessary. The group is meeting online. For more info, email Jane: [jane.kupin@verizon.net](mailto:jane.kupin@verizon.net)

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

*Princeton Council #636*

All Catholic gentlemen 18 years and older are invited to join the Princeton Council of the Knights of Columbus. You can join the Council online by clicking or scanning the code here and selecting Council 636 as your Council. As a special promotion this year, use code MCGIVNEY2020 for one year of free membership!



# 16TH ORDINARY SYNOD

## OUR PARISH'S PARTICIPATION

### *How can you be involved?*

Our parish is planning listening sessions beginning in mid-March. Please pre-register for the sessions so we can plan accordingly. Registration can be found on the Synod page of the parish website.

**MARCH**  
**19** please note the time change:  
**at 3:30pm** **SATURDAY AFTERNOON**  
preceding the 5:30pm Mass **LISTENING SESSION**

**MARCH**  
**20**  
**at 11:00am** **SUNDAY MORNING**  
following the 10:00am Mass **LISTENING SESSION**

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**at 3:00pm** **SUNDAY AFTERNOON**  
preceding the 5:00pm Mass **LISTENING SESSION**

**MARCH**  
**27**  
**at 9:30am** **SUNDAY MORNING**  
following the 8:30am Mass **LISTENING SESSION**

**MARCH**  
**27**  
**at 12:30pm** **SUNDAY AFTERNOON**  
following the 11:30am Mass **LISTENING SESSION**

In addition to these sessions, we may schedule additional "overflow" sessions for the weekend of April 2-3. We will also host several via Zoom. Stay tuned for more information regarding those.

Thank you for partnering with us on this journey. We look forward to seeing you, hearing your story, and sharing your input with our Diocese and the Church Universal!

## JOURNEYING THROUGH THE SYNOD

### *A message from the Co-Chairpersons on trust and confidentiality*

Listening sessions take place in small groups of 6 to 8 people. Participants listen to one another with care and respect, building trust and enabling honest, authentic sharing. What is shared is held in confidence by the group.

Your story is important. Because these listening sessions are in preparation for the Synod of Bishops, notes will be taken in each small group. Identifying information will not be passed on. The note-taker will report on the "gist" of each story, the impact of the experiences shared on the members of the group, and thoughts about what the Spirit may be saying to the Church. They will submit a report form to the Diocese for each spiritual conversation, forming the basis of our Diocesan report.

## PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD

### *Please keep this endeavor in your daily prayers*

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,  
as we gather together in Your name.  
With You alone to guide us,  
make Yourself at home in our hearts;  
Teach us the way we must go  
and how we are to pursue it.  
We are weak and sinful;  
do not let us promote disorder.  
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path  
nor partiality influence our actions.  
Let us find in You our unity  
so that we may journey together to eternal life  
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.  
All this we ask of You,  
who are at work in every place and time,  
in the communion of the Father and the Son,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.



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# OUR YOUNG CHURCH

## FROM THE DRE'S DESK

*A message from Mr. John McGuire*

This week, the staff, volunteers, and children of our Parish Religious Education Program wish our pastor, Fr. Miguel Valle, an incredibly happy 60th birthday. We continue to pray for your good health, judgment, and leadership of our parish today and always!

This week, let us pray for a wonderful year for Fr. Miguel and our parish as he continues to lead our community into the future.

We also celebrate the Second Sunday of Lent. How is your family's progress so far? Have you enacted any new plans for prayer, fasting, and almsgiving? Have you made plans to attend the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a family? This year we will have many new opportunities to gather for this sacrament. If you have been away for a while, Lent is the perfect time to come home and experience the loving forgiveness of God.

Take the example of our students preparing for First Communion, who all celebrated their First Reconciliation on Saturday of last week. When they left the church, they were much lighter and more joyful. It certainly is an easier way to shed some weight than a diet and much easier to execute!

God bless and have an excellent and reflective week.

## FIRST RECONCILIATION

Did your child miss their First Reconciliation last weekend because of illness or a conflict in the schedule? Please contact the Office of Religious Education immediately to make alternative arrangements. We will help you make plans to receive the sacrament at 4:00pm on Saturdays during regularly scheduled confession and ensure it's properly documented in our parish records.

## CONFIRMATION

*Important dates for our 8th grade students*

Please see below for some additional important dates to keep in mind for students and families preparing for Confirmation this school year:

Sun, April 24: Divine Mercy Session and Confession

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS *for youth*

The Parish Religious Education Program, particularly the Confirmation Class, will be leading a bi-lingual Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 18th at 7:00 pm. We need Confirmation students and even perhaps 7th graders to help read and lead the stations. Please email Mr. McGuire at [jmcguire@stpaulsofprinceton.org](mailto:jmcguire@stpaulsofprinceton.org) if you would like to participate. All other families are invited and encouraged to attend!

## PREP REGISTRATION *Make a mental note!*

Due to some changes in our program structure, registration for Summer Academy will be open from March 18 until May 29. If you intend on registering for Summer Academy you must do so during this window.

Registration for Sunday PREP, Tuesday PREP, and Virtual Home Study will not begin until May 30 so be sure to save your welcome email as a reminder.

## FAMILY CORNER

Who is your inner circle in the practice of faith? Do you have friends or family members that hold you accountable and help you to live your journey? This week Jesus takes His Inner Circle, Peter, James, and John up the mountain to reveal His mission and purpose.

*Click or scan the code here to read this Sunday's Scripture:*



### *In Church:*

Look at the stained-glass windows. Can you find a window dedicated to Transfiguration?



### *Question of the Week*

In what ways has the decoration of the Church changed for Lent? What does it indicate for us?



### *Family Prayer*

Lord Jesus, help us as a family, on our Lenten Journey. We hope to grow closer to you, and more fully celebrate your Resurrection. Amen



## SUMMER ACADEMY *for Summer 2022*

We are planning to host Summer Academy from Mon. Jul 25 to Fri. Aug 5 (weekdays only) 9:00am-12:00pm. We are exploring the possibilities of offering this both in person, and remotely if volunteers and interest permit.

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## LITTLE SINS MEAN A LOT *Princeton Area Young Adults*

All young adults (ages 18-39) are invited to get involved (or re-involved) with our ministry!

Join us on Wednesdays at 7:00pm! For the remainder of Lent, we'll meet outside as much as weather permits. On the weeks the weather ruins our fun, we'll evaluate whether we'd prefer to meet indoors or via Zoom.

This Lent, we'll be reading through and discussing "Little Sins Mean a Lot" by Elizabeth Scalia. If you'd like to join us and need a book, please email Kait: [kmayer@stpaulsofprinceton.org](mailto:kmayer@stpaulsofprinceton.org)

We hope you can join us! Scan or click the code here to get on our text/email list.



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## YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY *St. David the King*

Monday, March 7 kicked off this season's Young Adult Bible Study. This season we'll be doing a deep dive on the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary, beginning with The Agony in the Garden.

We're sticking with our format from our last series, Faith In Five, in which we'll explore the cultures, traditions, and practices of the Church, as well as books and movies, the lives of saints, local church events and offerings, and of course, passages from the Bible.

Join us on Zoom Mondays at 7:00pm.



## FRIENDS OF ST. PAUL CLASS OF 1972 50 YEAR REUNION *Father Judge High School*

Saturday, April 30th from 6:00pm-10:00pm at Father Judge High School. Cost is \$75 per person. For more information, please contact [khuckel@fatherjudge.com](mailto:khuckel@fatherjudge.com).

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## FRANCIS HOUSE OF PRAYER

[www.fhop.org](http://www.fhop.org) for more information

Invited to the Sacred Meal

*Tuesday, March 15 9:30am-2:30pm*

Using as a starting point the 1988 Oscar-winning Danish film, "Babette's Feast", we will explore Eucharist as sacred meal. Bishop Robert Barron writes in his 2021 book, Eucharist, "All were welcome around the table of Jesus, the rich and the poor, the respectable and the marginalized, the saint and the sinner, the healthy and the sick. The liturgy is a sacred meal at which God, in sheer graciousness, feeds his people with his own substance, thereby uniting them to him and to one another, offering the forgiveness of sins, and displaying a new vision of the world." Come, you're invited to the Feast. Donation: \$30, includes lunch; Zoom \$25.

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## POLAND & PRAGUE *Pilgrimage with the Diocese of Trenton*

June 5 - 14, 2022

Join us on this beautiful 10 day pilgrimage where we will visit Czestochowa, Krakow, Auschwitz, Wadowice, the Shrine of the Divine Mercy, Prague, and much more! Price: \$4,330 double occupancy, single supplement + \$1,050. Space is limited. Call today! For more information, contact Carolyn Norbut, Director of Pilgrimages at 609-406-7446 or email [pilgrimages@dioceseoftrenton.org](mailto:pilgrimages@dioceseoftrenton.org).



# ST. PAUL SCHOOL

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

*A message from Mrs. Kim Clauss*

Our Open House last Sunday was a glorious day! In addition to many existing families who came to visit, we had over 20 new visitors to SPS. Student ambassadors gave tours along with current parents who came to help. The halls were filled with such excitement! My thanks to our teachers and staff, school board members, students, and of course Mrs. Cano, who made the day so successful. If you are an interested family and weren't able to attend, please contact Mrs. Cano to book a tour!



It was such a joy to be with our second graders as they completed their First Reconciliation. They were very well prepared by their teachers and they are looking forward to receiving their First Eucharist.

Our 6th, 7th, & 8th graders were thrilled to travel to Notre Dame High School on Thursday to see "Bye, Bye, Birdie." Taking part in our first field trip in almost two years made for a very exciting day! Our congratulations to the entire cast and crew.

Certainly, the people of Ukraine have been on our minds and in our hearts. In addition to praying for peace each day, we had a Dress Down Day on Friday to support the people of Ukraine. On Feb. 25, the Knights of Columbus announced a commitment of \$1 million for immediate distribution to support Ukrainian refugees and will match all funds raised up to an additional \$500,000. The relief funding will be used to provide shelter, food, medical supplies, clothing and religious goods, as well as other humanitarian needs as identified, both directly in Ukraine and through refugee sites in Poland.

St. Paul School will be donating to the Knights of Columbus and we will be honoring Grand Knight Joseph Bendas. The Knights have supported SPS in so many ways that I thought this was a perfect way to give back.

God bless,  
Kim Clauss



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

FRI  
18

**EARLY DISMISSAL**  
11:45am

FRI  
8

**MIME STATIONS**  
During school and at 7:00pm

TUE  
5

**FACULTY MEETING**  
After school

TUE  
12

**PTA MEETING**  
via Zoom

TUE  
5

**SCHOOL BOARD**  
Meeting via Zoom

WED  
13

**EARLY DISMISSAL**  
11:45am

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## NOW BOOKING TOURS

### *Come visit St. Paul School*

Did you miss our recent Open House? We're still booking private tours, so you and your family can come check out what makes St. Paul School so special. Please contact Michele Cano in our Admissions Office to set up your tour today! Click or scan the code for more information and to get in touch.



## CAPTURING OUR SPIRIT

### *Seeking photographer*

St. Paul School is looking for an experienced photographer willing to donate a few hours of their time to help us capture the spirit and smiling faces of SPS. If you are interested in working with us on current and future projects, please contact Kait Mayer: [kmayer@stpaulsofprinceton.org](mailto:kmayer@stpaulsofprinceton.org)

## SMILE.AMAZON.COM

### *Charitable giving through your shopping*

As many of us are turning to purchasing items online, don't forget to register St. Paul Church (or enter our ID# 21-0697805) as your charitable organization of choice on AmazonSmile and each time you shop, Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile to St. Paul School!

## MCCAFFREY'S RECEIPTS

### *Save your receipts!*

Help St. Paul School by grocery shopping at your local McCaffrey's Food Markets! Save your McCaffrey's receipts and either drop them in the drop box located in the church vestibule or mail them to St. Paul School (218 Nassau Street, Princeton, NJ 08542, Attn: PTA) within three months of your purchase. McCaffrey's reimburses SPS with a small percentage each month based on the total sales. We then use their reimbursements to help our students and faculty. Thank you in advance for your receipts!

## A NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

## SCRIP

### *Fundraising while you shop*

You can support the St Paul's School PTA fundraising efforts by purchasing gift cards to your favorite stores, restaurants, travel brands, and more. What are you waiting for?  
Enrollment Code: 57DF5L3658845

For more information please contact Denise Wentzler at:  
[ptashopsps@spsprinceton.org](mailto:ptashopsps@spsprinceton.org).



## SHAMROCK GALA

### *New date, same elegance*

The Gala will take place on Saturday, May 21 at the Hyatt Regency, Princeton. The event will be very elegant and will be a tented dinner with cocktail attire. This will enable our parents, faculty, staff, and guests to be outdoors in fresh air in the nice spring weather, while we allow for more time for COVID to (hopefully!) make a grand exit from our region.

### *Become a contributor!*

A St. Paul School tradition for 34 years, the annual Shamrock Gala is the largest fundraiser the SPS PTA organizes and is essential to the support of our parish school.

But there's no Shamrock Gala without you! You can help by:

- Donating items to be auctioned during the Gala (gift baskets, gift cards, memberships, event tickets, vacation rentals, classes, services, etc.)
- Becoming a corporate sponsor
- Attending the Gala or sponsoring a faculty member's admission
- Bidding on auction items and buying tickets for the Gala raffles

Click or scan below for the most up-to-date information. Please contact me with any questions!

Sláinte!  
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# PASTORAL HISPANA

## CONVERSACIONES SINODALES

### *Has que tu voz cuente*

Mil gracias a todas las personas que participaron en las reuniones del sínodo en las pasadas fechas del 15, 16, 17, 19, 20 y 21 de Febrero.

Sin duda tuvimos

conversaciones

muy profundas y experiencias de fe muy valiosas por parte de los participantes.



Tendremos una reunión adicional con la comunidad el próximo domingo 27 de febrero, al finalizar la santa misa de 2:30pm a 4:00pm. Los catequistas y sus grupos tendrán su última reunión el Lunes 28 de Febrero a las 7:00pm

Un agradecimiento muy especial a todos los voluntarios que se ofrecieron como facilitadores y tomadores de notas, sin ustedes no hubiera sido posible realizar esta actividad.

Las reuniones se realizarán en el centro espiritual (sótano de la iglesia), tendremos refrigerio para los participantes.

## REFLEXIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

El evangelio de la Transfiguración de Jesús se lee cada año este Segundo domingo de cuaresma porque antiguamente se creía que el milagro había sucedido cuarenta días antes de Pascua; la Iglesia lo lee hoy para que aprendamos a mirar más allá del sufrimiento y de las dificultades del presente, para recibir fuerzas para superarlas. En las tres lecturas de hoy se pide mirar al mas allá, al futuro que está en las manos de Dios: somos ciudadanos del cielo; Abrahán debe mirar al futuro. La narración de la Transfiguración nos recuerda al Sinaí, monte del cual Moisés bajo radiante, allí también el profeta Elías vio la gloria de Dios. La Transfiguración de Jesús es signo de la transfiguración que Jesús opera en cada cristiano; es el “fruto” de la oración, de la vida interior, porque eventualmente brilla y se ve lo que se lleva dentro. En el bautismo tuvo lugar nuestra transfiguración inicial; aquel día quedamos poseídos por Cristo. Toda la vida

cristiana es una transfiguración gradual de nuestra personalidad para que brille Cristo en nosotros. El cristiano está llamado a transfigurar las rutinas de la vida para que pierdan su monotonía y vulgaridad; los cristianos tenemos que transfigurar nuestro mundo a través de la justicia y del amor; hay que transfigurar las cosas, mirándolas con ojos nuevos transfigurados por la fe.

## BAUTISMO

### *Preparándose para el sacramento*

El curso de preparación pre-bautismal se realizará los segundos domingos de cada mes a las 2:00pm.

## FORMED.ORG

Es un instrumento online para fortalecer nuestra fe católica. En esta pagina encontraras todos los recursos necesarios para la catequesis, espiritualidad familiar, evangelización y vida sacramental. Solo regístrate

## RINCON DE LA FAMILIA

¿Quién es tu círculo íntimo en la práctica de la fe?  
¿Tiene amigos o familiares que lo hacen responsable y lo ayudan a vivir su viaje? Esta semana Jesús toma Su Círculo Interno. Pedro, Santiago y Juan subieron a la montaña para revelar Su misión y propósito.



*Haga clic o escanee el código aquí para leer las Escrituras de este domingo*



### *En la iglesia:*

Mira las vidrieras. ¿Puedes encontrar una ventana dedicada a la Transformación?



### *Pregunta de la semana:*

¿De qué manera ha cambiado la decoración de la Iglesia para la Cuaresma? ¿Qué nos indica?



### *Oración familiar:*

Señor Jesús, ayúdanos como familia, en nuestro Camino de Cuaresma. Esperamos acercarnos más a ti y celebrar más plenamente tu Resurrección. amén









# LENT 2022

Reflect.  
Repent.  
Restore.



## WHAT'S WITH THE FISH?

Why abstain from meat?

Scholars, theologians, and historians all offer several reasons for why the Church embraces the discipline of abstinence. Abstinence dictates that on Fridays - especially during Lent - Catholics abstain from eating meat. This tradition dates back hundreds of years.

Some say it was because the Church was trying to support the fishing industry when times were tough. The Church was trying to keep fishermen afloat (pun very much intended). There is some historical evidence of that, dating all the way back to the second century.

Some say it was safer to eat fish than meat. Everyone knew the specific time frame in which it was safe to eat fish, while people tended to test that time frame with beef and other meat. There's some historical evidence to that too, dating back to about the seventh century.

Some point out that hundreds of years ago only the very wealthy could afford meat. Fish (in comparison) was the poor man's meal. It was cheap, humble food that you had to catch yourself. Though that's not typically the case today, there's historical evidence that it used to be the case.

Some say that not eating meat helped folks to focus on the humility of Christ, who lived a simple man's life, likely eating a lot of fish Himself.

The bottom line is this: If we aren't focusing on Jesus and on the cross when we abstain from meat, then the matter can become less about Lent and more about "Should I have the meatless pizza or the grilled cheese sandwich?"

Here's the real deal: Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, gave up His own body - His own flesh - that Friday so many years ago. He went through the pain of that self-sacrifice, completely mindful of God the Father.

When we go through the incredibly minor act of abstaining from meat - the flesh of animals - on Fridays, it is just one tiny act of self-sacrifice that points us back to that awful but Good Friday. That was the Friday when God loved us so much that He gave up His flesh in the most selfless act in history.

Let's all try to keep it all in perspective when we have to pass on the burger this Friday.

*Need to know if it "counts" as meat?  
Click or scan this code to check out a recent piece from The Pillar:*



Sun  
**13**

**ST. PATRICK MASS**  
11:30am (fulfills Sunday obligation)

Fri  
**18**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
English 7:00pm | Espanol 8:00pm

Sat  
**19**

**SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH**  
8:15am Mass

Sat  
**19**

**SYNOD LISTENING SESSION**  
3:30pm in the Spiritual Center

Sat  
**19**

**CONFESSIONS**  
4:00pm in the Church

Sun  
**20**

**SYNOD LISTENING SESSION**  
11:00am in the Spiritual Center

Sun  
**20**

**SYNOD LISTENING SESSION**  
3:00pm in the Spiritual Center

For more info about these and other Lent events,  
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