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*trustworthy
in great ones*

luke 16:10



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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.

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RECEPTION HOURS

MON, WED-FRI: 9:00am-4:00pm*
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*Closed for lunch 12:00pm-12:45pm

REGISTER AT OUR PARISH



MASS TIMES

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

SATURDAY 5:30pm

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

DAILY ROSARY

MON-SAT 9:00am
FOLLOWING 8:15AM MASS IN CHURCH
OR VIA ZOOM (SCAN TO JOIN)



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

SATURDAYS 7:00am-8:00am

FIRST FRIDAYS 9:00am-12:00pm

Bulletin Section
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Scan here to visit our Weekly Bulletin site which includes our Mass Intentions, sacrament celebrations, and more!



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Interested in getting involved in a parish ministry? Please be sure to check the website or browse the bulletin for the right ministry head or staff member to reach out to. Become a part of our parish's flourishing!

SUPPORT ST. PAUL PARISH

The fastest and most secure way to give online is through Parish Giving. Autopay options ensure you never need to remember your envelopes again! Not enrolled yet? Scan the QR code here to set up your account:



Are you visiting St. Paul Parish this weekend? We are so thrilled to worship with you! Interested in making a one-time gift? Scan the QR code here:



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

GIVING 9/6-9/7

\$24,000

Budget

\$9,528

Identifiable Gifts

\$3,301

Loose Cash

\$14,375

Online Giving

\$27,204

2025-2026 YTD

\$240,000

Budget

\$123,484

Envelopes/Loose Cash

\$107,085

Online Giving

\$230,569

96.1%

2024-2025 YTD

\$240,000

Budget

\$111,619

Envelopes/Loose Cash

\$107,710

Online Giving

\$219,329

91.4%

PROMISE TO PROTECT



PLEDGE TO HEAL

2025 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL *Fan the Flame*
of **HOPE**

This year's Appeal theme, "Fan the Flame of Hope," echoes Pope Francis' call to be Pilgrims in Hope. We affirm our faith through action, supporting vital diocesan ministries.

Our Parish 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal Goal: \$133,000
Current Progress: \$207,672 (156%)
Donors: 194

Incentives Achieved:

Reach Goal: Receive 100% of funds over our goal (\$74,622 as of 8/27)
Reach Goal by June 30, 2025: 5% (\$6,650) rebate

Pending Incentive:

Increase donors by 5% (total: 65 additional donors remaining): 5% (\$6,650) rebate

These new incentives from the Diocese are an impactful way to affect change within our parish, and we appreciate your partnership.

More details about the Appeal's impact can be found at stpaulsofprinceton.org/annual-catholic-appeal



A COMMUNITY OF PRAYER

MASS INTENTIONS

5:30pm Alice Milan | Milan Family

Sunday / 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Joseph Piekarz | Alec & Karan Taylor

10:00am Antonio J. Nini | Vince & Micki Matticoli

11:30am Catherine George | Alec & Karan Taylor

1:00pm *Spanish Intentions*

5:00pm Dr Antoun Daou & George Daou | Aline Daou

Monday

8:15am Patricia Huber Friar | Pat Carroll Janicek & Steve Janicek

12:10pm Intentions of Nell Lyons | Hanna Paczynska

Tuesday / Mem. of St. Pius of Pietrelcina

8:15am Thomas Procaccino | Mary Agnes Procaccino

12:10pm Bruce Tood Koehn | Lynne & Dave Harwood

Wednesday

8:15am Filomena and Antonino Procaccini | Maria Procaccini and family

12:10pm Blanca Sferra | Melissa O'Donnell

Thursday

8:15am Maria O'Malley | Eileen & Bill Hart

12:10pm Blanca Sferra | Theresa Cross

Friday

8:15am Elena Morales | Rey & Fenette Morales

12:10pm Eleanor Nelson | Lee & Linda Brennan
Linda Brophy | Martin Brophy & Family

Saturday / Mem. of St. Vincent de Paul

8:15am Maureen B. King | Richard Martin

OUR SICK

Bob | Molly Carter | Bill Chnelich | Chrissy DeLuca |
Eileen Dormouth | Hanna Paczynska | Doris Paetow |
Mary Agnes Procaccini | Anna Marie Revilla | Dan
Roach | Annmarie Sabb | Anthony Simone |
Christopher Joseph Stull

*If you would like your loved one added to the sick list, please email
bulletin@stpaulsofprinceton.org

SEPT. WEDDINGS

Skylar Grace Campbell & Matthew Tyler Lyons
Aleksandra Kiszka & Andrew Dzenis
Julia Kolano & Christopher Dinno
Heather Marter & Brendan Higgins

OCT. WEDDINGS

Melanie Jane Spilatore & Albert D. Correnti III
Julianna Agatha Okupski & Nicholas Paul Dize
Clare Long & Brian Haeffner
Alyssa Taylor & Alexander Armstrong

NOV. WEDDINGS

Abigail Lee & Scott Borecki
Elizabeth Latella & Aidan Shue
Mary Lauren Anastasia Sudol & Bryan Edward Joseph Hill
Alyssa Muni & Edward Paparella

OFFERTORY HYMN

O Lord, Send Your Justice

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It begins with a 'Refrain' section. The lyrics are: 'O Lord, will you send your jus - tice and your peace, re - new - ing all the earth, re - stor - ing what is good? The world you cre - at - ed is bro - ken and is hurt. is long - ing for your love and heal - ing, Lord.' The score includes two verses of lyrics. Verse 1: '1. In a world that longs for peace and jus - tice, 2. In a world where peo - ple live in ter - ror, 1. where greed and ha - tred have be - come our 2. where lives are shad - owed by des - pair and 1. cur - ren - cy, we ask for your love, we 2. hope - less - ness, we ask for your love, we'. The score ends with a 'to Refrain' instruction. The final line of the score is: '1, 2. long for your peace, we yearn for your heal - ing, O Lord.'

WEEKLY WORSHIP

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday, September 21, 2025

Today's readings can be found on page 574 of the hymnal. Please visit the livestream section of our website for more resources about this week's Mass.



FOCUS ON THE READINGS

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The prophet Amos warns those who take advantage of others that the Lord will remember their actions. In his Letter to Timothy, Paul asks that people should pray for everyone, including rulers and those in authority, for God wishes all to be saved. Jesus teaches that just as one must be prudent and trustworthy managing worldly affairs, so one must be, and even more so, in service to God.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

A message from Fr. Chris Dayton

This weekend's Gospel (Luke 16:10-13) offers us a challenging but beautiful reminder from Jesus: "The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones." Our Lord reminds us that faithfulness is not only about the grand gestures of life, but about the ordinary, everyday choices to serve Him with integrity, humility, and love. If we cannot be faithful in the little things—our daily prayers, the ways we treat one another, our responsibilities at work and at home—how can we be entrusted with the greater things of God's kingdom?

In a world that prizes success, wealth, and power, Jesus calls us instead to fidelity: to serve God rather than mammon, to let our hearts be rooted not in possessions or status, but in the Lord who gives us all good gifts. This Gospel challenges us to look at the "small things" in our lives—where we are being asked to grow in honesty, patience, generosity, and trust—and to see them as sacred opportunities to serve the Lord. In those little daily acts, God is forming us into disciples who can be entrusted with His mission.

Speaking of trust and faithfulness, I want to take a moment to thank all of you on behalf of our parish family for the tremendous success of ParishFest last weekend. What a joyful celebration it was! Walking

around the tent on Sunday, I received so many compliments from parishioners, guests, and visitors alike about how smoothly everything went, how welcoming the atmosphere was, and how alive our parish community felt. None of this would have been possible without the extraordinary generosity of so many who gave of their time, talents, and energy—our committee chairs, volunteers, sponsors, donors, staff, and countless others who pitched in behind the scenes. I know how hard everyone worked to make the day such a blessing, and I am deeply grateful. I hope each of you has been able to find a little well-deserved rest and downtime after such a big effort. ParishFest is more than an event; it is a living sign of our parish family working together as one body in Christ.

Finally, I want to share a brief update on the lighting renewal project. As many of you noticed at Masses last weekend, the new sanctuary lighting has made a remarkable difference. The additional brightness not only enhances the beauty of our worship space, but also allows us to focus more clearly on the sacred action that takes place at the altar. The work is not yet fully complete, but already we are seeing the fruits of this effort—and it is thanks to your generosity and vision for St. Paul's that we are able to make these improvements. The light that now shines more fully in our sanctuary is a visible reminder of the Light of Christ, who is always at the heart of our parish life.

Let us continue to be faithful in the small things and the great, working together in gratitude, joy, and trust in the Lord.

I hope everyone has a great week and always know of my prayers for each of you.

In His peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Fr. Chris".

Fr. Chris Dayton
Pastor

PARISH LIFE

OUR WORK IS NOT OVER

Now is the time to build a Culture of Life

With the overturn of Roe v. Wade, the responsibility to protect the unborn has returned to the American people through their elected representatives. Our state capital remains a critical place to witness to the dignity of every human life. That is why we need you to stand with us at the New Jersey March for Life at the Trenton Capitol Building on Thursday, September 25, 2025.

The day begins with Mass at 9:30am at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in Trenton, celebrated by Bishop David O'Connell (Diocese of Trenton) with the homily preached by Bishop Kevin Sweeney (Diocese of Paterson). Following Mass, we will walk together to the Statehouse Annex for the Rally and March for Life.

Join Cardinal Tobin, Bishop O'Connell, Bishop Sweeney, and Catholics from across the state as we march to defend the dignity of the unborn and to support women in choosing life. Save the date, spread the word, and plan to be part of this powerful witness for both mother and child.



RESTAURANT RAFFLE

for the Mt. Carmel Guild Gala

The Mt. Carmel Guild will host its Annual Gala on Friday, October 24, 2025, at the Trenton Country Club, where our own Leo Stinson will be honored for his service. The popular Restaurant Raffle returns, with tickets sold after all Masses at St. Paul's the weekend of September 27–28. Tickets are \$20 each or six for \$100, with prizes of \$1,500, \$1,000, and \$500 in restaurant gift cards. Winners will be drawn at the Gala and contacted directly—attendance not required.

COFFEE & DONUTS

Sunday, September 28

After all Sunday morning Masses on September 28, join us in the Spiritual Center for coffee, donuts, and good company! It's a simple way to meet new faces, reconnect with familiar ones, and enjoy some time

together as a parish family.

Mark your calendar—we'll gather again on Sunday, October 12!

FIRST FRIDAY CAFE

Coffee and Convo's after the 8:15am Mass

We are delighted to bring back First Friday Café - hope to see you again on October 3.

Join us in the Spiritual Center on the first Friday of each month, from 9:00-10:00am (*following the 8:15am Mass*), for coffee, conversation, and community. Each month, we will introduce a parishioner who will share a unique life experience, an inspiring journey, or even a favorite recipe! Afterward, we'll enjoy time together to connect, share, and build friendships within our parish family. All ages are welcome—come and be part of this wonderful tradition!

WEDNESDAYS WITH MSGR. NOLAN

Wednesday, October 15 (updated date)

We're excited to resume last year's new parish initiative this month with our beloved pastor emeritus, Msgr. Nolan! Once a month, following the Wednesday 12:10pm Mass, Msgr. Nolan will lead a time of fellowship and conversation. It's a wonderful opportunity to grow in faith, share community, and strengthen the bonds that unite us as a parish family. We hope you'll join us for this special time together!

JOE BENDAS MEMORIAL

Golf Outing for the Knights of Columbus

This year, our Knights of Columbus are hosting their third annual Golf Outing in honor of long-time Knight Joe Bendas to benefit their fraternal ministry within and beyond our parish. Please join us at Cranbury Golf Club at 9:00am for the shotgun start on Friday, October 17, 2025. Breakfast and lunch are included in the registration cost, which is \$175 per golfer (\$60 for lunch only). 50% of the proceeds will benefit the Knights' Coats for Kids program, which purchases new winter coats for children in need in our local community.

Want to become a sponsor? We have several levels of sponsorship available:



Gold Sponsor - \$3,000 (includes four golfers, hole signage, and poster at registration table and lunch)

Silver Sponsor - \$2,000 (includes two golfers, hole signage, and poster at registration table and lunch)

Beverage Sponsor - \$1,000 (includes one golfer, hole signage, and poster at registration table and lunch)

Putting Contest Sponsor - \$500 (includes hole signage)

Hole Sponsor - \$175

For more information, scan above. Questions?
Contact Joe Sarubbi: jsarubbi5164@gmail.com

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Serving the Princeton Community

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is here to support our St. Paul community and Princeton neighbors who have fallen on hard times and may need emergency assistance. Here at St. Paul, our dedicated group of volunteers strives to meet face-to-face, offering confidentiality and respect to those seeking our assistance. Support may include emergency assistance with rent, utilities, food, clothing, medical services, and mental health counseling. Donations can be made through the poor boxes located in the church or by mailing a check to SVDP, 216 Nassau Street, Princeton, NJ 08542. If you or someone you know needs our help, please call the hotline at (609) 924-1743, ext. 250. If you would like to join us in our community outreach, our next meetings will be on Oct. 14 and Nov. 4 at 6:30pm in the Parish Center.

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE

with the Adult Choir or Handbell Choir

The Adult Choir supports our Sunday liturgies and leads song on major Holy Days. Anyone 16 years and older is invited. If you can carry a tune, you can join! Rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings at 7:30pm in the choir loft, and we happily accommodate those who travel for work or have occasional conflicts.

The Handbell Choir is also seeking a few extra hands. Handbells are easy to learn—no previous experience is needed, just basic music reading (if you've taken piano lessons, you can play handbells). High school students are welcome, and there's no singing required!

Both choirs are wonderful ways to share your gifts and help our community "make a joyful noise unto the Lord." For more information or to join, please contact Ernie Andreoli at eandreoli@stpaulsofprinceton.org.

HOUR OF REFLECTION

on the Holy Rosary

Join us in the Mercy Chapel on Thursday, October 23, from 6:00–7:00pm for an hour of reflection on the Holy Rosary, including Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council 636.

ARM IN ARM THANKS

St. Paul Parish

Arm In Arm is deeply grateful to St. Paul Parish for the generous in-kind food donations that support our Hunger Prevention Program. From January 1 to June 30, 2025, St. Paul provided 2,847 pounds of food, a tremendous gift of help and hope for our low-income neighbors. In fiscal year 2025, Arm In Arm served families through more than 48,000 food pantry visits, grocery deliveries, and mobile pantry visits. Your partnership makes this possible and reminds our neighbors that their community cares about their well-being. Together, we truly are better!

CHILD PROTECTION EFFORTS

VIRTUS and Safe Environment Training

At St. Paul Parish, we are deeply committed to creating a safe, welcoming environment for all children and youth. In partnership with the Diocese of Trenton, we follow the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* by requiring background checks and VIRTUS training for all clergy, staff, and volunteers.

If you are new to a parish ministry or feel called to serve, we would love to have you join us! Together, we can keep our parish a place where every child feels safe and supported.

To get started with the VIRTUS process, please email Jaime at SafeSpace@stpaulsofprinceton.org.

OUR YOUNG CHURCH

FROM THE DRE'S DESK:

A Message from Mrs. Jaime Gostkowski

Catechetical Sunday, celebrated annually by the USCCB, is a special day to recognize the importance of catechists in the Church's mission to teach and spread the faith. It offers an opportunity to honor all those involved in catechesis - those who teach, guide, and help form others in the Catholic faith, including parents, teachers, and religious educators. The theme for each year reflects the broader call of the Church to evangelize and deepen the understanding of Catholic teachings.

This weekend, we commission our catechists, offering a special blessing as they begin their mission of instruction. Today serves as a reminder to each of us of our role in handing on the faith, whether in formal teaching roles or through daily life.

I'm so excited to kick off this new year of religious education this weekend! Catechetical Sunday reminds me of the incredible privilege and responsibility we have as catechists to help others encounter Christ and grow in their faith. It's a fresh start, full of potential and opportunity to inspire and shape the hearts and minds of our students. Let's make this year one of growth, joy, and deepening our love for God and each other!

Many blessings,
Jaime

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

SPY (St. Paul Youth) Group

Are you a high school or college student interested in hanging out with friends and meeting new ones? Come meet our Teen Youth Minister, Sophia Cano. Our kickoff gathering will take place on Saturday, September 27, immediately after the 5:30pm Mass in the Fireside Lounge, which is the first door on the right as you come down the ramp to the Spiritual Center. High school and college students are welcome. If you are interested, please email Sophia at scano2@fordham.edu, Laura Sarubbi at lsarubbi@stpaulsofprinceton.org, or sign up on the Family Life webpage.

Stay tuned for more details about SPY:412, our Confirmation Youth Group track!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

For students in grades 3-8

St. Paul Children's Choir is back! All students in grades 3-8 are invited to join this joyful ministry of music and worship. Rehearsals are held after school on Wednesdays from 5:45pm to 7:00pm. The choir sings monthly at 10:00am Masses and for special celebrations throughout the year. Led by Ms. Peggy and Ms. Joyce, the choir provides children with an opportunity to grow in faith, friendship, and musical skills, all while praising God through song. New and returning members are welcome. Sign-up forms and full schedules are available on the parish website.



TEEN MUSIC MINISTRY

For students in grades 8-12

Our Teen Music Ministry welcomes students in grades 8-12 from public, private, and homeschool settings. Teens rehearse one hour before the Mass they serve—simple and manageable, even with busy schedules. If your teen is looking for a place to share their gifts, make new friends, and strengthen our parish worship, this is the place. Their spirit and voices fill our church and help lead us into the next hundred years.

Upcoming dates: Saturday, Oct. 25 –
Rehearsal 4:30pm; Mass 5:30pm |
Sunday, Nov. 23 – Rehearsal 4:00pm;
Mass 5:00pm



Join us: Register at stpaulsofprinceton.org/cc-tmm-registration or via the QR code. Questions? Carole Moore — 609-658-2636 | carolekmoore@outlook.com

ST. PAUL ATHLETICS

Fall/Winter 2025 Registration Now Open

This season, SPAC is offering basketball for students in grades 3-8 and high school, a basketball clinic for grade 2, cross country for grades 5-8, and cheerleading for grades K-5. All Fall/Winter registrations are to be completed through TeamSnap. For questions, please contact Mr. Harris at athletics@spsprinceton.org



FAMILY LIFE

A HOME FOR FAMILIES

A place for every generation - on our website!

Please take a few moments to complete the short survey on the Family Life page:
stpaulsofprinceton.org/families.
Your feedback will help shape future Family Life initiatives during all seasons of life.

Email or call Laura Sarubbi with questions or for more information:
lsarubbi@stpaulsofprinceton.org



EARLY CHILDHOOD

Little Hearts Ministry for ages 0-5

Little Heart Ministry welcomes families with young children, ages 0-5! It's a wonderful space for parents, grandparents, and caregivers to connect with one another, share experiences, and support each other in the joys and challenges of raising little ones. Children will have the chance to play, learn, and begin experiencing parish life in a warm, faith-filled environment.

We gather weekly on Friday and Saturday mornings from 10:00-11:00am in the Spiritual Center. Families may come on Fridays, Saturdays, or both—whatever fits your schedule. Each gathering offers fellowship, playtime, and simple activities that nurture both children and parents. Visit the Family Life page on our parish website for a full calendar of events.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for ages 3-6

Children ages 3 to 6 are invited to join Mrs. Mary Ellen O'Boyle in the Atrium (Spiritual Center) on Sundays from 9:45-10:45am. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Montessori-inspired model of faith formation that treats young children as spiritual beings, capable from early on of encountering God through Scripture, liturgy, and prayer. In a calm, beautiful, child-sized space called the Atrium, children work with hands-on materials that help them gradually understand liturgical symbols, parables, and the presence of Jesus the Good Shepherd.

In CGS, children are encouraged to quietly explore and reflect, to absorb the mysteries of our faith at their own pace, and to respond out of love rather

than obligation. This method respects their freedom, invites wonder, and helps them grow in relationship with God. Space in the Atrium is limited, so please email Laura for more info or to reserve a spot.

FAMILY ROSARY

Tuesday afternoons

All children and their parents are invited to pray the Rosary together every Tuesday at 2:45pm in the Mercy Chapel (when school is in session). We will lift up intentions for peace in the world, love in our families, our parish priests, school teachers, and any private intentions. In just fifteen minutes, we will hold Our Lady's hand as we contemplate the life of Christ with her, seeking greater unity with God's will so that our hearts may be more loving, joyful, and Christ-like. The prayer is especially powerful when led by children—let's take these few minutes after school to come together in prayer!

PARENT PARTNERSHIP

Supporting Families Impacted by Addiction

When parents and caregivers recognize that a loved one is struggling with substance use or addiction, it is vital to find support and understanding from those who have "been in our shoes." Parent Partnership meetings are led by volunteers with lived experience and provide a safe, confidential, and welcoming space. You are invited to join once, occasionally, or as often as you'd like—meetings are always friendly and supportive. Parent Partnership meets on Mondays from 7:00-8:15pm in the St. Paul Parish Spiritual Center. For more information: Michelle King at mokingnj@gmail.com or 609-468-8708.

FOR THE GROWNUPS

Learn more on the Family Life Webpage

- Workshops, supporting all generations!
- Walking with Purpose (Women's prayer group)
- Families with special needs
- First Friday Cafe after the 8:15am Mass
- Coffee and Conversation, Sunday mornings 8:45am-9:45am in the Spiritual Center
- Energize your Faith (monthly on Zoom)
- Retreat Day with Laura at FHOP

ST. PAUL SCHOOL

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

A message from Mrs. Kim Clauss

ParishFest last weekend was a tremendous success! What a joy it was to gather for the 11:30am Mass and then to see so many parish and school families enjoying the festivities under the tent. The smiles, laughter, and sense of community were a beautiful witness to the life of our parish. Thank you to everyone who joined us and to all who helped make the day possible.

This past week, we were also blessed to welcome parents for our Back to School Nights. These evenings are always a highlight of the fall as they give us the chance to share the good work happening in our classrooms and to strengthen the partnership between parents and teachers. It was wonderful to see so many of you and to celebrate the start of another school year together. We are deeply grateful for the dedication of our faculty and staff, who prepared so thoughtfully for these evenings and who continue to pour their hearts into the education and formation of our students.

On Friday, our teachers stepped away from their daily routines to participate in our annual Faculty Spirituality Day, led by Fr. Chris. The theme of the day was "Put out into deep waters" (Luke 5:4), a call from Jesus to the disciples—and to all of us—to trust Him enough to venture beyond what feels comfortable or familiar. Through prayer, reflection, and community, our faculty reflected on how they are being asked to cast their nets deeper this year in their teaching, their faith, and their service to our students and families. It was a fruitful day of renewal and growth, and we are so grateful to Fr. Chris for guiding us into that deeper encounter with Christ.

Please continue to keep our teachers and staff in your prayers as they accompany our students not only in academics, but also in faith and discipleship.

God bless,
Kim Clauss



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UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

WED 1 **HS AWARENESS**
7th/8th Grade Students

THUR 9 **EARLY DISMISSAL**
11:45am; Conferences

FRI 10 **NO SCHOOL**
Parent/Teacher Conferences

WED 15 **CHICK-FIL-A DAY**
PTA-Organized Fundraiser

FRI 17 **PASTA PARTY**
for 2025 Lion's Chase

SAT 18 **LION'S CHASE**
5k Race & 1k Fun Run



A NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

LION'S CHASE 2025

SPS 5K & 1K Fun Run

Save the date! This year's Lion's Chase is on October 18 at Rosedale Park, so lace up your sneakers and start training now.



We're accepting student-designed t-shirt submissions! Please visit the school website for full details by scanning below. You'll be able to see the past two years' winners, check out the rules for this year, and see how to submit your own design. Please note, the deadline for submission is September 19.

Again this year, we are hosting a pasta party the evening before the race. We are also currently accepting sponsorships. Check out all the details and register by scanning or visit spsprinceton.org/lions-chase.

SPONSORS NEEDED

Fulfill your PTA Financial Commitment

Already planning on how to fulfill your PTA Commitment for this academic year? Check out the 2025-2026 options:

Business Sponsorship:

- Partner with the PTA and showcase your business
- Designate your sponsorship toward the Annual Spring Gala and/or Lion's Chase
- Sponsorships are tax-deductible

Family Sponsorship:

- Support SPS while gaining recognition for your family
- Designate your sponsorship toward the Annual Spring Gala and/or Lion's Chase
- Donations are tax-deductible as charitable contributions

Raffle Participant:

- Sell or purchase at least \$250 worth of raffle tickets
- 10 winners - each winner will receive a \$500 Visa gift card
- Alternative to Business or Family Sponsorship

Financial sponsorship of these events fulfills your SPS PTA Financial Commitment for 2025-2026. Need more info? Please email Meagan Drake at ptatreas@spsprinceton.org

MCCAFFREY'S RECEIPTS

Save your receipts!

Did you know that St. Paul School participates in an ongoing fundraiser with Princeton McCaffrey's? The retailer donates 1% of your total purchases back to our school! Simply save your receipts, place them in an envelope labeled "McCaffrey's Receipts," and either send them in to the school office or drop them in the bins located in the church vestibule during Sunday Masses. Please note: receipts must be submitted within two months of the purchase date to qualify. Every receipt—no matter the amount—makes a difference!

RAISERIGHT

Fundraising while you shop

RaiseRight is an easy and convenient way to help raise funds for the St. Paul School PTA. Simply purchase gift cards through RaiseRight for your everyday shopping and gifting needs—there's no extra cost to you, and a portion goes back to our school! Joining is free, and linking a bank account is the most cost-effective way to pay.



Enrollment Code: 57DF5L3658845

For more information, email us at ptashopsps@spsprinceton.org or scan to learn more!

BEYOND OUR HALLS

Sharing your successes

Do you know an SPS graduate who's doing phenomenal things? Are you an alum with a story to share? We'd love to hear from you! Whether you're pursuing big dreams, enjoying summer adventures, or simply carrying the spirit of St. Paul into your everyday life—brag about it! You've earned it, and we're proud of you.

Families, please email Kait Mayer at kmayer@spsprinceton.org to share alumni accomplishments (and don't forget a few photos—we might feature you on our social media!).

If you're an alum and haven't been receiving our alumni mailings, please reach out to Michele Cano at mcano@spsprinceton.org with your current contact info. We'd love to reconnect and keep you updated on events and happenings at your alma mater!

PASTORAL HISPANA

MENSAJE DEL P. CHRIS *Pastor de San Pablo*

El Evangelio de este domingo (Lc 16, 10-13) nos ofrece una enseñanza clara y exigente de Jesús: "El que es fiel en lo poco, también es fiel en lo mucho." Nuestro Señor nos recuerda que la fidelidad no se trata solamente de los grandes gestos, sino también de las pequeñas decisiones cotidianas: nuestras oraciones diarias, la manera en que tratamos a los demás, y la responsabilidad con que cumplimos nuestras tareas en casa, en el trabajo y en la comunidad. Si no somos fieles en lo pequeño, ¿cómo podremos recibir de Dios las cosas más grandes de su Reino?

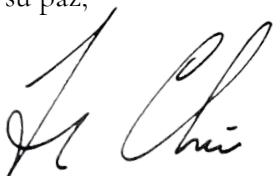
En un mundo que valora más el éxito, la riqueza y el poder, Jesús nos invita a algo diferente: a servir a Dios con un corazón sencillo y confiado, a dejar que nuestras vidas estén enraizadas en Él y no en posesiones o estatus. Cada acto de paciencia, de generosidad y de honestidad es una oportunidad sagrada para servir al Señor y crecer como discípulos en quienes Él puede confiar.

Con ese mismo espíritu de confianza y fidelidad, quiero dar gracias a toda nuestra comunidad parroquial por el hermoso éxito de ParishFest el fin de semana pasado. Fue una alegría inmensa celebrar juntos la Misa de las 11:30am y después compartir bajo la carpa con tantos feligreses, familias de la escuela, invitados y amigos. Escuché muchísimos comentarios positivos sobre lo bien organizado que estuvo todo, el ambiente tan acogedor y la vitalidad de nuestra parroquia. Nada de esto habría sido posible sin la generosidad extraordinaria de tantas personas: los coordinadores de comités, voluntarios, patrocinadores, donantes, personal y todos los que colaboraron detrás de las escenas. Sé cuánto trabajo significó y les agradezco de corazón. Espero que cada uno haya podido descansar un poco después de tanto esfuerzo. ParishFest no es solo un evento: es un signo vivo de cómo nuestra familia parroquial camina unida como un solo cuerpo en Cristo.

Sigamos siendo fieles en lo pequeño y en lo grande, construyendo juntos una comunidad llena de gratitud, alegría y confianza en el Señor.

Espero que todos tengan una excelente semana y recuerden que siempre rezo por cada uno de ustedes.

En su paz,



P. Chris Dayton
Pastor

CLASES DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA EN ESPAÑOL *Religiosa en Español*

Queremos informar a nuestras familias hispanohablantes que seguimos ofreciendo clases de Educación Religiosa en español para niños y jóvenes. Estas clases brindan formación en la fe y preparación sacramental en su propio idioma, ayudando a sus hijos a crecer más cerca de Dios y de nuestra comunidad parroquial.

Las clases comenzarán el 21 de septiembre. Para más información o ayuda, por favor comuníquese con la oficina parroquial.

ESFUERZOS DE PROTECCIÓN INFANTIL *Capacitación VIRTUS y de Ambientes Seguros*

En la Parroquia de San Pablo estamos profundamente comprometidos en crear un ambiente seguro y acogedor para todos los niños y jóvenes. En colaboración con la Diócesis de Trenton, seguimos la Carta para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes, que requiere verificaciones de antecedentes y la capacitación VIRTUS para todo el clero, personal y voluntarios.

Si eres nuevo en un ministerio parroquial o sientes el llamado a servir, ¡nos encantaría que te unas a nosotros! Juntos podemos mantener nuestra parroquia como un lugar donde cada niño se sienta seguro y apoyado.

Para comenzar el proceso de VIRTUS, por favor envía un correo electrónico a Jaime a SafeSpace@stpaulsofprinceton.org.

PASTORAL HISPANA

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FRIENDS OF ST. PAUL

THE AQUINAS INSTITUTE

Princeton University Catholic Campus Ministry

We provide Princeton University students with Mass & confession on campus, small group bible studies, formation in Catholic life and thought, and vibrant student community! Check out princetoncatholic.org for more details and for upcoming events.

FRANCIS HOUSE OF PRAYER

Diocesan Spiritual Center & Retreat House

"The Letter: A Message for Our Earth"

Monday, Sept. 22 · 9:30am–1:30pm

In this Season of Creation, draw closer to God through the gift of our common home. The day begins with prayer outdoors to open our hearts to the message of the film *The Letter*, based on *Laudato Si'*. We will watch it together and then share discussion on our thoughts, hopes, and holy desires for Earth. Donation: \$30 (includes lunch). *In-person only*.

The Impact of God

Thursdays, Sept. 25, Oct. 23, Nov. 20, Dec. 18, Jan. 22, Feb. 26, Mar. 26, Apr. 23, May 21 · 7:00–8:00pm

The Impact of God by Iain Matthew, OCD, speaks of God's desire for us so passionately and intimately. God uses all the events of our lives to capture our attention, to make His way in, to make room for Himself, and to bring us into full union. Donation: \$175. *Zoom only*.

St. Augustine's Story: Full of Grace

Wednesdays, Sept. 24, Oct. 22, Nov. 19, Dec. 17, Jan. 14, Feb. 11, Mar. 11, Apr. 15, May 13 · 7:00–8:15pm

We will explore St. Augustine's story in his *Confessions*, translated by Sarah Ruden. This translation helps us understand and relate to his transformation in becoming who God created him to be. Donation: \$175. *Zoom only*.

St. Edith Stein – A Spiritual Portrait

Wednesdays, Sept. 24, Oct. 22, Nov. 19, Dec. 17, Jan. 14, Feb. 18 · 7:00–8:15pm

Journey for a time with St. Edith Stein, also known as St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. In reading and discussing *St. Edith Stein – A Spiritual Portrait* by Dianne M. Traflet, we will reflect on Edith's journey from devout Jew, to atheist, to philosopher, to feminist, to convert to the Catholic faith, and finally

a victim of Auschwitz. Beneficial for both beginners and those advanced in their faith. Donation: \$100. *Zoom only*.

Please check www.FHOP.org for dates, registration, directions, and for our other offerings!

All programs will be offered online and in person unless otherwise indicated.

OPEN HOUSE

Villa Victoria Academy

Villa Victoria Academy invites you to visit during their Fall Open House on Thursday, October 9, 2025, from 5:00–7:00pm. Meet Villa students, parents, alumnae, and teachers, and learn more about this all-girls, private, Catholic school. Families may register online to receive an assigned time, but walk-ins are also welcome. For more information or to register, contact Mrs. White at cwhite@villavictoria.org or visit villavictoria.org/admissions/open-house. Villa Victoria Academy is located at 376 W. Upper Ferry Road, Ewing, NJ 08628.

COME & SEE

A Journey into Eastern Catholicism

On Saturday, October 11, 2025, from 10:00am to 5:00pm, St. Mary of the Assumption Byzantine Catholic Church in Trenton will host Come & See: A Journey into Eastern Catholicism, a one-day workshop exploring the beauty, history, and spirituality of the Eastern Catholic tradition. Whether you are new to the East or seeking to deepen your understanding, this event will offer prayer, music, conversation, and a rich introduction to the traditions of the Eastern Church, culminating in a sung Divine Liturgy. All are welcome to experience the unity, heritage, liturgy, tradition, music, and prayer of this ancient and living tradition. For more information, schedule of events, and registration, please visit stmarybyzcatolictrenton.org.