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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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*\*Closed for lunch 12:00pm-12:45pm*

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of Website

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our Mass Intentions, sacrament celebrations, and more!



## 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 espanol

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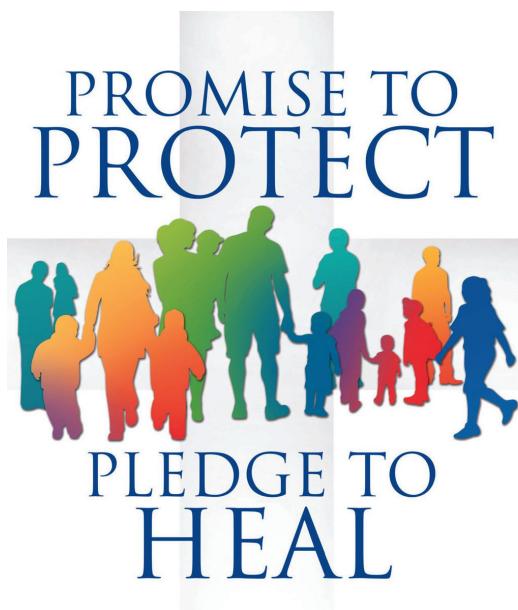
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*Interested in getting involved in a parish ministry? Please be sure to check the website or browse the bulletin for the right ministry head or staff member to reach out to. Become a part of our parish's flourishing!*

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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:



## STEWARSHIP REPORT

GIVING 9/27-9/28	2025-2026 YTD	2024-2025 YTD
\$24,000	\$312,000	\$312,000
Budget	Budget	Budget
\$8,229	\$162,326	\$148,722
Identifiable Gifts	Envelopes/Loose Cash	Envelopes/Loose Cash
\$3,946	\$137,917	\$136,641
Loose Cash	Online Giving	Online Giving
\$8,649	<hr/>	<hr/>
Online Giving	\$300,243	\$285,363
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\$20,824		

**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: \$209,854 (158%)  
Donors: 197

Incentives Achieved:  
Reach Goal: Receive 100% of funds over our goal (\$76,854 as of 10/8)  
Reach Goal by June 30, 2025: 5% (\$6,650) rebate

Pending Incentive:  
Increase donors by 5% (total: 60 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](http://stpaulsofprinceton.org/annual-catholic-appeal)*



# A COMMUNITY OF PRAYER

## MASS INTENTIONS

5:30pm William Coyer | George Sproul

### Sunday / 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Genevieve Zengierski | Zengierski Family

10:00am Joseph Piekarz | Alec & Karan Taylor

11:30am Mario Bucci | Brooks Family

1:00pm Spanish Intentions

5:00pm Vito & Grace Calderone | Calderone Family

### Monday

8:15am Filomena Carnevale | Ermelinda Carnevale

12:10pm Paul Schlueter | Lisa L. Patterson

### Tuesday

8:15am John Cifelli | Lieggi Family

12:10pm Grant Beske | Lisa L. Patterson

### Wednesday / Mem. of St. Teresa of Jesus

8:15am Marion B. Cavanaugh | Bernadette Murphy

12:10pm Nino & Esterina Santoro | Vanda Pirone

### Thursday

8:15am Geraldine Richards | Stephen Sylvan and Family

12:10pm Leonard Sejnoski | Bovier & Martin Families  
Andy Tamasi | Marianne Tamasi

### Friday / Mem. of St. Ignatius of Antioch

8:15am Vito & Michelina Rossi | Micki, Bina & Vito & Families

12:10pm Stephen Barthelmes | Lisa L. Patterson

### Saturday / Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist

8:15am Genefrico Pirone | Pirone Family  
Eusebio Isip | His Family

## OUR SICK

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

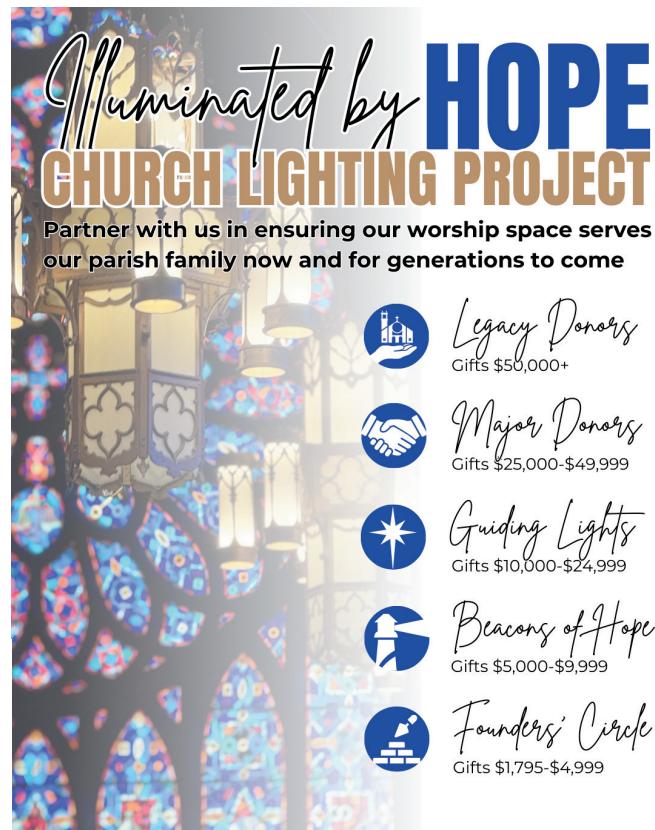
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## OCT. WEDDINGS

Melanie Jane Spilatore & Albert D. Correnti III  
Julianne Agatha Okupski & Nicholas Paul Dize  
Amelia Williams & Walter Figueroa  
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



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# WEEKLY WORSHIP

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

*Sunday, October 12, 2025*

Today's readings can be found on page 732 of the hymnal. Please visit the livestream section of our website for more resources about this week's Mass.



## FOCUS ON THE READINGS

## 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the first reading, Naaman cleanses himself in the Jordan, declaring the God of Israel as the only God. In the second reading, Saint Paul urges perseverance for Christ in the face of persecution. In the Gospel, Jesus heals ten lepers. Only one, a Samaritan, returns to give thanks to him. His faith has saved him.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

## *A message from Fr. Chris Dayton*

This Sunday's Gospel presents us with a powerful reminder about gratitude. As Jesus travels toward Jerusalem, He encounters ten lepers who cry out for mercy. Moved with compassion, He sends them to the priests, and on the way, they are cleansed. But only one returns, praising God and giving thanks. And that one, Jesus notes, is a Samaritan—an outsider.

This moment reveals more than just a miraculous healing. It reveals the heart of discipleship. All ten were healed physically, but only one was transformed spiritually through gratitude. His thanksgiving opened him to a deeper relationship with Christ.

How easy it is to cry out to God in our need, and yet forget Him once our prayers are answered. This Gospel gently but clearly asks each of us: Do we live in gratitude? Do we remember to give thanks not only for the extraordinary graces but also for the everyday blessings: the breath in our lungs, the food on our tables, the love of family, and the gift of faith?

In that same spirit of gratitude, I want to take a moment to highlight some opportunities for connection and support in our parish and school community. Lion's Chase Weekend is rapidly approaching, and it's shaping up to be a joyful gathering and a significant fundraiser for our St. Paul

School PTA. On Friday evening, we'll kick things off with a Pasta Dinner catered by Leonardo's at 6:00pm in the school cafeteria. Saturday morning, we'll head to Rosedale Park for the 5K and 1K Fun Run. The 1K, open to children 10 and under, begins at 9:00am, and the 5K follows at 9:30am. Whether you're a seasoned runner, a casual walker, or simply want to come cheer others on, we'd love to see you there. Student-designed t-shirts will also be available for purchase. Even if you don't have children at the school, this is a beautiful way to support Catholic education and enjoy a fall morning with friends.

As we take part in these parish and school events—whether through our time, our generosity, or simply by showing up—we follow in the footsteps of the grateful Samaritan. We return to Jesus with lives that say “thank you.” May our involvement in the life of this community always be a reflection of the deep gratitude we carry for all God has done.

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

In His peace,

*H. C. Smith*

Fr. Chris Dayton  
Pastor

## OFFERTORY HYMN

## *Every Moment of Each Day*

Refrain

Ev - ery mo-ment of each day, with ev - ery

word from my mouth, I will sing on - ly grat - i - tude and 4

praise to my God.

Veres

1. I will sing, I will glo - ry in my God;  
 2. Look to God and your face will shine with joy.  
 3. Taste and see, know the sweet-ness that is God.

1. God who has saved me, saved me from all fear.  
 2. God hears your plead-ing and saves you from your grief.  
 3. God, we are hap - py who find our peace in you.

to Refrain

# PARISH LIFE

## COFFEE & DONUTS

*Sunday, Oct. 12*

Join us for Coffee & Donuts following all Sunday morning Masses on October 12 in the Spiritual Center! Enjoy complimentary refreshments, meet new parishioners, and reconnect with familiar faces. Mark your calendar for upcoming Sundays, too: Oct. 26, Nov. 9, and Nov. 23.

## ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

*For New Altar Servers*

Training for new Altar Servers will be offered again on Monday, October 13, from 6:00–8:00pm. Servers must be in 4th grade or older and are required to attend only one of the sessions. All current Altar Servers who would like a refresher are also encouraged to join. Questions? Reach out to Michael & Bridgette Kunst at [kunstba@gmail.com](mailto:kunstba@gmail.com) or call/text 908-500-1045.

## 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!

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

*Serving the Princeton Community*

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul supports our St. Paul community and Princeton neighbors in times of need. Our volunteers meet face-to-face with those seeking help, offering confidentiality and respect. Assistance may include rent, utilities, food, clothing, medical care, or counseling. Donations can be made through the church poor boxes or by mailing a check to SVDP, 216 Nassau Street, Princeton, NJ 08542. If you or someone you know needs help, call (609) 924-

1743 ext. 250. Our next meetings are Oct. 14 and Nov. 4 at 6:30pm in the Parish Center.

## WALKING WITH PURPOSE

*Wednesday, Oct. 22 & Friday, Oct. 24*

Walking with Purpose is a women's Bible study that meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays and Fridays of the month. Visit [walkingwithpurpose.com](http://walkingwithpurpose.com) to learn more! Discussions are led by Laura Sarubbi—email her if you're interested in joining a group. We ask that you purchase the book we'll be using before the first meeting.

- Wednesdays (7:30–9:00pm): Keeping in Balance
- Fridays (10:30am–12:00pm): Grounded in Hope

## 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). If you aren't able to attend, you may also make a donation on the registration page. 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: [jsarubbi516@gmail.com](mailto:jsarubbi516@gmail.com)



## BLOOD DRIVE

### *Hosted by the Knights of Columbus*

The American Red Cross and the Knights of Columbus Council 636 invite you to a Blood Drive on Sunday, October 19, 2025, from 9:00am–2:00pm in the Spiritual Center. Donors who give blood on/before October 19 will receive a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. For more details, visit [rcblood.org/fall](http://rcblood.org/fall).

## 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.

## FIRST FRIDAY CAFE *November 7 following 12:10pm Mass*

We're delighted to bring back First Friday Café—hope to see you on November 7! Join us in the Spiritual Center on the first Friday of each month from 12:45–2:00pm (after the 12:10pm Mass) for conversation and community. Please note the new time! All ages are welcome to be part of this wonderful tradition.

A light lunch will be provided each month by Senior Care Services of Greater Princeton, with information available for anyone interested in their important work.

## MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE *with the Adult Choir or Handbell Choir*

Adult Choir supports Sunday liturgies and major Holy Days. Open to ages 16+—if you can carry a tune, you can join. Rehearsals are Thursdays at 7:30pm in the choir loft; we happily accommodate work travel or occasional conflicts.

Handbell Choir is seeking a few extra hands. Handbells are easy to learn—no prior experience needed, just basic music reading (if you've taken

piano, you can play). High school students welcome, and no singing required.

Both choirs are wonderful ways to share your gifts and help our community “make a joyful noise unto the Lord.” For information or to join, contact Ernie Andreoli at [eandreoli@stpaulsofprinceton.org](mailto:eandreoli@stpaulsofprinceton.org).

## 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](mailto:mokingnj@gmail.com) or 609-468-8708.

## 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](mailto:SafeSpace@stpaulsofprinceton.org).

# OUR YOUNG CHURCH

## SPY (ST. PAUL YOUTH)

### SPY 4:12 (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation)

This year we are launching a new initiative to connect our 7th- and 8th-grade Confirmation candidates more closely with parish youth ministry through SPY 4:12 (St. Paul Youth), inspired by the words of St. Paul in 1 Timothy 4:12: "Let no one have contempt for your youth, but set an example for those who believe, in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity." Our first gathering will take place on Saturday, October 25, following the 5:30pm Teen Mass. Candidates and their parents are asked to join us downstairs in the Spiritual Center as we kick off this Confirmation year with faith, fellowship, and pizza! This session, led by Mrs. Mayer and including a parent meeting with Mrs. G., will conclude at 8:00pm. Please stay tuned to this section of the bulletin for information about future sessions.

### SPY Group for High School

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 next gathering will take place on Saturday, October 25, 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 (scano2@fordham.edu,) Laura Sarubbi (lsarubbi@stpaulsofprinceton.org), or sign up on the Family Life webpage.

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

### For students in grades 3-8

Students in grades 3-8 are invited to join our joyful Children's Choir! Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 5:45-7:00pm, and the choir sings monthly at the 10:00am Mass and at special celebrations. Led by Ms. Peggy and Ms. Joyce, this ministry helps children

grow in faith, friendship, and musical skills while praising God in song. New and returning members are welcome; sign-up forms and 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 all school settings. Teens rehearse just one hour before the Mass they serve, making it easy to join. It's a chance to share their gifts, build friendships, and enrich parish worship with their voices and spirit.



Next date: Sat. Oct. 25 at 4:30pm.

Questions? Contact Carole Moore at 609-658-2636 or [carolekmoore@outlook.com](mailto:carolekmoore@outlook.com).

## ACTS OF FAITH

### Passport Opportunities

Please remember that all students are expected to participate in our Acts of Faith Passport program. This applies to PREP students, Summer Academy students, and all students preparing for sacraments. For families' convenience, here are the upcoming opportunities for October:

Sunday, Oct. 12 – Coffee & Donuts after morning Masses (Parish)

Saturday, Oct. 25 – Teen Mass (Liturgical) at 5:30pm; SPY 4:12 at 6:30pm (8th grade only, Parish)

Sunday, Oct. 26 – Coffee & Donuts after morning Masses (Parish)

Saturday, Nov. 1 - Attend All Saints' Day Mass Fri. 5:30pm or Sat. 8:15am (Liturgical)

Sunday, Nov. 2 - Children's Mass (Liturgical) with Children's Choir & Children's Liturgy of the Word (Service)

Monday, Nov. 3 -Attend Remembrance Mass at 6:30pm in English or 8:00pm in Spanish (Liturgical)

## PREP REMINDER

### No PREP Oct. 12

Reminder: There will be no in-person PREP on Sunday, October 12 due to the Monday holiday.

Please check your email for the home-study materials to complete during this brief break.

We look forward to seeing everyone back on October 19!

# FAMILY LIFE

## A HOME FOR FAMILIES

### *A Message from Laura Sarubbi*

October is Respect Life Month, a time when the Catholic Church in the United States invites us to reflect more deeply on the sacredness of every human life. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable from the very beginning of life to its natural end, and at every moment in between.

It's easy to say, "Yes, I respect life," but the true challenge is to live that belief daily. This month, I encourage you to put those words into action:

- Pray for the unborn and for couples struggling with infertility. Donate to organizations that support parents courageously choosing life.
- Serve the poor, the homeless, and those living with mental illness.
- Support families affected by addiction, and reach out to those suffering silently from depression, grief, or loneliness.
- Accompany the elderly and those nearing the end of life, offering comfort, peace, and presence.

In a world flooded with "perfect" images on social media, it's easy to forget that behind every filter is a real person carrying unseen burdens. We are all struggling in different ways. But our faith calls us to love one another as Christ loves us: with compassion, even when we don't fully understand someone's story.

Respecting life goes beyond defending the unborn. It's about honoring every person as a reflection of God's image, no matter their stage in life or their struggles. So this October, let's renew our commitment to see Christ in every face. Let our kindness make it unmistakably clear: we are children of God.

If you're seeking a peaceful way to pause and pray this month, consider joining me for the "Time Out for Busy Parents" retreat offered twice at Francis House of Prayer in Allentown. It's a simple opportunity to step away from the busyness of life, breathe deeply, and be still. See page 13 of the bulletin for details, and email Laura with any questions.

Please take a few moments to complete the short survey on the Family Life page: [stpaulsofprinceton.org/families](http://stpaulsofprinceton.org/families).



## EARLY CHILDHOOD

### *Little Hearts Playgroup and More!*

Families with young children, ages 0-5, are invited to join us on Friday mornings from 10:00am-11:00am to connect, share experiences, and support one another in the joys and challenges of raising little ones.

*New Day: Saturday mornings will now move to the fourth Sunday of each month, following the 8:30am and 10:00am Masses. Meet us during coffee and donuts, and we'll head over to the Fireside Lounge. We'll see you on October 26!*

### *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd*

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for children ages 3-6 meets in the Atrium most Sundays from 9:45am-11:00am. Stop by the Atrium when CGS is in session to take a peek!

## SENSORY-FRIENDLY MASS

### *Hosted by the Holy Innocents Society*

The Holy Innocents Society of the Diocese of Trenton invites you to a Sensory-Friendly Mass on Sunday, October 12, 2025, at 2:00pm at St. Isidore the Farmer Parish, Church of the Assumption (28 Monmouth Rd, Wrightstown). Celebrated by Msgr. Joseph Rosie, the liturgy will be adapted for individuals with autism and other sensory needs. Join us afterward for refreshments, games, and fellowship—all are welcome, all belong! Please RSVP to [hisdot2022@gmail.com](mailto:hisdot2022@gmail.com).

We're also forming a Sensory-Friendly Ministry Team at St. Paul Parish. To get involved, contact Laura Sarubbi.

## FAMILY ROSARY

### *Tuesday afternoons*

All children and parents are invited to pray the Rosary together every Tuesday at 2:45pm in the Mercy Chapel (when school is in session). In just fifteen minutes, we'll join Our Lady in contemplating Christ's life, seeking greater unity with God's will so our hearts may be more loving, joyful, and Christ-like. The Rosary is especially powerful when led by children—let's take these few minutes after school to pray together!

# ST. PAUL SCHOOL

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

### *A message from Mrs. Kim Clauss*

On Monday, many of our faculty, staff, and school families gathered in the church to pay our respects to Bill Chrnelich. Bill's wife, Jane, currently serves as one of our school nurses following her "retirement" from the full-time role after more than 25 years of service. Bill was a tremendous supporter of Catholic education. His five children are proud SPS alumni (each of whom spoke beautifully at his services), and many of his grandchildren now walk our halls.

Together, Bill and Jane have given countless hours to the life of our parish and school, including service on the School Board and chairing the School Finance Committee. Their family's dedication and faith have strengthened our community in immeasurable ways, and Bill will be deeply missed. I thank our school families for their patience with us in closing school to accommodate his funeral and to allow so many of our staff to attend. For those who have asked, donations may be made to St. Paul School in Bill's memory.

The very next day, our community gathered again - this time in celebration - as Student Council candidates took to the podium in the gym to share their campaign speeches. I am continually amazed by the poise, creativity, and confidence our students display in moments like these. They make me so proud to be part of this community.

God bless,  
Kim Clauss

PS - I hope to see you at our Lion's Chase activities next weekend!

## UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

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

**THUR 30** MONTLY TOUR  
*for Prospective Families*

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

**FRI 31** HALLOWEEN  
*Class Parties & Parade*

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

**THUR 6** EARLY DISMISSAL  
*11:45am; Aftercare open*

**THUR 23** TRUNK OR TREAT  
*in the SPS Parking Lot*

**TUE 25** RE-TAKE DAY  
*for School Pictures*

**FRI 24** NO SCHOOL  
*Faculty Prof. Dev. Day*

**TUE 25** THANKSGIVING  
*Luncheon by PTA*



## SCHOOL STAFF

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## 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.

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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 nos presenta un poderoso recordatorio sobre la gratitud. Mientras Jesús se dirige a Jerusalén, se encuentra con diez leprosos que claman por misericordia. Conmovido por compasión, los envía a los sacerdotes, y en el camino quedan sanados. Pero solo uno regresa, alabando a Dios y dando gracias. Y ese uno, señala Jesús, es un samaritano—un forastero.

Este momento revela más que una sanación milagrosa: revela el corazón del discipulado. Los diez fueron sanados físicamente, pero solo uno fue transformado espiritualmente por medio de la gratitud. Su acción de dar gracias lo abrió a una relación más profunda con Cristo.

Qué fácil es clamar a Dios en nuestras necesidades y, sin embargo, olvidarnos de Él cuando nuestras oraciones son respondidas. Este Evangelio nos hace una pregunta suave pero clara: ¿Vivimos con gratitud? ¿Recordamos dar gracias no solo por las gracias extraordinarias, sino también por las bendiciones cotidianas—el aliento en nuestros pulmones, el alimento en nuestras mesas, el amor de la familia y el don de la fe?

Sigamos el ejemplo del samaritano, y que cada día de nuestra vida sea una oportunidad para volver a Jesús con un corazón agradecido.

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

En su paz,



P. Chris Dayton  
Pastor

## REGALO PERFECTO DE AMOR

*Un retiro para renovar y fortalecer tu matrimonio*

¿Buscas renovar tu matrimonio con un regalo que realmente transforme su relación? Te invitamos al retiro “Regalo Perfecto de Amor”, del 24 al 26 de octubre en la Catedral de Santa María en Trenton.

Para inscribirte o recibir más información, llama al 609-558-3778 o escribe a [rafael.blanca.grijalva@wwme.org](mailto:rafael.blanca.grijalva@wwme.org).

## 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](mailto:SafeSpace@stpaulsofprinceton.org).

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## 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](http://princetoncatholic.org) for more details and for upcoming events.

## FRANCIS HOUSE OF PRAYER

### *Diocesan Spiritual Center & Retreat House*

Love Poems from God

Monday, Oct. 13 · 1:30–4:00pm

We will reflect on selections from Daniel Ladinsky's Love Poems from God as a way of entering more deeply into the mystery of God's unique and unmeasurable love. This afternoon retreat offers a doorway into consolation, peace, and confidence in God's personal love for you. Is this what your heart needs right now? Donation: \$20.

Lord, When Did I See You?

Tuesday, Oct. 14 · 9:30am–1:00pm

Beginning with the parable of the sheep and the goats (Mt 25), and drawing on stories from everyday life, we will explore how to truly see the Lord—in the world, the Church, and within ourselves—so that we may serve Him more faithfully and be transformed into the salt and light He calls us to be. Donation: \$25 (includes lunch). Zoom: \$20.

Time Out for Busy Parents

Saturday, Oct. 18 or Wednesday, Oct. 22 · 10:00am–12:00pm

Is your calendar packed? Are you constantly on the go? Take a “time out” to reconnect with God and yourself. Join us for one of these mornings dedicated to busy parents. There will be quiet time to listen for God's voice, find Him in your day, and enjoy the peaceful grounds of Francis House. Donation: \$20. In-person only.

Silent Directed Retreat Weekend

Friday, Nov. 21 at 6:30pm – Sunday, Nov. 23 at 1:00pm

This weekend retreat includes Sunday Liturgy, individual spiritual direction, optional Centering Prayer, and delicious meals. Donation: \$200 (\$100 non-refundable deposit required at registration; balance due two weeks prior to the retreat).

Please check [www.FHOP.org](http://www.FHOP.org) for dates, registration, directions, and for our other offerings!

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

## PEARL JUBILEE GALA *in support of Mt. Carmel Guild*

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. Visit [mtcarmelguild.org](http://mtcarmelguild.org) for tickets and more information to join us for a lovely evening out.

## DANUBE RIVER PILGRIMAGE *with Journey of Faith Tours*

Set sail on a faith-filled 11-day Danube River Cruise, April 20–30, 2026, with Journey of Faith Tours. The trip includes a two-night pre-cruise stay in Prague, followed by a scenic journey through the Czech Republic, Germany, Austria, Slovakia, and Hungary. Fr. Christopher Colavito (Diocese of Trenton) will serve as Spiritual Director. For details and registration, visit [journeyoffaithtours.com/DRC26](http://journeyoffaithtours.com/DRC26) or contact Carolyn Norbut at 732-216-8073 or [carolyn@journeyoffaithtours.com](mailto:carolyn@journeyoffaithtours.com).



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