

Jesus, remember me  
when you come into  
your kingdom



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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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## 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:  
mheucke@stpaulsofprinceton.org

## EUCARISTIC ADORATION

SATURDAYS 7:00am-8:00am

FIRST FRIDAYS 9:00am-12:00pm

## RECEPTION HOURS

MON, WED-FRI: 9:00am-4:00pm\*

TUE: 10:30am-4:00pm\*

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

## REGISTER AT OUR PARISH



Bulletin Section  
of Website

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:



## STEWARSHIP REPORT

GIVING 11/8-11/9	2025-2026 YTD	2024-2025 YTD
\$24,000	\$456,000	\$456,000
Budget	Budget	Budget
\$7,543	\$238,868	\$218,487
Identifiable Gifts	Envelopes/Loose Cash	Envelopes/Loose Cash
\$3,719	\$207,727	\$207,008
Loose Cash	Online Giving	Online Giving
\$15,040	<hr/>	<hr/>
Online Giving	\$446,595	\$425,495
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\$26,302		

**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: \$211,534 (159%)  
Donors: 202

Incentives Achieved:  
Reach Goal: Receive 100% of funds over our goal (\$78,199 as of 11/20)  
Reach Goal by June 30, 2025: 5% (\$6,650) rebate

Pending Incentive:  
Increase donors by 5% (total: 55 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 & Kimberly Coyer Barus |  
Michael & Linda Miller

### Sunday / Sol. of Christ the King

8:30am The People of the Parish  
10:00am Domenico & Maria Guglielmi | Carolina &  
John Di Donato  
11:30am Deacon Paul and Therese Lachance | Lachance  
Family  
1:00pm Spanish Intentions  
5:00pm The People of the Parish

### Monday / Mem. of St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions

8:15am Molly Connors | Eileen Long  
12:10pm Departed Souls in Purgatory | Matthew Varkey

### Tuesday

8:15am James D'Ambrisi | The Villanova Girls  
12:10pm Kim Borredon | Patty and Steve Janicek  
Gerardina Gentilella | Famularo Family

### Wednesday

8:15am Fabiano, Ermelina & Bert Roberto | Joe & Jessie  
Mangone  
Michele Lucia Sferra | Antonietta Sferra  
12:10pm Ginefrico & Vincenza Pirone | Pirone Family

### Thursday / Thanksgiving Day

9:30am Teresa Bialas | Robert & Mollie Sheppard

### Friday

8:30am The People of the Parish  
12:10pm John & Josephine Richards | Their Daughter  
Wanda & Stanley Buzdygan | Danuta  
Buzdygan

### Saturday

8:15am Richard Swantek | Frank & Cassandra  
Crivello  
Dr. Richard J. Saab | The Holland Family

## OUR SICK

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

*\*If you would like your loved one  
added to the sick list, please email [bulletin@stpaulsofprinceton.org](mailto:bulletin@stpaulsofprinceton.org)*

## NOV. WEDDINGS

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

## DEC. WEDDINGS

Brooke Jean Adamski & Matthew Anthony Randzio

## JAN. WEDDINGS

Melody Maskell & Stephen Drozdowski  
Amanda Doscher & Trevor Einwechter  
Daire Ryan & Michael Florio

## FEB. WEDDINGS

Juliana Castronovo & Vincent Sanzone  
Kristina Scheckel & Timothy James Yuhas

## INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO *For the prevention of suicide*

Let us pray that those who are struggling with  
suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and  
love they need in their community, and be open to  
the beauty of life.

# WEEKLY WORSHIP

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

*Sunday, November 23, 2025*

Today's readings can be found on page 750 of the hymnal. Please visit the livestream section of our website for more resources about this week's Mass.



## FOCUS ON THE READINGS

### *Solemnity of Christ the King*

The first reading recalls the anointing of David as king of Israel. Saint Paul, writing to the Church at Colossae, describes the divine dignity of Christ, who is the firstborn of all creation in whom all things hold together. In the Gospel, the rulers and soldiers mock Jesus and ask why he does not save himself. One of the criminals crucified next to Jesus asks to be remembered when he comes into his kingdom.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### *A message from Fr. Chris Dayton*

In the Gospel for Year C, we meet Christ on the Cross, not in earthly majesty but in humility. As Jesus forgives the repentant thief, we see the kind of King He is, one who remembers us and opens the way to Paradise. His authority is not of this world and is grounded in a love that lifts us up.

Our world offers many substitute "kings" such as power, comfort, success, noise, and distraction. Yet only Christ gives the peace and purpose we truly desire. When we place Him at the center, everything else finds its proper place.

This feast reminds us that we belong to a Kingdom already present but not yet fully revealed. Christ reigns whenever we choose love over indifference, forgiveness over resentment, and hope over despair.

As we prepare to enter Advent and a new liturgical year, may today's solemnity renew our desire to walk each day with Christ the King.

May His reign shape our hearts, our parish, and our world.

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom."

May we remember Him in all we do.

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

In His peace,

Fr. Chris Dayton  
Pastor

## JESSE GIVING TREE

### *Sharing the joy of the Christmas season*

The Jesse Tree is a beautiful Advent tradition that helps us prepare our hearts for Christmas. Jesse, the father of King David, stands at the root of the lineage from which Jesus was born. Centuries after David's reign, the prophet Isaiah foretold that "a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse"—a promise Christians understand as pointing to the coming of Christ.

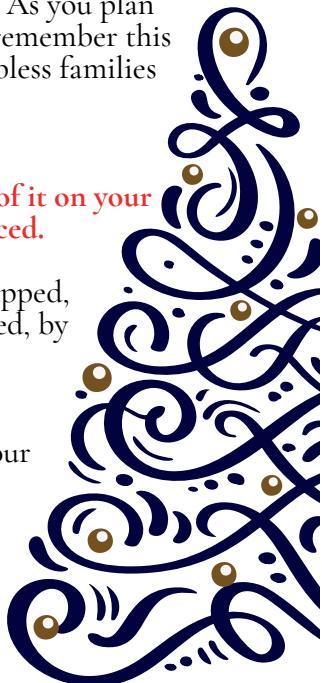
In this spirit, the Jesse Tree is decorated with symbols of the Messiah, reminding us that through our love and generosity, we become new shoots who help bring Christ's light into the world.

Tags for this year's Jesse Giving Tree will be available beginning on Thanksgiving. As you plan your Advent giving, please remember this meaningful opportunity to bless families in need.

**When you take a tag, please immediately take a picture of it on your phone in case it gets misplaced.**

Please return all gifts unwrapped, with the tag securely attached, by **Sunday, December 14**.

A heartfelt thank-you to Mrs. Ann Schwimmer and our St. Paul School students for their joy-filled effort and dedication to this project!



# PARISH LIFE

## COFFEE & DONUTS

*Sunday, Nov. 23*

Join us for Coffee & Donuts following all Sunday morning Masses on November 23 in the Spiritual Center! Enjoy complimentary refreshments, meet new parishioners, and reconnect with familiar faces.

## THANKSGIVING

### *Office Hours & Liturgical Schedule*

The parish offices will close at 12:00pm on Wednesday, November 26, 2025, and will reopen on Monday, December 1, 2025, at 9:00am.

On Thanksgiving Day, a bilingual (English/Spanish) Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am only. We wish everyone a blessed and joyful Thanksgiving!

## CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE

*November 29-30*

Princeton Boy Scout Troop 43 will be selling Christmas wreaths on Sunday, December 1, after all morning Masses. These freshly made balsam wreaths—assembled by the Scouts and finished with festive decorations and a handcrafted bow—are available for \$35 decorated or \$25 undecorated. This annual sale is Troop 43's largest fundraiser of the year, and we are grateful for the generous support our parish has shown over the past twelve years. Begin the joyful season with a beautiful wreath while supporting our local Scouts!

## MAKE AN ADVENT WREATH

*Sunday, November 30*

Make an Advent Wreath for Your Home! Join us on Sunday, November 30 after the 8:30am and 10:00am Masses in the Spiritual Center for a make-your-own Advent Wreath workshop. All are welcome.

Donated greens and cuttings are appreciated. Reservations are encouraged. To reserve your wreath kit, please call Bob Shaughnessy at 609-924-0073. This workshop is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Council 636.

## PREPARE THE WAY

### *Keys to Liturgical Spirituality*

*Tuesday, December 2, 2025 • 7:00pm • In the Church*  
Advent offers us a graced opportunity to deepen our liturgical spirituality. Drawing on Pope Francis's apostolic letter on liturgical formation, this evening will explore the dynamic nature of the liturgy and how it invites us into a more joyful and vibrant life of faith.

Led by Rita Ferrone, an award-winning author and respected voice in liturgy and Church renewal, this presentation will serve as a simple Advent mission evening for all our parishioners.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### *Princeton Area Young Adults*

Parish-Wide Advent Speaker Event: Rita Ferrone  
*Tue, Dec. 2 • 7:00pm–9:00pm*

All are invited to join with the larger parish family for this evening mission during the Advent season.

### PAYA Christmas Party

*Tue, Dec. 16 • 7:00pm–late*

Join us off site for our PAYA Christmas Party. Details will be shared through PAYA email updates and on our parish website. It will be a joyful evening of fellowship as we prepare our hearts for Christmas.

More to come in 2026!

## FIRST FRIDAY CAFE

### *December 5 following 12:10pm Mass*

First Friday Café continues to be a wonderful success. Join us in the Spiritual Center on the first Friday of each month from 12:45pm–2:00pm (after the 12:10pm Mass) for conversation and community. All are welcome. A light lunch is provided by Senior Care Services of Greater Princeton, with information available about their important work.

## WALKING WITH PURPOSE

### *Wednesday, Dec. 10 & Friday, Dec. 12*

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!

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

Email [lsarubbi@stpaulsofprinceton.org](mailto:lsarubbi@stpaulsofprinceton.org) if you are interested in joining us. All are welcome! Books may be purchased by visiting [walkingwithpurpose.com](http://walkingwithpurpose.com)

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## CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG *with the Vegetarian Ministry*

Join our Vegetarian Ministry for an evening of singing your favorite Christmas carols on Thursday, December 11 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm in the Spiritual Center. Light plant-based refreshments will be served. All are welcome, and no RSVP is needed.

For questions, please contact Maryann at [Maryann3@verizon.net](mailto:Maryann3@verizon.net).

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## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL *An update from the Diocese*

One of our parish goals for this year's Annual Catholic Appeal is to increase our number of donors by just 5% over last year, and we are almost there! At this point, **we are only 55 donors away from reaching that benchmark.**

If you haven't yet made a gift to the Appeal, please consider joining those who already have. Every contribution, regardless of the amount, brings us closer to this significant milestone.

By meeting this goal, our parish will qualify for a 5% rebate from the Diocese — an additional \$6,650 that would return directly to St. Paul Parish. We hope to allocate these funds toward improvements to the vestibule restroom in the church.

Your participation truly makes a difference. Thank you for helping us finish strong and for supporting the mission of our Diocese and parish community.

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## CEMETERY RECORDS *Help us update the Parish Cemetery records*

If you own a cemetery plot or have a loved one

interred in our cemetery, please send your name, current mailing address, telephone number, and email address (along with the plot owner's or loved one's name) to Nancy Jackson at 609-524-0502 or email (preferable) [njackson@stpaulsofprinceton.org](mailto:njackson@stpaulsofprinceton.org).

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## HOMEBOUND MINISTRY *Bringing Christ to those at home*

As we enter this season of family gatherings, we invite you to remember loved ones who can no longer attend Mass. St. Paul Parish has an active ministry to the homebound. If a family member would like to receive Communion at home, please contact the parish office.

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## 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.

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## 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

## FROM THE DRE'S DESK

### *A message from Mrs. Jaime Gostkowski*

This Sunday, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Christ the King, which is the final Sunday of the Liturgical Year. This feast reminds us that Christ is our true King, not in the sense of earthly power or authority, but as the One who leads us with love, mercy, and sacrifice.

Christ the King calls us to place Christ at the center of our lives and to follow His example of service, compassion, and peace. As we prepare to enter the season of Advent next week, this celebration invites us to reflect on what it means to let Jesus reign in our hearts and in our families.

May we use this week to recommit ourselves to living as disciples, trusting that Christ guides every step of our journey.

Many blessings,  
Mrs. Jaime Gostkowski

## STUDENT SERVICE

### *Mt. Carmel Guild Drive*

As previously mentioned, we are in the midst of our Mt. Carmel Guild Thanksgiving Food Drive, supporting families in need during the holiday season. Flyers with details were sent home, and **today, November 23 will be the last day for the collections.** (*All donations should be dropped off during PREP in the school cafeteria.*)

A heartfelt thank you to all the families who reached out to volunteer to transport our donations to Mt. Carmel Guild in Trenton, and to all the families who contributed to the drive. It warms my heart to see such generosity within our parish, and we're truly blessed to have families ready and willing to serve others. Thank you so much for your generosity!

## NO PREP ON NOV. 30 *due to Thanksgiving Holiday*

Reminder: There will be no in-person PREP on Sunday, Nov. 30. Please check your email for guidance on the Family Home Study during this brief break. We look forward to seeing everyone back on Dec. 7!

## SPY (ST. PAUL YOUTH)

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

We're excited to continue our new SPY 4:12 initiative, which connects our 7th- and 8th-grade Confirmation candidates with parish youth ministry. Our next session—led by Dcn. Frank with Mrs. Ann Schwimmer and Mrs. G—will take place on Sunday, Nov. 23, following the 5:00pm Teen Mass in the Spiritual Center, concluding at 7:30pm. **All 7th- and 8th-grade students are asked to attend** and to watch this section of the bulletin for future updates.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### *for SPY, Children's Choir, and TMM*

Sunday, Nov. 23 · 4:00pm TMM rehearsal

Sunday, Nov. 23 · 5:00pm Teen Mass w/ TMM

Sunday, Nov. 23 · 6:30pm SPY 4:12 (7th & 8th grades)

Wednesday, Nov. 26 · 5:45pm CC rehearsal

Thursday, Nov. 27 · 9:00am Thanksgiving Day Mass w/CC

CC: Children's Choir (Grades 3-8)

TMM: Teen Music Ministry (Grades 8-12)

SPY 4:12: SPY for Confirmation (Grades 7 and/or 8)

## 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 the coming weeks:

Sunday, Nov. 23: Coffee & Donuts + Craft Day after morning Masses (*Parish*)

Thursday, Nov. 27: Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00am (*Liturgical*)

Sunday, Nov. 30: Knights of Columbus Advent Wreath Workshop following 8:30am and 10:00am Masses (*Parish*):

Contact Bob Shaughnessy to reserve your wreath kit: 609-924-0073

Friday, Dec. 5: Parents Night Out - Annual Babysitting Event for children ages 3 and up. (*Parish*)

Friday, Dec. 5: Parents Night Out Babysitting Helper - this is for 7th- & 8th-grade students only (*Service*)

# FAMILY LIFE

## A HOME FOR FAMILIES

### *A Message from Laura Sarubbi*

One of the first prayers many of us learn as children is the Guardian Angel prayer. But when was the last time we truly thought about that prayer, or about our own guardian angel? I will admit that I rarely do.

During a recent Friday Walking with Purpose group, we spent time reflecting on guardian angels. Some women shared that they speak to their angels every day. They even told me I might have an extra one guiding me in ministry. (Thank you, Alessandra and Zoila... I will happily take all the help I can get!)

So this week I decided to try speaking to mine. At first, I glanced to my right and said, "Alright, Angel, we have some catching up to do." Once I got past feeling a little silly, I found myself truly pondering this relationship. God gives us everything we need: His Son, His Spirit, and an angel to watch over us.

Isn't it remarkable how things unfold? Answered prayers, unanswered prayers, the grace of hindsight. God places the right people, moments, and gentle nudges along our path at the right time, if we are still enough to notice.

As we enter this week of Thanksgiving, let us remember to be grateful for our guardian angels, too. They hold our hand far more often than we realize, especially when we need them most.

## FAMILY ROSARY

### *Tuesday afternoons*

All children and their parents are invited to come and pray the Rosary for peace in the world, for love in our families, for our parish priests and school teachers, and for any personal intentions. We meet every Tuesday at 2:45pm in the Mercy Chapel whenever school is in session.

### *Family Life Survey*

Please take a few moments to complete the short survey on the Family Life page: [stpaulsofprinceton.org/families](http://stpaulsofprinceton.org/families). Let us know how we can best serve each other.



## EARLY CHILDHOOD

### *Little Hearts Playgroup and More!*

Families with young children, ages 0–5, are invited to join us for connection, shared experiences, and support in the joys and challenges of raising little ones. Our Sunday gatherings continue to grow, with many families coming together for conversation, playtime, and fellowship.

Our Friday sessions are also open to all families. Whether you join us on Sundays, Fridays, or both, you are warmly welcomed. We meet in the Spiritual Center's Fireside Lounge (to the right when entering through the ramp). For questions or more information, please contact Laura Sarubbi at [lsarubbi@stpaulsofprinceton.org](mailto:lsarubbi@stpaulsofprinceton.org).

- Every Friday, 10:00am–11:00am
- Every Sunday, 9:30am–10:30am

### *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! (Dec 7, 14, 21)

## JOIN US THIS ADVENT

### *Advent & Christmas 2025*

- Sunday, Nov. 30: **Advent Craft Day** | Includes Knights of Columbus Wreath Making.
- Saturday, Dec. 13: **Annual St. Paul Parish Christmas Tree Lighting** following the 5:30pm mass. Join us after in the Spiritual Center for a very special visitor! Stay tuned for a sign up to donate snacks.

Please register for the following events on the parish website: [stpaulsofprinceton.org/family-events](http://stpaulsofprinceton.org/family-events)

- Friday, Dec. 5, • 6:00pm–8:00pm: **Parents' Night Out** | Annual babysitting event for children ages 3 and up (must be potty trained).
- Sunday, Dec. 21, in the Church, immediately following the 10:00am Mass: **Children's Nativity Play** | Children of all ages are welcome to participate! (Rehearsal on Saturday, Dec 20, time TBD)

# ST. PAUL SCHOOL

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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

Earlier this month, we welcomed three visitors from the Middle States Association for a multi-day on-site reaccreditation visit. They met with teachers, staff, and many of our families to gain a full picture of our community. The team noted that the coordination efforts led by Mrs. Rooney and Ms. Dwyer were so thorough and comprehensive that our preparation made their work remarkably easy. They were grateful for the thoughtful feedback from our community, appreciative of our honest areas for growth, and generous in naming our strengths. While the week carried the natural stress of any evaluation, it left me especially proud to be part of SPS.

As we enter the season of giving, I encourage everyone to support our ongoing fundraising efforts. Everyday gift cards purchased through RaiseRight, using our Minted.com discount code, and submitting McCaffrey's receipts are simple ways to make a meaningful impact. We are grateful for all who participate, whether you are a current school family or part of our wider parish community.

We also look forward to reconnecting with alumni and legacy families, and making new connections, through Giving Tuesday on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. Your support strengthens the mission and future of St. Paul School.

With Thanksgiving approaching, I am reminded of my ongoing gratitude for your generosity and support and for our entire community.

God bless, Kim Clauss

## UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

TUE  
25 RE-TAKE DAY  
*for School Pictures*

TUE  
2 GIVING TUESDAY  
*Give to SPS!*

TUE  
25 THANKSGIVING  
*Luncheon by PTA*

TUE  
2 SANTA'S WORKSHOP  
*Begins for students to shop!*

WED  
26 EARLY DISMISSAL  
*11:45am; No Aftercare*

MON  
8 NO SCHOOL  
*Immaculate Conception*

THUR  
27 NO SCHOOL  
*Thanksgiving Break*

THUR  
11 MONTHLY TOUR  
*for Prospective Families*

FRI  
28 NO SCHOOL  
*Thanksgiving Break*

MON  
15 CONCERT  
*for Christmas by NDHS*



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## LUMEN GENTIUM

### *“A light to the nations”*

The Lumen Gentium Award, Latin for “Light of the Nations,” was created by the Diocese of Trenton’s Department of Catholic Schools to honor a school that truly lives its mission in faith, academics, and witness. The award recognizes a community that demonstrates strong academic and personal growth and serves as a model of Christ’s light to all people.

Its name echoes the scriptural image of Christ as light and the call to make disciples of all nations.

At the Catholic Schools Mass on October 16, the Diocese presented the inaugural Lumen Gentium Award to St. Paul School. We are honored to be recognized as a school of excellence and a community that spreads the Gospel through both teaching and living our faith.



*Congratulations to  
St. Paul School on  
being awarded the 2025  
Lumen Gentium Award  
from the Diocese of  
Trenton!*

Scan the QR  
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## TUITION ASSISTANCE *through the Diocese of Trenton*

Diocesan Tuition Assistance is available each year for families with children in Catholic schools (grades K–8). Awards are based on financial need and may cover up to half of the school’s in-parish tuition rate.

### Determining Financial Need:

FACTS reviews the application and supporting documents using a formula designed for Catholic school families. All information is verified to ensure accuracy.

How to Apply (one application per family):  
Applications opened November 1, 2025 at

[online.factsmgt.com](http://online.factsmgt.com) (English and Spanish available). The \$35 application fee is added to your award if you qualify. FACTS may take up to two weeks to process each document. If more information is needed, FACTS will email you. Only applications marked “Complete” by the deadlines will be considered.

### For Grades K–8:

- Round 1: Submit by March 1, 2026 with 2024 Federal tax form. Notifications sent April 14. Families must accept and register, or decline, by May 15.
- Round 2: Submit by May 15, 2026 with 2025 Federal tax form. Notifications sent June 11. Families must accept and register, or decline, by July 15.

### For Grades 9–12:

Awards are reviewed on a rolling basis. Notifications come directly from each high school. Check the school’s website for details.

### Contact Information:

FACTS Customer Care: 866-315-9262  
Diocesan Contact: Marissa Marcille, Financial Analyst

- 609-403-7163 · [mmarci@dioceseoftrenton.org](mailto:mmarci@dioceseoftrenton.org)

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# PASTORAL HISPANA

## MENSAJE DEL P. CHRIS

*Pastor de San Pablo*

En el Evangelio del Año C, encontramos a Cristo en la Cruz, no en majestad terrena sino en humildad. Al perdonar al ladrón arrepentido, vemos el tipo de Rey que es, uno que nos recuerda y nos abre el camino al Paraíso. Su autoridad no es de este mundo y está enraizada en un amor que nos levanta.

Nuestro mundo ofrece muchos “reyes” sustitutos como el poder, la comodidad, el éxito, el ruido y la distracción. Sin embargo, solo Cristo nos da la paz y el propósito que realmente buscamos. Cuando lo ponemos en el centro, todo encuentra su lugar.

Esta fiesta nos recuerda que pertenecemos a un Reino que ya está presente, aunque todavía no plenamente revelado. Cristo reina cuando elegimos el amor en lugar de la indiferencia, el perdón en lugar del resentimiento y la esperanza en lugar de la desesperación.

Al prepararnos para entrar en el Adviento y en un nuevo año litúrgico, que la solemnidad de hoy renueva nuestro deseo de caminar cada día con Cristo Rey.

Que su reinado dé forma a nuestros corazones, a nuestra parroquia y a nuestro mundo.  
«Jesús, acuédate de mí cuando llegues a tu Reino». Que lo recordemos en todo lo que hacemos.

Espero que todos tengan una excelente semana y que siempre sepan de mis oraciones por cada uno de ustedes.

En su paz,



P. Chris Dayton  
Pastor

## PASTORAL HISPANA

### *Informaciones de contacto*

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## ALTAR DEL RECUERDO

*Durante el mes de Noviembre*

Agradecemos a todos los que participaron en nuestro altar del recuerdo durante el mes de noviembre. Les solicitamos reclamar sus fotografías durante el fin de semana de Cristo Rey, noviembre 22-23. Por favor no olvide llevar su foto al concluir ese fin de semana.

## 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).

## SE NECESITAN VOLUNTARIOS

*Liturgia de la Palabra para Niños*

Estamos buscando voluntarios atentos y entusiastas para ayudar con nuestra Liturgia de la Palabra para Niños, que se celebra durante la Misa del segundo domingo de cada mes. Esta es una maravillosa oportunidad para compartir tu fe y ayudar a nuestros feligreses más jóvenes a crecer en su amor por Dios y por Su Palabra.

Si estás interesado en participar, por favor envía un correo electrónico al P. Kerly a [kfrancois@stpaulsofprinceton.org](mailto:kfrancois@stpaulsofprinceton.org) para más información.

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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*

Advent: Learning to Walk in the Light

*Wed., Dec. 3 · 9:30am–1:00pm*

Advent invites us to be attentive, to wait and watch, and to learn to walk with God and with one another in the light. Our time together will include scripture, song, silence, and shared faith as we prepare our hearts to encounter Christ at Christmas.

Donation: \$35, includes lunch · Zoom: \$20

Childlike Faith: Big Things Come in Small Packages

*Mon., Dec. 8 · 9:30am–1:00pm*

Childlike faith helps us grow in humility, wonder, trust, and hope. This retreat reflects on our Blessed Mother and how these four values deepen our ability to receive and give love in relationship with God. The retreat will conclude with Liturgy.

Donation: \$25, includes lunch · Zoom: \$20

Personal Retreat Day

*Wed., Dec. 10 · 9:30am–2:30pm*

Step away from the busyness of daily life to rest with the Lord and experience God's gentle presence. The day includes silence, personal prayer, and the option for spiritual direction, and begins and ends with brief shared prayer. Please bring your lunch.

Donation: \$10; \$40 with spiritual direction

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.

## HANDEL'S MESSIAH *at the Oratory Church of St. Anthony of Padua*

The Society of St. Cecilia at the Oratory Church of

St. Anthony of Padua invites you to an evening featuring Handel's Messiah, followed by a Christmas carol sing-along, on Friday, December 5, 2025 at 7:30pm. The concert will take place at the Oratory Church of St. Anthony of Padua, 28 Oratory Way, Red Bank. Please use the Chestnut Street entrance. Admission is a free will offering, and the church is handicapped accessible. For more information, call 732-747-0813.

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT *by Church of St. Ann Youth Choir*

Join us on Sunday, December 14, 2025, at 3:00pm in the church for the Saint Ann Youth Choir's annual Christmas Concert. Celebrate the joy of the season and the coming of the Christ Child through beautiful music offered by our wonderful young singers. The concert is free and open to all. Light refreshments will follow in the Community Room.

## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

### *Weekend Retreat for couples*

As Thanksgiving approaches, we are reminded to give thanks for the many blessings in our lives—especially the gift of marriage. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend offers couples the opportunity to pause from the busyness of daily life, strengthen communication, and renew their love in Christ. The next weekend will be held February 13–15. Space is limited, so early registration is encouraged. For more information, contact Tom and Ruth DeFalco at 732-904-9636 or visit [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org).

## IN-KIND SUPPORT *for our neighbors in need this season*

Scan the codes here to explore in-kind giving initiatives from Friends of St. Paul.



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