

We saw his star
at its rising
and have come
to do him homage



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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*
TUE: 10:30am-4:00pm*
*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:
mheucke@stpaulsofprinceton.org

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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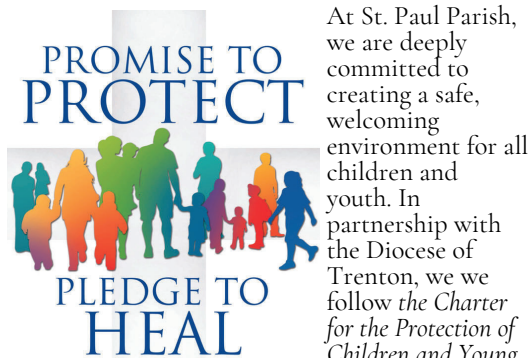
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People by requiring background checks and VIRTUS training for all clergy, staff, and volunteers. If you are new to a parish ministry or feel called to serve, we would love to have you join us! Together, we can keep our parish a place where every child feels safe and supported. To get started with the VIRTUS process, please email Jaime at SafeSpace@stpaulsofprinceton.org.

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 12/20-12/21	2025-2026 YTD	2024-2025 YTD
\$24,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
Budget	Budget	Budget
\$14,512	\$329,938	\$299,147
Identifiable Gifts	Envelopes/Loose Cash	Envelopes/Loose Cash
\$4,463	\$276,110	\$261,953
Loose Cash	Online Giving	Online Giving
\$11,030		
Online Giving	\$606,048	\$561,100
\$30,005	101.0%	93.5%

BECOME A STEWARD of St. Paul Parish through Charitable Giving

During this season of Advent, we are filled with gratitude for the many individuals and families who have supported our parish over the years, helping to make it the vibrant and welcoming community it is today. Your generosity has been a true blessing, sustaining our mission and enriching our shared faith journey. As we reflect on all we've been given, this is also a time when many consider how to use their blessings wisely, exploring financial strategies that can benefit their community and church while leaving a lasting impact. With that in mind, we've summarized a few smart charitable giving options below for your consideration.

- Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs): Anyone over age 73 can use a Qualified Charitable Donation (QCD) to satisfy the required minimum distribution they must take from their IRA retirement account. Using this strategy, someone can give up to

A COMMUNITY OF PRAYER

MASS INTENTIONS

5:30pm Shirley Dowgin | Calderone Family

Sunday / Epiphany of the Lord

8:30am Frederick E. Brower | Maureen + Patrick McLaughlin

10:00am Robert Hutchinson | Hutchinson-Hillsdon Family

11:30am Karla Bhend | Jeanine & Andy Loh

1:00pm *Spanish Intentions*

5:00pm Adele Talone | Vincent & Maria Rosaria Baldino

Monday / Mem. of St. John Neumann

8:15am Albert McBride | McBride Family
Maria F. Matarese | Walter & Carol Sawyer

12:10pm Frank Mahoney | Silvana Petrecca
Florance Verano | Patrick, Jean Tedesco & Family

Tuesday

8:15am Dean Pinciotti | David & Lynne Harwood

12:10pm Genuino Nazzaro | Luciana & Richard Bellantoni

Wednesday

8:15am Frank Nelson Sr | Cheryl L. Fleisher

12:10pm Frank Mahoney | Wayne & Joyce Monsees

Thursday

8:15am Francis Davison | Mary Agnes Procaccino
Luigi Antenucci | Antenucci Family

12:10pm Hannah Westbrook Dabrowski | Michael Dabrowski

Friday

8:15am Mariam Urakath | Mathew Varkey

12:10pm Margaret Henderson | Robin Froehlich

Saturday

8:15am Pauline Saunders | Linda and Lee Brennan
Sebastiano & Ermelinda Carnevale | Nancy Antenucci



OUR SICK

Bob | James Applegate | Molly Carter | Chrissy DeLuca | Eileen Dormouth | Dick Graham | Rob Ingram | Fidelis Machado | Colette McGregor | Ann Menendez | 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*

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 prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

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- \$100,000 to the church tax-free (\$200,000 if married). Example: Mary has a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) this year of \$40,000. At a tax rate of 30%, Mary would need to pay a tax bill of \$12,000. As a result, Mary decides to donate her RMD to the church and pays no taxes while still satisfying her RMD. Mary can also choose to only donate a portion of her RMD rather than the full amount to reduce her taxes proportionately.
- Stock Donation: Anyone can donate stock from an investment account to avoid paying capital gains tax. Example: Mary owns Nvidia stock worth \$100,000 in her portfolio. The stock has done very well since she bought it over a year ago, so there is an unrealized gain of \$80,000. If she sells the stock, she will pay capital gains tax (for example, could be as high as \$16,000). If Mary instead decides to donate

WEEKLY WORSHIP

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday, January 4, 2026

Today's readings can be found on page 599 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 the Epiphany of the Lord

In the first reading Isaiah speaks of the divine glory of Jerusalem. People will come bearing gold and frankincense. In the second reading, Paul writes that the Gentiles are coheirs and copartners in the Body of Christ. The Gospel from Matthew relates the visit of the Magi. They rejoice and offer gifts to the infant Jesus.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

A message from Fr. Chris Dayton

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, the beautiful mystery in which Christ is revealed not only to Israel, but to all nations. In the visit of the Magi, we see the fulfillment of God's promise that His light would shine for the whole world.

The Magi were seekers. Guided by a star, they traveled a long and uncertain road in search of truth. Their journey reminds us that faith often unfolds as a pilgrimage—one that requires attentiveness, courage, and trust. When they finally encounter the Christ Child, they offer gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh: symbols of kingship, divinity, and sacrifice. Yet their greatest gift is not what they place before Him, but the offering of themselves in worship.

The Gospel tells us that the Magi "went home by another way." This small detail carries a powerful message. An authentic encounter with Christ always changes us. When we truly meet the Lord, we do not return the same way we came. Epiphany invites us to reflect on how Christ is calling us to be transformed—to live differently, to love more deeply, and to witness more boldly.

This feast also reminds us of our mission as Church. Just as the star led the Magi to Jesus, we are called to

reflect Christ's light in our families, our parish, and our wider community. Through simple but faithful acts of kindness, justice, mercy, and love, we help others recognize God's presence in their own lives.

In light of the gifts offered to the Christ Child, I want to express my gratitude for the many gifts you have given to our parish. I hope you have noticed the renovations and improvements completed over the past two years. I am deeply thankful for your patience, generosity, and support as this work has come to completion.

As we continue this Christmas season, let us ask ourselves: What gifts am I bringing to the Lord? Where is God's light leading me now? And how can I help that light shine for others?

I also ask for your prayers as I travel to Rome to join our bishop and the priests of the diocese on pilgrimage. We will gather to pray and spend time together as a diocesan family. I will be keeping you all in prayer, especially as I celebrate Mass at Saint Paul Outside the Walls on Monday. May the Lord who revealed Himself to the nations continue to reveal His love to us—and through us—to the world.

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

In His peace,

Fr. Chris Dayton
Pastor

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- *the stock to St. Paul Parish, the parish will never need to pay taxes on the gains. Mary can also choose to only donate a portion of her Nvidia stock rather than all of it to reduce her taxes proportionately.*
- **Planned Estate Bequest:** Anyone can designate St. Paul Parish as a beneficiary in their will by specifying a specific dollar amount or percentage of their estate that goes to the church after they pass away.

Please feel free to contact Steve Loughran, our Parish Financial Advisor, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith, Inc., (609) 243-6813.

PARISH LIFE

ST. PAUL PARISH + HALLOW

Merry Christmas from St. Paul Parish

St. Paul Parish is delighted to announce our partnership with Hallow, the #1 Catholic prayer app. Through prayer and meditation rooted in the richness of our faith, Hallow helps people grow closer to God and find peace.

Users can pray alongside Fr. Mike Schmitz, Sr. Miriam James, Mark Wahlberg, Jonathan Roumie, Fr. Mark Mary, Katie McGrady, and many others. The app also offers mental health and sleep tools, audiobooks, and sacred music.

All parishioners — both paid subscribers and those using the free version — are invited to join St. Paul Parish's page within the app. There, you can create a profile, share prayer intentions, and participate in parish-wide prayer challenges throughout the year.

To join, visit hallow.com/parish, search for our parish (using the zip code 08542 is fastest), and follow the prompts. You'll receive a special trial that unlocks all premium content. If you prefer to stay on the free version, simply select "Skip" and you will still have full access to our parish page.

Throughout the year, we'll take part in a series of prayer challenges together - stay tuned for announcements!

Contact parishsupport@hallow.app for help with app access. We look forward to praying with you!

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 makingnj@gmail.com or 609-468-8708.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

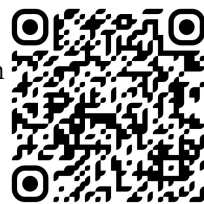
Bringing Christ to those at home

As we gather with family during this season, we are mindful of loved ones who are no longer able to attend Mass. St. Paul Parish has an active Homebound Ministry, with trained Eucharistic Ministers who bring Holy Communion on a regular basis to parishioners who are homebound or unable to come to church. If you or a family member would like to receive Communion at home, please contact the parish office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Princeton Area Young Adults

Young adults are invited to gather on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, typically at 7:00pm, for faith, fellowship, and community. These evenings offer a welcoming opportunity to meet other young adults from the Princeton area who share a desire to grow in faith and friendship.



Scan here to sign up to get looped in to all future events

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Sharing the warmth of God's love

Our parish Prayer Shawl Ministry creates shawls and lap blankets for those who are seriously ill, suffered a loss, or are in crisis. We welcome knitters and crocheters of all levels at our monthly meetings: 7:00pm–8:30pm on the second Monday of each month in Rooms 1 & 2 in the Spiritual Center. Call/text Ellen DiPippo (609-933-8499) if you know someone that would benefit from a shawl or if you would like join our meetings or donate yarn.

PARKING AT THE PARISH

for Mass and other weekend events

Please park in a single marked spot when attending Mass. Avoid double parking, handicapped spots (unless authorized), and clergy/resident spots. If campus parking is full, additional parking is available in Princeton University Lot 10 on weekends.



FAMILY LIFE

A HOME FOR FAMILIES

A Message from Laura Sarubbi

Like many at this time of year, I find myself reflecting on resolutions and intentions for the months ahead. I often choose a single word to guide my year. In the past, that word has been “simplify,” “patience,” or “peace.”

A few years ago, while reading a daily reflection inspired by St. Teresa of Avila, I was gently reminded to stop trying to control everything and instead to trust more deeply in God.

She writes:

“Many souls desire to fly before God gives them wings. They begin with good desires, with great fervor and determination to advance in virtue.... Then they see in others, who are farther along the way, great virtues to which they can only aspire. They read books about prayer and contemplation, about all they must do to achieve their spiritual goals, and they lose heart.

Do not be troubled, but hope in the Lord. For if you desire to do the will of the Lord... God will bring about in your soul all that you desire. It is very, very important that our weak nature should have great confidence and not be dismayed. We should believe that if we do our best, we will be victorious.”

As we begin this new year, may we trust that God is at work within us, even when we cannot yet see the results. Let us be patient with ourselves, confident in His timing, and faithful in small steps.

Wishing you a happy and healthy New Year, filled with peace, love, and patience. Let us wait for God to give us wings before we try to fly.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER TEA

Saturday, February 7, 2026

St. Paul Parish is delighted to announce the Fourth Annual Mother–Daughter Tea for girls ages 10–13 and their mothers. This event helps mothers share their wisdom on fertility awareness, positive body image, and human dignity from a Catholic perspective. Together, we celebrate that every girl is made in the image and likeness of God, a beloved daughter of the King.

The afternoon includes an elegant tea service with sandwiches, desserts, and assorted teas, along with a three-part program: Chastity and Human Dignity, Introduction to Fertility Awareness, and a Mothers-only Panel Discussion / Daughters-only Craft Activity.

Learn more and purchase tickets here:
Questions? Contact April Readlinger
and Inez McGowan at
wonderfullymadestpauls@gmail.com.



EARLY CHILDHOOD

Little Hearts Playgroup and More!

Families with young children, ages 0–5, are invited to join us in the Spiritual Center for connection, shared experiences, and support in the joys and challenges of raising little ones. For more information, please contact Laura at lsarubbi@stpaulsofprinceton.org.

- Sundays 9:30–10:30am; will resume Jan. 11., 2026
- Fridays 10:00–11:00am will resume on Jan. 9, 2026

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 21)

UPCOMING EVENTS

for SPY, Children's Choir, and TMM

No CC rehearsal Wed 12/31 - Christmas Break
Sunday, Jan. 4 · 10:00am CC Mass/Epiphany

NB: There is no Teen Mass nor SPY 4:12 in Dec.
Saturday, Jan. 24 · 4:30pm TMM Rehearsal
Saturday, Jan. 24 · 5:30pm Teen Mass w/TMM
Saturday, Jan. 24 · 6:30pm SPY 4:12 (7th & 8th Grades)

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)

OUR YOUNG CHURCH

FROM THE DRE'S DESK

A message from Mrs. Jaime Gostkowski

In this week's Gospel, we hear the beautiful and familiar story of the Magi who traveled from afar to find the newborn King, guided by a star and a deep trust in God's promise. They did not know exactly where the journey would lead, but they followed the light because they believed it would lead them to something greater.

So much of family life can feel like that journey. Parenting, faith formation, and daily responsibilities can leave us feeling uncertain, tired, and sometimes overwhelmed. Yet, like the Magi, we are called to keep our eyes fixed on Christ - the true light - even when the path feels unclear.

When the Magi finally reached Jesus, they offered him gifts - not because He needed them, but because love always desires to give. In the same way, our families offer Christ our time, our prayers, and our efforts to raise children in faith, even on difficult days. These are precious gifts in God's eyes.

The Gospel also tells us that after encountering Christ, the Magi returned home "by another way," reminding us that meeting Jesus changes us and calls us to live with greater kindness, patience, forgiveness, and trust.

As we continue this Christmas season, may our families remain attentive to the "stars" God places in our lives - quiet moments of prayer, small acts of love, and gentle invitations to grow closer to Him.

Many blessings,
Mrs. Jaime Gostkowski

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:

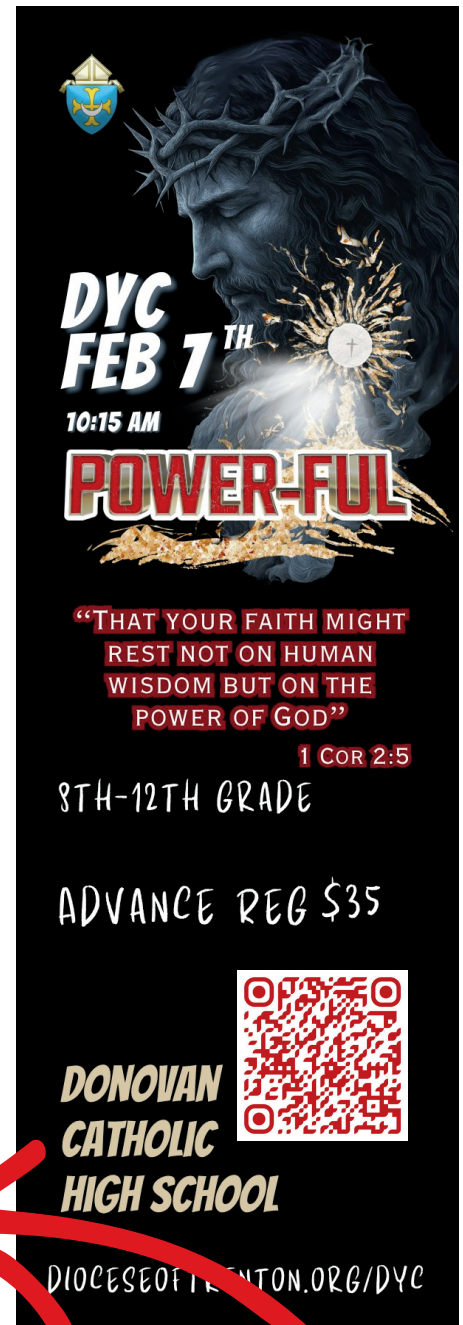
Sunday, Jan. 4 - Children's Mass (*Liturgical*) with Children's Choir & Children's Liturgy of the Word (*Service*)

Saturday, Jan 10 - 2nd-Grade Reconciliation & Communion Retreat (*Parish*)

Sunday, Jan. 11 - Coffee & Donuts after morning Masses (*Parish*)

Although we don't have PREP classes again until January 11, we look forward to seeing you at the various parish events as you work on your passports!

DYC is our 8th-Grade Confirmation Retreat. Please scan the QR code for more information and to register.



The poster features a black and white image of Jesus with a crown of thorns and a glowing cross on his chest. Text on the poster includes: "DYC FEB 7TH 10:15 AM POWER-FUL", a quote "THAT YOUR FAITH MIGHT REST NOT ON HUMAN WISDOM BUT ON THE POWER OF GOD" with "1 COR 2:5" below it, "8TH-12TH GRADE", "ADVANCE REG \$35", a QR code, "DONOVAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL", and the website "DIOCESEOFRENTON.ORG/DYC". A red arrow points from the QR code area towards the text "DYC is our 8th-Grade Confirmation Retreat..." on the left.

SPY (ST. PAUL YOUTH)

SPY 4:12 (7th & 8th grade Confirmation)

Our next joint 7th- and 8th-grade SPY 4:12 session led by Mrs. Ann Schwimmer and featuring Fr. Chris, will take place on **Saturday, January 24**, following the 5:30pm Teen Mass in the Spiritual Center, and will conclude at 8:00pm. All 7th- and 8th-grade students are asked to attend and to watch this section of the bulletin for future sessions and updates.

PASTORAL HISPANA

MENSAJE DEL P. CHRIS *Pastor de San Pablo*

Hoy celebramos la Fiesta de la Epifanía del Señor, el hermoso misterio en el que Cristo se revela no solo a Israel, sino a todas las naciones. En la visita de los Magos vemos el cumplimiento de la promesa de Dios de que su luz brillaría para todo el mundo.

Los Magos fueron buscadores. Guiados por una estrella, recorrieron un camino largo e incierto en busca de la verdad. Nos recuerdan que la fe es, muchas veces, un camino que requiere atención, valentía y confianza. Cuando finalmente se encuentran con el Niño Jesús, le ofrecen oro, incienso y mirra: símbolos de realeza, divinidad y sacrificio. Pero, más importante aún, se ofrecen a sí mismos en adoración.

En el Evangelio se nos dice que los Magos “regresaron por otro camino.” Este pequeño detalle encierra un mensaje poderoso. Un verdadero encuentro con Cristo siempre nos transforma. Cuando nos encontramos verdaderamente con el Señor, no podemos volver por el mismo camino. La Epifanía nos invita a reflexionar sobre cómo Cristo nos llama a ser transformados: a vivir de manera diferente, a amar más profundamente y a dar testimonio con mayor valentía.

La Epifanía también nos recuerda nuestra misión como Iglesia. Así como la estrella guió a los Magos hasta Jesús, nosotros estamos llamados a reflejar la luz de Cristo en nuestras familias, en nuestra parroquia y en nuestra comunidad. A través de actos de bondad, justicia, misericordia y fe, ayudamos a otros a descubrir la presencia de Dios en sus propias vidas.

A la luz de los dones ofrecidos al Niño Jesús, quiero expresar mi gratitud por los dones que ustedes han ofrecido a esta parroquia. Espero que hayan podido notar las renovaciones y mejoras que nuestra iglesia ha experimentado durante los últimos dos años. Estoy agradecido por su apoyo, paciencia y generosidad, ahora que estos trabajos han llegado a su fin.

Mientras continuamos este tiempo de Navidad, preguntémonos: ¿qué dones estoy llevando al Señor? ¿Hacia dónde me guía ahora la luz de Dios? ¿Y cómo puedo ayudar a que esa luz brille para los demás?

Les pido también sus oraciones mientras viajo a Roma para unirme a nuestro obispo y a los sacerdotes de la diócesis. Estaremos en peregrinación, orando y compartiendo juntos como Iglesia diocesana. Los

llevaré presentes en mis oraciones mientras celebro la Misa en la Basílica de San Pablo Extramuros el lunes. Que el Señor, que se reveló a las naciones, continúe revelando su amor en nosotros y por medio de nosotros al mundo.

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

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.

OPORTUNIDAD DE EMPLEO *Gerente de Instalaciones en The Lewis School*

La Lewis School of Princeton busca un Gerente de Instalaciones, disponible de inmediato. Es un puesto de tiempo completo, por 12 meses, de lunes a viernes, con disponibilidad ocasional por las noches y los fines de semana. Para más información, comuníquese con Cynthia Steward al info@lewisschool.org o al (609) 924-8120.

PASTORAL HISPANA

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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

Off to a Prayerful Start: Focusing the New Year
Monday, Jan. 5 • 7:00–8:00pm

Start out 2026 with an evening Zoom retreat to set the direction for the year. “Well begun is half done,” they say, and establishing a direction is essential for the journey. Where am I going in 2026? What is the desire of my heart, and God’s, as we begin this year together? Donation: \$15 (includes materials)

God Cannot Fill an Occupied Space: Cleaning Up & Cleaning Out

Tuesday, Jan. 6 • 9:30am–1:00pm

Is it time to make a little more room for God in your life? Do you find yourself saying, “I have too much stuff”? Is decluttering one of your hopes for 2026? Together, we will make a plan to clean up and clean out — to simplify, enjoy life more fully, and hold things more lightly so our hearts are freer for what truly matters. Step by step, with prayer and the support of a partner, we will work toward being clutter-free by Easter. With God’s help, we can do it. Donation: \$25 (includes lunch) • Zoom: \$20

Paint Your Sacred Art Icon

Wednesday, Jan. 21 • 9:00am–3:00pm

Have you ever dreamed of painting an icon? Join us as we follow the guidance of iconographer Nancy Berchtold, learning the meaning behind the colors, shapes, and lines of sacred iconography. By the end of the day, you will have painted an icon of the Blessed Mother holding the Christ Child. Donation: \$50 (includes lunch and materials)

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.

CAPE MAY MARIANIST

Family Retreat Center

College-Age Retreat

Friday–Sunday, Jan. 9–11, 2026

Join us for a weekend retreat designed especially for young adults ages 17–22. Whether you are currently in college or working, this retreat offers a meaningful opportunity to renew your spiritual life, deepen your relationship with God, and form new friendships. Our time together will include prayer experiences, peer group discussions, Eucharist, and plenty of fun.

Cost: \$150 per person; Register at www.capemaymarianists.org or call 609-884-3829. High school seniors are welcome.

Young Adult Retreat

Friday–Sunday, Feb. 13–15, 2026

Join other young adults ages 22–35, married or single, for a retreat that offers space to step back from the busyness of daily life. Together, we will reflect on our personal faith and our relationships with God, our families, and ourselves. Our time will include prayer experiences, peer group discussions, Eucharist, and moments of joy and renewal.

Cost: \$150 per person

Register at www.capemaymarianists.org or call 609-884-3829

Both retreats will be held at the Marianist Family Retreat Center, a peaceful seaside sanctuary in Cape May Point, NJ.

MASS FOR LIFE & LIFE EXPO

Friday, January 23, 2026 at St. Robert Bellarmine

Join us at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine in Freehold for a meaningful morning of prayer, witness, and community as we stand together for life. Celebrated by Bishop David M. O’Connell, C.M., this gathering offers an opportunity to pray in solidarity with those traveling to Washington, DC for the National March for Life and to engage with local life-affirming organizations that promote human dignity from womb to tomb.

Participants are invited to foster friendships, build connections, and strengthen our shared commitment to building a culture of life in our community.

Complimentary coffee and homemade hot soup will be available in the café seating area. The No Limits Café food truck will also be onsite offering assorted specialty grilled cheese sandwiches and soft drinks for purchase.

For more information, visit dioceseoftrenton.org/standing-together-for-life.



CHRISTMAS GIFT

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Looking for a meaningful Christmas gift for your spouse? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend Feb. 13-15, 2026 offers couples the time and tools to enrich their marriage, deepen communication, and renew the spiritual heart of their relationship. Step away from daily routines and strengthen the bond God has blessed. Space is limited. For information or an application, call 1-732-904-9636 (Tom & Ruth DeFalco) or visit www.wwme.org.

RETRouvaille

Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage

Friday–Sunday, Feb. 6–8, 2026

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this along. Couples learn to build communication skills and deepen intimacy while receiving support through times of difficulty or crisis.

The next program will be held in February at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information or to register, please call 215-766-3944 or visit www.MarriageHelpDelVal.org. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Facilities Manager at the Lewis School.

The Lewis School of Princeton is seeking a Facilities Manager, available immediately. This is a full-time, 12-month position, Monday through Friday, with some nights and weekends required. For more information, contact Cynthia Steward at info@lewisschool.org or (609) 924-8120.

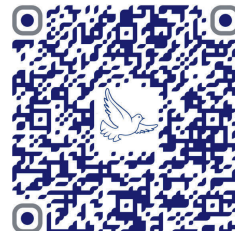
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

A message from Mrs. Kim Clauss

I pray that our students and their families, our faculty and staff, and our entire parish community enjoy a happy and healthy celebration of the birth of Jesus.

Merry Christmas! I look forward to seeing you in 2026.

*God bless,
Kim Clauss*



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BLESSING OF THE HOME

on the Epiphany of the Lord

At a suitable time, the family gathers around the manger scene wherever it has been placed in the house. If the Magi figures have not been placed at the scene, they should be placed now. To prepare for the blessing, have on hand chalk or crayon, a bible with Matthew, Chapter 2 verses 1–12 marked off, a reader, holy water, and candles.

You may begin by singing a Christmas Carol.

All: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Leader: Peace be to this house, to all who live here, and to all who will visit here. May the name of the Lord be blessed!

All: Now and forever.

Leader: On this Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord, we continue our celebration of the great mysteries of Christmastime. Today, we recall that the Son of God was revealed to the world through the visit of the Magi from the East. They came to worship the Lord Jesus. Today, the Lord is shown to us. Today, this home is a holy place.

Then, the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 2, verses 1–12 is read.

Everyone then processes from room to room in the house. In each room, the family stops for a moment of silent prayer, and then the leader says the following or similar words:

Leader: Lord bless this room and all those who enter this room.

Then, one of the members of the family may sprinkle the holy water in the room.

When all the rooms have been blessed, the family returns to the manger scene.

Leader: Let us pray in the words Jesus gave us:

All: Our Father, who art in Heaven...

Then, the family moves to the front door of the house or some other door. The leader takes the chalk or crayon and makes the following inscription near the top of the door by its opening: 20+C+M+B+26

The 20 and 26 make up the year of Our Lord 2026, and the letters C, M, and B are the first initials of the traditional names of the three Magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar.

Leader: Eternal Lord God of Heaven and Earth, you have revealed your only–begotten Son to the world by the Star of Bethlehem. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. May this house be a shelter of charity, humility, and faithfulness. May this house be a place of welcome and celebration, as well as a place of consolation and rest. Fill all who live in this house and all who come to this house, with the light of Christ. We give thanks to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Then everyone makes the Sign of the Cross. Conclude by singing a Christmas Carol

