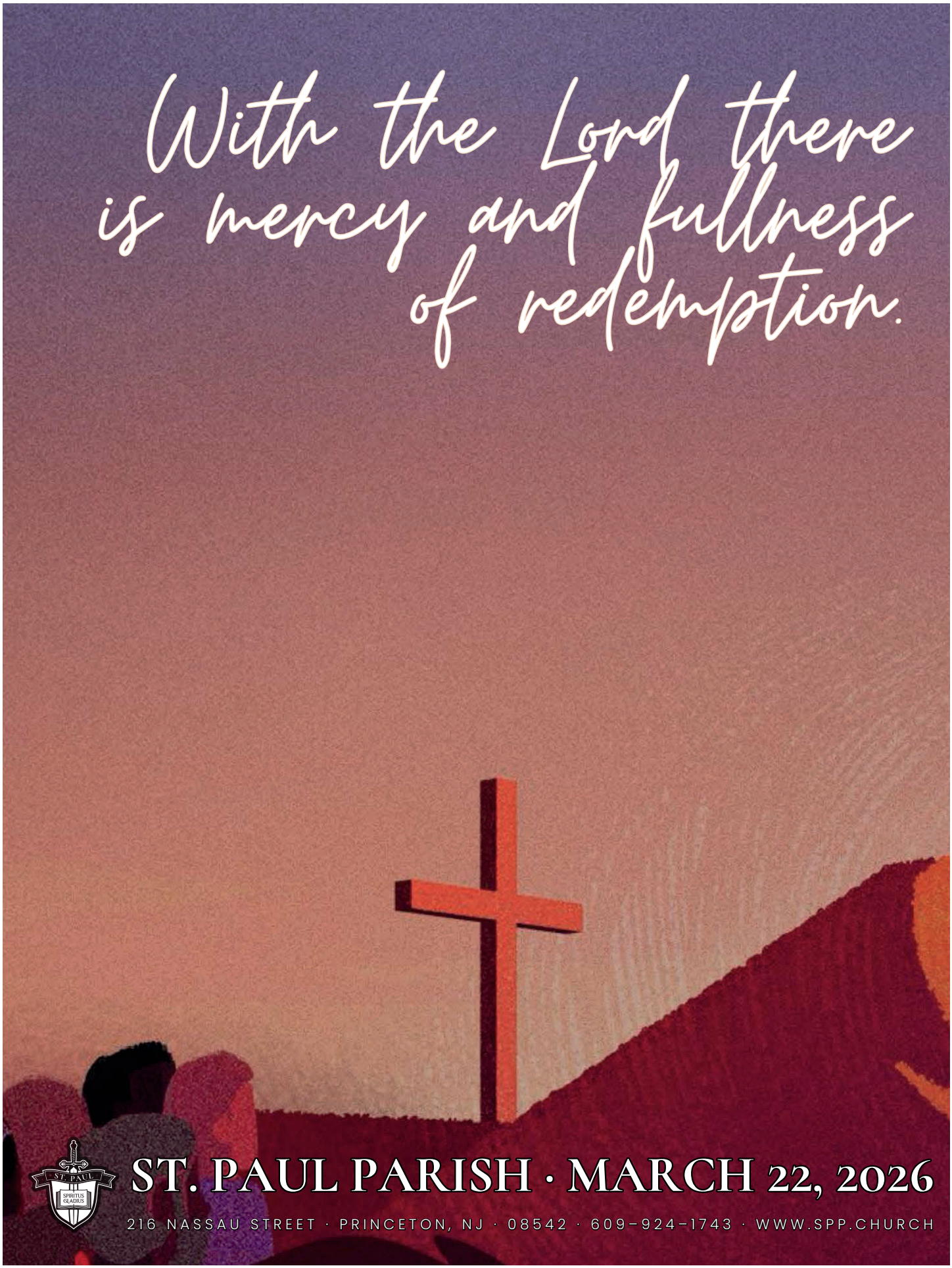


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OUR MISSION

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 espanol

**INDICATES A LIVE STREAMED MASS*

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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EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

SATURDAYS 7:00am–8:00am

FIRST FRIDAYS 9:00am–12:00pm

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:

Stewardship Report

Giving 3/7-3/8

$24,000
Budget

$9,070
Identifiable Gifts

$4,083
Loose Cash

$18,040
Online Giving

$31,193

2025–2026 YTD

$864,000
Budget

$461,208
Envelopes/Loose Cash

$424,603
Online Giving

$885,811
102.5%

2024–2025 YTD

$864,000
Budget

$434,673
Envelopes/Loose Cash

$394,664
Online Giving

$829,337
96.0%

LOVE that Strengthens | JOY that Sustains

Diocese of Trenton • 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal



Our Parish 2026 Goal: $119,000
Current Progress: $106,606 (90%)
Donors: 115

Incentives:
Reach Goal: Receive 50% of surplus
Obtain 282 donors: 5% ($5,950) rebate

We have officially launched the 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal — an invitation to strengthen our parish family and sustain ministries that serve those in need across our Diocese. Your participation today helps us begin this Appeal with confidence and joy. Make your gift at giveaca.org

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

A Community of Prayer

MASS INTENTIONS

5:30pm Jesus Tanchuco | Milan Family

Sunday | 5th Sunday of Lent

8:30am Diane Hoehn | Staff of Several Sources Shelters

10:00am Dennis K. Murphy | Cathy and Mike Gavin

11:30am The People of the Parish

1:00pm *Spanish Intentions*

5:00pm Albrina Mangone | Robert & Gretchen Mangone

Monday

8:15am Diane Hoehn | Walter & Mary Bliss
Ernesto & Annunziata Pirone | Vanda Pirone & Marco Antonio Pirone

12:10pm Intention for Anthony Martino | Laura De Cillis
Joyce Murphy | The Murphy & Bashaw Family

Tuesday

8:15am Yvonne Tschudi | Kraws Family

12:10pm Robert Chambers | Mark & Nancy Jackson & Family

Wednesday | Sol. of the Annunciation

8:15am Carolyn Virkler | Kraws Family
Jean Martin | Cathy and Roger Healy

12:10pm Albrina Mangone | Sam & Mary Ann Tamasi

Thursday

8:15am Jennifer Costello McBride | McBride Family

12:10pm Albrina Mangone | Teodoro Tamasi and Family

Friday

8:15am Giuseppina Venta | Walter & Mary Bliss

12:10pm Albrina Mangone | Altar Rosary Society

Saturday

8:15am Giuseppina Venta | Lee & Linda Brennan
Frank Fahy & Elizabeth Scully | Fahy Family

OUR SICK

Bob | 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@stpaulsofprprinceton.org*

INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO

For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



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.

PROMISE TO PROTECT
PLEDGE TO HEAL

Weekly Worship

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday March 22, 2026

Today's readings can be found on page 616 of the hymnal. Please visit the livestream section of our website for more resources about this week's Mass.

FOCUS ON THE READINGS

Fifth Sunday of Lent

In Ezekiel, the Lord says he will open the graves and breathe his spirit in them. In Romans, Saint Paul teaches that we belong to Christ in that we share his Spirit. In the Gospel, Jesus discovers that his friend Lazarus has died. Although he had been dead for four days, Jesus brings Lazarus back from the dead.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

A message from Fr. Chris Dayton

As we celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Lent, we find ourselves nearing the end of our Lenten journey. Holy Week is now close at hand. Throughout these weeks, the Church has invited us to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving so that our hearts might be renewed and ready to celebrate the great mystery of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

The Gospel this Sunday presents the powerful story of the raising of Lazarus. In this moment we see both the deep humanity and the divine power of Jesus. He weeps at the tomb of his friend, sharing fully in our human sorrow and loss. Yet he also reveals that he is the Lord of life itself when he calls Lazarus out of the tomb.

This Gospel reminds us that Jesus does not stand far away from our suffering. He enters into it. He walks with us through grief, uncertainty, and even death itself. But the final word does not belong to death. The final word belongs to Christ, who calls each of us to new life.

Lent invites us to listen for that voice of the Lord calling us out of whatever "tombs" may hold us back—sin, discouragement, fear, resentment, or complacency. Just as Lazarus emerged from the darkness, Jesus invites us to step into the light of grace and renewed faith.

In these final days of Lent, I encourage each of us to take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, spend time in prayer before the Lord, and prepare our hearts for the sacred days of Holy Week. May this time help us experience more deeply the hope and life that Christ offers to each of us.

Know of my prayers for you and your family this week.

In His peace,



Fr. Chris Dayton
Pastor

PILGRIMAGE MASSES

at the Station Churches of Mercer County

This Lent, many Catholic churches throughout Mercer County will participate in a program inspired by the Station Churches of Rome. You are invited to make a pilgrimage across our county by attending special Lenten Masses at participating parishes, gathering in prayer while experiencing the beauty and
history of our local Church.

We encourage you to take part in this Lenten journey of faith.

Mon., Mar. 23 | 7:00pm | St. David the King, Princeton Junction
Tues., Mar. 24 | 7:00pm | Incarnation, Ewing
Wed., Mar. 25 | 7:00pm | St. Ann, Lawrenceville
Thurs., Mar. 26 | 7:00pm Mass | St. Joachim, Trenton

Mon., Mar. 30 | 7:30pm | Chrism Mass at St. Robert Bellarmine Co-Cathedral, Freehold

RIDE TO MASS

A parishioner living in Montgomery, near the Princeton border, is in need of transportation to the Saturday 5:30pm Mass. If you are able to assist, please contact Adriana Morabito at executivedirector@seniorcareservicesgp.org
Thank you for your kindness and support.

Parish Life

DIAMOND JUBILEE
Celebrating our Church for 70 Years

On March 24, 2026, we will mark 70 years since the laying of the cornerstone of our current church building. One year later, on March 24, 2027, we will celebrate 70 years since the dedication of the church by Bishop Ahr—a milestone in the life of St. Paul Parish and a beautiful opportunity to give thanks for generations of faith, sacrifice, and worship in this sacred space.

In the months ahead, we will begin sharing ways the 2026–2027 year will highlight the history of both St. Paul Parish and the church building that has been entrusted to our care. Our Diamond Jubilee year will include a parish-wide Mass and reception in March 2027, along with additional moments throughout the year that will invite us to remember our story and celebrate what God continues to do among us.

As an important step toward that season of celebration, we are excited to offer a Lighting Project Mass of Thanksgiving and reception this year for all Lighting Project donors. At this event, we will also preview the donor recognition plaque we plan to commission, which will include names at each giving level and serve as a lasting expression of gratitude. Donations are still being accepted at all giving levels. and there is still time to be included.

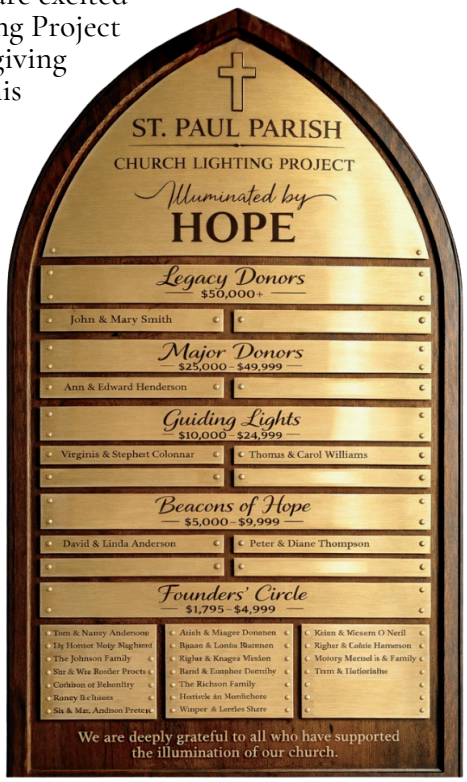


**Illustration only; this is not the final design*
Still accepting donations at all levels.

If you are interested in making a gift to the Lighting Project and are able to do so by March 17, we would be honored to include you in the Mass of Thanksgiving and reception.

ST. PAUL ATHLETICS
Spring 2026 Registration Now Open

This spring, SPAC is offering Tennis (grades 1–8), a Basketball Clinic (coed, grades 1–2), Golf Clinic (grades 5–8), Track (grades 4–8), and Soccer (boys and girls teams, grades 5–8).

Early bird registration closes March 22. All registrations are completed through TeamSnap. For questions, please contact Mr. Harris at athletics@spsprinceton.org.

SPAC is currently seeking head coaches for Track, Tennis, and Boys Soccer, as well as assistants for all sports. Your involvement helps make these programs possible for our students.

8 MINUTES @ 8:00PM
A simple guide during Lent

Looking for a simple way to dive a bit deeper into this Lenten season? Join Laura Sarubbi online for 8 minutes at 8:00pm for 8 weeks.

Each evening, Laura will offer a brief reflection designed to help you stay focused on what truly matters during this holy season. No pressure—no camera, no microphone, no stress. Simply log on, listen, and pray. When the 8 minutes conclude, you're welcome to log off or remain for a few additional minutes of optional conversation about our Lenten journey.

This is a simple and accessible opportunity for parishioners of all ages to remain centered on what is most important this Lent.

SOUP + SALAD
Friday evenings during Lent

Join the Knights of Columbus for a complimentary dinner of simple, meatless soup and salad on Fridays during Lent at 6:00pm in the SPS Cafeteria. All are welcome to gather in fellowship before heading to Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm in the Church.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday evenings during Lent

All parishioners are invited to join us each Friday during Lent at 7:00pm in the Church for Stations of the Cross. Each week, a different parish ministry will host the evening by leading the prayers, readings, and reflections, offering a unique opportunity to pray together as one parish family. Come and meditate on the Way of the Cross as we journey toward Holy Week, drawing closer to Christ through prayer, reflection, and community.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 28 at 10:00am

St. Paul Parish's Annual Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will take place on Saturday, March 28. The hunt begins promptly at 10:00am and will be held on the St. Paul School playground (rain location: the Spiritual Center).

Children are invited to bring a basket or container for collecting eggs. We look forward to celebrating this joyful Easter tradition with you!

LOAVES & FISHES 2026

Save the date and start planning!

Loaves and Fishes is a local outreach program that serves hot meals to the local Trenton community on the last two Saturdays of every month. This June our parish will distribute more than 500 meals and donations to homeless and low-income residents living in the Trenton area.

Save these dates of Friday, June 19 for Donation Collection (SPS Cafeteria) and Saturday, June 20 for Meal Service (St. Mary Cathedral in Trenton).

First planning meeting will be Sunday, April 12 after 10:00am Mass during Coffee and Donuts.

STAINED GLASS TOUR

Following the 8:15am Mass on Saturdays

Join us for a one-hour guided tour of the beautiful stained-glass windows of St. Paul Church. Each window tells part of the story of our faith through the interplay of light and color. Come explore the artistry, symbolism, and spiritual meaning found throughout our church. Tours gather at the baptismal font immediately following the 8:15am Mass:

Tour dates and themes:
April 18 – Large Church Windows
May 16 – Altar Clerestory Windows

All are welcome.

BABY ITEM DRIVE

By the Knights of Columbus | April 11-12

The Knights of Columbus Council #636 at St. Paul Parish will be collecting essential baby items before and after all Masses the weekend of April 11–12, outside the main entrance of the church. Donations will support two local crisis pregnancy centers, Legacy of Life and Life Choices, and will be presented at the Knights of Columbus Centennial Chapter Pro-Life "Baby Shower" hosted here at St. Paul Parish on Saturday, April 18.

Items needed include diapers (all sizes), baby wipes, bottles, blankets, new baby clothing (newborn–12 months), and other new baby essentials.

If you have questions, please contact Bill Hart at 609-955-1625 (call or text) or bill@hartpe.com. Thank you for your generosity in supporting mothers and their children.

FINANCIAL AID SCHOLARSHIP

to Notre Dame High School

For several years, our parish has offered a limited number of partial scholarships to parish students attending Notre Dame High School. These scholarships will be awarded again this year and may be renewed for up to 4 years, provided students maintain strong academic standing and participate in school and service activities. Requests for an application must be received by Friday, May 1, 2026. For more information or to request an application, please contact Gina Merendino at gmerendino@stpaulsofprinceton.org or scan the code.

St. Paul School

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

A message from Mrs. Kim Clauss

This week, we celebrate the many ways our young people continue to grow in both excellence and joy. We offer our congratulations to Ethan, who advanced to the third round of the Diamond City Regional Spelling Bee and finished among the top 15 competitors.

We also celebrate Skarlett, who was named Diocese/Regional Champion in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition for the 10-year-old division—for the second year in a row. She now advances as one of the top five in the state and will compete in the New Jersey State Championships this weekend.

Amid these accomplishments, our school community also enjoyed a joyful celebration of St. Patrick's Day and the Solemnity of St. Jospeh, affording us some lighthearted moments in the midst of our Lenten journey.

Please scan here to visit the Gala website for ticketing information, event details, and sponsorship opportunities.

God bless,
Kim Clauss



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Our Young Church

FROM THE DRE'S DESK
A message from Mrs. Jaime Gostkowski

This week, we hear the powerful story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. Mary and Martha were grieving, yet they trusted that Jesus could bring hope and new life. Even in the face of the impossible, Jesus showed his power over death and called Lazarus back to life.

As parents, this Gospel invites us to help our children see that Jesus brings life and hope even in hard times. Like Lazarus, our families face "stones" in daily life - stressful days, disagreements, or disappointments. Take time this week to notice these moments together. Pray as a family, share how God has helped you in difficult times, and remind your children that, with Jesus, new beginnings are always possible.

Students, when you feel stuck, scared, or frustrated, remember that Jesus can help you find courage, hope, and new opportunities. Small choices - like being kind to a friend, helping at home, or praying - can be ways to let Jesus' love bring new life each day.

In these last weeks of Lent, look for ways your family can live more fully in God's love and mercy, using both the joys and challenges of daily life to grow closer to Him. Even small acts of faith can bring life and hope to each day.

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:

Friday, Mar. 27 - Soup & Salad 6:00pm *(Parish)*
Friday, Mar. 27 - SPS Mime Stations of the Cross 7:00pm *(Liturgical)*
Saturday, Mar. 28 - KofC Annual Easter Egg Hunt 10:00am *(Parish) - see ad or Flocknote for details*
Sunday, Mar. 29 - Palm Sunday Masses *(Liturgical)*
Sat, Apr. 11 - Sun, Apr. 12 - KofC Baby Shower Collection *(Service)*

VACATION BIBLE CAMP
For children in PreK-2nd Grade

Each summer, we offer a morning program for children in PreK–Grade 2 designed to help our youngest parishioners grow in faith and friendship. This program provides children with a joyful opportunity to grow in their relationship with Jesus while building community with their peers.

Registration is open now through June 15, 2026. By popular request, we will be offering **two separate weeks of VBC** this year, and families may register for **one week or both**.

Program Dates and Times:
June 22–June 26, 9:00am–12:00pm
July 6–July 10, 9:00am–12:00pm

SUMMER ACADEMY PREP
For students in 3rd-8th Grade

This week-long intensive program fulfills a full year of catechesis and is ideal for families who wish to prioritize faith formation during the summer while remaining active in the parish throughout the year. **Because of the intensive nature of the curriculum, attendance is required each day.**

Registration is open now through June 15, 2026.
Program Dates and Times: July 6–10, 9:00am–3:00pm

Students who participate in Summer Academy are expected to take part in parish events throughout the year. This is especially important for students preparing for **Confirmation (7th and 8th grade).** Families are asked to consider this commitment when deciding if Summer Academy is the best choice for their student.

SPY (ST. PAUL YOUTH)
SPY 4:12 (8th grade Confirmation ONLY)

Our next 8th-grade SPY 4:12 session will take place Sunday, Apr. 12, following the 5:00pm Teen Mass in the Spiritual Center and concluding at 7:30pm. All 8th-grade students are expected to attend this final session in preparation for Confirmation on April 25. We are excited to welcome Mrs. Laura Sarubbi as our guest speaker.

Pastoral Hispana

MENSAJE DEL P. CHRIS
Pastor de San Pablo

Al celebrar el Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma, nos encontramos ya cerca del final de nuestro camino cuaresmal. La Semana Santa está ahora muy próxima. Durante estas semanas, la Iglesia nos ha invitado a la oración, el ayuno y la limosna para que nuestros corazones puedan renovarse y estar preparados para celebrar el gran misterio de la Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección de Cristo.

El Evangelio de este domingo nos presenta la poderosa historia de la resurrección de Lázaro. En este momento vemos tanto la profunda humanidad como el poder divino de Jesús. Él llora ante la tumba de su amigo, compartiendo plenamente nuestro dolor y nuestras pérdidas humanas. Y, al mismo tiempo, revela que Él es el Señor de la vida misma cuando llama a Lázaro a salir del sepulcro.

Este Evangelio nos recuerda que Jesús no permanece lejos de nuestro sufrimiento. Él entra en él. Camina con nosotros en medio del dolor, la incertidumbre e incluso la muerte misma. Pero la última palabra no pertenece a la muerte. La última palabra pertenece a Cristo, quien llama a cada uno de nosotros a una vida nueva.

La Cuaresma nos invita a escuchar la voz del Señor que nos llama a salir de las "tumbas" que puedan retenernos: el pecado, el desaliento, el miedo, el resentimiento o la complacencia. Así como Lázaro salió de la oscuridad, Jesús nos invita a entrar en la luz de la gracia y de una fe renovada.

En estos últimos días de Cuaresma, los invito a aprovechar el Sacramento de la Reconciliación, a dedicar tiempo a la oración ante el Señor y a preparar nuestros corazones para los días sagrados de la Semana Santa. Que este tiempo nos ayude a experimentar más profundamente la esperanza y la vida que Cristo ofrece a cada uno de nosotros.

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

PEREGRINACIÓN A ITALIA
Con el Padre Chris y el Padre Kerly

La parroquia invita a todos a participar en una peregrinación a Italia del 4 al 14 de enero de 2027. Durante este viaje de fe visitaremos Milán, Florencia, Siena, Asís y Roma, recorriendo basílicas, catedrales, plazas, museos y otros lugares históricos de gran significado para nuestra fe. La peregrinación incluye vuelo redondo desde EE. UU., alojamiento en hoteles de primera clase, Misa diaria, desayuno todos los días, dos almuerzos y seis cenas, transporte en autobús privado y entradas a los lugares incluidos.

Costo: $4,800 por persona (ocupación doble) o $3,900 sin vuelos. Habitación privada disponible por $1,000 adicional. Se requiere un depósito no reembolsable de $300, con pago final antes del 25 de septiembre de 2026.

Más información y reservas: journeyoffaithtours.com/italy27.

ESFUERZOS DE PROTECCIÓN INFANTIL
Capacitación VIRTUS y de Ambientes Seguros

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

Si eres nuevo en un ministerio parroquial o sientes el llamado a servir, ¡nos encantaría que te unas a nosotros! Juntos podemos mantener nuestra parroquia como un lugar donde cada niño se sienta seguro y apoyado.
Para comenzar el proceso de VIRTUS, por favor envía un correo electrónico a Jaime a SafeSpace@stpaulsofprinceton.org.

PASTORAL HISPANA
Informaciones de contacto

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HALLOW AT ST. PAUL

Hallow + St. Paul Parish Partnership

We are blessed to be journeying together this Lent on the Hallow app, with more than 300 St. Paul parishioners participating. You are welcome to join at any time. Our current challenge, Lent Pray40, is inspired by the Parable of the Prodigal Son and Dostoevsky's The Brothers Karamazov. Our children are also participating in a Kids Lent Challenge, offering families a meaningful way to experience Lent together.

As a parish partnered with Hallow, our parish page is a place to join prayer challenges, share intentions, and grow in faith alongside one another. We invite you to join Fr. Chris and our St. Paul Parish family as we continue our Lenten journey.

Hallow is Free for Parishioners!

Hallow is free for parishioners. You can access the app using the QR code at the entrance of the church or by visiting: hallow.app.link/sk9pWnjA1b *(case matters when typing the Tiny URL)*

Life after Lent

Looking ahead, an Easter challenge will begin on April 6, followed by additional challenges for families and teens this spring and summer.

Love Hallow? We need your help!

We are seeking parishioners of all ages to serve as Hallow Heralds—sharing their enthusiasm and helping others get connected. No experience is needed, just a desire to encourage others in prayer.

Questions?

Please contact
Laura Sarubbi at
lsarubbi@stpaulsofprinceton.org

Hallow

A HOME FOR FAMILIES

A Message from Laura Sarubbi

How are you and God doing these days? Have you had some conversations with him and worked on your friendship since Lent began? Maybe you are channeling your inner Martha and not enough Mary lately? We have one more week until Palm Sunday. Are you ready to journey with Jesus as he travels to Jerusalem? Thinking you may not be worthy? Perhaps your Lent wasn't all you wanted it to be. Remember, God knows what's in your heart, and he is saying to you, "Just come".

Come and be still. There are still many opportunities in the parish this Lent, just read through the bulletin. Come and be fed by the Word of God. God wants to speak directly to each of us through scripture and song and particularly through the Eucharist. Do you find yourself struggling? Are you feeling anxious? Have you given in to anger? Are you filled with longing? Lent can help with any and all of those. Lean into the offered stillness. Let yourself be fed spiritually (and literally!) through some of these opportunities. Come and be still. Just come.

WELCOME TEENS IN HS!

Sunday, April 12, 4pm-8pm

Are you in high school and wish we had a group just for you? Looking to meet other Catholic teens, learn about your faith, and have fun at the same time? Then join us in the Spiritual Center for conversation, mass, and pizza!. Email Laura Sarubbi for more info!
lsarubbi@stpaulsofprinceton.org

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Little Hearts Playgroup and More!

Families with young children are invited to gather in the Spiritual Center for connection, shared experiences, and support in the joys and challenges of raising little ones. For more information, please contact Sara Fremin at saracweill@gmail.com or Emily Rossino at emilyc8@gmail.com

- Sundays 9:30-10:30am
- Fridays 9:00-10:00am

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Children ages 3–6 are invited to meet in the Atrium of the Spiritual Center on Sundays from 9:45–11:00am. Upcoming dates include March 22

Friends of St. Paul

THE AQUINAS INSTITUTE

Princeton University Catholic Campus Ministry

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

SAVE THE DATE

Pilgrimage to Italy

Join St. Paul Parish for a pilgrimage to Italy, January 4–14, 2027, with spiritual directors Fr. Christopher Dayton and Fr. Kerly Francois. Pilgrims will visit Milan, Florence, Siena, Assisi, and Rome, with daily Mass and guided visits to some of the Church's most beautiful basilicas and sacred sites.

More details and registration information are available at journeyoffaithtours.com/italy27

FRANCIS HOUSE OF PRAYER

Diocesan Spiritual Center & Retreat House

Echoes of "Yes": A Retreat Inspired by the Annunciation
Wed., Mar. 25 · 9:30am–1:00pm
Step away from the noise of daily life and enter a sacred space of reflection, hope, and trust. This retreat invites you to accompany Mary at the moment of the Annunciation, when her openness to God's will changed everything. Discover how saying "yes" can deepen your faith and open your heart to new possibilities. Through prayer, quiet, and community, experience the echo of Mary's courageous response and prepare to encounter God's invitation anew. Led by JoLynn Krempecki. Donation: $25, includes lunch. Zoom: $20

Prayer of Abandonment: The Beauty of Surrender
Fri., Mar. 27 · 9:30am–1:00pm
God has repeatedly shown Himself to be trustworthy, yet we are often reluctant to surrender our burdens and our future to Him. This Lenten retreat invites us, like Jesus, to grow in trust as we abandon ourselves to the loving providence of God. Using Charles de Foucauld's Prayer of Abandonment as our guide, we will reflect on what it means to place our lives more fully in God's hands as Lent draws to a close. Donation: $30, includes materials and lunch. Zoom: $20

We Had Hoped!
Wed., Apr. 8 · 12:00pm–3:00pm
Spend Easter Wednesday afternoon praying with the Emmaus story, a Gospel filled with both disappointment and surprise as the disciples encounter the risen Lord along the way. Bring your own experiences into prayer and discover how Christ walks with us even when we do not recognize Him. Come at noon and begin with a delicious lunch. Led by Sr. Marcy. Donation: $25. Zoom: $20

Praying with Our Experiences
Thu., Apr. 9 · 9:30am–1:00pm
While we often pray with the life of Jesus, the events of our own lives can also become the meeting place where we encounter God. Through guided reflection, we will notice how God is present in our daily experiences and how every moment can become part of our prayer. Participants will receive Joseph Schmidt's book Praying Our Experiences. Donation: $35, includes lunch and book. Zoom: $20

Personal Retreat Day: In-Person Only
Wed., Apr. 15 · 9:30am–2:30pm
Come to Francis House for a quiet day of silence, personal prayer, and optional spiritual direction. The day begins and ends with brief communal prayer. Please bring a bag lunch. Donation: $10; $40 with spiritual direction

Silent Directed Retreat Weekends
6:30pm Fri. – 1:00pm Sun. | May 8–10 or May 15–17
These silent retreat weekends include liturgy, spiritual direction, and optional Centering Prayer periods. Participants are invited into a rhythm of prayer, reflection, and silence in a supportive retreat environment. Please register early, as these weekends fill quickly. Donation: $200. $100 non-refundable deposit required. Full payment due two weeks before the retreat begins.

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Serving the Princeton Community

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul serves members of the St. Paul community and our Princeton neighbors who are experiencing need. Volunteers meet personally with those seeking assistance, offering support with confidentiality, dignity, and respect. Assistance may include help with rent, utilities, food, clothing, medical care, or counseling. Donations may be placed in the church poor boxes or mailed to: Society of St. Vincent de Paul, 216 Nassau Street, Princeton, NJ 08542. If you or someone you know needs assistance, please call (609) 924-1743 ext. 250.

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GIVING ALMS

The third of the three pillars

This week, we turn to the third and final of the three Lenten pillars: almsgiving (wha...?).

It's important to remember that charity takes three forms: giving of our time, giving of our talent, and giving of our treasure. In every season of life, we are called to prayerfully discern where God is inviting us to give. Sometimes we give easily in one area, but are being stretched to grow in another. Other times, we are limited by our circumstances, perhaps in the form of our time, our resources, or our energy. God asks something of us, but He does not ask the impossible.

Most often, almsgiving is associated with giving money. And if you're anything like me, it tends to fall to the bottom of the list. I pray. I try to fast. But the truth is, I'm not always great at intentional generosity. Too often, our giving can become reactive or routine. We "offer" whatever we happen to have on hand when the collection basket comes by. But Jesus makes it clear that almsgiving is not optional. When He speaks about feeding the hungry, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, and visiting the lonely, He reminds us: "just as you did it to one of the least of these... you did it to me" (Matthew 25:40).

What would it look like to approach almsgiving with purpose this Lent? Maybe it's committing to a specific act of generosity: supporting a charity doing meaningful work, volunteering your time in a concrete way, or reaching out to someone who feels isolated or forgotten. Maybe it's choosing to give from your firstfruits, rather than from what is left over. Whatever it is, choose something intentional and follow through.

And one final thought: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are not meant to be temporary. Lent is not a spiritual "challenge" that we complete and move on from. These practices are meant to form us, to become part of how we live as disciples every day. Lent gives us the space to begin or begin again.

Yes, Lent may feel like it's almost over. But it is never too late to do something well.

Sun 22 — **Third Scrutiny**
For OCIA Elect & Candidates
at 10:00am

Mon 23 — **Pilgrimage Mass**
with Mercer Co. Station Churches
7:00pm at St. David the King

Tue 24 — **Pilgrimage Mass**
with Mercer Co. Station Churches
7:00pm at Incarnation, Ewing

Wed 25 — **8 Minutes at 8:00pm**
Casual Lenten chat with
Laura Sarubbi via Zoom

Wed 25 — **Pilgrimage Mass**
with Mercer Co. Station Churches
7:00pm at St. Ann, Lawrenceville

Thur 26 — **Pilgrimage Mass**
with Mercer Co. Station Churches
7:00pm at St. Joachim, Trenton

Fri 27 — **Soup & Salad Dinner**
6:00pm in the SPS Cafeteria

Fri 27 — **Stations of the Cross**
English 7:00pm | Espanol 8:00pm

Sat 28 — **Individual Confessions**
every Saturday at 4:00pm