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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 español

**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:
mheucke@stpaulsofprinceton.org

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

SATURDAYS 7:00am–8:00am

FIRST FRIDAYS 9:00am–12:00pm

Your safety during worship is of the utmost importance to us. While many of our safety measures are handled proactively behind the scenes and in coordination with the Princeton Police Department, if something or someone causes concern, please notify an usher or parish representative.

if you SEE | SAY something | something

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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:

Parish Cemetery

Maintenance & Preservation Fund

As we continue through the Easter season, we celebrate the victory of Christ over death and the promise of eternal life. In this season of hope, we call to mind those who have gone before us. We pray for them, and we entrust them to the mercy of the Risen Lord.

One of the longest-standing ministries of St. Paul Parish is our Cemetery. It has long been a priority of our parish to ensure that the faithful departed laid to rest here are honored with a space that is both beautiful and sacred. It is also a place where families can come to pray, remember, and remain connected to those they love.

To support this important work, we have established a Cemetery and Preservation Fund to assist with the ongoing maintenance and beautification of the cemetery grounds. All donations to this fund are restricted solely for cemetery care.

Gifts may be made using the Cemetery collection envelopes or online through Parish Giving or our parish website. Thank you for your generosity in helping us care for this sacred place.

Due to publication deadlines, Sunday Offertory Reports will resume on April 26.

LOVE that Strengthens | JOY that Sustains

Diocese of Trenton • 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal

Our Parish 2026 Goal: $119,000
Current Progress: $136,970 (115%)
Donors: 168 *(114 more needed)*

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



We have officially launched the 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal—an opportunity to strengthen our parish community and sustain ministries across our Diocese. Thanks to your early generosity, we have already reached our diocesan goal. If we reach 282 donors, our parish will receive nearly $6,000 in additional funds. We invite those who have not yet made a gift to prayerfully consider participating. 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 Giuseppe Iannelli | Darren & Patty Alizio

Sunday | 3rd Sunday of Easter

8:30am Dolores Chepega | Chepega Family

10:00am The People of the Parish

11:30am Joseph, Anna & Theresa Malizia | Maria & Bob Driscoll

1:00pm *Spanish Intentions*

5:00pm Intention for Jessica Latilla | Laura De Cillis

Monday

8:15am Raymond Sohmer | Dave and Lynne Harwood
John Pierre Marsiglia | Manto Family

12:10pm Andre Intartaglia | George Ververides
Florence Verano | Lee & Linda Brennan

Tuesday

8:15am Angelo & Lidia Pirone | Their Family
Catherine Griffin | Lagman Family

12:10pm Andre Intartaglia | George Ververides
Florence Verano | Lee & Linda Brennan

Wednesday

8:15am Andre Intartaglia | Anthony, and Franco DiDonato and Family
Helen C. Sawyer | Walter & Carol Sawyer

12:10pm Louis Intartaglia | Anthony and Franco DiDonato and Family
Tito Santoro | Mr. & Mrs. Sebastiano Tamasi

Thursday

8:15am Bayani Suarez | Laurene Isip & Raymond Scheire
Tito Santoro | Marco Pirone

12:10pm For the Intention of Victor Bakunoff | Bernadette Yasinowsky

Friday

8:15am For the intentions of Jody Yasinowsky | Bernadette Yasinowsky
Tommy Stokes | Lagman Family

12:10pm Leonard V. Paolillo | Barbara and Damian Mulea

Saturday | Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist

8:15am Frank X Pollio | The Neri Family
Intention for Children's Rosary Group | Alessandra Goddino

OUR SICK

Bob | Chrissy DeLuca | Eileen Dormouth | Dick Graham | Rob Ingram | Fidelis Machado | Thomas Mamula | Colette McGregor | Ann Menendez | Hanna Paczynska | Doris Paetow | Mary Agnes Procaccini | Anna Marie Revilla | Annmarie Sabb | Thomas Stokes | Christopher Joseph Stull | Sandy Tinsman

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

INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO

For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.



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 April 19, 2026

Today's readings can be found on page 625 of the hymnal. Please visit the livestream section of our website for more resources about this week's Mass.

FOCUS ON THE READINGS

3rd Sunday of Easter

In the first reading, Peter proclaims that God raised this Jesus. In Peter's Letter we are reminded that God ransomed us with the precious blood of Christ. In the Gospel, Christ meets two disciples on the road to Emmaus.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

A message from Fr. Chris Dayton

As we continue our joyful celebration of the Easter season, the Church invites us this Sunday to reflect on one of the most powerful post-Resurrection encounters in Scripture: the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus. In this Gospel, two disciples walk away from Jerusalem discouraged and confused, struggling to make sense of all that has happened. Yet it is precisely on that road—amid their doubts and disappointments—that the risen Lord draws near to them.

At first, they do not recognize Him. Their eyes are prevented from seeing. But as Jesus walks with them, listens to them, and opens the Scriptures to them, something begins to change. Their hearts start to burn within them. And finally, in the breaking of the bread, their eyes are opened—they recognize Him.

This beautiful passage reminds us that the Risen Christ is always near, even when we fail to recognize Him. He walks with us in our daily lives—in our joys, our struggles, our uncertainties. Like the disciples, we too can become discouraged or lose sight of hope. Yet Jesus never abandons us. He meets us where we are, speaks to us through His Word, and reveals Himself most fully in the Eucharist.

How often do we approach Mass as routine, or fail to realize the incredible gift before us? The same Jesus who walked with the disciples is truly present to us in the Scriptures proclaimed and in the breaking of the bread. Each Mass is our Emmaus moment—an opportunity for our eyes to be opened and our hearts to be set ablaze once more.

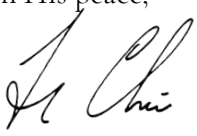
The response of the disciples is also important. Once they recognize Jesus, they do not remain where they are. They immediately return to Jerusalem to share the good news. Their encounter with Christ compels them to go forth and witness.

We are called to do the same. Easter is not meant to be contained—it is meant to be proclaimed. As disciples of the Risen Lord, we are sent into the world to bring His light, His hope, and His mercy to others. Whether through a kind word, an act of charity, or a simple invitation, each of us has a role to play in sharing the joy of the Resurrection.

Let us ask the Lord this week to open our eyes to His presence in our lives. May our hearts burn with love for Him, and may we recognize Him in the Eucharist and in one another. And like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, may we go forth with renewed faith to share the Good News with all we meet.

Wishing you and your families a blessed and joyful Easter season.

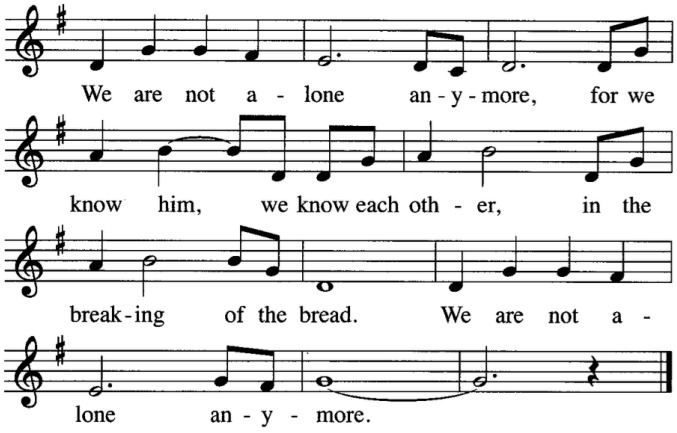
In His peace,



Fr. Chris Dayton
Pastor

OFFERTORY SONG

We Are Not Alone



Parish Life

COFFEE & DONUTS

Sunday, April 26

Join us on April 26 following all morning Masses (8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am) in the Spiritual Center for coffee, donuts, and fellowship. We hope you'll join us!

FIRST FRIDAY CAFÉ

Friday, May 1

Join us in the Parish Center after the 12:10pm Mass on Friday, May 1, as we continue our parish tradition of the First Friday Café and enter the month devoted to our Blessed Mother. Enjoy fellowship and a light lunch featuring May Day strawberry desserts. This month, we're excited to share that Fr. Chris will be our special guest!

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.

SPAC 50/50 RAFFLE

Weekend of May 2-3

St. Paul Athletics will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets after all Masses on the weekend of May 2–3 in support of the 30th Annual Bob Cronin Memorial Golf Outing. Stop by after Mass for your chance to win while supporting SPAC and its programs for our parish community. Thank you for your generous support!

FREE KIDNEY SCREENING

in collaboration with Princeton University

St. Paul Parish, in collaboration with Princeton University, will host a free kidney screening clinic on Sunday, May 3, following the 1:00pm Mass in the Spiritual Center.

All are welcome to take advantage of this opportunity for a simple health screening provided by trained volunteers.

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.

If you would like to be part of this outreach, please join us for an upcoming meeting on May 5 or June 9 at 6:30pm in the Parish Center.

HALLOW AT ST. PAUL

Hallow + St. Paul Parish Partnership

We are blessed to be celebrating the joy of Easter together on the Hallow app, with more than 300 St. Paul parishioners participating. You are welcome to join us at any time.

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)

Questions? Please contact Laura Sarubbi at lsarubbi@stpaulsofprinceton.org

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 artistry, symbolism, and spiritual meaning found throughout our church. Tours gather at the baptismal font immediately following the 8:15am Mass.

Don't miss our final tour: May 16 – Altar Clerestory Windows

YOU'RE NOT ALONE

Bereavement Support Group

We warmly invite anyone grieving the loss of a loved one to join You're Not Alone, a four-week bereavement peer support series. Together, we gently explore how grief touches our lives and how healing can begin when we share our stories. The series offers a space for reflection, support, and shared understanding.

Please note that the April and May sessions have been canceled due to low registration, as these gatherings rely on a small, supportive group to be most effective. We are grateful to still offer an upcoming session on Mondays, June 1, 8, 15, and 22, from 6:30pm–8:00pm.

More information is available at stdavidtheking.com/bereavement.

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 residents in need 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).

CHILDREN'S CHOIR 26-27

Grades 3 through 8

We invite all children who love to sing to join our parish Children's Choir for the 2026–2027 school year. Children grow in confidence, develop their musical gifts, and help lead the parish in prayer through song at Mass.

Rehearsals are held Wednesdays from 4:40pm–5:45pm. To register, visit stpaulsofprinceton.org/childrens-choir.



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 executivedirector@seniorcareservicesgp.org (Adriana Morabito). Thank you for your kindness and support.

St. Paul School

GARDEN PARTY SOIREE

SPS PTA Gala 2026

Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Gala through your generosity and presence. We are especially grateful to our sponsors, whose support helped make the evening a success.

A special thank you to Erin Ellis, Danielle Roberts, and their team for their tremendous efforts in planning such a wonderful event. We encourage our parish community to support these local businesses in return.

Please scan here to explore event photos, sponsors, Gala history, and more.

APPLICATIONS OPEN

for the 2026-2027 school year

Applications are now being accepted for the 2026-2027 school year for grades Pre-K3 through 8. Visit our website at www.spsprinceton.org and click on the "Join Our School Family" button to begin the process. Parishioners from St. Paul Parish are given priority consideration and discounted tuition rates. Please contact Michele Cano at mcano@spsprinceton.org for more information.

MONTHLY TOURS

For prospective families

Our next monthly school tour will take place on May 14. If you are thinking of St. Paul School, please contact Michele Cano to be added to the tour list. For more information, visit spsprinceton.org.be added to the tour list.

MCCAFFREY'S RECEIPTS

Save your receipts!

Our school participates in an ongoing fundraising program with Princeton McCaffrey's, where the store donates 1% of your purchases to St. Paul School. Simply save your receipts, place them in an envelope labeled "McCaffrey's Receipts," and send them to the school office or drop them in the collection basket on the table in the church vestibule during Sunday Mass.

RAISERIGHT

Fundraising while you shop

Enrollment Code: 57DF5L3658845 For more info, please contact us at: ptashopsps@spsprinceton.org.
Scan or click the QR code to learn a little more about RaiseRight!

A DIOCESE OF TRENTON SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

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Our Young Church

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

This week's Gospel tells the story of the Road to Emmaus. Two disciples are walking away from Jerusalem, confused and discouraged after Jesus' death. Along the way, Jesus joins them—but they do not recognize Him at first. It isn't until He breaks bread with them that their eyes are opened, and they realize He was with them the whole time.

This Gospel reminds us of something powerful: Jesus is always walking with us, even when we don't recognize Him.

As parents, this is a beautiful opportunity to help our children notice where God is present in everyday life. Like the disciples, we can become so caught up in our worries or busy schedules that we miss the ways Jesus is right beside us. Take time this week to pause as a family and ask, "Where did we see God today?" or "When did we feel peace, kindness, or encouragement?" These simple moments can help open our eyes to His presence.

Students, this is a reminder that you are never alone. Even on tough days, Jesus is with you—in the people who help you, in the kindness you show, and in the choices you make.

This week, try to "walk with Jesus" together—through prayer, sharing your day, or attending Mass. The more we look for Him, the more we begin to recognize that He has been with us all along.

Many Blessings,
Jaime

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, Apr. 19 - Loaves & Fishes Toiletry Drive Day #1: Drop requested items off at PREP *(Service)*
Sunday, Apr. 19 - Confirmation Kick-Off/Practice
Saturday, Apr. 25 - Confirmation Day (9:30 & 11:30)
Sunday, Apr. 26 - Loaves & Fishes Toiletry Drive Day #2 *(Service)*
Sunday, May. 3 - Children's Mass *(Liturgical)* with Children's Choir & Children's Liturgy of the Word

VACATION BIBLE CAMP
For children in PreK-2nd Grade

Each summer, we offer a morning program for children in PreK–Grade 2 focused on growing in faith and friendship through prayer, activities, and community.

Registration is open now through June 15, 2026. Two weeks of VBC will be offered this year, and families may register for one 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, offering a focused opportunity for children to grow in their faith during the summer. **Due to the immersive nature of the program, attendance is required each day.**

Registration is open now through June 15, 2026.

Program Dates and Times:
July 6–10, 9:00am–3:00pm

FALL 2026-2027 REGISTRATION
Opens Sunday, April 26

Registration for Religious Education and Sacramental Preparation for the 2026–2027 school year opens Sunday, April 26. As you plan your child's activities, we encourage you to prioritize their faith formation.

School-Year Classes are held on Sunday mornings throughout the academic year for students entering Grades K–8. Early Bird Registration runs April 26–July 31.

For more details and to register, visit stpaulsofprinceton.org/prep-registration. We look forward to walking with your family in faith!

Pastoral Hispana

MENSAJE DEL P. CHRIS
Pastor de San Pablo

Mientras continuamos celebrando con alegría el tiempo de Pascua, la Iglesia nos invita este domingo a reflexionar sobre el camino de los discípulos hacia Emaús. Dos discípulos se alejan de Jerusalén, desanimados y confundidos. Y es precisamente en ese camino—en medio de sus dudas—donde el Señor Resucitado se acerca a ellos.

Al principio no lo reconocen. Pero mientras Jesús camina con ellos, los escucha y les explica las Escrituras, algo comienza a cambiar. Sus corazones empiezan a arder. Y finalmente, al partir el pan, se les abren los ojos y lo reconocen.

Este pasaje nos recuerda que Cristo Resucitado está siempre cerca, incluso cuando no lo reconocemos. Camina con nosotros en la vida diaria—en nuestras alegrías, luchas e incertidumbres. Él nos encuentra donde estamos, nos habla a través de su Palabra y se nos revela plenamente en la Eucaristía.

Cada Misa es nuestro momento de Emaús, una oportunidad para que se abran nuestros ojos y nuestro corazón vuelva a encenderse.

Al reconocer a Jesús, los discípulos regresan de inmediato para compartir la Buena Nueva. También nosotros estamos llamados a hacer lo mismo. La Pascua no se guarda, se proclama.

Pidamos al Señor que abra nuestros ojos para reconocer su presencia en nuestras vidas y nos envíe a compartir su amor con los demás.

Que la paz y la alegría de Cristo Resucitado llenen sus corazones hoy y siempre.

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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Family Life

A HOME FOR FAMILIES

A Message from Laura Sarubbi

In the Gospel for the Third Sunday of Easter, the disciples return to something familiar. After everything they had experienced—loss, confusion, even the joy of the Resurrection—they go back to fishing. And it is there, in the ordinary, that Jesus meets them.

Family life can feel a lot like that. There are moments of grace and clarity, but there are also long stretches of routine, uncertainty, and even exhaustion. Especially for families caring for children with unique needs, the daily rhythm can be both deeply meaningful and quietly demanding.

The Easter season reminds us that Christ is not only present in the extraordinary moments, but in the everyday ones as well. He stands on the shore of our ordinary lives, gently calling us to recognize Him, to trust Him, and to try again—even when the nets feel empty.

As a parish family, we are invited to reflect that same presence to one another. To notice who might be in need of encouragement. To make space for those whose experience of family life looks different from our own. To ensure that every child, every parent, every caregiver knows they are seen, valued, and loved.

Easter is not just a season we celebrate—it is a way we are called to live. A life marked by hope, by patience, and by the quiet, faithful work of loving one another well.

MERCER COUNTY

Holy Innocents Society

St. Paul Parish is honored to lead the Mercer County Chapter of the Holy Innocents Society (HIS) within our diocese. The mission of HIS is to support and advocate for families in our parishes and throughout the broader community. This new county-wide chapter will include all 15 parishes in Mercer County.

Do you have a family member with special needs? Are you a professional with experience supporting families, or a young adult hoping to enter the field? We invite you to prayerfully consider joining us as we build this chapter together, fostering greater inclusion, support, and belonging for individuals with special needs.

Upcoming Local Opportunities

Princeton Elks (Skillman, NJ)
2nd & 4th Tuesday evenings
Dance to your favorite songs, 7:00–10:30pm
$15 per person; snacks and refreshments available
More information: Princeton Elks #2129

Club DREAMS (Lawrenceville)
Offering a wide variety of programs for all ages and abilities

- • Kindness Crew (ages 14+): Fridays, 1:00–3:00pm
- • Video Gaming & Board Game Social (ages 10+): Fridays, 6:00–7:00pm

(Please confirm elevator access if needed)

To learn more about the Holy Innocents Society, visit DioceseofTrenton.org/Holy-Innocents-Society. To get involved locally, please contact Laura Sarubbi at lsarubbi@stpaulsofprinceton.org.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Little Hearts Playgroup and More!

Families with young children are invited to join us for connection and support in the joys and challenges of raising little ones. We meet from 9:30am–10:30am in the Spiritual Center during Coffee & Donut Sundays, and we also plan family outings throughout the week and on weekends. For more information, please contact Sara Fremin at saracweill@gmail.com or Emily Rossino at emilyc8@gmail.com.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Children ages 3–6 are invited to gather in the Atrium of the Spiritual Center on select Sundays from 9:45am–11:00am.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is a Montessori-based approach to faith formation that helps young children come to know God in a quiet, prayerful way. In the Atrium, your child will listen to simple Scripture presentations, work with hands-on materials connected to the Mass and the life of Jesus, and have time for quiet reflection and wonder in a peaceful setting. Upcoming dates include April 19, May 3, and May 31.

Friends of St. Paul

THE AQUINAS INSTITUTE

Princeton University Catholic Campus Ministry

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

FRANCIS HOUSE OF PRAYER

Diocesan Spiritual Center & Retreat House

Thoughts Matter
Monday, Apr 20 • 7:00pm–8:00pm
"My thoughts make all the difference in my world." Believe it or not, we can choose our thoughts. This freedom is essential to our spiritual well-being and emotional health. This evening retreat will help us learn to notice our thoughts as they arise and choose to accept them or replace them. With prayer and practice, we can choose our thoughts and receive a quieted, peaceful mind available for conscious thinking at will. Donation: $15, includes materials. Zoom

Celebration of Earth Day
Tuesday, Apr 22 • 9:30am–1:00pm
Pray with the words of Pope Francis, St. Hildegard of Bingen, and St. Francis to set the tone for the morning. We will enjoy the natural beauty of Francis House and the surrounding woods as places of encounter with God. Donation: $25, includes materials and lunch. In-person only

Women Doctors of the Church
Friday, Apr 24 • 9:30am–1:00pm
Are you looking for inspiration and hope in 2026? Catherine of Siena, Teresa of Avila, Thérèse of Lisieux, and Hildegard have much to offer in our challenging times. What heroic women of hope. They show us that we, as Christians, can live in confident hope despite the circumstances in which we find ourselves. We will use Women of Hope by Terry Polakovic as our guide. Led by Terry Ginther. Donation: $25, includes materials and lunch. Zoom: $20

God's Ever-Present Love in Motion
Monday, Apr 27 • 9:30am–1:00pm
We all yearn to be aware of the presence of God in our daily lives, no matter where we are or what we are doing. God invites you to come as you are. We will experience His ever-present love through Centering Prayer, music, and movement. Come feel your heartbeat and let the Spirit move you. Led by Bernadette Citarella. Donation: $25, includes lunch. In-person only

Music for the Soul: Opening to God
Wednesday, Apr 29 • 9:30am–12:00pm
Join us as we open our ears, minds, hearts, and souls to God through the beauty of music. Through Tony Alonso's and David Kauffman's music, we will explore the compassion and call of God. We will listen, pray, and share how God touches our souls through word and music. Spending time in silence and praying with music and Scripture can lead us to the depths of our being. Come and be nourished. Donation: $25. Zoom: $20

Personal Retreat Day
Wednesday, May 13 • 9:30am–2:30pm
Come to Francis House for silence, personal prayer, and optional spiritual direction. The day begins and ends with a brief prayer together. Please bring a bag lunch. Donation: $10; $40 with spiritual direction. In-person only.

Please check www.FHOP.org for dates, registration, directions, and for our other offerings! All programs will be offered online and in person unless otherwise indicated.

MASS IN TIME OF WAR

A Sacred Concert with Symphony No. 92 in G Major

Join us for an evening of sacred music as the Society of St. Cecilia presents Franz Joseph Haydn's Mass in Time of War, paired with his Symphony No. 92 in G Major. This powerful and moving work, composed during a time of global unrest, invites us to reflect on God's presence, even in moments of uncertainty, through the beauty of sacred music.

The concert will be performed by the Oratory Choir of St. Anthony of Padua, the Diocesan Festival Choir, and the Orchestra of St. Cecilia.

Friday, April 24 at 7:30pm
Oratory Church of St. Anthony of Padua, Red Bank

Admission is a free will offering.

RETREAT OPPORTUNIES

Summer at Maris Stella

Looking for time away to pray, reflect, and be renewed? The Maris Stella Retreat & Conference Center in Harvey Cedars, NJ is offering three retreat opportunities in June 2026.

A Silent Directed/Private Retreat will be held June 8–