

*Great is
your faith!
Let it be done
for you
as you wish.*



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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, THUR: 9:00am-4:00pm*
TUE: 10:30am-4:00pm*
FRI: 9:00am-1:00pm*

**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

EUCCHARISTIC 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.



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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 8/1-8/2

\$24,500

Budget

\$8,950

Identifiable Gifts

\$4,267

Loose Cash

\$9,324

Online Giving

\$22,541

2026-2027 YTD

\$122,500

Budget

\$70,266

Envelopes/Loose Cash

\$54,265

Online Giving

\$124,531

101.7%

2025-2026 YTD

\$120,000

Budget

\$63,024

Envelopes/Loose Cash

\$52,229

Online Giving

\$115,253

96.0%

LOVE that
Strengthens

Diocese of Trenton • 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal

Our Parish 2026 Goal: \$119,000
Current Progress: \$166,922 (140%)
Donors: 219 (61 more needed)

JOY that
Sustains

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

We are just beyond the halfway point of the 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal year and thanks to your generosity and support for ministries throughout our Diocese. We have already surpassed our diocesan goal. If we reach 282 donors, our parish will receive nearly \$6,000 in additional rebate funds. We invite those who have not yet participated to prayerfully consider making a gift at any amount. 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 Quarto Carmela Antimo Armenti | Rosina Armenti & Family

Sunday | 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30am Noric Escalona | Lyra Espineli & Family

10:00am The People of the Parish

11:30am Mary Jo Mazure | Gina & Bob Prieto

1:00pm Spanish Intentions

5:00pm Deceased member of Sferra and Alizio Families | Patty and Darren Alizio

Monday

8:15am John Carazzai | Michael & Gemma De Santis Ermelina & Sebastiano Carnevale | Antonietta Sferra & Family

12:10pm Andrew Goldberg | Janice Hutchinson

Tuesday

8:15am Eric Elechicon | Freida Elechicon & His Loving Family

12:10pm MaryAnn & Domenic Pirone | Teodoro Tamasi & Family
Don McGuiness | Marliss McGuiness & Family

Wednesday

8:15am Nilo Ortiz | Lyra Espineli & Family

12:10pm Vanda Petrecca | Her Family
Agustin Hernandez | Mercedes Eissa K.

Thursday | Mem. of St. Bernard, Abbot

8:15am Intention for Teresa & Luke | Roopa Akkara

12:10pm Lawrence J McKearney | Cathy & Mike Gavin
James Applegate | Kathy & Jim Kilcommons

Friday, Mem. of St. Pius X, Pope

8:15am Lawrence J McKearney | Patty & Steve Janicek

12:10pm Nino & Esterina Santoro | Vanda Pirone
Intention for Chris Thomson | Kathy & Jim Kilcommons

Saturday | Mem. of the Queenship of Mary

8:15am Leela Akkara & A.V Kunjuvareed | Roopa Akkara

OUR SICK

Christopher Amalfitano | Rosemarie & Jack Coppola
| Chrissy DeLuca | Eileen Dormouth | Dick Graham |
Wayne Grapstul | Kaitlin Hortelao-Bernardes | Rob
Ingram | Fidelis Machado | Thomas Mamula | Colette
McGregor | Hanna Paczynska | Doris Paetow | An
Pham | Mary Agnes Procaccini | Maria Josephine
Spera Rein | Anna Marie Revilla | Annmarie Sabb |
Thomas Stokes | Christopher Joseph Stull | Janette
Suffern | Sandy Tinsman | Charissa Vmuda

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

AUGUST WEDDINGS

Lauren O'Brien & Larry Thul
Anne Laurita & Samuel Pastoriza
Rose Byrne & Clayton Donhauser
Lauren LaPlaca & Neel Nabar
Anabella Velez & Anthony Imperato

INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO

For evangelization in the city

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

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.



WEEKLY WORSHIP

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday, August 16, 2026

Today's readings can be found on page 706 of the hymnal. Please visit the livestream section of our website for more resources about this week's Mass.



FOCUS ON THE READINGS

20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

In the first reading, the Lord calls his people to do what is right. He promises that all who do what is right and just, including foreigners, will be brought to his holy mountain. In the epistle, Paul says that he glories in his ministry to the Gentiles to make his race jealous and thus save some of them. In the Gospel, Jesus heals the daughter of the Canaanite woman, a Gentile.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

A message from Fr. Chris Dayton

In today's Gospel, we encounter the Canaanite woman who approaches Jesus with a desperate prayer: "Lord, help me." She persists, even when the answer does not come immediately, until Jesus finally says to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."

There is something beautiful about her perseverance. She refuses to give up. She trusts that Jesus can bring healing and hope, and she continues to turn toward Him.

Her example reminds us that faith is not simply believing when everything is going well. Faith also means continuing to turn toward the Lord when we are confused, disappointed, or waiting for an answer. Sometimes the most sincere prayer we can offer is the simple prayer of this woman: "Lord, help me."

This Gospel also reminds us that the mercy of God knows no boundaries. The Canaanite woman was considered an outsider, yet Jesus recognizes the greatness of her faith. God calls us, too, to widen our hearts: to look beyond labels, differences, and divisions and recognize each person as someone loved and sought by Him.

As we continue through these summer days, perhaps we can ask ourselves: Where do I need to persevere in prayer? Where have I become discouraged? Is there someone I have kept at a distance whom the Lord may be asking me to welcome?

May we have the courage of this woman to approach Jesus with confidence, to keep turning toward Him even when the answer does not come as we expect, and to trust that no prayer offered in faith is ever wasted.

In His peace,

Fr. Chris Dayton
Pastor

OFFERTORY HYMN

Every Moment of Each Day

Refrain

Ev - ery mo - ment of each day, with ev - ery
word from my mouth, I will sing on - ly grat - i - tude and
praise to my God.

Verses

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

to Refrain

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

PARISH LIFE

RESTAURANT RAFFLE

Tickets on sale Aug. 22-23

Support the Mt. Carmel Guild and our own Kyleigh Hillsdon, who will be honored at the Guild's Annual Gala! Restaurant Raffle tickets will be available after all Masses for \$20 each or six for \$100, with prizes of up to \$1,500 in restaurant gift cards.

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.

WALKING WITH PURPOSE

Coming again this Fall

We'll be back this fall in the Fireside Lounge to support one another as women of faith. No experience is necessary; only a sincere desire to be still and hear God's voice. Email Laura Sarubbi (lsarubbi@stpaulsofprinceton.org) with questions or to let her know you will join us!

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 4:30pm-5:45pm. To register, visit stpaulsofprinceton.org/childrens-choir.

TEEN MUSIC MINISTRY

Grades 8 through 12

All teens entering grades 8 through 12 are invited to

join the Teen Music Ministry for the 2026-2027 season! The Teen Music Ministry sings once a month at alternating Saturday evening and Sunday evening Masses. The group meets one hour before Mass in the choir loft to review the music. There are no additional rehearsals. Teens who play guitar or other instruments are also welcome. To register, please visit: stpaulsofprinceton.org/teen-music-ministry

TRAINING

for Altar Servers

Current and prospective altar servers are invited to attend our Altar Server Training in the church on Thursday, Sept. 24 6:00pm-8:00pm. Register at: stpaulsofprinceton.org/altar-servers. Questions? Email Mr. & Mrs. Kunst at AltarServers@stpaulsofprinceton.org.

ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

for the Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus Princeton Council #636 invite you to their 4th Annual Golf Outing on Friday, October 16, 2026, at Cranbury Golf Club. Registration and breakfast begin at 7:30am, followed by a 9:00am shotgun start, with lunch served after golf. The registration fee is \$175 per golfer and includes breakfast, golf, and lunch. Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

Proceeds from this year's outing will benefit the Knights' Coats for Kids program, which provides new winter coats for children in need in our local community, as well as local pregnancy centers.

We hope you'll join us for a great day of golf, fellowship, and support for these important charitable ministries.

Want to become a sponsor? We have several levels of sponsorship available:

Gold Sponsor - \$3,000 (includes four golfers, hole signage, and poster at registration table and lunch)

Silver Sponsor - \$2,000 (includes two golfers, hole signage, and poster at registration table and lunch)

Beverage Sponsor - \$1,000 (includes one golfer, hole signage, and poster at registration table and lunch)

Putting Contest Sponsor - \$500 (includes hole signage)

Hole Sponsor - \$175



For more information, scan above.
Questions? Contact Joe Sarubbi: jsarubbi5164@gmail.com



JOIN ST PAUL'S PARISH ON AN

11-Day *Pilgrimage to Italy* *January 4 – 14, 2027*

MORE INFORMATION/ REGISTRATION

DOUBLE OCCUPANCY \$4,800 P/P

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SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS:



FR. CHRISTOPHER DAYTON
PASTOR



FR. KERLY FRANCOIS
PAROCHIAL VICAR

11-DAY PILGRIMAGE *to Italy with Fr. Chris & Fr. Kerly*

Join St. Paul Parish for a pilgrimage to Italy, January 4–14, 2027, with spiritual directors Fr. Chris Dayton and Fr. Kerly Francois. Pilgrims will visit many of Italy's most beloved spiritual and cultural destinations.

Pricing begins at approximately \$4,900 per person (double occupancy) and includes round-trip airfare, hotels, breakfasts and dinners, guided sightseeing, transportation, and gratuities.

Visit journeyoffaithtours.com/italy27 for the complete itinerary, pricing details, and registration information. Mass will also be celebrated daily.

Abbreviated Itinerary

- Day 1: Depart for Italy
- Day 2: Arrive in Milan | Florence
- Day 3: Florence
- Day 4: Siena | Assisi
- Day 5: Assisi
- Day 6: Assisi | Rome
- Day 7: Rome | Angelus at St. Peter's Square
- Day 8: Rome | Roman Landmarks
- Day 9: Rome | Holy Sites
- Day 10: Rome | Papal Audience*
- Day 11: Return Home

**Subject to the Holy Father's schedule.*

ST. PAUL SCHOOL

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Join our team!

St. Paul School, a co-educational PreK–8 parish school in the Diocese of Trenton serving more than 285 students, is seeking dedicated and enthusiastic candidates to fill the following positions for the 2026-27 school year.

Positions include:

- Pre-K3 full-time Lead Teacher
- 6th Grade part-time Religion Teacher

Please visit the school website (click or scan the code here) to read full job descriptions.



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 to learn more!

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 McCaffrey's receipts from the last three months, 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!



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OUR YOUNG CHURCH

FROM THE DRE'S DESK

A message from Mrs. Jaime Gostkowski

This Sunday's Gospel tells the story of a Canaanite woman who desperately asks Jesus to heal her daughter. When Jesus does not immediately respond and seems to turn her away, she refuses to give up. She keeps asking because she trusts deeply that Jesus can help her daughter. Her persistence and confidence remind us of the faith we are called to have, especially when our prayers are not answered in the way or time we expect.

As parents, this persistence may sound very familiar. Our children can be remarkably persistent when they want something! Sometimes we eventually change our minds; other times, the answer remains no. As parents, we know that saying "no" doesn't mean we don't love our children. Sometimes we see something they cannot yet see or know that what they are asking for isn't what is best for them. Our relationship with God can be much the same.

When we bring something to God in prayer and don't receive the answer we hope for, we may wonder if He is listening. This Gospel reminds us that faith doesn't mean we never struggle, question, or have to wait. Faith means continuing to trust God even when we don't understand what He is doing.

This is an important lesson for our children as they face disappointments, struggles, and moments when they may wonder where God is. While we cannot promise that every prayer will be answered exactly as they hope, we can teach them that **God is always worth turning toward**. Ask your children: *What is something you have been praying about? How do you feel when God doesn't seem to answer right away?* Talk with them and perhaps share something from your own experience.

Personally, this Gospel reminds me that I can sometimes mistake God's silence for His absence. The Canaanite woman challenges me to keep bringing my prayers to Jesus with confidence and trust. I don't always understand His timing or His answers, but I can trust that He already cares about what is on my heart.

Her faith reminds us to bring our worries, hopes, and loved ones to Jesus, trusting that He hears us.

Many blessings,
Mrs. Jaime Gostkowski

2026-2027 REGISTRATION

Now open thru September 6

Registration for Religious Education and Sacramental Preparation for the 2026–2027 school year is now open! As you plan your child's activities, we encourage you to make faith formation a priority.

School-Year Classes are held on **Sunday mornings** throughout the academic year for students entering **Grades K–8**.

Please do not wait to register; registering early helps us prepare for a successful year by ensuring we have the appropriate staffing, classroom space, and supplies ready for your children.

For more information and to register, visit stpaulsofprinceton.org/prep-registration.

We look forward to walking with your family in faith!



LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

2026-2027 Fall PREP

Do you love your faith and enjoy working with children?

We are looking for **catechists**, **classroom aides**, **substitutes**, and **special event volunteers** to help with our Fall PREP (Parish Religious Education Program).

Whether you feel called to teach, assist in the classroom, help with special events, or simply explore ways to share your gifts, we would love to connect with you!

Every volunteer brings unique talents, and we'd be happy to talk with you about your interests and how you might become more involved in helping to catechize the youth of St. Paul Parish.

If you are interested or would like to learn more, please contact Jaime at REOffice@stpaulsofprinceton.org. We would be happy to answer your questions and help you find a volunteer opportunity that is the right fit for you.

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

A Mary Day: Counting on Her Intercession
Tuesday, Sept. 8 • 9:30am–1:00pm

We begin our one-day programs this year with Mary, the mother of Jesus. As we celebrate the feast of her birth today, let us call on Mary, our mother, for all our needs. We all need a mother sometimes. Bring all your intentions. She will take us, with our intentions, to her Son, and he in turn will take us to God. This is a very powerful prayer of intercession.

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

Centering Prayer: Into the Silent Land
Tuesdays, Sept. 8, Oct. 6, Nov. 3, Dec. 1, Jan. 5, Feb. 2, Mar. 2, Apr. 6, May 4 & June 1 • 6:30–8:30pm

Discover the beauty of Centering Prayer as a way of life through this monthly series. Each evening includes two 20-minute periods of silent prayer, Scripture reflection, a brief teaching from Fr. Thomas Keating, and discussion based on *Into the Silent Land* by Martin Laird, OSA. Whether you are new to Centering Prayer or looking to deepen your practice, these evenings offer a peaceful monthly retreat that fosters a closer relationship with God. Please purchase your copy of *Into the Silent Land* before the series begins. Format: In-person & Zoom. Suggested Donation: \$200

Pope Leo's First Letter to the Church: Getting to Know His Heart and Soul
Wednesday, Sept. 9 • 9:30am–12:00pm

We begin our Fall semester listening to a short summary of Pope Leo's first encyclical, *Magnificat Humanitas* (Magnificent Humanity). Often we get to know a person's heart best by reading his words. What is in Pope Leo's heart as he writes to us, all of us? Do you have time to come and listen to his message? It is easier in a group. Donation: \$25, includes materials.

Personal Retreat Days

Wednesdays, Sept. 9, Oct. 7, Nov. 4, Dec. 2, Jan. 6, Feb. 3, Mar. 3, Apr. 7, May 5 & Jun. 2 • 9:30am–2:30pm

Not a series. Take a day away from the busyness of your life to rest a while in the Lord and experience God's presence. Come to Francis House for silence, personal prayer, and optional spiritual direction. The day begins and ends with a brief prayer together. Please bring your lunch. Come to as many as you can. Donation: \$10; \$40 with spiritual direction.

Be Kind to Your Body: 15 Principles of Healthy Eating
Wednesdays, Sept. 9, 16 & 23 • 4:00–5:00pm

Looking for a healthy reset after Labor Day? This three-week series explores practical ways to care for your body, mind, and spirit through mindful eating. Each session introduces five principles of healthy eating while encouraging participants to support one another between meetings through an accountability partner. Treat your body with the reverence and kindness God desires, and invite a friend to join you for this encouraging and enjoyable journey.

Format: Zoom only. Suggested Donation: \$50

What Isaiah of Old Makes New

Wednesdays, Sept. 9, Oct. 7, Nov. 4 & Dec. 2 • 7:00–8:00pm

Though written nearly 2,800 years ago, the words of the prophet Isaiah continue to speak powerfully to our lives today. Together we'll explore how his timeless message offers wisdom, hope, and encouragement for navigating the demands of modern life with faith and trust in God.

Format: Zoom only. Suggested Donation: \$60

The Screwtape Letters

Thursdays, Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 10, Jan. 7, Feb. 11, Mar. 11, Apr. 8 & May 6 • 9:30am–12:00pm

Journey through C.S. Lewis' *The Screwtape Letters* in this engaging nine-month series. Using Lewis' imaginative correspondence between two devils, we'll uncover the subtle temptations that can draw us away from God while discovering the spiritual practices that strengthen our relationship with Christ. Whether you're reading the book for the first time or returning to it with fresh perspective, each session offers thoughtful discussion, practical insight, and opportunities for deeper spiritual growth.

Format: In-person & Zoom. Suggested Donation: \$250

For 12-Steppers Everywhere: Hinds' Feet on High Places

Thursdays, Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 10, Jan. 14, Feb. 11, Mar. 11, Apr. 8 & May 6 • 7:00–8:00pm

Hinds' Feet on High Places is a story of endurance, persistence, and reliance on God. This book has inspired millions to become sure-footed in their faith, even when facing the rockiest terrain. This beloved

classic simplifies and captures the mystical journey in its entirety. This is a book you will never forget!
Format: Zoom only. Donation: \$150

Friday Morning Retreat

Fridays, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 6, Dec. 4, Jan. 8, Feb. 5, Mar. 5, Apr. 2 & May 7 • 9:15am–12:00pm

Essentially this is a morning set apart for God and you. Prayer provides perspective and so will our reading of *Learning to Pray* by James Martin, SJ. If you hunger for good reading, nourishing prayer and a sense of belonging to a community, come to these Friday mornings. We arrive distracted and frazzled and leave centered and refreshed. Donation: \$250

Friday Night Spiritual Reading Group: The Return of the Prodigal Son

Fridays, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 6, Dec. 4, Jan. 8, Feb. 12, Mar. 5 & May 7 • 6:30–7:30pm

It is amazing that every time we hear this parable it is somehow new and God uses it for our strength and consolation. We are all three characters in the story: the younger son, the older son and the father of them both. This book makes a profound difference in how you see yourself and others! Good reading for a Friday night! We will read *The Return of the Prodigal Son* by Henri Nouwen. Donation: \$175

SUMMER FEEDING FAMILIES

A Mt. Carmel Guild Initiative

This summer, help local families bridge the gap when school meals are unavailable. The Mt. Carmel Guild is collecting donations to support families throughout Mercer County through its Summer Feeding Families Program.

Requested items include pantry staples, canned fruit, meal kit ingredients, and children's snacks. Donations may be dropped off through August 11 at Mt. Carmel Guild, 73 North Clinton Avenue, Trenton.

For a complete list of requested items, please see the flyer or visit mtcarmelguild.org. Thank you for supporting our neighbors in need.

RETRouvaille

Rediscover the love in your marriage

Tens of thousands of couples have strengthened and healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). This program offers hope

and practical tools for couples experiencing challenges, difficulties, or crises in their relationship. Participants learn communication skills, rebuild trust, and deepen intimacy in a supportive and confidential environment.

The next Retrouvaille weekend will be held July 31–August 2, 2026, at the Family Life Center in Malvern, Pennsylvania. An additional weekend is scheduled for October 2–4, 2026.

For more information or to register, call 215-766-3944 or visit MarriageHelpDelVal.org. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

MEDJUGORJE

Youth Festival Pilgrimage

Young adults are invited to experience the annual Youth Festival in Medjugorje through a pilgrimage with Totally Yours Pilgrimages. This grace-filled journey offers an opportunity for prayer, spiritual renewal, and fellowship with thousands of young Catholics from around the world.

For pilgrimage dates, itinerary, and registration information, visit: MEDJ1.com

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, and referrals to other resources.

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.

Those interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend an upcoming meeting on Tuesday, September 1, at 6:30pm in the Parish Center.

PASTORAL HISPANA

MENSAJE DEL P. CHRIS *Pastor de San Pablo*

En el Evangelio de hoy, encontramos a la mujer cananea que se acerca a Jesús con una súplica desesperada: «Señor, ayúdame». Ella persevera, aun cuando la respuesta no llega de inmediato, hasta que finalmente Jesús le dice: «Mujer, ¡qué grande es tu fe! Que se cumpla lo que deseas».

Hay algo hermoso en su perseverancia. Ella se niega a darse por vencida. Confía en que Jesús puede traer sanación y esperanza, y continúa acudiendo a Él.

Su ejemplo nos recuerda que la fe no consiste simplemente en creer cuando todo marcha bien. La fe también significa seguir acudiendo al Señor cuando estamos confundidos, decepcionados o esperando una respuesta. A veces, la oración más sincera que podemos ofrecer es la sencilla súplica de esta mujer: «Señor, ayúdame».

Este Evangelio también nos recuerda que la misericordia de Dios no conoce fronteras. La mujer cananea era considerada una extranjera, y sin embargo Jesús reconoce la grandeza de su fe. Dios también nos llama a ensanchar nuestro corazón: a mirar más allá de las etiquetas, las diferencias y las divisiones, y a reconocer a cada persona como alguien amado y buscado por Él.

Mientras continuamos estos días de verano, quizá podamos preguntarnos: ¿Dónde necesito perseverar en la oración? ¿Dónde me he desanimado? ¿Hay alguien a quien he mantenido a distancia y a quien el Señor quizá me esté pidiendo que acoja?

Que tengamos la valentía de esta mujer para acercarnos a Jesús con confianza, seguir acudiendo a Él incluso cuando la respuesta no llega como esperamos, y confiar en que ninguna oración ofrecida con fe es en vano.

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 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, seis cenas, transporte en autobús privado y entradas a los lugares incluidos.

Más información y reservas:
journeyoffaithtours.com/italy27.

¡TRAJE TU PAÍS *a ParishFest!*

Uno de los momentos más especiales de ParishFest es nuestra celebración multicultural, donde los feligreses comparten comidas y tradiciones de todo el mundo. Este año ya estarán representados China, Costa Rica, Colombia, Alemania, Guatemala, Grecia, Haití, India, Italia, México y Filipinas, además de los favoritos de la parrilla de Estados Unidos.

¿No está representado tu país? ¿Queremos contar contigo! Ayúdanos a mostrar aún más de las culturas que enriquecen a St. Paul Parish organizando o colaborando con una mesa de tu país. También puedes compartir una receta familiar favorita en una de las mesas ya representadas.

Para participar, comunícate con Lisbeth Arrue en lisbetharrue@gmail.com, Sanjay Jethani en sanjet@hotmail.com o Cathy Vanderpool en catherinevanderpool@gmail.com.

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

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ParishFest 2026

A weekend under the tent!



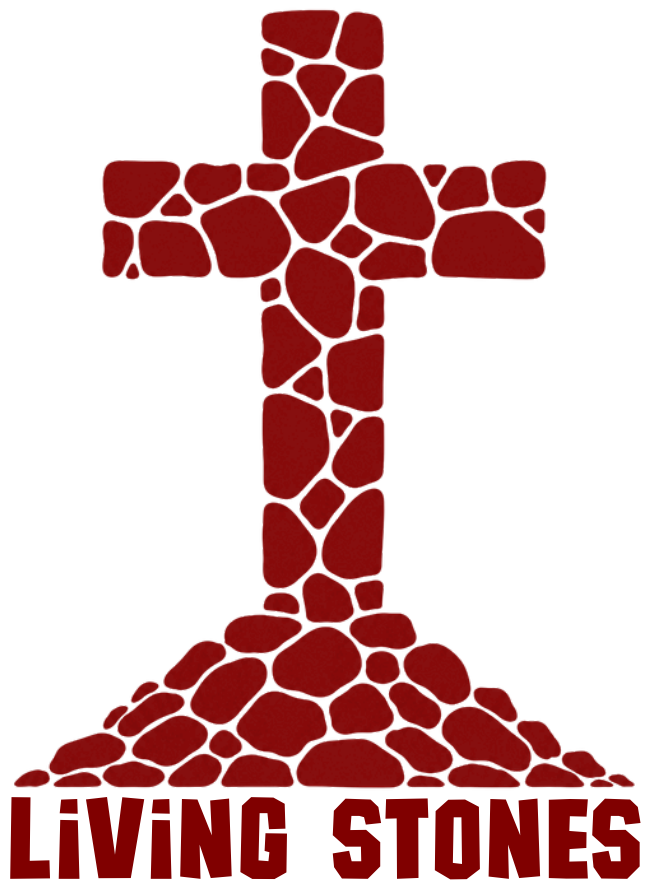
Saturday, September 12
at 6:30pm
Celebration Dinner & Dancing



Sunday, September 13
at 11:30am
ParishFest Multicultural Mass



Sunday, September 13
at 12:30pm
ParishFest under the tent



Parish Founding
1850

Church Dedication
1957

Church Cornerstone Laid
1956

Church Platinum Jubilee
2026-2027

In celebration of our church's Platinum Jubilee, this year's ParishFest theme is "Living Stones," inspired by 1 Peter 2:5 and the life, faith, and spirit that our parishioners bring to St. Paul Parish.

We will also honor our Young Adult Ministry in a special way at this year's Celebration Dinner. We hope you will join us for an evening of dinner, dancing, and fellowship, in addition to all of the festivities taking place throughout the day on Sunday.

BRING YOUR COUNTRY TO PARISHFEST

One of the highlights of ParishFest is our multicultural feast, with parishioners sharing food and traditions from around the world. This year, tables are already representing China, Costa Rica, Colombia, Germany, Guatemala, Greece, Haiti, India, Italy, Mexico, and the Philippines, along with USA grill favorites.

Is your country missing? We want you there! Help us represent even more of the beautiful cultures that make up St. Paul Parish by hosting or contributing to a country table. You can also share a favorite family recipe with one of the countries already represented.

To participate, contact Lisbeth Arrue at lisbetharrue@gmail.com, Sanjay Jethani at sanjet@hotmail.com, or Cathy Vanderpool at catherinevanderpool@gmail.com.

Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house...

We would love your support as a sponsor this year!

Help make ParishFest a success by becoming a sponsor! Gold (\$550+), Silver (\$300), and Bronze (\$150) sponsorships are available, along with opportunities to sponsor specific activities, entertainment, food, T-shirts, and supplies.

Interested in sponsoring ParishFest? Contact Karlene Marchese at karlene.marchese@gmail.com.