

Merry Christmas

*"...this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
...the babe, the son of Mary."*



**The Parish
of
St. Paul
and
St. Ann**

**THE
4TH SUNDAY
OF ADVENT**

**CHRISTMAS
THE NATIVITY
OF THE LORD**

<u>ST. PAUL'S CHURCH</u>		<u>ST. ANN'S CHURCH</u>	
Saturday	Dec. 22, 2018	Saturday	Dec. 22, 2018
5:00 PM	Charles Miller	5:30 PM	Gertrude Knight
Sunday	Dec. 23, 2018	Sunday	Dec. 23, 2018
7:30 AM	McGuire & Paoli Families	8:45 AM	Daniel Kirwan
10:00 AM	James F. Connery	11:30 AM	For the People of the Parish
12:00 PM	Joanne Therese Gazzola		<i>Second Collection for the Capital Projects</i>
6:00 PM	Edward Bond		
Monday	Dec. 24, 2018 Christmas Eve	Monday	Dec. 24, 2018
6:30 AM	Antonio Salgado	7:30 AM	Fran D'Amico
9:00 AM	Felix & Ann McCabe	12:10 PM	Marilyn Cummings
4:00 PM	Maria Boca	4:30 PM	Jackie Lee Babcock
4:15 PM	Sadie Brennan (L)		<i>7:30 PM — Pre-Mass Concert</i>
6:00 PM	The Dalsass, Hentz & Scholl Family	8:00 PM	Eugene Draper
7:15 PM	Frank Mazzlotti		<i>11:30 PM — Pre-Mass Concert</i>
10:00 PM	Russo Family	Midnight	Greg O'Gorman
Tuesday	Dec. 25, 2018 Christmas Day	Tuesday	Dec. 25, 2018 Christmas Day
7:30 AM	Robert Sbordone (L)	8:45 AM	David Byrne
10:00 AM	Joseph Salvemini	11:45 AM	Hernandez & Rotondo Families
Noon	Robert & Melody Ortiz		
Wednesday	Dec. 26, 2018	Wednesday	Dec. 26, 2018
6:30 AM	Jose Luis Ledesman	7:30 AM	John Callan — 3rd Anniversary
9:00 AM	Rosemary Carton	12:10 PM	Patrick Hillery
Thursday	Dec. 27, 2018	Thursday	Dec. 27, 2018
6:30 AM	Edward Bond	7:30 AM	Margaret Dailey
9:00 AM	Anthony Grecco	12:10 PM	Roger Grahn — Anniversary Lillian Coneys — Anniversary
Friday	Dec. 28, 2018	Friday	Dec. 28, 2018
6:30 AM	Edward Bond	7:30 AM	Anna Mae Taylor
9:00 AM	Hipolito Reyes — 3rd Anniversary	12:10 PM	Grace McCarthy
Saturday	Dec. 29, 2018	Saturday	Dec. 29, 2018
7:30 AM	Edward Bond		
9:00 AM	Sheila Gallagan	9:00 AM	Hugh & Christine Rahill
5:00 PM	Dom Cardone	5:30 PM	John Perrotta
Sunday	Dec. 30, 2018 Feast of the Holy Family	Sunday	Dec. 30, 2018 Feast of the Holy Family
7:30 AM	Connie Cardone	8:45 AM	Connie Cardone
10:00 AM	Margaret Bordas	11:30 AM	Gloria Biederman
12:00 PM	Juan Salgado		<i>Second Collection for Parish Needs</i>
6:00 PM	Edward Bond		

*Adeste Fideles, laeti triumphantes
Venite, venite in Bethlehem . . .*

PARISH NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS



My Dear Parishioners,

Today our Gospel tells the story of the Visitation, when Mary visits her cousin, Elizabeth, and Elizabeth recognizes that God is working in Mary. It presents a very human moment in the lives of Mary and Elizabeth and also a very special moment, because John the Baptist in the womb leaps for joy, recognizing that the Savior is near. As these two holy women greet one another so also their babies recognize one another.

Our Advent on the coming of the Lord should help us to see that God comes to us in every human being. We come to recognize that each person is a special presence of God for us, if we truly have eyes of faith.

During this Christmas season, it is so good to see so many young people home for the holidays as well as visitors who join us to celebrate the holidays away from home. Hopefully each visitor and each parishioner will feel the love and warmth and light of Christ reflected in this community of Saint Paul and Saint Ann.

Please go out of your way to invite others to join us for the celebration of Christmas and the days that follow. Remember that everyone you invite will enrich our celebration of the Lord's birth.

God bless you and have a happy and blessed Christmas.

Fr. Vladimir and the Oratorian Fathers

RENEW AND REBUILD CAMPAIGN

IT'S UP TO US TO CARE FOR ST. PAUL'S AND ST. ANN'S AND TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR FUTURE AND FAITH ARE STRONG FOR GENERATIONS TO COME. THE MAJORITY OF THE FUNDS WE RAISE WILL BE FOR THE NEEDS OF OUR TWO CHURCHES. PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY — AND PRAY FOR THE SUCCESS OF THIS CAMPAIGN.

We wish to thank Joseph Damonti of Michael J. Higgins Funeral Service in Congers and Keith Taylor of Hannemann's Funeral Home in Nyack for providing us with the beautiful

2019 Catholic appointment calendars. Please pick one up when you leave the church.



The Parish of St. Paul-St. Ann

2018 CHRISTMAS Schedule



In the Church of
St. Paul



In the Church of
St. Ann



CHRISTMAS Vigil

Monday 12/24/18

04:00 pm - Children's Mass
04:15 pm - Vigil Mass in St. Paul School
06:00 pm - Christmas Vigil
07:15 pm - Spanish Vigil
10:00 pm - Solemn Mass

04:30 pm - Vigil Mass
07:30 pm - Pre Mass Concert
08:00 pm - Christmas Vigil
11:30 pm - Pre Mass Concert
Midnight - Solemn Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY

Tuesday 12/25/18

07:30 am
10:00 am
12 noon
NO - evening Mass



08:45 am
11:30 am



Sunday - Holy Family

Sunday 12/30/18

05:00 pm Saturday
07:30 am
10:00 am
12 noon
06:00 pm

05:30 pm Saturday
08:45 am
11:30 am

NEW YEAR'S Vigil

Monday 12/31/18

05:00 pm

5:30 pm mass
11:00 pm - Holy Hour with
Exposition and Benediction

NEW YEAR'S Day

Tuesday 01/01/19

07:30 am
10:00 am
12 noon
NO - evening Mass

08:45 am
11:30 am

Christmas Flower donation envelopes are available in the back of our churches. Please make an offering in honor or in memory of someone. We will remember each person and YOU in a special way in all our masses at Christmas time.



FROM the RECTORY

MASS BOOK & MEMORIALS

The **Mass Book** is open at both churches. Please call the Parish Office to reserve a mass at St. Ann's or St. Paul's **through March 2019**.

If you'd like to bring up the Gifts at a mass for which you've scheduled an announced intention, please tell the usher.

You may also request that the '**Sanctuary Lamp**' in either church or the St. Ann's Chapel be lit for your special intention or in memory of a loved one. The candle burns for 1 week. Donation is \$25.

EMAIL FOR THE PASTOR

Pastor@spasaparish.org

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deadline is Friday, the week before publication
Send to: Bulletin@spasaparish.org

Jan. 6 bulletin — deadline Friday, Dec. 21

Jan. 13 bulletin — deadline, Tuesday, Jan. 8

PARISH WEBSITE

For more detailed information about our parish:
Spasaparish.org

MEMORIAL INTENTIONS — WEEK OF DEC. 23

Sanctuary Lamp (St. Paul)

Joseph J. Porrovecchio

Sanctuary Lamp (St. Ann)

Daniel Kirwan

Chapel (St. Ann)

Margaret Dailey



St. Paul & St. Ann PRAYER FOR THE SICK

We pray that the sick of our parish, our relatives, and friends will experience God's healing love, especially:

Mary Dwyer, Noemi Pineda, Sue Zistler,
Angelina B. Velasco, Baby Garces,
Ronald Mercurio, Carolyn Pagliuca,
Michael Doria, Noah Diaz,
Manuel Tucay

Call the rectory (268-4464) to be placed on the list of those who need prayers in time of illness, or call with the names of any sick family members or friends. The name will remain on the list for 3 weeks and then be removed unless we hear from you that the person still needs our prayers.

DONATING TO OUR PARISH ONLINE

PARISH GIVING is a safe, secure, and easy way to make your donations to St. Paul & St. Ann's Parish online. You can register online at our parish website, spasaparish.org.

300 CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations to the Lucky Winners of our BIG Drawing!

#244	Lisette Diaz	\$50
#46	Dugan Family	\$100
#129	Jennifer Hennsey	\$350
#1	William Hopkins	\$1000

NOVEMBER 2018 COLLECTIONS

	11/01/18	11/04/18	11/11/18	11/18/18	11/25/18
St. Paul and St. Ann	7,291	13,019	11,812	12,667	12,075
St. Paul and St. Ann Parish Giving & We share	3,873 + 6,862				

Advent

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he King shall come when morning dawns
And light triumphant breaks,
When beauty guilds the eastern hills
And life to joy awakes.

fourth sunday

"The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns" John Brownlie (1907)

CHURCH of ST. PAUL



St. Paul's LITURGY MINISTERS for Dec. 30, 2018



TIME	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS
5:00 PM	G. Scerbak	C. & E. Skiba	A. Sawal, A. Zil A. Castillo	V. Panzo, W. Rodriguez, G. Holland
7:30 AM	D. Paoli	R. Sbordone, J. Salerno	B. & H. Sopin A. Francois	A. Smith, V. Czajkowski, T. Totoria
10:00 AM	C. Acevedo	L. Terminello, A. Matthew	H. Caceres, E. Opiola	G. Spinney, H. Caceres, M. Katigbak W. Kelder, K. McAleer, S. Reynolds S. Leto, V. Alfieri, A. Diaz
12:00 PM	J. Cardone	B. Lynch, D. Mangan	G. Kopf, M. Martucci R. Adriano	W. Hartl, W. Kelder P. Dudgeon, A. Dibianco, M. Reilly, E. Lockhart, F. Cifuni
6:00 PM	A.M. Favorito	E. Pellegrino, R. Roy	M. Alfieri, W. Puehl	C. Linen, J. Cerreta, R. Aberion

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Homebound — M. Raboy, M/M Masiello, T. Alexander **Nyack Manor** — H. Hohlfeld, O. Massaro **Tolstoy** — A. & R. Blackwood

DEVOTIONS Morning Prayer Daily 8:45 am
Holy Rosary Daily after 9:00 am Mass
Eucharistic Adoration Wednesday noon to 6:00 pm, Benediction at 6:00 pm
Our Lady of Fatima Novena Wednesday 6:00 pm
Chaplet of Divine Mercy Friday after 9:00 am Mass



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Dear Friends,

Carolyn, our beloved daughter, is a 54-year-old single mother fighting stage-4 breast cancer. Her immune system is severely challenged, and we will seek traditional treatment as well as alternative treatment which is not covered by insurance.

We are asking for donations to assist us in paying for her treatment!!!

Please go to: **Carolyn's Cancer Treatment @ GoFundMe** on Facebook or mail donations to M. Pagliuca, 30 P.O. Box, Congers, NY 10920

Any and all donations will be a blessing no matter how small. Thank you, Marilyn Pagliuca

Please join the St. Paul's Youth Choir for Christmas Caroling at 3:30 pm on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, before the 4 pm Children's Mass. If you would like your child to join the choir, please contact Ed Tarife, bboydds1@gmail.com or call/text 917-576-4523.



Silent Night, Holy Night

WEEKLY at ST. PAUL'S

Monday Prayer Group, 7:45 pm (school)
K of C, 7:30 pm, 2nd & 4th

Tuesday Bible Study, 7 to 8:30 pm (school)

Wednesday (see 'Devotions' on pg. 6)

Thursday Shawl making, 10 am (Parish Center)

Saturday Spanish Prayer Group (Parish Center)

MORE PARISH & COUNTY EVENTS

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT HELEN HAYES

Helen Hayes Hospital is presently looking for volunteers for the Helen Hayes Hospital Gift Shop. Looking for all days of the week especially weekends. Training will be provided. Come and be part of the Helen Hayes Team. Please contact Patient Relations at 845-786-4210 or email gavinr@helenhayeshosp.org.

Are You "SURE" You're a Registered Parishioner?

Many times we meet people and friends at St. Paul and St. Ann's who attend mass, take part in events, or perhaps even have received their sacraments here as well. We're so very glad you're here and part of our community. But that alone does not make you a parishioner! To be a member of the parish you have to REGISTER. Registering is very easy and can be done either online at our website spasaparish.org, or you can come to the parish office and fill out a form. It just takes a few minutes.

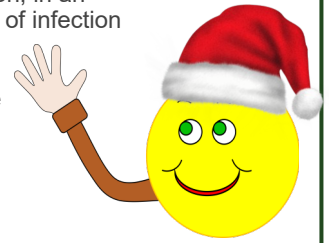
Why register? First and foremost, it's very important to register so we can serve your needs and have your contact information. Many times, we have families calling the office for sponsor letters for either Baptism or Confirmation. To receive a sponsor letter, you must be a REGISTERED member of the parish for at least 6 months.

Everyone over the age of 18 is encouraged to register with the parish. Many young adults assume that because they received all their sacraments here as a child and attend mass here that they are automatically registered. This is not the case.

Moreover, last tax season we could not provide a donation letter for quite a few people who attended mass regularly and donated weekly because they were not registered members of the parish of St. Paul and St. Ann and did not have their donations recorded. **So, please join us officially and register with the parish so we can meet all your needs now and in the future!**

SIGN OF PEACE DURING THE FLU SEASON

During the cold and flu season, in an effort to minimize the spread of infection to all of us and especially to vulnerable individuals, all are encouraged not to shake hands during the sign of peace. A smile and nod will suffice! Thank you so much for your understanding and for keeping us all healthy!



GRAYMOOR BOOK & GIFT CENTER

A hidden treasure in the Hudson Valley, you may not even be aware this little store exists. It offers a wide selection of inspirational and religious books, music, videos, greeting cards, and unique gift items. It's a pleasant place to shop with background music and a staff ready to assist. You can also walk the grounds of Graymoor, visit the chapels, walk the labyrinth and more. Christmas is a good time to visit. Over 100 Nativities from around the world will be on display from Dec. 1 through Jan. 12. All purchases support the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement.

Franciscan Friars of the Atonement Graymoor Book & Gift Center

40 Franciscan Way, Garrison, NY 10524
Open Tuesday thru Sunday, 9 am to 5 pm
845-424-2100

**SAVE THE DATE — JANUARY 18, 2019
MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON, DC**

ST. PAUL & ST. ANN 300 CLUB

LOOKING FOR A CHRISTMAS GIFT?

WHY NOT CONSIDER GIVING A 300 CLUB NUMBER?

**4 MONTHLY
DRAWINGS
OF \$50
MAKES A GREAT
CHRISTMAS GIFT!**



**TWICE-A-YEAR
BIG DRAWINGS:
4 PRIZES
\$1000, \$350,
\$100, \$50**

\$26 semi-annually or \$52 annually

To Join, please fill out

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Please return to the St. Paul - St. Ann Rectory

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Narrators

Ella & Kate Gould

Mary

Samantha
Taylor-Packes

Angel Gabriel

Samantha Killeen

Herald Angel

Scarlett Diaz

Joseph

Patrick Gannon

Wise Men

Mia Carver
Kaitlyn Rogers
Nina Camitan

The St. Paul and St. Ann Parish Christmas Pageant



Angels

Samantha Cooney,
Abby Gould,
Jane Gould, Brianna
Graney, Ruby
Maloney, Nora
Maloney, Gabrielle
Plumber-Brown,
Ava Sagula,
Maria Sanchez

Shepherds

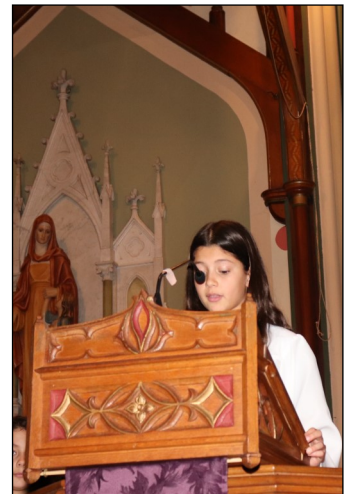
Leonardo Cozza,
Michangelo, Cozza,
Ethan Diaz, Noah
Diaz, Mason
Mathsen-Scotto,
Christopher Rogers,
Blake Sagula,
Sean Savage



December 16, 2018



Photos by Dan Cooney & Victor Camitan



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Once there was a man who looked upon Christmas as a lot of humbug. He was a kind and decent person, but he didn't believe all that stuff about Incarnation that churches proclaim at Christmas. And he was too honest to pretend that he did. "I simply can't understand this claim that God becomes man. It doesn't make any sense to me," he said.

On Christmas Eve, his wife and children went to church for Midnight Mass. He declined to accompany them. "I'd feel like a hypocrite," he explained. Shortly after his family drove away in the car, snow began to fall. Peering out the window at the heavy, swirling flakes, he noticed a flock of birds huddled miserably near the house. They had been caught in the storm and seemed lost and confused.

"I can't let these poor creatures sit there and freeze," he thought. "But how can I help them?"

Then he remembered the barn. It would provide a warm shelter. He put on his coat and boots and tramped through the deepening snow to the barn. He opened the door wide and turned on a light. But how to lure them in? "Food, of course!" he thought. So he hurried back to the house for bread crumbs, which he sprinkled on the snow to make a trail into the barn. To his dismay, the birds ignored the bread crumbs and continued to shiver helplessly in the cold. He tried shooing them into the barn by walking around and waving his arms. They scattered in every direction – except into the warm, lighted barn.

"They find me a strange and terrifying creature," he said to himself. "I can't seem to think of any way to let them know they can trust me. If only I could be a bird myself for a few minutes, perhaps I could lead them to safety. . . ." Just at that moment the church bells began to ring. He stood silent for a while, listening to the pealing of glad Christmas tidings. Then, he sank to his knees in the snow. "Now I do understand," he whispered. "Now I see why You had to do it."

Jesus is the climax of God reaching out to us. God had to do it, had to become one of us to make us understand because despite God's best efforts throughout all the Old Testament, we still didn't get the message. At Christmas, we celebrate God's breaking into human history in the person of Jesus. But the Incarnation is not limited to Christmas. God breaks through and makes his presence known in every act of kindness, in every victory of goodness and justice, in every moment of compassion, in every instance of putting aside our own needs for love of another. May we welcome Mary's Child into our lives not only in the joy of these holidays but at all times.

Merry Christmas, my friends!

Fr. Vladimir



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Rev. **Roman** D. Palecko, C.O. Asst. Pastor
Rev. **Arogya** Raju, Parochial Vicar
Rev. **Peter** Bujdos, Parochial Vicar
Rev. **George** Torok, C.O., Provost
Weekend Assistant



Church of St. Ann, 16 Jefferson Street, Nyack, NY

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Deacons	Dominic Buonocore Mark Czerwinski, Director RCIA	Luke Conroy, Director RCIA Charles DeGroat Gerald Fenton, Liturgy Coordinator
Parish Office Hours	9:00 am-3:00 pm Monday-Friday	11:00 am-12:00 pm Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs.
Cemetery/Assistant to Pastor	Lisette Diaz Lisette.sor3@gmail.com	
Religious Education Program	(845-268-5442) Email: religiouseducation@spasaparish.org Carmen Hernandez Lisette Diaz	
St. Paul Regional School	Mrs. Michelle Pitot (845-268-6506)	
Music Ministry	James Russell	Vincent Green
Sunday Masses	Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 7:30 & 10 am, 12:00 & 6:00 pm 2 nd & 4 th Sundays of month: Spanish mass at 7:30 pm	Saturday 5:30 pm Sunday 8:45, 11:30 am
Weekday Masses	Monday—Friday 6:30 & 9:00 am Saturday 7:30 am & 9:00 am	Monday—Friday 7:30 am & 12:10 pm Saturday 9:00 am
Morning Prayer	Monday—Saturday 8:45 am	
Rosary	Following Weekday 9 am Mass	Before 12:10 Mass
Confessions	Saturdays 4:00-4:45 pm Anytime by request.	Saturdays 4:30-5:15 pm Anytime by request.