

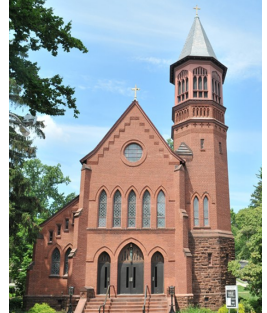


Welcome to the Parish of St. Paul - St. Ann



Church of St. Paul
82 Lake Road West
Congers, NY 10920

Church of St. Ann
16 Jefferson Street
Nyack, NY 10960



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Parish Office:
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Rev. Maniraguha **Jean Paul** Ruriho, Assistant

Rev. **George** Torok, C.O., Provost—Weekend Assistant

♦♦ ST. PAUL ♦♦		♦♦ ST. ANN ♦♦
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	Mariana Dalsass (845-268-5442) Email: religiouseducation@spasaparish.org Carmen Hernandez Thomas H. Sullivan	
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.

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are normally celebrated at St. Ann's Church on the first and third Sundays of the month and at St. Paul's Church on the second & fourth Sundays. For a Baptism at St. Paul's contact Deacon Dominic at the Rectory (845-268-4464); at St. Ann's, call Deacon Luke (845-323-5669). First-time parents of child to be baptized must register for a Baptismal instruction class, held in the Rectory, normally on the last Thursday of the month at 7 pm. Please direct all inquiries to Deacon Dominic.

Sacrament of Marriage

Engaged couples should contact the Rectory at least six months in advance in order to arrange for their participation in the marriage preparation program. Please email assistantpastor@spasaparish.org.

Anointing of the Sick

If someone is homebound or in the hospital, please notify the Rectory. Arrangements can be made for the sick person to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Holy Communion is brought to the homebound by our Ministers of Holy Communion.

February 4, 2018 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

<u>ST. PAUL'S CHURCH</u>		<u>ST. ANN'S CHURCH</u>	
Saturday	Feb. 3, 2018	Saturday	Feb. 3, 2018
5:00 PM	Basak & Cangro Families	5:30 PM	Jean & Nicholas Arlotta
Sunday	Feb. 4, 2018	Sunday	Feb. 4, 2018
7:30 AM	Ursula Sbordone (L)	8:45 AM	Riley Robert Drake
10:00 AM	For the People of the Parish	11:30 AM	Martha Brown
12:00 PM	Mr. & Mrs. James O'Donnel, Ellen & Vincent Bradley, Rob Cifuni	Second Collection for Capital Projects	
6:00 PM	Bernard McCabe		
Monday	Feb. 5, 2018	Monday	Feb. 5, 2018
6:30 AM	Michael & Ann McIntyre	7:30 AM	Geraldine Joseph — Thanksgiving
9:00 AM	Roger Aimi	12:10 PM	Ben Koszyk
Tuesday	Feb. 6, 2018	Tuesday	Feb. 6, 2018
6:30 AM	Sybil & Horace Partridge	7:30 AM	Andre Auguste (L)
9:00 AM	Jean Burns	12:10 PM	Joseph Stach Jr.
Wednesday	Feb. 7, 2018	Wednesday	Feb. 7, 2018
6:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory	7:30 AM	Sergo Mesidor (L)
9:00 AM	Bernard McCabe	12:10 PM	John Fiore
Thursday	Feb. 8, 2018	Thursday	Feb. 8, 2018
6:30 AM	Israel Joseph	7:30 AM	Sonny Figueroa
9:00 AM	Charles "Chuck" McCall	12:10 PM	George Bryant
Friday	Feb. 9, 2018	Friday	Feb. 9, 2018
6:30 AM	Robert Tocco	7:30 AM	Senorita
9:00 AM	Barney McCabe	12:10 PM	Remedios Licmoan — 40th Anniversary
Saturday	Feb. 10, 2018	Saturday	Feb. 10, 2018
7:30 AM	Mary & Peter Nicholson	9:00 AM	at the discretion of the celebrant
9:00 AM	Frank & Maria Furnari	5:30 PM	Lorraine Ryder Novotny
5:00 PM	Anne & Rocco Mercurio & Family		
Sunday	Feb. 11, 2018	Sunday	Feb. 11, 2018
7:30 AM	Robert Michael Sbordone (L)	8:45 AM	Ben Koszyk
10:00 AM	Mary & Micheal Brady	11:30 AM	For the People of the Parish
12:00 PM	Ashley Badenchini	Second Collection for Peter's Pence	
6:00 PM	Christopher Ojeda		

These masses are still available. If you would like to schedule a mass to be said for your special intention, please call the Rectory.
 St. Paul — Feb. 12 (6:30), Feb. 14 (6:00 & 8:00), Feb. 19 (6:30), Feb. 21 (6:30), March 7 (6:30), March 9 (6:30), March 10 (7:30)
 St. Ann — Feb. 12 (12:10), Feb. 13 (12:10), Feb. 14 (7:30 & evening), Feb. 17 (9:00), Feb. 18 (8:45), Feb. 19 (7:30 & 12:10)

PARISH NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Attention All Romantics

Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, falls on ASH WEDNESDAY this year.

This is a solemn day of FAST and ABSTINENCE for devout Catholics.

Please plan ahead and make dinner reservations for Tuesday evening, Feb. 13. This would also be a great way to observe *Mardi Gras*!

And . . . please save the candy for Thursday. Or, better yet, inform your significant other that you plan on giving up candy for Lent and suggest, instead, some flowers or a modest gift.

If you never recall this happening before, it may be because the last time Valentine's Day fell on Ash Wednesday was in 1945. However, until 1966, the rules required fasting *every day* of Lent (except Sundays) — and no snacking in between meals — so, back then, whenever Lent started *before* Feb. 14, enjoying your box of Valentine chocolates was something of a challenge. Does anyone remember those days?



The poster features a dark wood-grain background with a decorative border of white lace and floral patterns. At the top, there is a cluster of white and yellow roses with green leaves. The text is centered and reads:

First Annual Gala
St. Paul & St. Ann

Please join us for a Wonderful Evening of
Open Bar, Sit Down Dinner, Dancing and
a chance to Win Fantastic Prizes!

\$75 Per Person

FRIDAY | 6 | APRIL
7:00 PM | 2018

Town & Country
923 S. Route 9W
Congers, NY 10920

For more important, please call the Rectory
845-268-4464

LENTEN RETREAT



**Metanoia: Change of heart;
repentance, spiritual conversion,
decision to face a new direction**

Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018 from 11am-4:45pm

St Paul Church-Parish Center
82 Lake Road, Congers, N.Y. 10920

RSVP at the rectory: 845-268-4464

PLEASE OBSERVE OUR PARKING LOT RULES

As you all recall, in July of this past year we repaved our parking lot at St. Paul's in order to create more parking spots and make our parking lot safer and more efficient.

The goal was to have plenty of parking spaces available so parishioners arriving for crowded masses wouldn't have to resort to using non-parking areas, such as the fire lanes around the church.

Of late, we have observed that once again we have cars parked in the fire lanes behind the church. We also have been receiving numerous complaints about parishioners whose cars are blocking access to the middle row of parking spaces.

As a reminder and as a measure of courtesy to your fellow parishioners, we ask that you fill in all the parking spots in the lot and please refrain from parking in the fire lanes around the building.

THANK YOU!

SIGN OF PEACE DURING THE FLU SEASON

During this particularly bad flu season, a friendly gesture **without shaking hands** may be a good idea, even if you don't feel sick or the person next to you doesn't appear to be sick either. Since we can be contagious before experiencing any symptoms, a wave or smile might be the more prudent way to wish each other peace at this 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 June 2018.

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

Feb. 11 bulletin — deadline Friday, Feb. 2

Feb. 18 bulletin — deadline Friday, Feb. 9

PARISH WEBSITES

For more detailed information about our parish:

Spasaparish.org

Stann-nyack.org

MEMORIAL INTENTIONS — WEEK OF FEB. 4

Sanctuary Lamp (St. Paul)

Sanctuary Lamp (St. Ann)

Chapel (St. Ann)



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:

Bonnie L. Taylor, Patrick O'Donnell
Mary Hillery, Ann Nieuwenhuisen
Joseph & Mary Salvemini

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.



CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL UPDATE

We have reached our goal for the 2017 Cardinal's Stewardship Appeal!! The goal for our parish was \$153,000 and we've received pledges for \$153,319 — a total of 495 gifts. Because of your generosity, the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal will be able to continue to make God's love visible to all through the programs and services it provides throughout the Archdiocese of New York. Your donations make this possible. Thank you, and God bless you!



WE'D LIKE TO CONNECT WITH YOU!

Sign up for important updates from the parish via email or text.

www.flocknote.com/STANNNYACK or /STPAULS

Or text SACC or STPC to 84576 from your phone

QUESTIONS ABOUT WE-SHARE?

Call WE-SHARE (800) 950-9952, Select Option 1

HOURS: 8:00 am to 8:00 pm ET

DONATING TO OUR PARISH ONLINE

Currently, we have two programs for donating online.

Our new program is called **PARISH GIVING**. You can register online at either of our parish websites, stann-nyack.org or spasaparish.org.

The original program, which many of you are enrolled in, is called **WE-SHARE** (used to be called **PARISH PAY**). It still exists, and if you are satisfied with it, you may keep it. If not, we suggest you switch to Parish Giving. The We-Share link is also on our websites, or you can call them at 800-950-9952, option 1. You may experience a wait.



FEBRUARY 14

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

6:30 am, 9:00 am, noon
4:00 pm, 6:00 pm & 8:00 pm

ST. ANN'S CHURCH

7:30 am, 12:10 pm, 7:30 pm

CHURCH of ST. ANN



St. Ann's LITURGY MINISTERS for Feb. 11, 2018



TIME	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS
5:30 PM	B. Garrison	G. Gebbia, J. Gunther	D. Bideiwy, M. Brosius	J. Arl, Frank G. Tom F., Nick D.
8:45 AM	K. Lynch	G. Moreau, G. Nelson	D. Dobson, G. Tangredi	James C., Jack B. Jules C., Ken W.
11:30 AM	Children's Mass Lectors	C. Durandisse, J. Tangredi	I. Cuaz, G. DelloRusso K. Lusaria	Ed T., Ed G., James B. Bill L.

DEVOTIONS

Rosary
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Rosary & Divine Mercy

Monday through Friday
Monday through Friday
Saturday

11:45 am
after 12:10 pm Mass
after 9 am Mass



First Friday 7:30 am Mass; 8:00 am to 11:50 Exposition of Blessed Sacrament; 8:15 Morning Prayer, 11:15 Rosary; 11:50 Benediction; 12:10 Mass; 12:40 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy; 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm Holy Hour, Exposition, Benediction.

Mass For The Brokenhearted

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted...and He saves those whose spirits have been crushed.
Ps 34:18

*...For all those
whose hearts
are burdened
due to grief,
loss, broken
relationships,
illness, worry...*



See I make all things new...
Rev. 21:5

Date: Thursday, February 15, 2018
Time: 7:00 PM
Place: St Francis of Assisi Church
128 Parrott Road, West Nyack, NY

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE WITH THE ORATORIANs

A few places are still available. April 11-23, \$3,300 all inclusive; Amman, Israel, Palestine, Dubai. Call the rectory for more information or to make reservations.

HELPING HANDS SAFE HAVEN UPDATE

Thanks to all who helped this past weekend when St. Paul-St. Ann's team hosted at the Helping Hands' new Warming Center. This new program provides shelter for as many as 75 adults during the winter months at Rockland County's Health and Social Services complex in Pomona. Transportation is provided each evening by vans which pick up in Haverstraw, Nyack, and Spring Valley. A hot meal, laundry, and showers are provided.

St. Paul-St. Ann's team will be again hosting at the Warming Center the weekends of February 23-25 and April 6-8. **New members are welcome!** We help serve a catered dinner (6:30-9:30 pm) and bring a welcoming smile to those sheltering overnight at the Warming Center. We carpool from Nyack and Congers. Please contact either Regina Kelly (358-4353) or Deacon Jerry Fenton (353-0793) if you are interested in joining us or have questions about this ministry.

For those who may not be able to come to Pomona, donations of laundry detergent, juice, water, granola bars, and other packaged snacks are welcome. Please contact Regina or Deacon Jerry to arrange a dropoff in Nyack.

MARYDELL — OVER 90 YEARS — SERVING, CARING

Don't miss this remarkable exhibit of photos and memorabilia, tracing the history of Marydell and the sisters from the restoration of a derelict farm property in 1924 to a summer camp for immigrants from the city, to today's Faith and Life Center in Upper Nyack. Saturdays, 1 to 4 pm, through January & February at the Historical Society of the Nyacks, 50 Piermont Ave., Nyack (Depew House, behind the library).

MARYKNOLL SISTERS' CHARITY CONCERT

The 45-member Hudson Valley Symphonic Wind Ensemble will perform at the annual concert to benefit the Sisters' various worldwide missions. March 4, 3 pm, at the Maryknoll Sisters Center, 10 Pinesbridge Rd., Ossining, NY, 10562. Tickets \$30 online at maryknollsisters.org/concert, or call 1-866-662-9900, or at the door on the day of the event.

CHURCH of ST. PAUL



St. Paul's LITURGY MINISTERS for Feb. 11, 2018



TIME	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS
5:00 PM	D. Zinna	S. Baumann, R. Helmer	C. & A. Castillo M. Corniel	G. Enriquez, V. Panzo, W. Rodriguez J. Galeta, G. Holland
7:30 AM	R. Sbordone	T. Garingo S. Fergus-Mellon	M. Martucci, C. Devers M. Leiter	A. Smith, V. Czajkowski, T. Totor P. Bencivengo
10:00 AM	L. Perez	K. Butler, P. Thomas	W. & K. Ottenheimer M. Dalsass	G. Spinney, H. Caceres, M. Katigbak W. Kelder, K. McAleer, S. Reynolds S. Leto, V. Alfieri, A. Diaz
12:00 PM	E. Minoza	J. & S. Crean	E. Opiola, K. Crai L. Diaz	J. Granata, W. Hartl, W. Kelder P. Dudgeon, A. Reale, A. Dibianco R. Vivas, M. Reilly, E. Lockhart F. Cifuni
6:00 PM	A. Cacciola	T. Geary, R. Roy	M. Alfieri, W. Puehl	C. Linen, J. Cerreta, R. Aberion

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Homebound — E. Indyk, L. Diaz, C. James

Nyack Manor — O. Massaro, A. Matthews

Tolstoy — M. Vaillancourt

DEVOTIONS

Morning Prayer

Holy Rosary

Eucharistic Adoration

Our Lady of Fatima Novena

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Daily

Daily

Wednesday

Wednesday

Friday

8:45 am

after 9:00 am Mass

noon to 6:00 pm, Benediction at 6:00 pm

6:00 pm

after 9:00 am Mass



Calling knitters, crocheters, and sew-ers

During this long winter, perhaps you would like to make a prayer lap blanket for a new baby in the parish.

The second annual Baby Mass will take place at the end of October. For this event we need car seat blankets that are made with love and prayers for the babies who will receive them. These blankets measure 2 feet by 2 feet. They can be any style. Blankets with generic colors are more useful than pink and blue.

If you would like to make a blanket, please pray for the baby receiving it. When it is finished, please drop it off at the Rectory. Your help will be so gratefully received, and you will be making a difference in the lives of parents and babies in the parish. If you have questions, please leave a message for Bernadette at 845-826-0960. Thank you!

300 CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations to the Lucky Winners of our December Drawing!

#62 Frank Geronimo

#103 Mr. & Mrs. Zamparo

#282 Ms. Margaret DiSalvo

#290 Mr. William Kelly

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



A SCOUT IS REVERENT!

SCOUT SUNDAY MASS

FEB. 4 – 2:00 PM

HUDSON VALLEY COUNCIL, BSA

HOSTED BY ST. AEDAN CHURCH

**PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT and
HOMILIST**

BISHOP DOMINICK LAGONEGRO

H.A.N.D.S. BEREAVEMENT GROUP — FEB. 7

H.A.N.D.S. (Healing and Nurturing Distraught Survivors) sponsors a bereavement support group for parents who have lost a child. It is facilitated by Ann Carucci. All groups meet from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at H.A.N.D.S. International Headquarters at 9 Scott Drive, New City. Meetings this month are on Feb. 7 and Feb. 20. Services are free of charge. Ann is also available for personal, one-on-one counseling sessions. For information call 845-634-6706.

Did you know that there is a LOST AND FOUND bin at St. Ann's? It is located on the window sill in the sacristy.

Currently it includes:

2 sets of car keys! 4 separate hoop earrings
7 pairs regular glasses 5 rosaries and various other items
2 pairs sun glasses

In addition, one possibly valuable hoop earring was recently found. If you think it's yours and can identify it, please contact Deacon Jerry.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SEMINAR

St. Joseph's Seminary (Yonkers)

Friday, Feb. 16, 7pm

Presentation by James Monti, author of
"Praying in the Presence of Our Lord"

More information and registration:
nyliturgy.org/workshops. Contact: liturgy@archny.org or 914.968.6200, x8177



CYFM's DAY BY DAY AGAPE RETREAT

TEENS: You know that longing in your heart That insatiable need to connect? You were born with it. What exactly is it? Come and find out. Real teens giving real talks about real life and real love, assisted by adult team and Friars. Great music, food, and fun social breaks. 7 pm, Feb. 16, through 5 pm, Feb. 18. \$140 for materials, meals & lodging. All paper-work & non-refundable \$75.00 deposit must be in by Feb. 13; Deduct \$10 for Early Bird (Feb. 6). For info and application contact CYFM or visit our website: www.cyfm.org and click on "events." Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries, 781 Route 9D, PO Box 192, Garrison, NY (845) 424-3609.

PARISH MISSION — INTO THE WILDERNESS

As we approach this great season of Lent, we prepare as a Catholic community of brothers and sisters to follow Jesus into the desert for 40 days in prayer, fasting, seeking God, and doing battle with sin. Please join the parish of St. Paul and St. Ann for a Lenten retreat on Saturday, Feb. 10, at St. Paul parish center, from 11 am to 4:45 pm. Talks will be given by Fr. Raj, Deacon Mark, and Deacon Luke. Please call the rectory at 845-268-4464 to make a reservation.

COME JOIN AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS TROOP NY1315

We have girls from grades K-7 from five different parishes and welcome all girls from K-12 interested in a faith-based, service-minded scout organization.

So far this year, girls have baked cookies for CPD & NCFD, made candy-grams for injured soldiers at Walter Reed Medical Center, loaded supplies being sent to animal shelters in Texas after the hurricane, and made blankets for hospice patients.

They are planning a Valentine's party for the Dominican Sisters, will be organizing supplies to feed/warm the homeless, and are doing a clean-up day! The girls have also worked on badges such as Hiking and Cake Decorating and are looking forward to earning Sign Language, Camping, Photography, Our Flag, and Kitchen Science or Engineering! We are having a Mother/Daughter Tea and will be going fishing or bowling with the dads!

We meet about two Friday nights each month at St. Francis of Assisi in West Nyack. To join or visit a meeting, email kerribennett@optonline.net or go to www.ahgonline.org and enter 10994 in the "find a troop" box, then scroll down to send a request for information. Come and join the fun!



VENERABLE
PIERRE TOUSSAINT
SCHOLARSHIP FUND

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Applications are being accepted for the **Venerable Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Program** — an award of \$2,000 to be used in connection with attendance at a college, university, or for post-secondary education

An applicant must be a senior graduating from a public, private, or Catholic school located within the Archdiocese of New York, a practicing Catholic within an archdiocesan parish or faith community, and obtain a letter from his/her pastor or parish priest verifying such. Completed applications are due Friday, Feb. 16. Contact the rectory for more information and materials.



(above) Have you ever seen a book-barrow? They come in all shapes and sizes. Book-barrows are meant to be set up in a public place, usually by a train station or bus stop, park, or shopping mall, or in front of a store or busy street corner. The primary purpose is to bring notice to the Catholic Church in the marketplace. The St. Paul and St. Ann Legion of Mary Book Barrow was a card table set up at the Shop Rite of West Nyack on Saturday, Jan. 20. It displayed Catholic literature, sacramentals like rosaries and Miraculous Medals, and even copies of the parish bulletin — all available to the public for free. It was a well spent day of evangelization, and the members of the Legion of Mary met many interesting people, including some parishioners from St. Paul and St. Ann.

OUT AND ABOUT

(below) Parishioners Art and Annmarie Smith and Joe and Liz O'Brien at the Church of St. Mary in New Haven, Conn., the church of Fr. Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus. The one-day trip on Jan. 27, sponsored the Triune and McCloskey Councils of the Rockland K of C, included a visit to the K of C Museum and a tour of the international Christmas creche exhibit.



(below) Fr. Roman (center) and the eighth grade class of St. Paul School at the Rose Mass for Life on Jan. 19 at St. Gregory Barbarigo Church in Garnerville. The annual mass is held to coincide with the March for Life in Washington, DC, and is attended by the eighth graders from Rockland's five Catholic elementary schools.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Every Christian Is a Full-Time Missionary

Some of us may think that we aren't called to spread the gospel because we don't have what it takes to influence other people.

But that is a deception of the devil.

Every Christian is called to be a full-time missionary, not because we are all super-intelligent, good-looking, creative, or endowed with a charismatic personality. Our missionary identity comes from our baptism, which made us members of God's family, and our confirmation, by which God equipped us to become his

messengers, courageous soldiers of his Kingdom. It is God who will work through us; our job is just to give him the chance.

A few years ago, a young woman who had consecrated her life to God as a full-time missionary became seriously sick. She was confined to bed and her days were filled with intense physical suffering.

But more than that, she experienced a deep moral suffering, a deep existential frustration: she had given her life to God to become a missionary, and now she couldn't even get out of bed. She prayed and asked God for guidance.

Soon people started visiting her and asking for her prayers. As she prayed for these intentions, she united her suffering to Christ's cross as part of her prayer. Soon more people began to ask for her prayers, and she stumbled upon her mission: she would use her difficult situation as a model for other people who had been given similar crosses, inviting them to offer their sufferings for the needs of others.

So she started a website apostolate. It has inspired a growing network with members in 14 countries and on five continents.

Every one of us is called to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ, no matter what limitations we may be facing.



St. Paul School

Me & My Special Guy Dance

Girls bring your Fathers, Grandfathers, Godfathers,
Uncles, Brothers...Someone Special.

Friday February 9th, 2018 at St. Paul School
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Advance admission \$15 per child (\$20 per child at the door)
One special guest per girl is free

Great Food,
DJ,
Photos available for purchase at the dance.

Exciting raffles including
Luciana Vega- American Girl Doll of the Year 2018

**** A dessert donation the night of
the dance would be greatly appreciated****

Please return advance registration
with payment (checks made payable
to St. Paul School HSA) to the school
or Parish office Attn: Maureen DeSantis

Name(s) _____

Dessert (Y/N) _____



2017 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS AVAILABLE

The IRS no longer accepts cancelled checks as proof of charitable contributions. If audited, the IRS will request an official statement from the charitable organization (church) you contributed to. Those of you who use the parish envelope system may request such a letter from our parish by completing the form below and dropping it into the collection basket any time you are at mass. You may also contact the parish office. (845-268-4464)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Envelope #: _____

**Please drop in collection basket or call office (845)
268-4464.**