



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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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	Lissette Diaz Lissette.sor3@gmail.com			
Religious Education Program	(845-268-5442) Email: religiouseducation@spasaparish.org Carmen Hernandez Lissette Diaz			
St. Paul Regional School	Mrs. Michelle Powrie-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 [™] & 4 [™] 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.

<u>s</u>	ST. PAUL'S CHURCH	ST. ANN'S CHURCH			
Saturday	Feb. 23, 2019	Saturday	Feb. 23, 2019		
5:00 PM	Rosemary & Edward Rigney	5:30 PM	For the People of the Parish		
Sunday	Feb. 24, 2019	Sunday	Feb. 24, 2019		
7:30 AM	Anna Reife	8:45 AM	Maria Nguyen & deceased members of the Nguyen Family		
10:00 AM	Nancy McMenimon	11:30 AM	Phyllis Fumoso		
12:00 PM	Fred Cifuni (8th Anniversary) & Helen Cifuni (1st Anniversary)		Second Collection for the Poor		
6:00 PM	William Murphy				
Monday	Feb. 25, 2019	Monday	Feb. 25, 2019		
6:30 AM	Keith & Helen Brenneman	7:30 AM	Gilberte Joseph		
9:00 AM	Frank Ficarra	12:10 PM	At the discretion of the celebrant		
Tuesday	Feb. 26, 2019	Tuesday	Feb. 26, 2019		
6:30 AM	At the discretion of the celebrant	7:30 AM	Agnes Fisher		
9:00 AM	Living & deceased members of the Fecci Family	12:10 AM	At the discretion of the celebrant		
Wednesday	Feb. 27, 2019	Wednesday	Feb. 27, 2019		
6:30 AM	Andrew Massa	7:30 AM	Bonnie Taylor		
9:00 AM	Herbert & Honor Farrell	12:10 PM	Mary Ann Mathsen		
Thursday	Feb. 28, 2019	Thursday	Feb. 28, 2019		
6:30 AM	At the discretion of the celebrant	7:30 AM	Amante Mesidor & Victoria Victor		
9:00 AM	Susan & Frank Egan	12:10 PM	George Bryant		
Friday	March 1, 2019	Friday	March 1, 2019		
6:30 AM	Robert Sbordone (L)	7:30 AM	Anna Mae Taylor		
9:00 AM	Claire Smee & Helen Lynch	12:10 PM	Meryse Doreinville		
Saturday	March 2, 2019	Saturday	March 2, 2019		
7:30 AM	Thanksgiving to St. Joseph				
9:00 AM	Marie Brett	9:00 AM	Eduardo Baltazar		
5:00 PM	Mathew Family	5:30 PM	Jean Arlotta		
Sunday	March 3, 2019	Sunday	March 3, 2019		
7:30 AM	Dorothy Paoli	8:45 AM	Souls in Purgatory		
10:00 AM	Rose Marie Quilty	11:30 AM	Linda Oteri		
12:00 PM	Edward Bond		Cosonal College on for Hallist		
6:00 PM	For the People of the Parish		Second Collection for Utilities		

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 — Mar. 6 (evening), Mar. 7 (6:30), Mar. 9 (7:30), Mar. 18 (6:30), Mar. 21 (6:30), Mar. 22 (6:30), Mar. 23 (7:30) St. Ann — Mar. 4 (12:10), Mar. 5 (12:10), Mar. 6 (evening), Mar. 7 (7:30), Mar. 8 (7:30), Mar. 9 (5:30), Mar. 10 (11:30)

PARISH NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Bereavement Support Group

meets this Friday, March 1, and the first Friday of every month at St. Ann's School, 6 Jefferson St., Nyack, from 10 to 11:30 am

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted, and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

Psalm 34:18

Contact: Arlene Melillo, 845-634-3882





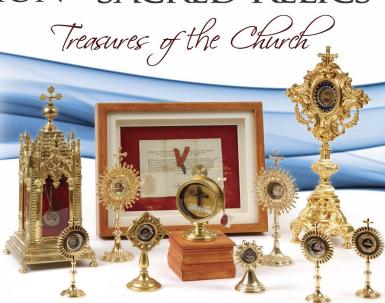
EXPOSITION OF SACRED RELICS

St. Paul & St. Ann Parish welcomes you to a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics. Over 150 relics will be present, some as old as 2,000 years.

Among the treasures will be relics of St. Maria Goretti, St. Thérèse of Lisieux (the "Little Flower"), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska.

In addition, there will also be present a piece of a veil which belonged to Our Lady and one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world.

At St. Ann's Church in Nyack



presented by Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross

HELD IN THE CHURCH ON

FRIDAY MARCH 1 AT 7:00 PM

See www.treasuresofthechurch.com for more information



Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. In the Church's history many miracles and healings have been worked in the presence of relics, and many have been healed through this ministry.

Please do not miss this opportunity.

You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members, which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession.



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 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

March 3 bulletin — deadline Friday, Feb. 22 March 10 bulletin — deadline, Friday, March 1

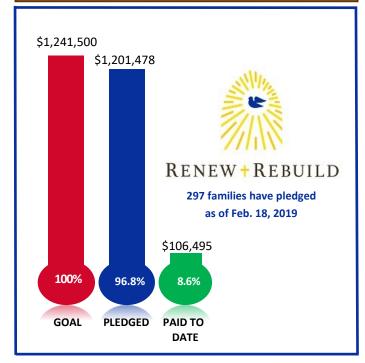
PARISH WEBSITE

For more detailed information about our parish:

Spasaparish.org

PARISH COUNCIL Enrico Aberion, Ann Marie Blackwood, Hernan Caceres, Guy Gebbia, Vicki Gill, Marie Josee Joseph, Karin Lancellotti, Julie Lepore, Marie Lorenzini, Dennis Lynch, Bernadette Masiello, Greg Moreau, George Strayton, Keith Taylor

FINANCIAL COUNCIL William Dailey, Carlos Hernandez



MEMORIAL INTENTIONS — WEEK OF FEB. 24

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:

Jim Sutherland Sr., Justine Marco, Carolyn Pagliuca, Michael Doria, Noah Diaz, Manuel Tucay

Please 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.

300 CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations to the Lucky Winners of our JANUARY Drawing!

#205 Donna McNerey
#128 Dennis Neuberger

#294 Mr. & Mrs. Muggeo

Mr. & Mrs. Martini

#289

JANUARY 2019 COLLECTIONS

	01/01/19 New Year	01/06/19	01/13/19	01/20/19 Snow	01/27/19
St. Paul and St. Ann	5,402	14,368	12,858	8,778	12,669
St. Paul and St Ann Parish Giving & We	2,888 + 7,740				

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CHURCH of ST. ANN



St. Ann's LITURGY MINISTERS for March 3, 2019



TIME	LECTORS	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS
5:30 PM	M. Lorenzini	M. Crisafi, G. Gebbia	Z. Chaubard, B. Vital	Joe A., George B. Diona & Jim, Logan S.
8:45 AM	C. Roy	V. Camitan, C. Stokes	N. & M. Camitan K. Lusaria	James C., Ken W. Tom S., Austin S.
11:30 AM	M. Sullivan	C. Durandisse, V. Leone	N. & I Nunez J. Dangler	Ed T., Ed G. Peter K.

DEVOTIONS Rosary Monday through Friday 11:45 am (11:30 am, First Friday)

Divine Mercy Chaplet Monday through Friday after 12:10 pm Mass Rosary & Divine Mercy Saturday after 9 am Mass

First Friday 7:30 am Mass; 8:00 am to 11:30 Exposition of Blessed Sacrament (chapel); 8:15 Morning Prayer, 11:30 Rosary; 11:50 Benediction; 12:10 Mass; 12:40 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet; No evening Holy Hour on March 1 because of event in church.

St. Paul & St. Ann Parish

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Pastor's Explanation of the Purpose of Letters of Good Standing

We often receive requests to sign a statement that a certain individual is a practicing Catholic and eligible to serve as a Godparent, Confirmation sponsor, or RCIA sponsor. This is sometimes referred to as a *LETTEROF GOOD STANDING*. What I or my staff sometimes notice is that the person who requests my signature:

- a. Has not registered in the parish,
- b. Has no record of any involvement in the parish,
- c. Has no record of attending Mass,
- d. Has moved to another area or has just arrived from another area and has no record of being involved either here or there.

This makes it very difficult for me and my representative to sign our name to something that we are not sure is true. Therefore, please take note of the following guidelines for requests that you may make in this regard.

IF YOU WANT TO BE CONSIDERED A PARISHIONER of our parish and would like validation of this from the parish office, we need you to please:

- 1. Register as a parishioner.
- 2. Become involved in some parish activity or ministry, if you are not already involved.
- Fulfill your obligation to participate at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation and either use our envelope for cash or a check on your contribution that allows us to track your attendance (this is not to see how much you give, but that you attend).
- 4. If you are an adult child of parents in the parish, register yourself here or wherever you attend Mass.
- If you come from another parish and would like us to offer a *Letter of Good Standing* for you, please bring some statement from your previous parish that you are a practicing parishioner there.
- Finally, if you move, notify us that you have moved and register in the parish of the new location.

THE PURPOSE OF a *LETTER OF GOOD STANDING* is to show that we value the example and commitment of godparents and sponsors, and it is hypocritical to stand up for someone when you either do not believe or practice what you profess. The letter assures the parish seeking it that the person recommended to it is serious about his or her Catholic faith and will share that faith with the one to be baptized or confirmed.

Finally, please note our parish registrations are to be used only by our parish and our diocese. In no way do we share the information you gave us with the government or any outside organization.

Sincerely In Christ,

Fr. Vladimir Chripko Pastor



MARDI GRAS!

Come with family and friends to share a traditional Shrove
Tuesday dinner of Pancakes

and Eggs! Tuesday, March 5, at 6 pm in St. Ann's School Cafeteria.

Free will offering. Games – Music – Fun!

CHURCH of ST. PAUL



St. Paul's LITURGY MINISTERS for March 3, 2019



TIME	LECTORS	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS
5:00 PM	D. Zinna	C. & E. Skiba	S. Abplanalp, A. Zil A. Sawal	V. Panzo, W. Rodriguez, G. Holland
7:30 AM	D. Paoli	J.G. Nash, S. Fergus-Mellon	B. & H. Sopin A. Francois	A. Smith, V. Czajkowski, T. Totora, M. McKenna
10:00 AM	L. Maresca	P. Burns, L. Terminello	H. Caceres, M. Corniel	G. Spinney, H. Caceres, M. Katigbak W. Kelder, K. McAleer, S. Reynolds S. Leto, V. Alfieri, A. Diaz
12:00 PM	C. Acevedo	E. Zamparo, E. Bertolino	C. Devers, K. Crai M. Martucci	W. Hartl, P. Dudgeon, A. Dibianco, M. Reilly, F. Cifuni, H. O'Boyle, K. Clifford
6:00 PM	M. Lebron	J. & A. Carroll	M. Alfiere, W. Puehl	C. Linen, J. Cerreta, R. Aberion

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Homebound — L. Diaz, C. James, J. Ventola Nyack Manor — C. Moreno, A. Matthews Tolstoy — M. Vaillancourt

DEVOTIONS Morning Prayer

Holy Rosary Eucharistic Adoration

Our Lady of Fatima Novena

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Daily 8:45 am

Wednesday

Friday

Daily after 9:00 am Mass Wednesday

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

6:00 pm

after 9:00 am Mass



Coaches Chris Linen and Tod Broderick with the 4th Grade Girls St. Paul's CYO basketball team recite the sportsmanship pledge before the game. Photo courtesy

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY TAG/CRAFT SALE

Saturday, March 23, from 10 am to 3 pm at St. Paul's Parish Center. Spaces are \$35 and include a table and chairs. We also ask for a \$15-\$20 raffle table prize, wrapped. Proceeds of tables and raffles go to the Dana-Farber Cancer Research. Please contact Eileen to reserve your table: 845-268-1249 or eileencella12@aol.com.

GETHSEMANE CEMETERY SPRING CLEAN-UP

Please be sure to remove any MEMENTOS and KEEP-SAKES from the cemetery by MARCH 1. We will have spring clean-up throughout the month of March (weather permitting). All decorations along with statues, artificial flowers, flags, rocks, fencing, and any loose objects will be removed and discarded. EVERYTHING IS BEING REMOVED.

The cemetery will not be responsible for any property placed on the gravesite or headstone. Only liturgical candles and bronze flag holders will be permitted alongside the headstones. For any questions regarding cemetery rules please contact the parish office at 845-268-4464.

WEEKLY at ST. PAUL'S

Prayer Group, 7:45 pm (school) Monday

K of C, 7:30 pm, 2nd & 4th

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

Wednesday (see 'Devotions' on pg. 6)

Shawl making, 10 am (Parish Center) Thursday

Saturday Spanish Prayer Group

(Parish Center)

MORE PARISH & COMMUNITY EVENTS



FIRST FRIDAY at ST. ANN'S

7:30 am — Mass

8:00 am to 11:50 am — Exposition of the

Blessed Sacrament (chapel)

8:15 am — Morning Prayer 11: 15 am — Rosary

11:50 am — Benediction

12:10 pm — Mass

12:40 pm — Divine Mercy Chaplet

MARCH 1

THE EVENING HOLY HOUR WILL NOT TAKE PLACE BECAUSE OF THE RELIC **EXPOSITION IN THE CHURCH**

MUSIC FOR THE WORLD — MARCH 3

Come to a concert by the Hudson Valley Symphonic Wind Ensemble to benefit the Maryknoll Sisters' Global Outreach Mission on behalf of the world's poor. 3 pm at the Maryknoll Sisters Center, 10 Pinesbridge Rd., Ossining. Tickets \$30.



CYO is not just basketball at SPS. A fun new addition to St. Paul School enrichment activities is our CYO chess club. The focus of this program is on learning the game of chess, with an emphasis on instruction, but our participants will also play in competitive matches.

Chess has been proven to increase critical thinking and analytical skills; it is the ultimate mental sport. Chess is a test of patience, nerves, will power, and concentration. Every match begins with a handshake and ends with a handshake, teaching sportsmanship and respect in victory or defeat. Photos courtesy of Jennifer McGovern

Join the Oratory Priests and your fellow parishioners for fellowship and community on a seven-night RETREAT!! Come and enjoy a cruise to beautiful Bermuda! We set sail on the Summit, Celebrity Cruise Line's

premier ship out of Bayonne, NJ

on Sunday August 18th, 2019.

Price: (Includes all taxes and port charges, Does **NOT** include: insurance and round trip transportation between Rockland County and Bayonne NJ and mandatory gratuities* charged directly by the cruise ship)

Inside cabin is \$1,501 (no window) per person/ double occupancy. Outside cabin (window) is \$1,881. If traveling alone, there's a possibility to get a roommate to offset the cost.

The bookings will CLOSE April 12, 2019. (We cannot assure a spot in after 4/12/19)

For more information please contact Oliver Massaro at olivermassaro@gmail.com

SCHOLARSHIP FOR INCOMING FRESHMEN

The Heather Leigh Colon Scholarship is available for 8th grade CYO basketball players who are planning on attending a Catholic high school in the fall of 2019. For more information contact Barbara or Mark Colon at (914) 447-5962. Email: bcolon3821@aol.com

2018 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT AVAILABLE

Those of you who use the parish envelope system may request an official statement of your donations to our parish for your tax records by completing the form below and dropping it into the collection basket any time you are at mass. You may also contact the rectory (845-268-4464).

Name			
Address		 	
Envelope #	:		



St. Paul's Prayer Shawl Ministry

Through this prayerful ministry, members combine their love of knitting and crocheting with spiritual practice. As they work, they offer prayers for those who will become the recipients of their finished items. They have given out over 260 shawls, lap blankets for those in wheelchairs, and baby blankets to those in need. They meet every Thursday morning at 10 in the St. Paul Parish Center to knit, pray, and enjoy each other's company.

This shawl was handmade for you. I asked the Lord to heal you in body, mind and spirit. As it was created, I prayed for you. When you wear this shawl may you be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace, and wrapped In love Prayerfully made by: St. Pauli's Prayer Shawl Ministry



Prayer Shawl group's prayer.

"Dear Lord, please bless these needles of mine. That I may make a shawl of strength, faith, health and love. Give this shawl the ability to comfort, to heal, to give strength where it is needed, and of your will it to be. May the recipient be able to know that you are with them and that they are not alone. That they are cared for and loved and prayed for. That your loving arms are around them to protect them for whatever reason they should need whenever they put this shawl on. Lord, thank you for the blessings that this shawl is given. Amen."





Photos by Eileen Cella







FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

DAVID and **SAUL**

David is the ancestor of Jesus, Himself. He was the young shepherd in the Old Testament who killed the giant, Goliath, and eventually became the second ruler of the kingdom of Israel and Judah.

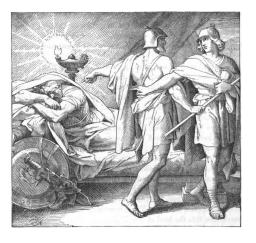
David became a wise and successful king precisely because he understood that God is in control and that His love is limitless.

Here is the background of the incident we just heard about in the First Reading today:

King Saul had been chosen by God to be Israel's first king, but the successes that God granted him made him arrogant. He ended up disobeying the Lord, and he lost the Lord's favor.

At that point, God sent Israel's prophet Samuel to anoint David to be the next King of Israel. But David didn't take over the crown immediately. He knew God had chosen him to succeed Saul, but he didn't know when that was going to happen

Gradually, God started working things out.



David enters Saul's service as a royal armorbearer and gains favor as a court musician. Then David kills Goliath and is hailed as a hero. He becomes so popular and beloved among the people that Saul becomes violently jealous — so much so that David has to flee from Saul's head-quarters for fear of his life.

For the next seven years, David lives as a renegade with about 400 followers, while first Saul and then Saul's son, Ishbaal, use the entire Israelite army to

try to track him down and do away with him.

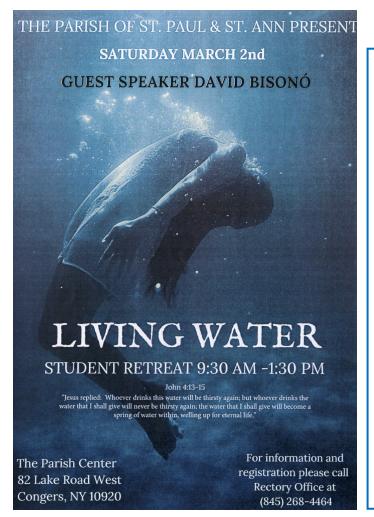
Now, today's reading tells how King Saul and the army of Israel were searching for David in the Judean wilderness. One night while they were camped in the hills not far from where David was hiding, David and one of his commanders, Abishai, manage to infiltrate the camp while their enemies are asleep. Forgoing the opportunity to kill Saul as he slept, they make off with his spear as proof that they had been there.

David had been unjustly pursued for years. Why didn't he put his persecutor to death when he had the chance?

David understood that Saul — as evil, unfaithful, and unjust as he was — was still the Lord's anointed king. God was continuing to bear with him patiently, perhaps giving him a chance to repent.

David had no desire to contradict God's generosity.

David is generous and forgiving to Saul, because God is generous and forgiving to Saul. David knows what God is like and strives to be like Him. He knows that God's love is limitless, and that His standards are not human standards.



Mr. David Bisono Keynote speaker for: "Living Water"

Retreat

David Bisono, Theologist and Sociologist, experienced his conversion in 1999 and began his ministry in the Diocese of Brooklyn, New York. Making use of his radicalism, being a man who brings passion and love, he has reached those who are lost in the darkness, slaves of their sins and without sense of purpose as he once was.

David holds a Bachelor's degree in Theology, Spanish and Sociology from the University of St. Francis in Brooklyn, New York, Masters in Theology/ Theological Studies from St. Joseph Seminary of Yonkers, New York and a Masters in Pastoral Theology from the University of Portland, Oregon.

He has served the Catholic Church as Director of Evangelization and Formation, Director of Communication and Leadership in the diocese of Diocese of Brooklyn and Diocese of Baker and is the only Latino member on the National Service Committee (NSC).

In addition, he is taking the word of God and reaching thousands of people with his very authentic, profound and energetic way of preaching. He preaches throughout the United States, the Caribbean and Latin America through the televised radio program "TOO BLESSED TO BE STRESSED" and CatholicTV "DIOS NUNCA DUERME". These programs, created, produced and directed by David, are currently broadcast in Mexico, the Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, Peru and throughout the United States.

David currently serves as the Director of Hispanic and Multicultural Ministries for the Diocese of Green Bay, Wisconsin, where he lives with his wife and two children.