

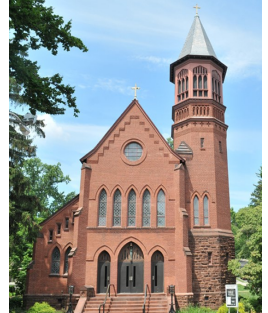


# Welcome to the Parish of St. Paul - St. Ann



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

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



Pastor@spasaparish.org  
Parish Office:  
82 Lake Road West, Congers, NY 10920  
Phone: (845) 268-4464/-4465 Fax: -6790  
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Website: spasaparish.org

## Rev. Vladimir Chripko, C.O. Pastor

Rev. **Roman** Dominik Palecko, C.O. Assistant Pastor

Rev. Narisetty **Arogya** Raju, C.O., Parochial Vicar • Rev. **Peter** Bujdos, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Maniraguha **Jean Paul** Ruriho, Assistant

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

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

*April 7, 2019 5th Sunday of Lent*

| <b><u>ST. PAUL'S CHURCH</u></b>  |                                | <b><u>ST. ANN'S CHURCH</u></b> |   |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| <b>Saturday</b>  | April 6, 2019                  | <b>Saturday</b>                | April 6, 2019                             |
| 5:00 PM  | James McLoughlin               | 5:30 PM                        | For the People of the Parish              |
| <b>Sunday</b>  | April 7, 2019                  | <b>Sunday</b>                  | April 7, 2019                             |
| 7:30 AM  | Kathy Courtney                 | 8:45 AM                        | James Kelley                              |
| 10:00 AM   | Norma & Al Catanzaro           | 11:30 AM                       | Cassandra Fortune (L)                     |
| 12:00 PM   | Charles Miller                 |                                |   |
| 6:00 PM  | Rudy Damonti                   |                                | <b>Second Collection for Parish Needs</b> |
| <b>Monday</b>  | April 8, 2019                  | <b>Monday</b>                  | April 8, 2019                             |
| 6:30 AM  | Samuel Panacherry              | 7:30 AM                        | Joanna Bambridge                          |
| 9:00 AM  | Gilda DeGrego                  | 12:10 PM                       | Maria Rossignuolo                         |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | April 9, 2019                  | <b>Tuesday</b>                 | April 9, 2019                             |
| 6:30 AM  | Helen White                    | 7:30 AM                        | Irmia Llamas                              |
| 9:00 AM  | Carmin & Elena Massaro         | 12:10 AM                       | John Sullivan                             |
| <b>Wednesday</b>   | April 10, 2019                 | <b>Wednesday</b>               | April 10, 2019                            |
| 6:30 AM  | Edward F. Hushon               | 7:30 AM                        | Jane Davidsaver                           |
| 9:00 AM  | Thomas Charath                 | 12:10 PM                       | Ralph Desiderio                           |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | April 11, 2019                 | <b>Thursday</b>                | April 11, 2019                            |
| 6:30 AM  | Margaret Moran                 | 7:30 AM                        | Maria Finuoli                             |
| 9:00 AM  | Vivian Saulon (L)              | 12:10 PM                       | George Bryant                             |
| <b>Friday</b>  | April 12, 2019                 | <b>Friday</b>                  | April 12, 2019                            |
| 6:30 AM  | Karen Quinn                    | 7:30 AM                        | Claire Tully                              |
| 9:00 AM  | Fr. Salvador Anonuevo (L)      | 12:10 PM                       | Richard Mathsen                           |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | April 13, 2019                 | <b>Saturday</b>                | April 13, 2019                            |
| 7:30 AM  | Kate Fisher                    |                                |   |
| 9:00 AM  | Ismael Alicea                  | 9:00 AM                        | Jeffrey & Kyen Jeante (L)                 |
| 5:00 PM  | Basak & Cangro Family          | 5:30 PM                        | Nicholas Belloise                         |
| <b>Sunday</b>  | April 14, 2019 Palm Sunday     | <b>Sunday</b>                  | April 14, 2019 Palm Sunday                |
| 7:30 AM  | Robert M. Sbordone             | 8:45 AM                        | Richard & Mary Ann Mathsen                |
| 10:00 AM   | Michael & Marie Brett          | 11:30 AM                       | Catherine & Eugene Fenton                 |
| 12:00 PM   | Genaro Pacis & Rosalinda Pacis |                                |   |
| 6:00 PM  | Gail Phillips                  |                                | <b>Second Collection for Utilities</b>    |
| Please call the Rectory office (845-268-4464) to find out which masses are available for your intentions. We've been working on a system that will allow you to request masses online from our parish website. It will go live soon. Stay tuned! |                                |                                |   |

# PARISH NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS



This **Wednesday, April 10**, the priests of our parish will visit sick parishioners in their homes for Communion, Confession, and Anointing of the Sick.

If someone in your home is ill and not able to come to the church before Easter to receive these sacraments, please call the rectory at 845-268-4464.



**Reconciliation Monday is next Monday, April 15.** All Catholic Churches in the Archdiocese of NY will be open for Confession from late afternoon through evening. At St. Paul from 3 pm to 9 pm; at St. Ann from 4 pm to 8 pm.



**Healing Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.** Fr. George will be the celebrant at St. Ann's Church at 7 pm on Monday, April 15.



Calling all children: Join us in the Palm Sunday procession at the **Children's Mass, 11:30, on April 14 at St. Ann's Church.** Meet at the vestibule of the church at 11:20. Take a palm branch and be ready to process around the church.



**DON'T FORGET TO RESERVE YOUR TICKETS FOR THE 2ND ANNUAL GALA!**

Join us for a fun evening of community and fellowship on **APRIL 26th!**

Don't miss this exciting event featuring an incredible cocktail hour followed by a sit-down dinner with a DJ and dancing! There will be **NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR!** For more information please contact the rectory office: 268-4464.

| <div style="text-align: right;">The Parish of St. Paul-St. Ann</div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <b>2019 Lent &amp; Holy Week Schedule</b> </div> |   |  |
|---|---|--|
|   | In the Church of<br>St. Paul  | In the Church of<br>St. Ann  |
| <b>Confession</b><br>Every Saturday   | 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm   | 4:30 pm – 5:15 pm  |
| <b>Passion (Palm) Sunday 4/14/19</b>  | 5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Saturday)<br>7:30 am<br>10:00 am - 12 noon - 6:00 pm  | 5:30 pm Vigil Mass (Saturday)<br>8:45 am<br>11:30 am   |
| <b>Healing Mass</b><br>Monday 4/15/19   |   | 7:00 pm – Healing Mass Fr. George, anointing of the sick   |
| <b>Reconciliation</b><br>Monday 4/15/19   | Confession<br>3:00 pm – 9:00 pm   | Confession<br>4:00 pm – 8:00 pm  |
| <b>Holy Week Daily Masses</b>   | Mon-Tues-Wed – 4/15-17/2019<br>6:30 am<br>9:00 am   | Mon-Tues-Wed – 4/15-17/2019<br>7:30 am<br>12:10 am   |
| <b>Holy Thursday 4/18/19</b>  | Tenebrae – Morning Prayer / Divine Office of the Church – 9:00am<br><br>Mass of the Last Supper – 7:00 pm<br>Adoration open until 11:00 pm                  | Tenebrae – Morning Prayer / Divine Office of the Church – 9:00am<br><br>Mass of the Last Supper – 7:00 pm<br>Adoration open until 11:00 pm |
| <b>Good Friday 4/19/19</b>  | Tenebrae – 9:00am<br>Service – 3:00 pm<br>After 3:00 Good Friday service-station of the cross with partial re-enactment.<br>Stations of the Cross – 7:30 pm | Tenebrae – 9:00am<br>Service – 3:00 pm<br>Stations of the Cross – 7:30 pm  |
| <b>Holy Saturday 4/20/19</b>  | Tenebrae – 9:00am<br>Blessing of Food Baskets – 12 noon<br>Great Easter Vigil Mass – 08.00 pm   | Tenebrae – 9:00am<br>Great Easter Vigil Mass – 8:00 pm   |
| <b>Easter Sunday 4/21/19</b>  | 7:30 am<br>9:30 am – St. Paul School - children<br>10:00 am, 12 noon<br>NO – evening mass   | 8:45 am<br>11:30 am  |

**BLOOD DRIVE TODAY!**

**8 AM TO 2 PM**

ST. ANN'S SCHOOL CAFETERIA

**Walk-Ins Are Welcome**

**Your Gift of Blood Can Save a Life**

**PALM CROSS SALE — TODAY AFTER MASS AT ST. PAUL'S**

Every Friday during Lent

St. Ann's  
11:30 am  
& 7:30 pm

St. Paul's  
7:30 pm

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**



# 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

**April 14 bulletin — deadline, Friday, April 5**

**April 21 bulletin — deadline, Wednesday, April 10**

## PARISH WEBSITE

For more detailed information about our parish:  
**Spasaparish.org**

## MEMORIAL INTENTIONS — WEEK OF APRIL 7

**Sanctuary Lamp (St. Paul)**

**Richard Mathsen**

**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:*

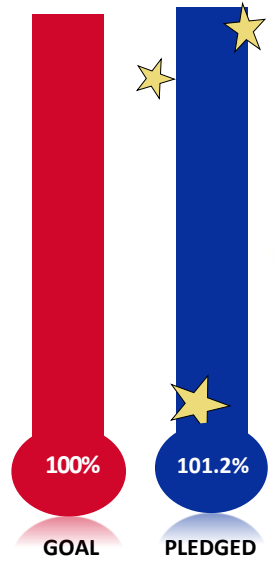
Frank Franco, Pat Heintz,  
Carolyn Pagliuca,  
Michael Doria, Noah Diaz,  
Manuel Tucay

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.

**FORMED** Free Catholic movies, e-books, audios, and programs. Go to *Formed.org* and use our parish code **X74FWM**. You can download a free Formed app.



\$1,241,500 **\$1,256,825**



**RENEW + REBUILD**

336 families have pledged  
as of March 29, 2019

## 300 CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations to the Lucky Winners  
of our FEBRUARY Drawing!

#36 Maria Salgado  
#168 Mr. & Mrs. Lynch  
#186 Angelina Calungcagin  
#198 Joseph Hughes

## FEBRUARY 2019 COLLECTIONS

|  | 02/03/19             | 02/10/19 | 02/17/19 | 02/24/19 | Lump<br>Sum   |
|--|----------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|
| <b>St. Paul and St. Ann</b>                                  | 12,635               | 12,830   | 11,775   | 12,208   | <b>14,500</b> |
| <b>St. Paul and St. Ann<br/>Parish Giving &amp; We share</b> | <b>3,723 + 7,037</b> |          |          |          |               |



# CHURCH of ST. ANN



## St. Ann's LITURGY MINISTERS for April 14, 2019



| TIME     | LECTORS         | EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS | ALTAR SERVERS  | USHERS                       |
|----------|-----------------|------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| 5:30 PM  | C. & B. Knoebel | M. Crisafi, G. Gebbia  | M. Brosius, Z. Chaubard<br>N. Duffy, A. VanCura              | Joe A., George B.<br>Ric A.  |
| 8:45 AM  | M. Standish     | G. Nelson, D. Oswald   | G. Dello Russo, A. Francois,<br>K. Lusaria, S. Taylor-Packes | James C. Bill D.<br>Jules C. |
| 11:30 AM | Student lectors | A. Sater, C. Stokes    | M. Camitan, J. Dangler<br>J. Gannon, I. & N. Nunez           | Ed T., Ed G.<br>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; 7:30 pm Holy Hour with Exposition & Benediction.



### The Garden of Faith Opens Saturday

On the beautiful grounds of Marydell Faith and Life Center overlooking the Hudson River, our parish gardeners raise the fresh vegetables that are distributed during the summer at the St. Ann's Food Cupboard on Saturday mornings.

**Garden Opening Work Days are scheduled for**  
 Saturday, April 13 from 10 - 2  
 Saturday, April 27 from 10 - 2

If you are a gardener or would like to be one, a family looking for a worthwhile activity in which to engage, a student in need of community service hours, or someone wanting to spend time outdoors, this important ministry may be for you. No experience is necessary.

Come see our garden ministry in action. Many hands will make light work. For more information or to volunteer, please contact:

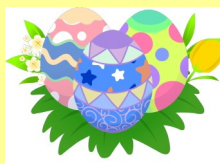
Denise Oswald: 845-359-5714; dboswald1119@yahoo.com  
 Janet Fenton: 845-353-0793; mommyfenton4@yahoo.com

### EASTER TIME AT ST. ANN'S FOOD CUPBOARD

Our **Easter Baskets** of turkeys and all the trimmings will be packed on **Friday, April 12, between 1 and 4 pm.** Anyone wishing to donate a turkey or ham can drop it off at **St. Ann's School Cafeteria** at that time.

**Easter Food Baskets** will be distributed on Saturday, April 13, from 8:30 am to 10:30 am.

All are welcome to join us in this joyful Eastertime event. Sincere thanks to those who continue to support SAFC through donations of food and funds. (Checks must be made payable to **St. Ann's Food Cupboard.**)

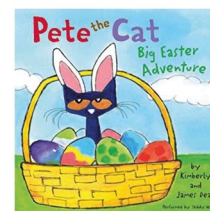


### PLEASE HELP MAKE OUR CHURCHES BEAUTIFUL FOR EASTER

**Easter flower donation envelopes** are available at the back of both churches and in your monthly donation packets. You can make your offering in honor or in memory of a deceased member of your family or a friend. We will remember each person and YOU in a special way in all our Masses during the Easter season. Please help make our churches beautiful for Easter!



Storytime with Ms. Powrie-Pitot  
For all Pre-K aged friends



Wednesday April 10th  
9:30 A.M.

Please join us for a story, a craft & a snack.  
It will be egg-celent fun! We hope every-bunny will join us!



St. Paul School  
365 Kings Highway, Valley Cottage  
Contact the school office with questions  
(845) 268-6506

# CHURCH of ST. PAUL



## St. Paul's LITURGY MINISTERS for April 14, 2019



| TIME     | LECTORS    | EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS | ALTAR SERVERS                     | USHERS   |
|----------|------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| 5:00 PM  | D. Zinna   | R. Helmer, S. Brennan  | M. Corniel, A. Zil<br>A. Sawal    | V. Panzo, W. Rodriguez,<br>G. Holland  |
| 7:30 AM  | L. Perez   | D. Costanzo, D. Mangan | B. & H. Sopin<br>A. Francois      | A. Smith, V. Czajkowski,<br>T. Totor, M. McKenna   |
| 10:00 AM | M. Lebron  | C. McShane, T. Geary   | H. Caceres, M. Corniel            | G. Spinney, H. Caceres,<br>M. Katigbak W. Kelder,<br>K. McAleer, S. Reynolds<br>S. Leto, V. Alfieri, A. Diaz |
| 12:00 PM | C. Acevedo | B. Clark, B. Lynch     | C. Devers, K. Crai<br>M. Martucci | W. Hartl, P. Dudgeon,<br>A. Dibianco, M. Reilly, F. Cifuni,<br>H. O'Boyle, K. Clifford                       |
| 6:00 PM  | E. Minoza  | D. Zinna, J. Cardone   | M. Alfieri, W. Puehl              | C. Linen, J. Cerreta, R. Aberion   |

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**Homebound** — J. Peters, K. Hartl, E. Indyk

**Nyack Manor** — W. Fontanilla, H. Hohlfeld

**Tolstoy** — M. DiSalvo

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| <b>DEVOTIONS</b> | Morning Prayer<br>Holy Rosary<br>Eucharistic Adoration<br>Our Lady of Fatima Novena<br>Chaplet of Divine Mercy | Daily<br>Daily<br>Wednesday<br>Wednesday<br>Friday | 8:45 am<br>after 9:00 am Mass<br>noon to 6:00 pm, Benediction at 6:00 pm<br>6:00 pm<br>after 9:00 am Mass |
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### Easter Egg Hunt April 21 at 9:30 am

St. Paul & St. Ann's Parish will be hosting their third Annual Easter egg hunt at St. Paul's school front lawn for children from Pre-K to 5th grade and for middle schoolers on the left side lawn of the school. This event is free to all children. Please attend the Easter Sunday children's mass at 9:30 am in the school gym.



### RETREAT & CRUISE TO BERMUDA

Join the Oratorian priests and your fellow parishioners for fellowship and community on a seven-night RETREAT. Enjoy a cruise to beautiful Bermuda, sailing from Bayonne, NJ, on Sunday, Aug. 18. Outside cabin \$1,881; inside \$1,501. If traveling alone, there's a possibility to get a roommate to offset the cost. **Booking deadline is April 12.** Payments required in full at that time. For more information please contact Oliver Massaro at [olivermassaro@gmail.com](mailto:olivermassaro@gmail.com) or call at 845-480-0089. Flyers available at the back of the church.



### St. Paul's Food Cupboard will be distributing Easter grocery bags to our clients on Saturday, April 20.

We are asking for donations of hams, stuffing, sweet potatoes, canned fruits & vegetables, and sweet treats.

Donations may be brought to the school on Friday, April 19, from 4 pm to 6 pm. We thank you, in advance, for your support.

**Reminder:** The Food Cupboard has moved into the front building of the school. Access is via doors on the green wall on south side of the building.

### WEEKLY at ST. PAUL'S

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| <b>Monday</b>    | Prayer Group, 7:45 pm (school)<br>K of C, 7:30 pm, 2nd & 4th |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Bible Study, 7 to 8:30 pm (school)                           |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | (see 'Devotions' on pg. 6)                                   |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | Shawl making, 10 am (Parish Center)                          |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | Spanish Prayer Group<br>(Parish Center)                      |

# MORE PARISH & COMMUNITY EVENTS

## PASTA WITH THE PARISH

The final K of C Lenten Friday dinner will be this Friday, April 12. The meal includes a salad, pasta, beverage, and dessert. The cost is \$8. Children under 10 are free. Wine is available at \$2 a glass. From 6 pm to 7 pm at St. Paul's Parish Center.

## HELP WANTED

**PART-TIME LPN OR RN** — two positions: 2 days and 1 evening per week, including every other weekend days; 3 evenings per week, including every other weekend. Siena Hall Infirmary at Dominican Convent, 175 Route 340, Sparkill. Contact Barbara Pennisi at 845-598-7926.

**COOK:** The Marian Shrine is looking for a cook for the 17 Salesian priests and brothers who live here. Tuesday through Saturday from 3 pm to 7 pm. Responsibilities include: cooking, cleaning dishes and cleaning the kitchen after meals. Prior cooking experience is preferred. Please call (845) 947-2200 Ext. 302.

## ST. JUDE TRIKE-A-THON

On April 5, St. Paul School pre-K and kindergarten classes will be part of a fundraiser for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Over the years we have raised over \$60,000 in this event. To support this very worthy cause, please visit our school's fundraising page at [http://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR/Trike/Trike?px=5707670&pg=personal&fr\\_id=96218](http://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR/Trike/Trike?px=5707670&pg=personal&fr_id=96218)

## WIDOWS & WIDOWERS CLUB

Friday, April 14 at 6:30 pm at 1 Squadron Blvd., New City. This meeting is a social with wine and soda. Please bring a finger food to share. Come join the gang and be part of our caring and sharing. More information: 268-9074.

## SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

The Catholic Schools Region of Rockland is accepting applications for the 2019/2020 school year. For more information or to visit one of our five elementary schools in Rockland, call 646-794-2885.



## OUR 2019 PARISH GOAL — \$135,000

**\$64,026** | **\$47,812**  
Pledged (47.4%) | Paid to date (35.4%)

Figures as of March 29      225 Families Pledged

*Now is the time to make your gift TODAY!*

TO MAKE AN ONLINE GIFT, VISIT  
[www.cardinalsappeal.org](http://www.cardinalsappeal.org)



*Tear off slip and place in the collection basket.*

## SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

Please prayerfully consider your gift to  
The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal.

My gift should be applied to the  
2018 Appeal effort at my parish,

St. Paul - St. Ann (371)

|                           |                          |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Suggested<br>total Pledge | 5 Monthly<br>payments of |
| \$2,500 .....             | \$500                    |
| \$1,000 .....             | \$200                    |
| \$500 .....               | \$100                    |
| \$250 .....               | \$50                     |
| \$125 .....               | \$25                     |

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

My total pledge: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
A pledge reminder will be mailed  
& you can pay-off your pledge  
over time in installments or as a  
one-time gift.



For more information on remembering the archdiocese in your planned giving, please call (212) 371-1011 x3317.

Make checks payable to: The Cardinal's Appeal, 1011 First Avenue, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10022-4112.

For more information, please contact the Appeal Office: Phone: (212) 371-1011 x3300 Fax: (212) 371-6463 [www.cardinalsappeal.org](http://www.cardinalsappeal.org)

*Thank you for YOUR participation! God bless you.*





(Above) Parishioners volunteer at the county warming center in Pomona. Operated by Catholic Charities of Rockland, the warming center provides dinner, overnight housing, breakfast, and laundry and shower facilities for homeless single adults from Nov. 1 through April 30. Transportation to the center is provided by buses that run from Nyack, Haverstraw, and Spring Valley. Last year about 41 guests per night took advantage of this warm and secure place to sleep. The center remains open during the day when temperatures are below freezing.

(Left) At the St. Ann's Food Cupboard, Ed Ehrhardt and Sally Parietti display cloth bags donated in quantity by State Farm Insurance of Congers. Guests carry their food home in the reusable, vinyl-coated bags, and those who bring the bags back to use again receive a "bonus" selection from our reward table. It's a win-win, and helps us use less paper and plastic.

Photos courtesy of Patty Brady, Jane Barch, and Cathy Sherry

## Around & About

(Right & below) At their March meeting, the Catholic Daughters held a fellowship gathering of members and friends to participate in a "Paint Palette" craft event. They enjoyed the creative atmosphere along with the mingling, laughing, and homemade cakes and coffee. All the proceeds were donated to a local family. Shown to the right are Virginia, Sue, Peggy, Jen, Elizabeth (the event chair) and Cathy.





### The Passion of the Christ An Insight

**G**reat artists have great spiritual insights.

We can see this in the way director Mel Gibson connected two scenes in his 2004 movie, *The Passion of the Christ*.

The first scene is solely the product of Gibson's creative imagination. It does not appear anywhere in the gospel accounts of the suffering and death of Jesus. The other scene is based on the encounter of Jesus and the woman caught in adultery, about to be stoned to death. By the interrelationship of these two scenes, the film eloquently illustrates the power of God's forgiveness and how His love redeems us.

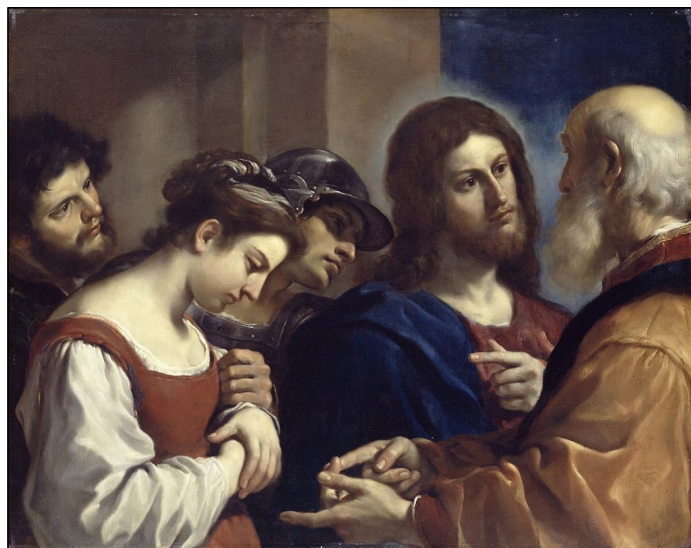
In Gibson's version of the Passion, Mary Magdalene, who stays by the side of Mary, the mother of Jesus, and accompanies her to the foot of the cross, is, in fact, that same adulteress whom Jesus saved.

But the audience learns this only near the end of the film when we come to Gibson's fictional scene.

The scene is set in the flagellation courtyard after Jesus has been scourged at the pillar and taken away. All the soldiers are gone, and Mary and Mary Magdalene are alone. They see Jesus' blood on the paving stones. According to Jewish custom but with heartbreaking love Mary takes some clean white linens, kneels down, and starts to wipe up the blood of her son. A moment later, Magdalene kneels down to help. But instead of using one of the clean linens, Magdalene actually removes her veil and uses that to wipe up Jesus' blood.

This is a way of showing how personal this gesture is for her. And in a moment, we find out why.

While she is wiping up the blood, the film reveals what she is thinking through a flashback of her first meeting with Jesus, when she was about to be stoned for adultery.



We see her cowering on the dusty ground as a crowd of angry Pharisees stand ready to stone her. Then Jesus steps into the scene. We don't hear any words, but we know He is saying these beautiful words: "Let him who has no sin throw the first stone." We see the Pharisees, one by one, drop their stones and walk off.

Then Magdalene's hand reaches out to touch Jesus' foot. She looks up at Him with wonder, gratitude, and near disbelief. She has been saved. Jesus reaches down and takes her hand in His, smiles, and lifts her up to a new life.

Then the beautiful flashback ends and we are brought back to the scene in the courtyard. The blood Mary Magdalene has wiped onto her veil is the blood of the one who once saved her.

And it's the blood of Our Savior too, the one who will come to our defense, as He did for Magdalene, and give us another chance.

He shed His blood for all of us, to redeem us. This is what He came to do. This is how much he loves us.

"Christ with the Woman Taken in Adultery" by Guercino, 1621.



St. Paul School won the Annie A. & James P. Russell Memorial Trophy in the Elementary School division of this year's Rockland County Saint Patrick's Day Parade in Pearl River! A big thank you to the students, staff, and parents that marched us to our big win!!

