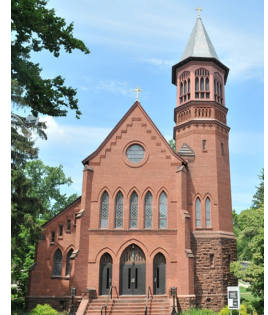




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82 Lake Road West  
Congers, NY 10920

Church of St. Ann  
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Nyack, NY 10960



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

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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 <b>Mark</b> Czerwinski, Director RCIA	<b>Luke</b> Conroy, Director RCIA <b>Charles</b> DeGroat <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.
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<b>Religious Education Program</b>	(845-268-5442) Email: Carmen.sor2@gmail.com Carmen Hernandez Lisette Diaz	
<b>St. Paul Regional School</b>	<b>Ms. Michelle Powrie</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 <b>Sunday</b> 7:30 & 10 am, 12:00 & 6:00 pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays of month: Spanish mass at 7:30 pm	<b>Saturday</b> 5:30 pm <b>Sunday</b> 8:45, 11:30 am
<b>Weekday Masses</b>	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
<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 Anytime by request.	Saturdays 4:30-5:15 pm Anytime by request.

#### Sacrament of Baptism

To schedule a Baptism at St. Paul or St. Ann please call the rectory at 845-268-4464. Baptism instruction classes are held the last Thursday of each month at 7 pm at the St. Ann School in Nyack. Please call the rectory to register.

#### 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.

*September 29, 2019 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

<u>ST. PAUL'S CHURCH</u>		<u>ST. ANN'S CHURCH</u>	
<b>Saturday</b>	Sept. 28, 2019	<b>Saturday</b>	Sept. 28, 2019
5:00 PM	William C. Brunken & deceased members of Brunken and Basco families	5:30 PM	Jean Pierre Chouloute
<b>Sunday</b>	Sept. 29, 2019	<b>Sunday</b>	Sept. 29, 2019
7:30 AM	Assunta Cecere, William Thomas & William James Sbordone	8:45 AM	Miriam Henderson
10:00 AM	Margaret & Edward Bordas	11:30 AM	Victor Czajkowski
12:00 PM	Juan & Lelis Loria	<b>Second Collection for St. Joseph's Seminary</b>	
6:00 PM	Roxann Mariano		
<b>Monday</b>	Sept. 30, 2019	<b>Monday</b>	Sept. 30, 2019
6:30 AM	Michael McGovern*	7:30 AM	Deceased members of the Kubran family
9:00 AM	Deceased members of McCabe, Egan, & Nevin Families	12:10 PM	Frantz Jean Baptist, Denise Adam & Louise Severe
<b>Tuesday</b>	Oct. 1, 2019	<b>Tuesday</b>	Oct. 1, 2019
6:30 AM	Laura Villena	7:30 AM	Cecile Canale
9:00 AM	Matthew Nevin	12:10 AM	Douglas Doller
<b>Wednesday</b>	Oct. 2, 2019	<b>Wednesday</b>	Oct. 2, 2019
6:30 AM	Guardian Angels	7:30 AM	Joseph J. Porrovecchio
9:00 AM	Jim McLoughlin	12:10 PM	Virginia Smith — 1st Anniversary
<b>Thursday</b>	Oct. 3, 2019	<b>Thursday</b>	Oct. 3, 2019
6:30 AM	Laura Villena	7:30 AM	Zola Polo
9:00 AM	Patrick McGovern	12:10 PM	The deceased members of the Whelan Family
<b>Friday</b>	Oct. 4, 2019	<b>Friday</b>	Oct. 4, 2019
6:30 AM	Robert Sbordone (L)	7:30 AM	T.J. O'Grady*
9:00 AM	Lina Pavan	12:10 PM	George Bryant
<b>Saturday</b>	Oct. 5, 2019	<b>Saturday</b>	Oct. 5, 2019
7:30 AM	Edward Bond — 1st Anniversary		
9:00 AM	Thomas O'Grady	9:00 AM	Patricia Paxton* (L)
5:00 PM	Edward Bordas	5:30 PM	Geraldine Dupiton (L)
<b>Sunday</b>	Oct. 6, 2019	<b>Sunday</b>	Oct. 6, 2019
7:30 AM	Deceased members of the Duhig family	8:45 AM	Justine Barch Marco
10:00 AM	Juan Rodriguez	11:30 AM	Fr. Vladimir Chripko (L) — Birthday
12:00 PM	Austin Hernandez (L) — Birthday	<b>Second Collection for Parish Needs</b>	
6:00 PM	Grace La Badia		
7:30 PM	Jonathan Dominguez — 1st Anniversary		

Now you can now find out which masses are available for your special intentions and schedule them online. Go to our parish website, SPASAPARISH.ORG. On the homepage, click on the Mass Intentions box for instructions and access to the "Mass Intentions Booking" page. You may also reserve the sanctuary lamp at either church or at St. Ann's Chapel. You can make your offering by credit card. Or you can call the parish office (845-268-4464) to schedule masses the traditional way and make your offering by credit card, cash, or check.

# PARISH NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

## Parish Food Cupboard Updates:

Thanks to all those who generously donated to the Food Cupboards in the second collection last week. We always appreciate the continued support of our parish family.

**ON OCT. 4 & 18, THE ST. PAUL'S FOOD CUPBOARD WILL BE PACKING FOOD BAGS** for distribution the following day. We happily accept your donations of non-perishables. Please drop them off at St. Paul School, front building, between 4:30 & 6:00 pm. Nonperishables include canned fruits, vegetables, soups, tuna, cereals, rice & beans. Thank you.

**ST. ANN'S FOOD CUPBOARD NEEDS A FEW GOOD MEN** to help with our twice-a-month food pick-ups on Wednesday mornings. Learn how we pick up our rental truck, drive to our appointed location to pick up our pantry's food order, and help our crew unload at St. Ann's School. Several individuals can rotate this shift from 9 am to noon. Here is a significant way to help those in need.



## BLOOD DRIVE TODAY!



**Sunday, Sept. 29**  
**8:00 am to 2:00 pm**  
**In St. Ann's School Cafeteria**

Did you know that 1 out of 3 people need blood in their lifetime, and 1 out

of every 7 people entering a hospital requires blood as part of their treatment? This is a problem with a solution! Donors must be at least 16 years old (with parent permission on NY Blood Center form), weigh at least 110 lbs., be in general good health, and feel well on the day of donation. There is no maximum age for donation in NY; however, once you reach your 76<sup>th</sup> birthday, you need to present a note from your physician stating you are in good health and can continue to donate. Most medications are **NOT A PROBLEM** for blood donation! Please give the gift of life – it's yours to give!



## TODAY — SECOND COLLECTION FOR ST. JOSEPH'S SEMINARY, DUNWOODIE

Your support will provide tuition, room and board, academic training, and spiritual formation for about 22 seminarians of the archdiocese. The priesthood is a life of service and sacrifice.

As you know, we do not have as many men making the commitment to serve as priests as we did years ago, and so we are especially grateful to those who accept the Lord's call. **Please help provide for our seminarians, who will hand on the life and traditions of the Church, as they embark on their training to become your priests.** To learn more, visit [www.dunwoodie.edu](http://www.dunwoodie.edu).

## FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS FRIDAY, OCT. 4

**Bring your pet to receive a special blessing**

**OUTSIDE  
ST. ANN'S  
6 PM**



The Catholic Daughters Court Mary Help of Christians celebrated life by holding a baby shower to benefit Rockland County Birthright. Thanks to all for the gift donations, especially the Knights of Columbus for a very generous monetary gift. *Photo courtesy of Cathy Sherry*



# FROM the RECTORY

## MASS BOOK & MEMORIALS

You may schedule a mass for your special intention on our website, SPASAPARISH.org. Mass availability is shown for the next 180 days. Or you may call the rectory to book a mass.

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.

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

## EMAIL FOR THE PASTOR

Pastor@spasaparish.org

## BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deadline is Friday, the week before publication

Send to: Bulletin@spasaparish.org

**Oct. 6 bulletin — deadline, Friday, Sept. 27**

**Oct. 13 bulletin — deadline, Friday, Oct. 4**

## PARISH WEBSITE

For more detailed information about our parish:

**Spasaparish.org**

## MEMORIAL INTENTIONS — WEEK OF SEPT. 29

**Sanctuary Lamp (St. Paul)**

**Roxann Mariano — Birthday**

**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:*

Sr. Margaret Patricia McDermott  
Baby Anthony & Baby Aria Diaz  
Dominick Zottola, Emilia Raphael-Olivier,  
Kathryn Scarmato, 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.



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346 families have pledged as of  
Sept. 16, 2019

\$261,390

## 300 CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations to the Lucky Winners  
of our AUGUST Drawing!

#122 Bryan Shiver  
#238 Patrick Molnar  
#179 Lillian Slattery  
#207 Patti & Joe Lavini

## AUGUST 2019 COLLECTIONS

	08/04/19	08/11/19	08/15/19 Feast	08/18/19	08/25/19
<b>St. Paul and St. Ann</b>	11,928	11,342	3,521	9,749	11,308
<b>SP and SA</b>	<b>4,428 + 7,097</b>				
Parish Giving & We share					



# CHURCH of ST. ANN



## St. Ann's LITURGY MINISTERS for Oct. 6, 2019



TIME	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS
5:30 PM	M. Lorenzini	J. Conklin, C. Kakaki	N. Duffy, B. Vital	Joe A., Nick, Guy Jim & Diona
8:45 AM	K. Lynch	V. Camitan, M. Dely	J. Dangler, T. Dillon	Jack B., Ken W. Tom S., Austin S.
11:30 AM	B. VanCura	M.H. Daghi, V. Leone	C. & M. Sambevski	Ed T., Rob C. Jean L., James B.

<b>DEVOTIONS</b>	Rosary Divine Mercy Chaplet Rosary & Divine Mercy	Monday through Friday Monday through Friday Saturday	11:45 am (11:30 am, First Friday) after 12:10 pm Mass after 9 am Mass
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**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.

### First Friday Schedule



**OCT.  
4**

#### St. Ann Daily Mass Chapel

7:30 am Mass

#### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

8:00 am until 11:50 am

8:15 am – Morning Prayer

11:15 am – Rosary

11:50 am – Benediction

12:10 pm – Mass

12:40 pm – Chaplet of Divine Mercy

7:30 pm until 8:30 pm – **Holy Hour**

including Exposition and Benediction



**NEW DATE !!! The St. Paul & St. Ann Third Annual Baby Mass** will be celebrated at St. Ann's Church on Saturday, **NOV. 2** at the 5:30 pm mass. Please join us to welcome all the babies who were baptized in our parish from September 2018 to August 2019. Reception follows in the school cafeteria.

(This mass was rescheduled because the original date, Oct. 26, conflicted with the Nyack Halloween Parade.)

### BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY AT ST. ANN'S — OCT. 4

St. Paul-St. Ann's parish offers a Bereavement Support Group throughout the year on the first Friday of the month from 10:00 to 11:30 am at 16 Jefferson Street (the school across the street from the church).

All those who have lost a loved one, whether it is a spouse, child, friend, or other family member, are welcome to this gentle, understanding, and comforting group. We help each other through the darkness of mourning and learn to live again. Benediction and rosary are available, followed by 12:10 mass in the church, if you'd like to attend.

The support group serves men and women of all faiths. For additional information, call Arlene J. Melillo (845) 634-3882.

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES HEARTS OF GOLD DINNER

On Thursday, Oct. 17, Catholic Charities Community Services of Rockland will be hosting its 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary "Hearts of Gold" Celebration Dinner at Town & Country on Route 9W in Congers. The honorees for this year's "Hearts of Gold" event are Martha Robles, retired Executive Director, CCCSR; Kevin Lynch, owner, Lynch's Restaurant, Stony Point; Sister Cecilia LaPietra, Executive Director, One-to-One Learning, Nyack; and Bill Madden, Director of External Affairs for Suez. St. Paul and St. Ann's would like to support this ministry and is seeking at least 10 parishioners to sit at our parish table. Please call the rectory office to reserve your space. New this year: donors are able to recognize friends, family members, or anyone else for their "heart of gold" in the journal. For more information, you may visit the CCCSR website, [CCSRockland.org](http://CCSRockland.org) or call 845-942-5791.

### New York Catholic Youth Day is

Saturday, Oct. 19, at the Westchester County Center from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. An inspiring annual event that includes service, music, speakers, Mass, and time to be with friends and make new ones. This year's theme is all about using your voice for good. For more information contact Cynthia Psencik 646-794-2853 or email

# CHURCH of ST. PAUL



## St. Paul's LITURGY MINISTERS for Oct. 6, 2019



TIME	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS
5:00 PM	D. Zinna	S. Brennan J. O'Neill	S. Abplanalp, A. Zil A. Castillo	V. Panzo, W. Rodriguez, G. Holland
7:30 AM	R. Sbordone	T. Garingo R. Sbordone	B. & H. Sopin A. Francois, S. Killeen	A. Smith, T. Totor, M. McKenna
10:00 AM	L. Perez	L. Rockhill L. Terminello	C. Devers, N. Perez	G. Spinney, H. Caceres, M. Katigbak W. Kelder, S. Reynolds, J. Granata S. Leto, V. Alfieri, A. Diaz
12:00 PM	A. Cacciola	Sr. S. Gerard E. Zamparo	E. Opiola, M. Gill	W. Hartl, P. Dudgeon, A. Dibianco, M. Reilly, F. Cifuni, H. O'Boyle, K. Clifford
6:00 PM	F. Gemeinhardt	C. & E. Skiba	W. Puehl	C. Linen, J. Cerreta, R. Aberion

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**Homebound** — P. & B. Masiello, T. Alexander, J. Granata

**Nyack Manor** — O. Massaro

**Tolstoy** — P. Thomas

### 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

### SOCIAL HOUR — OCT. 2

There is a social hour after the 9 am mass every first Wednesday of the month at St. Paul's Parish Center. Please join us for coffee and friends.



### ANOINTING MASS — ALL ARE INVITED

**ST. AEDAN'S, PEARL RIVER SATURDAY, OCT. 12, at NOON**

The ***Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick*** is a beautiful gift from God. It is a sacrament that is administered to a Catholic *"who, having reached the age of reason, begins to be in danger due to sickness or old age."* It is a sacrament which provides comfort, peace, courage and, if the sick person is unable to make confession, even forgives sin.

Whenever a new illness develops or a first illness relapses or worsens, the person may receive the sacrament a further time. It may also be given numerous times in the case of old age or chronic illness based on the pastoral judgment of the priest.

This is not to be confused with what we traditionally refer to as the *"Last Rites"* which involves a three-part reception of the sacraments of Anointing, Penance, and the Holy Eucharist or Viaticum.

Please plan on attending this special Anointing Mass at Saint Aedan's, 23 S Reld Dr., Pearl River, 10965. *"Through this Holy Anointing, may the Lord in His love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit."*

### ATTENTION ALL CATHOLIC SCOUTS

Fall is the time to start work on earning your Religious Emblems!

For High School Students: Please contact Gerard Scanlan at gascanlan@hotmail.com or 845-893-2564. Pope Pius XII Course is scheduled to start circa Sunday 10/06/2019.

For 7th & 8th Graders: Please contact John B. Kelly Jr. at jkelly14@aol.com or 845-721-8592. Ad Altare Dei Emblem Course is scheduled to start circa Sunday 10/06/2019.

For Cub & Girl Scouts: Please contact John B. Kelly Jr. at jkelly14@aol.com or 845-721-8592. Your workbooks will be completed at home with your family.



### RUMMAGE SALE— OCT. 17

St. Aedan's Church, 23 S. Reld Dr., Pearl River  
Church gym — 9 am to 3 pm (ONLY)

### 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 & COMMUNITY EVENTS

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE — SEPT. 25 TO NOV. 3

Want to be part of saving lives? All it takes is your prayers and your presence. 40 Days for Life is a peaceful initiative of 40 days of prayer and fasting, prayerful vigil at abortion facilities, and educational outreach with the goal of protecting mothers and their children from abortion. Over 16,000 children have been saved during 40 Days for Life campaigns.

Learn more at [40daysforlife.com](http://40daysforlife.com). For more information about participating in this autumn's vigil in Rockland County, please call Eileen Peterson at 845-492-6709; email [RachelMinister1@aol.com](mailto:RachelMinister1@aol.com).

## ROCKLAND LIFE CHAIN—OCT. 6

The 27th annual Rockland Life Chain will be held on Sunday, Oct. 6, from 2:00 to 3:30 at the intersection of Route 59 and Middletown Rd. in Nanuet. Stand and be counted with thousands of proliferators! You can be a light in a darkened world as you help put an end to abortion. The theme is LOVE LIFE. For more information, contact Eileen Peterson at 845-492-6709 or email [RachelMinister1@aol.com](mailto:RachelMinister1@aol.com).

**STAND WITH US FOR LIFE**

## MEN'S CONFERENCE: MEN OF CHARACTER IN TODAY'S WORLD

Saturday, Nov. 2, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, at SUNY Purchase Performing Arts Center, 735 Anderson Hill Road, Purchase, NY 10577, <https://adnymensconference.eventbrite.com>. A day for Catholic men to gather together for fellowship, spiritual enrichment, and practical insights on how to live their faith.

## PARAMUS CATHOLIC HS OPEN HOUSE

Paramus Catholic High School, an academic community which combines both faith and education, cordially invites 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents to one of our Open Houses on Sunday, Oct. 6, from 12:00-3:00 pm, or Tuesday, Oct. 29, from 6:00-8:00 pm. 425 Paramus Rd, Paramus, NJ. For more information, please contact the Admissions Office at 201-445-4466 ext. 104.




OUR 2019 PARISH GOAL — \$135,000

<b>\$105,718</b>	<b>\$101,608</b>
Pledged (78.3%)	Paid to date (75.3%)

Figures as of Sept. 6, 2019      356 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.

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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 total Pledge	5 Monthly payments of	Name _____
\$2,500 .....	\$500	Address _____
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\$500 .....	\$100	Email _____
\$250 .....	\$50	
\$125 .....	\$25	



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)

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.

Thank you for YOUR participation! God bless you.

## ST. JOSEPH HS OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, Sept. 29, 11 am to 2 pm  
Wednesday, Nov. 6, 6:30 to 9 pm

Student-guided tours, hourly overviews by principal on the school's philosophy and mission, information about academics and programs of study, Catholic identity and campus ministry program, technology, theatre and fine arts offerings, sports and extra-curricular programs. Register online at [saintjosephregional.org](http://saintjosephregional.org). 40 Chestnut Ridge Road, Montvale, NJ.

## FORDHAM PREP OPEN HOUSE

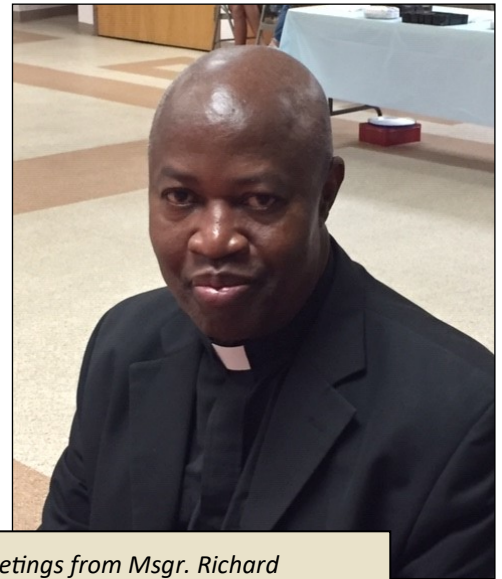
Thursday, Oct. 17, 6 am to 8 pm  
Sunday, Nov. 3, 1 to 4 pm

Jesuit prep school for boys, located on the historic Rose Hill Campus in the Bronx, adjacent to Fordham U. Register at [fordhamprep.org/admissions](http://fordhamprep.org/admissions). Tours during the school day with an admission counselor available for prospective families. 718-584-8367. Current eighth graders are invited to spend a full school day at Fordham Prep in the company of a freshman. Visit [Fordhamprep.org](http://Fordhamprep.org).





## A Visit from Msgr. Richard Kyeremeh



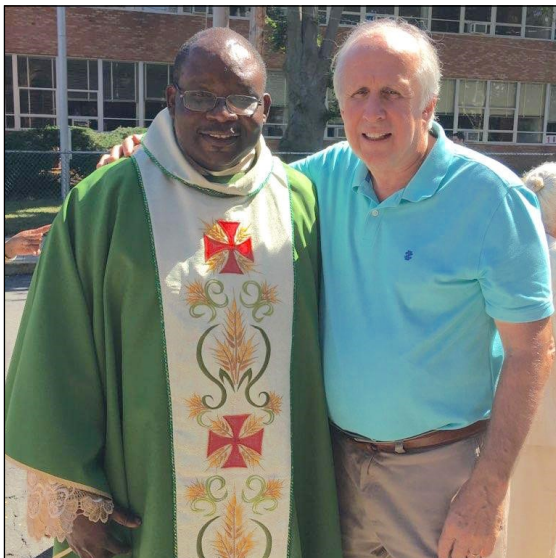
*"Greetings from Msgr. Richard Kyeremeh of Ghana. Thank you so very much for the wonderful book drive. Because of you, the recipient schools now have libraries for the first time. God bless you for thinking of us!"*



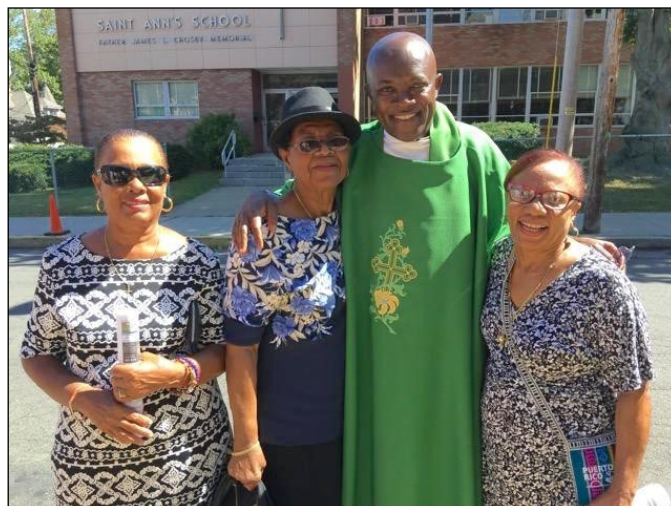
Msgr. Richard Kyeremeh, a cherished friend who served several years at St. Paul's, returned to personally thank parishioners for the 12 barrels of children's books they collected and shipped to schools in his diocese in Ghana last year. On Sept. 4, Msgr. Richard presided at the 9 am mass and then visited with those who were attending the first-Wednesday-of-the-month coffee hour afterwards.

Photos by Jeannine Rippa & Bernadette Masiello

## Remembering All the Priests of St. Ann's



The 11:30 am mass at St. Ann's on Sept. 15 was said in thanksgiving for of all the priests — both living and deceased — who ever served at St. Ann's since its founding. This year marks the 150th Anniversary of the church, which was built in 1869. Three former St. Ann's priests came back to concelebrate the mass with our pastor,



Fr. Vladimir. Shown with parishioners after mass are (left) Fr. Fidelis Ezeani, (center) Fr. Joseph Domfeh, and (opposite) Fr. Gamini Fernando.



## \$crooge

Remember Scrooge?

Hunched over stacks of coins, greedily tallying his bursting accounts as he and his employees shiver in the cold, because he is too cheap to spend money on coal to keep the office warm.

The richest man in the city, and he keeps his wealth so securely locked away that no one, not even himself, benefits from it. No one was more successful than he was, in a worldly sense.

His business was prosperous. He was powerful to the point of being feared.

And yet, what had his success done for him?

It had turned him into a monster. Like the rich man in today's Gospel parable, he was blind to the needs of those around him. He was blind to his own capacity for true human greatness.

It was only when he saw his life from God's perspective — through his Christmas Eve visits with the three ghosts — that he realized how many opportunities for doing good he had squandered, how many people he had used or ignored instead of loved and helped.

And it was only then that he was able to begin living his life worthily. And that was when he began to experience the joy and meaning that had been missing from his life all along.

Not many of us have been as successful, in the worldly sense, as Scrooge or the rich man in the Lazarus parable. But all of us are constantly being tempted to think that that kind of success is what life is really about, and that can be just as dangerous.

We can act as self-centered as Scrooge even without having a comparable bank account.

If in our minds we are seeking worldly success instead of success as God understands it — and this is what the media culture all around us is constantly inviting us to do — we can fall into being disciples of Scrooge instead of disciples of Christ.



Art by Robert Doucette: George C. Scott in the 1984 television version of *A Christmas Carol*.

### The Consolation Ministry of St. Francis of Assisi Bereavement Support Group — Fall 2019

The Consolation Ministry of the parish invites you to attend our Bereavement Support Group. The sessions begin on Tuesday, Sept. 24, and continue through Tuesday, Nov. 12, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in Rader Hall.

Please call the rectory at (845) 634-4957 to register.  
128 Parrott Rd., West Nyack

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### PURSUIT OF CONTEMPLATIVE SILENCE

Fr. George will hold two four-session seminars:

Fall — Oct. 6 & 20 and Nov. 3 & 17, 6 to 7:30 pm

Winter — Jan. 5 & 19 and Feb. 2 & 16, 6 to 7:30 pm

Register at [redirector@olshtappan.com](mailto:redirector@olshtappan.com). Held at Hallel in Sparkill.

Deacon Jerry Fenton, whose family has been active at St. Ann's for nearly 150 years, was the homilist at mass. He appears here with Fr. Ngozichukwu Chimezie, a friend of Fr. Fidelis, and Frs. Fidelis, Joseph, and Fernando, who all spoke warmly about their time at St. Ann's.

