

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:30 and 10:30am
Weekday: Monday through Friday
9:00am in Church
First Friday : 9:00am in Church
First Saturday : 9:00am in Church
Holy Day: As Announced

PRAYER

Novenas After 9:00am Mass

Monday	Miraculous Medal
Tuesday	Mother Of Perpetual Help
Wednesday	St. Joseph
Thursday	Saints
Friday	Sacred Heart
First Saturday	Rosary and Blessing of the Sick after 9:00am Mass

Adoration: 1st Friday after 9:00am Mass until 12 noon

SACRAMENTS

CONFESSION:

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45pm

Sunday: 7:45 - 8:15am and 9:45 - 10:15am

Wednesday: After the 9:00am Mass

BAPTISM: 1st & 3rd Sunday 1pm / 2nd & 4th Saturday 12 Noon

MARRIAGE: Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance by calling the Parish Office for an appointment with the Pastor or Pastoral Associate, Deacon Ray D'Alessio. At least one of the two people being married must be a parishioner of St. Paul's. Weddings are celebrated on Friday afternoons/evenings and on Saturday between the hours of 11:00am and 3:00pm and on Sundays between 2:00pm and 4:00pm. All Sunday weddings are ceremonies.

ANointing OF THE SICK: First Saturday of every month, Prior arrangements must be made with the Pastor.

PASTOR

Rev. Msgr. James F. Pereda, J.C.D.

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Deacon Raymond P. D'Alessio

PARISH OFFICE

Office: (516) 935-1880

Monday - Thursday: 9:00am to 12:00pm &
1:00 to 4:00pm

Friday, Saturday, Sunday by appointment only

Mrs. Deb Cosentino, *Office Administrator*

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education Office: (516) 938-4530

Msgr. James F. Pereda, *Director of Religious Education*

Mrs. Louise Shannon, *Faith Formation Administrator*

Ms. Lynn M. Wilson, *Faith Formation Coordinator*

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Commercial Service

DIRECTOR OF LITURGICAL MUSIC

Mr. Gary Ducoing (516) 935-1880

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 12, 2023

ADVISORY COUNCILS TO THE PASTOR

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Paula Maturo, Chair
Paula Dawson, Vice Chair
Ann Kissell, Recording Secretary

Peter Boyle	Jesmel John
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Linda Curro	Toni Poolin
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FINANCE COUNCIL

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 Antony Kozhipatt

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Michael Maturo James Black

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Andrew Coughlin
 Tom Fitzsimmons
 Joseph Palumbo
 Janice Anderson
 Antony Kozhipatt

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TRUSTEES EMERITI ARE
EX OFFICIO MEMBERS OF PASTORAL
AND FINANCE COUNCILS

MINISTRIES and ORGANIZATIONS

ALTAR GUILD contact: Ursula Coughlin (516) 433 - 2450

ALTAR SERVERS contact: Louise Shannon (516) 935 - 1880 ext. 110 or
 email: louise.stpauls@optimum.net

CHOIR meets Tuesdays at 7:30pm in Church - contact: Gary Ducoing (516) 935 - 1880

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION moderator:

Deacon Raymond D'Alessio (516) 935 - 1880 x112 or deaconraydalessio@stpaulsbrookville.org

JOB SEARCH contact: Gerard Wendelken for an appointment (516) 364 - 0640

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS meet 3rd Thursday of each month 7:30pm

contact: Jim Viania, Grand Knight (516) 822 - 9068 or email: javiania25@gmail.com

SQUIRES meet 4th Wednesday of each month 7pm

contact: Kevin Spillane (516) 639 - 0500 or email: kspillane9@gmail.com

LECTORS moderator: Deacon Raymond D'Alessio (516) 935 - 1880 x112 or
deaconraydalessio@stpaulsbrookville.org

MARIAN GUILD meets 3rd Wednesday of each month 7pm - contact: Grace (516) 935 - 1880

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION contact: Gina Cinelli (516) 333 - 5611

OUTREACH contact: Parish Office (516) 935 - 1880

PRAYER GROUP meets Wednesday 11:00am in Church - contact: Parish Office (516) 935 - 1880

PRE CANA contact: Deacon Raymond P. D'Alessio (516) 935 - 1880 ext. 112 or
deaconraydalessio@stpaulsbrookville.org

RCIA contact: Jesmel John (516) 396 - 4505

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL / FOOD PANTRY - contact: Joe Curro through rectory
 (516) 935 - 1880

USHERS: contact: Frank Cruz, Head Usher - email Frank.pito.cruz@icloud.com

TO CONTACT THE PASTOR IN AN EMERGENCY WHEN A PRIEST IS NEEDED FOR THE SERIOUSLY SICK
OR DYING,

CALL (516) 935-1880.

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS:
 JERICHO FIRE DEPARTMENT (516) 931-0898
 OLD BROOKVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT (516) 626-1300

FROM THE PASTOR
FEBRUARY 12, 2023
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

It is said by many of the saints that while we are here in this world, here in this *Valley of Tears*, we are on a pilgrimage. We are all aware of what makes a pilgrimage. It is a voyage of some kind, and it leads us to a destination. One of the greatest works of English literature, Geoffrey Chaucer's *The Canterbury Tales*, is the story of a pilgrimage. The individuals in the epic poem are travelling to Canterbury, to pray at the tomb of St. Thomas Becket. In Chaucer's words (Middle English): *the holy blysfaul martyre so to seeke*. In modern English we would say, *to seek the holy and blessed martyr*. And then the epic goes on to record the tales each pilgrim tells at the table of the Tabard Inn.

One of the great consolations for us here in this world is to make pilgrimage to the Shrines of Our Blessed Mother. So many of our parishioners have told me of the pilgrimages to Fatima, Lourdes, Guadalupe, Zaragoza, La Salette, Loreto, Mariazelle, the Rue du Bac, and many other holy places. In these shrines of Our Lady, we always find peace and many graces and comforts. Today I would like to speak of the miraculous icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

A little over a year ago one of our parishioners approached me desiring to offer a gift to St. Paul the Apostle in loving and blessed memory of his parents. This parishioner was born in Italy and has an extensive background in art. He wishes to remain anonymous. The gift he wished to give us was a hand painted icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Sometimes she is called Our Mother of Perpetual Help, or, in England and Ireland, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour.

Tradition holds that the original icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help was painted by St. Luke, the author of the third Gospel. The icon depicts the Blessed Virgin Mary as Mother of God holding the Child Jesus. The Archangels Michael and Gabriel, hovering in the corners, hold the instruments of the Passion – St. Michael (left corner) holds the spear, the wine-soaked sponge, and the crown of thorns, and St. Gabriel (right corner) holds the cross and nails. St. Luke's intention was to portray the Child Jesus contemplating His future Passion. The anguish he feels is portrayed in His tender embracing of His Mother. Nevertheless, the icon also conveys the triumph of Christ over sin and death, symbolized by the golden background (a sign of the glory of the resurrection) and the manner in which the angels hold the instruments, i.e. like glorious trophies gathered up from Calvary on Easter morning.

In a very beautiful way, the Child Jesus grasps the hand of the Blessed Mother. He seeks comfort from His Mother as He sees the instruments of His suffering and death. The position of Mary's hands both holding the Holy Child (who appears as a small adult) and presenting Him to us) teaches us the truth of the incarnation, that Our Lord is True God and True Man. In iconography, Mary is seen as the *Hodigitria* (the one who guides us to the Redeemer). She is also our never-failing Help, who intercedes on our behalf with her Son. The star painted on Mary's veil, centered on her forehead, highlights her role in the plan of salvation as both Mother of God and our Mother.

The historic icon was brought from the island of Crete by a merchant who had it shipped to Rome in 1499. During the voyage a terrible storm arose and it seemed the ship and its cargo would be lost. The crew invoked the aid of Our Lady whom they carried on board and the ship was saved. During the storm Our Lady made it known that she would like the miraculous image to be venerated in a church in between St. Mary Major and St. John Lateran. The icon was enshrined in the Church of St. Matthew in Rome. That Church is on the modern Via Merulana which runs in a straight direction from St. Mary Major to St. John Lateran. Many pilgrims flocked to this place to invoke the miraculous intercession of Our Lady until the year 1812. The Church was destroyed, burned, and leveled during Napoleon's taking of Rome. The picture was taken and hidden away. Soon many of the faithful forgot where the picture was until the year 1866 when Blessed Pope Pius IX rediscovered the picture and entrusted it to the Redemptorist Order who had just built a Church near where St. Matthew's had once stood. The Church was named in honor of the founder of the Redemptorists, St. Alfonso Liguori. (It is only one of two Gothic style Churches in Rome). There the image is to this day. And the Redemptorists have spread devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help throughout the world. Her Feastday was set for June 27th. She is particularly loved in the Philippines where the Redemptorists did much missionary work. An image of Our Lady of Perpetual Help hangs in the Presidential Palace in Manila.

Bishop Walter P. Kellenberg, the first Bishop of Rockville Centre, founded the Parish of St. Paul the Apostle on June 27, 1962, the Feastday of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. My assignment as pastor began on June 27, 2013, and my own baptismal Church is Our Lady of Perpetual Help. My parents instilled into me a great devotion to Our Lady under the title of Perpetual Help. She was the patroness of the Diocesan Tribunal where I served for 27 years. I had always prayed that a beautiful image of Our Lady of Perpetual Help would adorn our Church. It was truly a gift from Our Lady: a parish priest who wanted the image and a very generous parishioner who also wanted to bestow the image to St. Paul's.

Our generous benefactor wishes to remain anonymous. But the icon will be blessed and dedicated at the 10.30 Mass on Sunday February 19, 2023. The Knights of Columbus and Squires will sponsor a Pancake Breakfast after the dedication. This will be a wonderful way for all of us, the children of Mary to honor her. It will also be a treat for children and adults on the Sunday before Lent begins.

It is my fond hope that each of us will never hesitate to invoke the prayers and intercession of Our Lady in time of need.

*In Jesus and Mary,
Monsignor James F. Pereda*



Our Weekly Masses

Monday, February 13

9:00 Catherine Genna
(Requested by J. Owens)

Tuesday, February 14

9:00 Joseph Bissex & Family (L)
(Requested by L. Wilson)

Wednesday, February 15

9:00 For the Pope

Thursday, February 16

9:00 Robert J. & Elizabeth Clerkin
(Requested by the Shannon Family)

Friday, February 17

9:00 Celebrants Intention

Saturday, February 18

5:00 Anna, George, & Michael Kraus
(Requested by the Egan Family)

Sunday, February 19

8:30 Edward Hronec
(Requested by D. Waits)

10:30 Pro Populo

Paul J. Richards
(Requested by the Hattenback Family)

Anna Frazzitta
(Requested by the Parish)

Eileen Camarinos (L)
(Requested by J. Owens)

Lucy Evangelista
(Requested by John & Theresa)

Joanne & Diego Spadafora (L)
(Requested by M. Collery)

Marilyn DiRenzo
(Requested by F. & M. Steiger)

Robert J. Clerkin
(Requested by the Dawson Family)

Memorials

Altar Bread, Wine & Candles
In Memory of
Persecuted Christians

Altar Flowers
In Memory of the
Homeless and Hungry

Sanctuary Light
In Memory of the Unborn

Devotional Candle
In Memory of the
Souls in Purgatory

American & Papal Flags
September 1st - February 28th, 2023
In Memory of Gina Tarantini
Donated by A. Tarantini

Remember Your Loved Ones:

Mass Intention	\$ 20
Bread Wine & Candles for the week	\$ 50
Altar Flowers	\$ 125
Sanctuary Light for the week	\$ 25
Devotional Candles before Our Lady & St. Joseph	\$ 50
Tree of Life Memorials	Call Parish Office

Celebrants of Holy Mass

Saturday, February 18

5:00pm Fr. O'Brien

Sunday, February 19

8:30am Msgr. Pereda

10:30am Msgr. Pereda



Weekend Collection:

February 4 - 5, 2023

Actual	\$ 8,151
Budget	\$ 8,870

Difference	\$ (719)
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Thank you for your continued generous support!

Religious Education Assistants Needed

Our Religious Education program has been able to continue due to the support and effort of our volunteers in our parish family.

Through this rewarding work, you will be helping our children prepare for the Sacraments and live a good Catholic life.

Classes are on Monday or Tuesday from 4:15 to 5:30 p.m.

Thank you to all of our Teachers, Assistants and Helpers for volunteering your time and talents! Together, we can make a difference in the lives of children.

Save The Date:

The Marian Guild will be hosting our annual parish-wide Lenten Program on ***March 15, 2023*** at ***7:00 pm.***

Our guest speaker will be ***Father Brandon O'Brien.***

Please join us. All are welcome.



Blessing of Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

And Pancake Breakfast

The new icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be blessed and dedicated at the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, February 19th . All parishioners are invited. Please join fellow parishioners for a Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and Squires immediately after the Mass. It will be a fitting way to celebrate on the Sunday before lent begins.





DIocese OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Lent 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

In our Gospel for the First Sunday of Lent, Saint Matthew tells us that before Jesus began His public ministry, He was “led by the Spirit into the desert” (*Mt. 4:1*), where He prayed, fasted, and gave Himself over to a life of Gospel poverty. Lent is the sacred time in which, following the example of Jesus, we are led by the same Holy Spirit into the solitude of the desert to deepen our relationship with the Father and purify our hearts to become like the Son. The Spirit that draws each of us into this period of preparation does so through the practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These three pillars of Lenten observance call us away from the selfishness of sin and lead us to a deeply personal encounter with Jesus Christ.

Recognizing that many have never experienced this personal relationship with Jesus, the Holy Spirit has led our local Church to embark on a period of Eucharistic Revival—a movement aimed at leading many to encounter Jesus by restoring understanding and devotion to the great mystery of the Eucharist. Following the Spirit’s desire to rekindle Eucharistic amazement in our hearts, let us reflect on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as practices deeply rooted in devotion to the Body and Blood of Jesus.

The Mass is the greatest prayer of the Church, the “source and summit of the Christian life” (*CCC 1324*). Lenten prayer focused on the Eucharist calls us to rediscover the Catholic practice of praying the Mass by offering our intentions, work, hardships, and family life as “spiritual sacrifices” united to the priest’s offering of the Lord’s Body (*Lumen Gentium*, 34). In this way the great prayer of the Church becomes the great prayer of our lives: the summit to which all our daily sacrifices are directed and the source from which graces flow into everyday life.

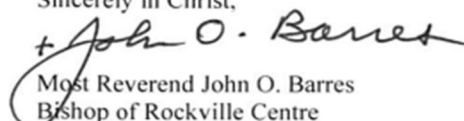
Prayerfully receiving the Eucharist not only requires bodily fasting from food but also spiritual fasting from worldly attachments that keep us from communion with God. At prayer in the desert, Christ rejects the temptations of Satan by reciting a scripture verse from Deuteronomy 8:3, “One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.” The Lord recognizes that bodily fasting becomes a prayer only when it moves us to cling to God’s Word. This Lent may we take time to prepare for the Sunday Eucharist not only by fasting, but also by meditating on the weekly scriptures.

In the second century, Saint Justin Martyr wrote one of the earliest accounts of the celebration of the Sunday Eucharist. He recounts that after the breaking of the bread, the early Christians would be moved to give alms and “take care of all who are in need” (*First Apology*, 67). The Church has always recognized an inseparable bond between the sacrifice of the Mass and the sacrifice of almsgiving. Saint John Chrysostom even understood almsgiving as a Eucharistic action. He described the poor person as an “altar” where one could encounter the Body of Christ and offer everywhere a daily sacrifice (*Homily 20 on Second Corinthians*). As we remember the sacrifice of Christ at each Sunday Eucharist, may we always remember the poor.

Christ entered the desert for 40 days to prepare for the mission ahead of Him. Following the Lord’s example, we enter the Lenten desert of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving with the goal of becoming Eucharistic missionaries. The Holy Spirit is leading each of us to a personal encounter with the Lord and calling us to pray and fast for the conversion of many hearts during this grace-filled moment of Eucharistic Revival.

Let us follow the Spirit’s guidance with open hearts ready to receive the Lord; and may the heart of Jesus, in the Most Blessed Sacrament, be praised, adored, and loved with grateful affection, at every moment, in all the tabernacles of the world, even to the end of time.

Sincerely in Christ,


Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

Academic Awards

Students who attend St. John the Baptist
from St. Paul the Apostle Church that have
been rewarded:

*Mid-Year Summa Cum Laude Honors
(100+ Weighted Average)*



Icsis Munoz



Pray for the Sick

*Please pray for those whose names are on the
parish sick list.*

Peter Boyle Sr.

Baby Noah Daswani

Ann Serzanin

Marina Rae Trapasso

Samantha Cooke



Academic Awards

Students who attend Chaminade High
School from St. Paul the Apostle Church that
have been rewarded:

First Trimester Honor Roll

Antonio J. Branchinelli

Gavin C. Duran

Nathaniel D. Fabunan

Michael J. Martelli

Matthew S. Ofsie

Joseph T. Leyden

Anthony L. Cilmi

Thomas R. Lynch



Academic Awards

Students who attend Kellenberg Memorial
High School from St. Paul the Apostle
Church that have been rewarded:

First Trimester Honor Roll

Andrew Cilmi

Ethan Dasilva

Mia Goodman

Jack Loeffler

Isabella Lovera

Emma O'Neill

Kate O'Neill

Ava Wayrich



Ash Wednesday Schedule

February 22nd, 2023

Distribution of Ashes begins at 7:00AM until 8:30AM.

9:00AM	Mass with Distribution of Ashes
12:15PM	Prayer Service with Distribution of Ashes
4:30PM	Prayer Service with Distribution of Ashes
7:00PM	Prayer Service with Distribution of Ashes

Ash Wednesday is a Day of Fast & Abstinence

Confessions will be heard after the Mass and after each
Prayer Service.



Stations of the Cross are held each Friday of Lent at 7:00PM

Church of St. Paul the Apostle

Office of Faith Formation Calendar 2022 – 2023

2534 Cedar Swamp Road, Brookville, New York 11545

(516) 938-4530 louise.stpauls@optimum.net

Grades K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 Monday or Tuesday afternoons 4:15 to 5:30 p.m.

Grades 7 & 8 Monday evenings 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.



2022

September

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9/18 Catechetical Sunday 10:30am
Parish Picnic after 10:30 Mass
9/29 K-8 Teachers Meeting 4:30 pm

October

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10/3 Grade K-6 First Class 4:15-5:30pm
10/3 Grade 7 & 8 First Class 7:00pm
10/3 Gr 7&8 Parent Meeting 7:00pm
10/4 Grade K-6 First Class 4:15-5:30pm
10/10 Columbus Day No Classes
10/11 No Classes
10/16 Gr 8 Inscription Mass 10:30am
10/23 Family Mass 10:30am
10/31 No Classes All Saints

November

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11/1 No Classes All Saints
11/6 Gr 7 Commitment Mass 10:30am
11/7-8 Gr 5 & 6 Visit Church
11/14-15 Pageant Sign Up
11/1-30 Food Drive
11/20 Family Mass 10:30am
11/21 Pageant Practice 5:30pm
11/21-22 Gr 5 & 6 Confessions
11/28-29 Gr 3 & 4 Visit Church
11/28 Pageant Practice 5:30pm

December

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12/4 Family Mass 10:30am
12/5 Gr 8 Confessions 7:00 p.m.
12/5 Pageant Practice 5:30pm
12/8 Immaculate Conception
12/12-13 Grade 3 & 4 Confessions
12/12 Pageant Practice 5:30pm
12/18 Family Mass 10:30am
Breakfast with Santa
12/19-20 Christmas Pageant 4:30pm
12/19 Gr 7 & 8 Christmas Prayer Service
12/26-27 No Classes Christmas Blessings

2023

January

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1/9 Gr 8 Parent Meeting 7:00p.m.
1/16-17 No Classes
1/22 Family Mass 10:30a.m.

February

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2/5 Gr 8 Letter of Intent Mass 10:30am
2/12 Family Mass 10:30am
2/20-21 No Classes
2/22 Ash Wednesday

March

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Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent 7:30p.m.

3/5 Family Mass 10:30am
3/6 Pageant Sign-up
3/11 Grade 2 Sacrament of Reconciliation
3/13 Pageant Practice 5:30pm
3/13 Grade 8 Robe Fitting 7:00pm
3/19 Family Mass 10:30am
3/20-21 K-6 Stations of the Cross 4:15pm
3/20 Gr 7 & 8 Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm
3/20 Pageant Practice 5:30pm
3/27 Gr 7 & 8 Confessions 7:00pm
3/27 Pageant Practice 5:30pm
3/28 Gr 8 Retreat 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

April

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4/2 Palm Sunday
4/3-4 Easter Pageant 4:30 pm
4/6-8 Easter Triduum
4/9 Easter Sunday
4/10-11 No Classes
4/23 Family Mass 10:30a.m.
4/24-25 Last Classes

May

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5/1 Make up Classes
5/4 Gr 2 First Holy Communion Practice 4:00pm
5/6 Gr 2 First Holy Communion 11:00am
5/14 Family Mass & May Crowning 10:30am
Brown Scapular Enrollment

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Ⓢ Indicates no classes on this day