

# 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** after 9:00am Mass  
**Rosary:** Daily 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

## Second Sunday of Advent

## December 4, 2022

## ADVISORY COUNCILS TO THE PASTOR

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

*Paula Maturo, Chair*  
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### FINANCE COUNCIL

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TRUSTEES EMERITI ARE  
EX OFFICIO MEMBERS OF PASTORAL  
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## MINISTRIES and ORGANIZATIONS

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

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 email: [louise.stpauls@optimum.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:javiania25@gmail.com)

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

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

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[deaconraydalessio@stpaulsbrookville.org](mailto:deaconraydalessio@stpaulsbrookville.org)

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

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 JERICHO FIRE DEPARTMENT (516) 931-0898  
 OLD BROOKVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT (516) 626-1300

## FROM THE PASTOR

DECEMBER 4, 2022

## THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF  
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Dear Parishioners St. Paul:

*Praised be Jesus Christ and Mary His Most Holy Mother!* During this holy time of Advent, it is a great grace to celebrate one of the more glorious feasts of Our Blessed Mother, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. As is well known this Feast is kept on December 8<sup>th</sup>, exactly nine months to the day before we celebrate the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on September 8<sup>th</sup>. This Solemnity is our national Feastday, since Our Lady under the title of the Immaculate Conception, is the Patroness of the United States of America. Please see this bulletin for the Mass schedule for Immaculate Conception.

What fond memories do I have of these days as they are celebrated in Rome. The Solemnity itself is preceded by a Novena which is celebrated nightly in the Church of the Twelve Apostles, near the Victor Emmanuel Monument. The highlight of the Novena, which began in 1854, is the singing of the Hymn *Tota Pulchra Es...You are All-Beautiful O Mary*. This music was written for the definition of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception by Blessed Pius IX in 1854. The music is particularly moving. Interestingly, during the Pontificate of St. Pius X (1903-1914) the music was banned. The great saint and pope (Pius X) thought that the music was too operatic and thus unsuited for Divine Worship. He wished to return to the more ancient and modest (not to mention more serene) practice of the simple Gregorian chant. But to deprive the Romans of this spectacle and drama was tantamount to depriving them of *Vino Bianco dei Castelli Romani*. At the death of the great saint, Pope Pius X in August 1914, there was great mourning. But the Romans demanded of his successor Pope Benedict XV (1914-1923), the return of the singing of the *Tota Pulchra Es*. It has been sung ever since.

Because this feast is uniquely one of the United States, every American living, working, or studying in the City (of Rome), is invited to a Solemn Mass and Banquet at the North American College. It was the custom that many hundreds (but fewer than 1,000) would attend. The banquet was a very happy and very scripted event. Here toasts were made: 1. To the Pope. 2. To the President of the United States. 3. To the North American College. Many wonderful wines were served with each course, and the United States Ambassador to the Holy See would be present. In my days in Rome 26 years ago, the Ambassador to the Holy See was His Excellency Raymond P. Flynn, who had previously served as the Mayor of Boston. He was a particularly kind and respectful gentleman who seemed deeply moved that the President had selected him to serve in this unique diplomatic embassy. The Holy See is a juridic entity in international law and thus sends and receives ambassadors to over 140 nations. The present ambassador of the Holy See to the United States is His Excellency the Most Reverend Christophe Pierre who lives at the Embassy of the Holy See to the United States (commonly, but, incorrectly, referred to as the Vatican Embassy) on Massachusetts Avenue (Embassy Row) in Washington, D.C. Before coming to Washington, Archbishop Pierre had been the Ambassador of the Holy See to Mexico. All the Ambassadors of the Holy See are called *the Apostolic Nuncio*. In whatever nation he may be serving the nuncio also serves as the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps. (This was a protocol of the Congress of Vienna in 1815). It is largely a ceremonial position, but the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps' unique privilege is to extend to the Head of State (in our case, the President of the United States) the New Year's greetings on behalf of all the ambassadors and the nations they represent. The present American Ambassador to the Holy See is His Excellency Hon. Joseph Donnelly, former U.S. Senator from Ohio. Ambassador Donnelly is a native of Long Island and an alumnus of St. Pius X in Uniondale and the University of Notre Dame.

As though this were not enough, immediately after the Banquet everyone would rush to the so-called Spanish Steps (Piazza di Spagna) for the annual Immaculate Conception visit of the Pope to the Spanish Embassy. No other nation on earth has done more to spread the devotion and orthodox reaching of the Immaculate Conception throughout the world than the Spanish nation. In gratitude for this apostolic crusade the Pope annually visits the Spanish Embassy on Immaculate Conception Day to express his own sincere esteem for Spain and the King and Queen (if they are in the City).

After this, the Pope and the Most Catholic Monarchs stand on the balcony of the embassy as the youngest member of the Roman Fire Department places a floral wreath on the statue of the Immaculate Virgin 120 feet on top of a column. Such a spectacle is met with great *nervosità* and excitement by the immense crowd.

Three other interesting facts concerning the Immaculate Conception and Spain cannot be overlooked now.

1). In gratitude for the apostolic mission of Spain in spreading devotion throughout the world to Immaculate Conception, a special indult is granted to the Spanish nation and to all priests of Spanish heritage and her former empire (including the Philippines). The indult is to wear blue vestments only on this feast. Thus, for the last ten years have blue vestments been worn at St. Paul on this unique day.

2). In gratitude to Spain and to the Spanish nation and empire is granted a perpetual dispensation from the obligation of abstinence from flesh meat on Fridays.

3). To Spain and her empire is granted the privilege to celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on the most ancient day of its observance which is December 9<sup>th</sup>. That is why St. Juan Diego was on his way to attend Mass for the Immaculate Conception on December 9, 1531, when Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to him on the Tepeyac Hill, outside Mexico City.

Please accept my apologies for this bit of nostalgia. One day I may write of how I came to be in the Spanish Embassy on December 8, 1995, when St. John Paul II visited, but that is a whole other column.

The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary means that Our Blessed Mother never knew the taint of the Original Sin. From the first moment of her conception in the womb of her mother St. Ann, Our Lady was full of grace; she was free from all sin. Thus, do we say *You are all-fair, O Blessed Virgin Mary, and no taint of sin is found in you*. We may say that Our Lady shared in the great mystery of the redemption beforehand. She is younger than sin itself and in the words of the poet Longfellow, she is “Our tainted nature’s solitary boast.”

This truth of our faith must not be confused with the Virginal Conception and Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ. This refers to that truth of our faith found in the Holy Bible that Our Lord was born of a Virgin. How fitting this would be for the Son of God would have no earthly father, but rather St. Joseph was the Guardian of the Redeemer. We pray at Holy Mass of the *ever-Virgin Mary*. As the Church has always held Our Blessed Mother was a virgin both spiritual and physical *before, during, and after* the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ. That is why St. Thomas Aquinas said of the virgin birth, *it was as light passing through a prism*. Although Our Blessed Mother never experienced the pain of childbirth, she knew at the time of Our Lord’s death the great moral pain at his crucifixion.

**PLEASE HELP TO KEEP OUR CHURCH CLEAN AND IN GOOD REPAIR:** As many may have noticed, our Church has recently been cleaned and renovated. It is my fond hope that the good parishioners of St. Paul will help to preserve their Church for the future. When the pews were removed to be renovated, the workers remarked how sad it was to see years of chewing gum under the pews. Please do not place gum there and please do not allow your children to do so. We have also placed in the Church upholstered kneelers and seat cushions. Please do not stand on them. Already several kneelers have been damaged, and a hymnal rack has been torn from its place (this is from toddlers hanging on them). I had hoped that perhaps one month could pass without damage being done, but that hope has been in vain. Please do not eat or drink in the Church and do not allow your children to do so. And may I remind the gentlemen that men do not wear hats in Church. They must, as is said in the armed forces, uncover in the Church.

**POT/LUCK SUPPER AND TREE LIGHTING:** Please make every effort to attend our Tree Lighting and Pot/Luck supper on the evening of December 10<sup>th</sup>. Tree lighting will take place during the 5.00PM Mass and the Potluck Supper is in the Lower Hall immediately after Mass. We are grateful to the Knights and Squires for providing this fun-filled and grace-filled evening.

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



## Our Weekly Masses

### Monday, December 5

9:00 Ermello & Agnese Pettinato  
(Requested by R. Mazza)

### Tuesday, December 6

9:00 Rev. William Calloway

### Wednesday, December 7

9:00 Antonia Girak  
(Requested by Mrs. Wimer)

7:00 Virginia Rizzo  
(Requested by J. Rizzo)

### Thursday, December 8

9:00 Msgr. James F. Pereda (L)

12:15 Louis Razzano

### Friday, December 9

9:00 Emma Alvarado  
(Requested by the Alvarado Family)

### Saturday, December 10

5:00 Frances, Thomas, & James Egan  
(Requested by the Egan Family)

### Sunday, December 11

8:30 Karl Mueller  
(Requested by the Mueller Family)

10:30 Pro Populo  
Susan Elizabeth Wilson  
(Requested by L. Wilson)  
Michael Reali (L)  
(Requested by L. & D. Cosentino)  
Sarah Genova  
(Requested by the Ferdico Family)  
Carol LaPiere  
Donna Viggiani  
(Requested by the Viggiani Family)

## Memorials

**Altar Bread, Wine & Candles**  
*In Thanksgiving for all Children*  
Donated by the Pickel Family

**Altar Flowers**  
*In Thanksgiving for all Children*  
Donated by the Pickel Family

**Sanctuary Light**  
*In Thanksgiving for all Children*  
Donated by the Pickel Family

**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, December 10

5:00pm Msgr. Pereda

### Sunday, December 11

8:30am Fr. O'Brien  
10:30am Msgr. Pereda



## Weekend Collection:

### November 26-27, 2022

Actual	\$ 7,507
Budget	\$ 8,870
Difference	\$ (1,363)

*Thank you for your continued generous support!*

## Holy Day of Obligation

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be on December 8th. The mass schedule will be:

**December 7th at 7:00pm**

**December 8th at 9:00am  
& 12:15pm**



## Annual Christmas Sale

Order pickup will be on December 10th and 11th after all masses.

If you cannot pickup, tell us and we will do our best to deliver it to you.



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Knights of Columbus  
**SQUIRES**  
Youth Organization.

I wish to thank all Knights and Squires who helped make our Veterans Day Pancake Breakfast a huge success! We are now preparing for our Christmas Pot Luck Dinner after the 5:00pm mass and tree lighting on Saturday, December 10th. All parishioners are invited to bring something for the table. Please contact Thomas Principe at (516) 428-2427.

Yours in Christ Jim Viania G.K.

## Marian Guild

The Marian Guild's annual Christmas Dinner party will take place on **December 14th at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall**. Bring a dessert and a \$10 grab bag gift, along with can food for a needy family. Free to all paid Marian Guild members.

**Reservations are necessary**, please call or text Lucy at (516) 754-4901.



*Please support our Marian Guild's 300-1 Raffle  
Tickets Will Be Sold After Each Mass  
For ticket information, please call Lucy at (516) 754-4901  
Drawing is on December 04, 2022*



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## **SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE**

*The Knight's and Squire's Invite the Parish to the:*

# **Annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Potluck Dinner**

**Saturday, December 10 after the 5:00 Mass  
Potluck Dinner in Parish Hall after Tree Lighting.**



***R.S.V.P. to Potluck***

***What you are bringing and number of guests***

***Tom Principe at [tprincipe@kdln.com](mailto:tprincipe@kdln.com) or Phone 516.428.2427***

# ***Christmas Schedule 2022***

## ***Christmas Masses***

### ***Christmas Eve***

***Saturday, December 24th, 2022***

4:00pm Mass; 6:00pm Mass; 10:00pm Mass

### ***Christmas Day***

***Sunday, December 25th, 2022***

8:30am Mass; 10:30am Mass

## ***Confessions***

### ***Every Saturday***

4:00 - 4:45pm

### ***Every Sunday***

7:45 - 8:15am; 9:45 - 10:15am

### ***Every Wednesday***

After 9:00am Mass

***Christmas Eve, December 24th, 2022***

10:00am until all confessions are heard

### ***New Year's Day***

## ***Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God***

***Saturday, December 31st, 2022***

5:00pm Mass

***Sunday, January 1st, 2022***

8:30am Mass; 10:30am Mass



The Sisters of St. Dominic welcome you to Study, Pray, Celebrate, and Serve as we prepare to live into the full meaning of Christmas

- **STUDY: Wednesday, November 16th from 7:30 to 8:30 pm:** Study the history of the Liturgy of the Hours with Dominican Sister Elaine Jahrsdoerfer.
- **PRAY: Wednesdays at 8:30 pm (November 30th, December 7th, 14th, & 21st):** Via zoom, pray the Liturgy of the Hours known as Compline.
- **CELEBRATE: Sunday, December 11th at 3:00 pm:** Come to Lessons and Carols at our Motherhouse, Queen of the Rosary Chapel, 555 Albany Ave., Amityville. *Bring a bell.*
- **SERVE:** Bring a supermarket gift card to Lessons and Carols to be distributed to those in need or mail cards to the Associates' Office at 555 Albany Ave., Amityville.

To Register, email: [belsole1@fordham.edu](mailto:belsole1@fordham.edu)



## THE ADVENT WREATH

The Advent Wreath and the lighting of the candles symbolize the expectation and hope of our Lord's coming into the world at Christmas, as well as the anticipation of his second coming at the end of time. (USCCB)

The Wreath is traditionally round representing God's complete and endless love for us.

The Candles represent the four weeks of the Advent season.

First Sunday of Advent - The Purple "Prophesy Candle" represents **HOPE**.  
We remember the Old Testament prophets who foretold of Jesus' coming.

Second Sunday of Advent - The Purple "Bethlehem Candle" represents **LOVE**.  
We remember the journey Joseph and Mary took from Nazareth to Bethlehem.

Third Sunday of Advent - The Rose "Shepherd's Candle" represents **JOY**.  
**Gaudete Sunday.** We reflect on the joy of the birth of Jesus.

Fourth Sunday of Advent - The Purple "Angel's Candle" represents **PEACE**.  
We reflect on the message of the angels "Peace on Earth, Good Will Towards Men."