

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 AM

Weekday: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

and Friday 8:00 AM

First Saturday: 9:00AM

Holy Day: As Announced

PRAYER

NOVENAS AFTER 8:00AM MASS MONDAY MIRACULOUS MEDAL

TUESDAY MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

WEDNESDAY ST. JOSEPH
FRIDAY SACRED HEART
FIRST SATURDAY after 9:00AM Mass

ROSARY IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

ROSARY: Daily after 8:00AM Mass

ADORATION: 1st Friday 12:00-8:00PM

SACRAMENTS

CONFESSION: Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 PM

BAPTISM:

1st & 3rd Sunday 1:00PM / 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 2:00PM and on Sundays between 2:00PM and 4:00PM. All Sunday weddings are ceremonies.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

First Saturday of every month 9:00AM in chapel 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: 1:00-4:00PM

Tuesday-Thursday: 9:00AM to 12:00PM & 1:00 to 4:00 PM

Friday, Saturday, Sunday by appointment only

Mrs. Deb Cosentino, Parish Assistant/Business Manager

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Red Barn: (516) 938-4530

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 8, 2019

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

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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 meets 3rd Thursday of each month 7:30PM

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PRAYER GROUP meets Thursday 11:00AM in Chapel - contact: Elise LeVaillant

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FROM THE PASTOR

DECEMBER 8, 2019 - 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 8th, exactly nine months to the day after we celebrate the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on September 8th. 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.

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 V*ino 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 (presently Her Excellency Claudia Gingrich) would be present. In my day 25 years ago, the Ambassador 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.

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 teaching 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 as the youngest member of the Roman Fire Department (Danny and Andy and all our parishioner fire-fighters take note) 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. I would never look up until the matter was accomplished.

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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 to wear blue vestments only on this feast. Thus, for the last seven 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 9th. 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 a Virgin, *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.

When December 8th falls on an Advent Sunday the feast of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to the next day, December 9th. However, in the law of the Church, while the joy-filled feast may be transferred, the obligation to attend Mass cannot be transferred. Thus, there is no obligation to attend Mass on December 9th (December 8th is the day of obligation), but nonetheless many would like to attend Mass on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Mass will be celebrated at 8.00am on Monday in the Rectory Chapel. May the Immaculate Virgin help us all.

PLEASE HELP TO KEEP OUR NEWLY RENOVATED 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.

ADVENT GIVING BASKET: It is said that time flies. It is hard to believe that this Christmas marks my seventh as the Pastor of St. Paul the Apostle. For the last seven Christmases', we have always placed in the narthex (vestibule) of the Church a basket enclosed with a wreath with a statue of St. Nicholas watching over it. In the basket are gift tags. Please take a tag from the basket and purchase the gift and then bring it back to St. Paul's. The procedure is rather simple: please take the gift tag from the basket.

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This year it is in the Chapel of Our Lady of Guadalupe. (Play a spiritual game with your family and try to find that chapel. I will give you a hint. It is the chapel in which there is an exact replica of the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe which is in the Basilica of the same name in Mexico City. It is the most visited place on earth in the history of the human race and it is the most well known and most reproduced picture in the history of the human race). It is worn as a tattoo by every Lucha Libre Wrestler and every Mexican truck driver. I was told today that no one will be able to see it, but, pardon me, I have greater confidence in you. Please then purchase the gift printed on the tag and bring it back the following Sunday, December 15th Please bring the gift to Monsignor Costa Hall (the Lower Hall) and place it by the Christmas Tree. For those who cannot climb steps (like myself), please leave the gift bag in the narthex and the ushers will bring it downstairs. Please remember that this is a one-week project. The tags are to be taken today (December 8th) and the gifts are to be returned on December 15th. The gift basket will be removed from the Guadalupe Chapel after all Masses on the 8th. Gifts cannot be accepted after December 15th. Please do not bring gifts to the Rectory or Barn. Please do not give them to the priest or deacon.

MASS MANNERS: The Directions of the Roman Missal instruct the priest (and by implication, the deacon) that after the celebration of Holy Mass, he should immediately return to the sacristy to begin the prayers of thanksgiving to God Our Lord for the celebration of the Sacrifice of Holy Mass. In many parishes the priest and deacon may stand at the front door of the Church to greet parishioners and wish them well on the weekly celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. This custom, which is foreign to the Catholic tradition, must be understood in its proper context. When the priest and deacon stand in front of the Church it is not a Carte Blanche occasion for the airing of complaints and the asking of questions. Still less it is the opportunity to demand the priest and deacon's full attention to one's own personal concerns. It is a time to say good morning and to allow the clergy to greet everyone. One should not monopolize the clergy's full attention. As the old expression goes, it is not all about You.

In my own case, I make it my habit **not** to greet the faithful after Mass when I must celebrate the next Mass in merely a few more moments. The negative energy, complaints, hardness of heart, hatred, outrage, upset, that come forth from many as they walk from the House of God is quite shocking. I follow the advice that I received from Monsignor McDonald many years ago and which I give to many young priests. (once I was a young priest). The greatest gift they can give to the faithful is to celebrate Holy Mass in a spirit of calm and serenity.

I am quite accustomed to criticism and anonymous letters of criticism. I am grateful to those who will sign their hate-filled letters. As far as anonymous letters go, I can assure everyone that although their pastor may lack formal education, he has an ear for language. And thus, whether it be by omission or commission, he is aware of the author of anonymous letters. But I am very sad when Deacon Ray is the subject of this behavior. (I am used to it, so it does not bother me). I am quite sad when our dear volunteers, who do so much good, are criticized. And so, if for some reason at Christmas there is something unpleasant to YOU please try to overlook it. If a flower is in a different place, do not become outraged or upset. Save the outrage for the millions of Christians throughout the Middle East who have been burned alive, beheaded and driven from their homelands. It is not all about YOU. Our Lady has said, He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

Two years ago, one of our dear parishioners told me on Christmas Eve that he/she could not see the consecration due to the number of flowers on the altar. I do not put the flowers there, but I am eternally grateful to all our dear parishioners who volunteer to decorate the Church under the direction of our Altar Guild Chair Ursula Coughlin. Today I celebrated Holy Mass for the 18,215th time and I can truly confess that I have never seen the consecration. St. Thomas Aquinas, in his magnificent hymn the *Adoro Te Devote* wrote, *Sight, touch, taste, are all deceived in their judgment of you, but hearing suffices firmly to believe. I believe all that the Son of God has spoken; there is nothing truer than this word of Truth.* (Visus, gustus, tactus, in te fallitur. Sed audito solo creditor, Credo, qiudquid dixit Dei Filius, Nil hic verbo Veritatis verius). The consecration is seen only through the eyes of faith. For my almost 40 years as a priest I have given the same advice to the outraged, the upset, the angry, the embittered, and the hard of heart at Christmas (This Holy Season brings out the most deep set of emotions): *GO HOME AND HAVE AN EGG-NOG!*

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O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.

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Our Weekly Masses

Monday, December 9, 2019

8:00 AM Fr. Marcellus McCartney, OFM (requested by Msgr. Pereda)

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

8:00 AM Fr. Richard Klopf (requested by Msgr. Pereda)

Wednesday, December 11, 2019

8:00 AM Frank M. Campson (requested by Msgr. Pereda) For the Bishop

Friday, December 13, 2019

8:00 AM Anastasia Swirz (requested by J. Genova)

Saturday, December 14, 2019

4:00 PM Charles H. Blaes (requested by Parish)

Sunday, December 15, 2019

8:00 AM Francesca Osso (requested by J. Dannebaum)

9:30 AM Parishioners

11:00 AM Michael DiBari

(requested by Dawson Family) Lillian Signorelli

(requested by D. & G. Santoro)

Fred Derenthal

(requested by Lynch Family)

Alma Curcio

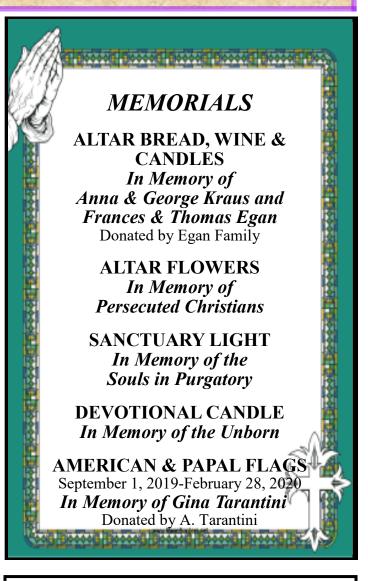
(requested by D. & M. Basile & Family)

Fr. Martin Klein (requested by A. Maione)

Collection:

December 1, 2019 \$6,669 \$7,560 Budget Difference to Budget (+/-) -891

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish!



CELEBRANT OF HOLY MASS

Saturday, December 14, 2019 4:00 PM Msgr. Pereda Sunday, December 15, 2019 8:00 AM Msgr. Pereda 9:30 AM Msgr. Pereda 11:00 AM Msgr. Pereda



REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES

Mass Intention	\$ 20 \$ 50
Bread Wine & Candles for the week	\$ 50
Altar Flowers	\$ 125 \$ 25
Sanctuary Light for the week	\$ 25
Devotional Candles before Our Lady	
& St. Joseph	\$ 50

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"FRIDAY FRIENDS"

"Friday Friends" is a monthly event where children with special needs can bond with teen volunteers in the community on a one-to-one basis. Parents of children with special needs can drop off all their children (including siblings) and enjoy a break from their intensive caring routine. Adult supervision is provided as well.

There is no cost to participate. We will provide pizza and water to all the kids.

We meet Once a Month on Friday 6:30pm to 8:30pm at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Monsignor Costa Hall.

Dates for 2019-20: October 25, November 22, December 20, January 24, February 28, March 27, April 24, May 29

If you are interested in participating, please email Nikolas Tarasenko at **fridayfriendsstpaul@gmail.com**



Catholic Theologian, Dr. Scott Hahn, will be speaking at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Patchogue on Saturday, December 14th from 9AM - 12:30PM. Cost \$20

Tickets can be purchased on line at www.stpaulcenter.com/longisland or by calling 631-475-4739.

For additional information regarding the event, please call 631-475-4739.



The Giving Tree

All gifts will go to Opening Word (Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville), Pilgrim State Hospital and our parish families.

Please consider participating by taking a gift request from the Christmas basket located in Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel. The basket will remain in the Chapel for all Masses December 7th & 8th.

When you bring your gift in, please place it under the Christmas tree in Msgr. Costa Hall. If you are unable bring it downstairs to Msgr. Costa Hall, you may leave it in the church vestibule.

All donations are due by December 15th so they can be distributed in time for Christmas!

Thank you for your generosity in all things charitable!



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PRAYERS FOR OUR ARMED SERVICE

Please pray for our parishioners in the military:

Keith Wilkins, Lt. Cmdr. USCG Francis Son, Pfc. US Army Michael F. Wendelken, Lt. Col., USAF David J. Munafo, 1st Lt. US Army John P. Orr, Lt.jg, US Navy CEC Steven Paniccia, Pfc. US Army Robert Simon Jr., MS US Army

God bless our troops and God bless the United States of America!



PRAYER MINISTRY

Group meets Thursday mornings at 11:00AM in the chapel to lift up in prayer the requests mentioned in the intentions books. These books are located in the narthex of the church and chapel.

> If you are in need of prayer, please make use of these books.

For information, call Elise LeVaillant 516 643-3029 or email intercessorel1@gmail.com

TITHES & OFFERINGS **E-GIVING**

Please consider automatic giving as a means of tithing. It is easy to enroll. Sign on to stpaulsbrookville.org and select **E-Giving**. The prompts will take you step-by-step through enrollment.

Your generosity and continued parish support are very much appreciated.



If a Parishioner of St. Paul's or a family member living with you is unable to attend Mass temporarily or permanently because of recuperation, illness, disability or age, PLEASE do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office at 516-935-1880. We will make arrangements to have Holy Communion brought to that individual weekly.

ST. PAUL'S CONSOLATION **MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!**



Our parish is richly blessed to have a few wonderful volunteers who make up the Ministry of Consolation team.

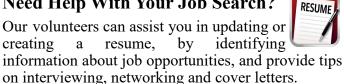
The most valuable gift we can give are the gifts that come from the heart. The precious gifts of our time, love and compassion are especially needed during the time of the loss of a loved one.

This ministry was created to provide warmth, caring and personal attention to assist families in preparation for the Funeral Mass.

Please give some thought as to sharing your time and talents and being a part of this ministry's call to love and care for one another.

Please call Gina Cinelli at 516-333-5611 if you would like to volunteer or have any questions.

Need Help With Your Job Search?



Contact Gerard Wendelken at (516)364-0640 to arrange an appointment.

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Knights and Squires - Future events

Knights Super Bowl Raffle - Large Flat Screen Smart TV (additional info forthcoming)

<u>St. Patrick's & St. Joseph Day Pot Luck</u> – Sunday, March 22, after 11 am Mass. Parish is invited April 30, 2020 – Squires <u>Scholarship</u> forms are due

Communion Breakfast - Sunday, May 3 after 9:30 Mass

Monday, May 4, 2020 - Annual Golf Outing and Parish Awards Dinner

Mothers Day Plant Sale - TBA

Saturday, May 16, 2020 - Field of Honor Dedication and Reception after 5 pm Mass.

MARIAN GUILD CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Calendar for 2019 – 2020 (events subject to change)

Sunday, December 8, 2019 after the 11 am Mass - 300 to 1 Reverse Raffle (grand prize up to \$10,000)

Wednesday, December 18, 2019, 6:30 pm - Christmas Party

Wednesday, February 19, 2020, 6:30 pm – Pizza and Painting

Wednesday, March 18, 2020, 7 pm – Lenten Speaker

Wednesday, April 15, 2020 7 pm – To be announced

Sunday, May 3, 2020, after 9:30 am Mass - Communion breakfast

Wednesday, May 20, 2020, 7 pm - Chair yoga class

Wednesday, June 17, 2020, 6:30 pm – Night at the Races / End of year gathering

MARIAN GUILD MEMBERSHIP FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT MEETINGS.

The Marian Guild will be selling raffle tickets after Mass.

The tickets are \$100 for a chance to win \$10,000. The drawing will be held on December 8th in Monsignor Costa Hall.



MASS INTENTIONS

The 2020 Mass Books are open for your Mass Intentions.
Please come to the Parish Office during regular business hours.



2020 Calendars Have Arrived

Please feel free to take one of these beautifully illustrated calendars provided to us courtesy of Dalton Funeral Homes. Each month features a Catholic prayer to enrich our prayer life.

The calendars are in the Church narthex.

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Religious Education Calendar

December 2-3
December 2
December 9-10
December 9
December 9
December 15
Gr 3&4 Visit Church
Pageant Practice 5:30pm
Gr 3&4 Confessions
Gr 8 Confessions
Family Mass 9:30am
Family Mass 9:30am

Breakfast with St. Nicholas follows

December 16-17 Pageant 4:30pm

December 16 Gr7&8 Prayer Service 7:30pm

December 23-24 No Classes December 30-31 No Classes

PRAY FOR THE SICK



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

Peter Boyle Jr., Catherine Black, Benny D'Aquila, Agostino Ragusin, Raffaele D'Onofrio, Benjamin Lagumen, George Jung, Jean (Elizabeth) Connolly, Joseph LaRosa, Julia D., Maria P. Scopa, Carol Hammel, Karen Keener, Linda DiBenetto, Matthew DiLascio, Christopher Louie, Anthony Ambrosio, Christine DiBari, Kelly Ann Crovello, Teresa Bencardino, Mary Grace Spotter, Nellie Ambrosio, Robert Simone, Vincent Meade, Linda Malone, Guido Penafiel, Jeremiah McCarthy, Santiago Alvarez, Gabriella Fiorillo, Lorraine and Matthew Masiello, Linda LeVaillant, Giovanna Vizzari, Mildred McCarthy, Baby Sergio DeVincent.

Please call the office at 516-935-1880 x100 to add or remove a name from the prayer list.



Congratulations to the families of the newly baptized:

Kacey Lynn Giannusa Mackenzie Eva Marowitz Zoey Rae Tuft Leah Grace Blaszkiewicz Daniel Blaszkiewicz Gabriella Francesca Maimone

If you are planning to have your baby baptized, <u>please</u> contact the religious education office at 516 938-4530.

THANKSGIVING was amazing for many families in need thanks to the following: Beth & Bill Calabro who donated 5 turkeys and ALL the trimmings (including roasting pans!) The Knights of Columbus who filled our donation baskets with everything in our bulletin. Sandra and Anthony Galu who always ask "What do you need?" and never say no. And to our parish family who are always kind, generous and giving. AND to the Stasi family whose donation exceeded ALL expectations!!!

(You can read about it on our FaceBook page) https://www.facebook.com/St-Paul-the-Apostle-Church-186385001571267/

We are in need of the following:

Coffee (we're out)
Cleaning Supplies
Laundry Detergent
Quick Oats (plain)
Cake Mix/Brownie Mix
Dog Food
Soup (winter is upon us!)
Paper Towels
Shampoo & Conditioner



No salt snacks
No-Sugar or Low-Sugar cere

No-Sugar or Low-Sugar cereals Baby wipes (packaged)

Thanks to your generosity our pantry is currently FULLY STOCKED with canned vegetables, tuna and pasta!

Kindly check expiration dates on All foods, canned, boxed and packaged. We cannot distribute expired food items to our families.

Also Needed for Holidays



FOOD CARDS for those who are on health related diets.

KOHL'S CARDS, TARGET CARDS (receipts MUST be attached).

You may also consider making a monetary donation so that our volunteers can do the shopping!

Come and visit us on Saturday mornings.

We open at 10:00am and are located behind the red barn.

For assistance please call the rectory at 516 935-1880 Or

email paulsapostle@verizon.net