

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE

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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*

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Red Barn: (516) 938-4530

Msgr. Mario C. Costa (Lower) Hall: (516) 935-4127

Br. Joseph Bellizzi, S.M., *DRE*

Mrs. Louise Shannon, *Faith Formation Administrator*

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Commercial Service

DIRECTOR OF LITURGICAL MUSIC

Mr. Gary Ducoing **(516) 935-1880**

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

February 2, 2020

ADVISORY COUNCILS TO THE PASTOR

PASTORAL COUNCIL

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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

CENTERSTAGE contact: Chris Black (516) 528-0294 or email centerstageministry@gmail.com

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 meets 3rd Thursday of each month 7:30PM

contact: Don Cavanaugh, Grand Knight, (917) 769-5128 or email: doncavanaugh@ymail.com

SQUIRES meet 4th Wednesday of each month 7PM

contact: Peter Boyle (516) 937-6516 or email: repeter_65@hotmail.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: Giovanna (516) 459-4225

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

OUTREACH contact: Rectory (516) 935-1880

PRAYER GROUP meets Thursday 11:00AM in Chapel - contact: Elise LeVaillant
 (516) 433-3503

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 deaconraydalessio@stpaulsbrookville.org

RCIA contact: Jesmel & Sachi B. (516) 396-4505

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

YOUTH GROUP contact: Grace Lynch (516) 626-7533

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 2, 2020

The Presentation of the Lord

The Purification of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary

Candlemas Day

VARIA

Today I would like to write about various events and occurrences here at St. Paul.

CHRISTMAS: This Christmas was a very special one for us at St. Paul's. It was our first Christmas in the newly renovated Church. The Church was decorated beautifully thanks to our Altar Guild. The Nativity scene was at the Altar of St. Joseph and readily accessible for all to see. So many knelt in adoration and wonder as they looked upon the Holy Infant, Our Divine Redeemer. In the Fatima Chapel there was another beautiful Nativity scene before which we could all pray. It is an extremely artistic set. All the figures are made of porcelain and hand painted in Italy. It was a gift to our parish by a very generous benefactor who wishes to remain anonymous.

Christmas was particularly special since our new chandeliers had just been installed in the Church a few days before. As you know, they are unique to St. Paul's. The grate and design of each light matches the grate that is all throughout the Church. The material of the lamps is alabaster, and they spread the light through the Church. Before each Mass at Christmas the lights had been dimmed and then as the Mass began, they all came up reminding us that Our Lord is the light of the world. The former chandeliers, which were rather heavy and low, were offered to several churches. However, no one wanted them because it would cost \$15,000 each to make them up to modern wiring codes. With the low and heavy chandeliers (made of plastic) gone, our attention is immediately drawn upward to God and the saints.

Once again, we had orchestral music at the Masses. (This, too, is through the generosity of a benefactor). The orchestra and singers were particularly beautiful this year due to the relocation of the music Ministry and the absence of all carpets in the Church. The music resonated in a glorious way.

I am most grateful to all the parishioners who have been so generous to St. Paul's at Christmas and throughout the year. This year our Christmas collection was **\$78,554**. This figure is approximately **\$15,000** more than last year. God has been good to us all. While speaking of Christmas I must bring up a matter which I have always intended to discuss with you.

GIFTS: I am most grateful to all of you for all your generosity to me and to St. Paul's. I am grateful for each Christmas gift. But I must ask your assistance in a certain matter. Because of various health issues with which I will not bother you, my doctors have advised me to follow a special diet, routine and regimen. Naturally with so many bringing cookies, candy, cakes, and so many foods there is an overabundance of gifts. Some good volunteers helped me distribute many of these gifts to others. (After all, I did receive over 750 cookies). And so, without the desire to seem ungrateful, may I ask that all our parishioners refrain from gifts of food and beverages to me at the time of Christmas and throughout the year. I am amazed at the generosity of everyone and I am most grateful for your anticipated cooperation with this simple request. When I told a priest friend about all the sweets I had received and told him the people of St. Paul had been so kind to me with cookies, candy, cakes, etc. he joked with me and said, "They are not being kind; they are trying to kill you." I know that was a joke, but may I thank you for your willingness to respect this request. The only gift I ever desire is the gift of your prayers.

While on this topic, I would also ask your understanding and indulgence in another matter. So many parishioners invite me to their homes or invite me out to restaurants and country clubs. I am most grateful for all these kindnesses, and I am sure you all understand that I cannot do this for many reasons, one of which is that I must always be up very early in the morning and so late evenings are difficult. Also, in the priestly formation I have received, I have always been advised by my spiritual directors, to be available to the faithful for priestly apostolate and to refrain from socializing. We must remember that the life of the priest is different from the lives we may live. The priest must be completely dedicated to the service of God.

Worldly concerns and distractions are not part of the life of priests as they must be in family life. Thank you for respecting my plan of priestly life, and pray that I may be a priest according to the Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ. I do stop by at various celebrations of parishioners in the matter of the sacraments, but I cannot do anything other than “stop by.” The socializing I do would be with our various parish ministries. With the little free time I have, I try to rejuvenate myself with prayer, reading, and study. Thank you for understanding and respecting this request. When I was a young priest my various pastors (all deceased, may they rest in peace) followed that rule and advised me to do the same.

SAINTS: How proud should we all be with the beautiful statues (all wood cut by hand and by the same artist) of the saints which adorn our Church. What a beautiful reminder that when we step into the Church, we leave earth and enter the Heavenly Courts. The saints join us in adoration of the One True God. Some have asked which saints are depicted in the Church. Although I have written about it before, we will place brass plates near the statues identifying the saints. Always remember that although we do not know the saints, they know us. And that is what really matters.

USHERS BRUNCH: On Sunday, January 12th all our parish ushers enjoyed a delicious brunch together in Monsignor Costa Hall. It was a most enjoyable afternoon. Our ushers are so dedicated in their service to the Church. May God bless and reward them and those who in their own goodness provided the feast.

CENTERSTAGE: It has become the custom that, in addition to the summer production that St. Paul's Centerstage presents, in the winter a medley of music from various musicals, plays and past productions, is presented in our own Monsignor Costa Hall. This year a delightful production was presented on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, January 24, 25 and 26. The Saturday evening was a Dinner Theatre and it was a very happy experience for all who attended. Thank you to all who made this possible.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Our Knights and Squires prepared and provided a pancake/sausage breakfast for all parishioners following the 9.30 Mass on Sunday January 26th. Many of our parishioners attended and it was so nice to see so many of the little ones who loved the pancakes, as did the adults! Thank you Knights and Squires.

WINTER: The saints teach us that God has created the seasons to relieve the human race of the monotony of time. All the seasons are beautiful, for they have all been created by God. But we are aware that winter presents special challenges, especially for the elderly. Please do not put yourself or others in danger making the heroic effort to attend Mass. We are blessed that there are various Masses that are televised.

Adult children: Please remember that we are never dispensed from the Fourth Commandment, and so for your parents' safety advise them not to place themselves in danger. Often, we hear on the TV and radio, *if one need not go out, remain in the safety of your home*. We pray for seasonable weather and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth.

MORNING STAR INITIATIVE: Many may have read in both the Catholic and secular press about the Morning Star Initiative. This is a bold program undertaken by Bishop Barres to revitalize our Catholic Grammar schools. The Bishop has asked the assistance of the Marianist Congregation to assist him in this great work of evangelization. As we here at St. Paul's know very well, the Marianists special charism is education. Whatever endeavor they have embarked upon has been most successful. May God bless the Marianists in this work.

We are all sadly aware, that in 2019 All Saints Regional School in neighboring Glen Cove closed its doors as did St. Joseph in Ronkonkoma. In June of 2020 our neighboring Parish, Our Lady of Mercy, will close its school. This is usually due to decreasing enrollment, increased parish subsidies, and fewer parishioners using the schools.

DEACON RAY: February 1st will mark three years that Deacon Ray has been assigned to St. Paul. Does it not seem that he has always been here with the way he has embraced all our parish families and become such an integral part of every facet of St. Paul. May God grant him many more years in health and happiness. Thank you for everything Deacon Ray and may God reward you.

In Jesus and Mary,
Monsignor James F. Pereda



Our Weekly Masses

Monday, February 3

8:00 AM Anastasia Quinn
(requested by Msgr. Pereda)

Tuesday, February 4

8:00 AM Karen Slattery (L)
(requested by Msgr. Pereda)

Wednesday, February 5

8:00 AM In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph

Friday, February 7-First Friday

8:00 AM Deacon Ray D'Alessio (Birthday)
12:00 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 PM Holy Hour
8:00 PM Benediction

Saturday, February 8

4:00 PM Jean Gagliardo
(requested by Cimmino Family)

Sunday, February 9

8:00 AM Linda Passarello
(requested by Santoro Family)
9:30 AM Parishioners
11:00 AM Elvira & Carmine Pierro
(requested by D. & R. Pierro)

CHRISTMAS December 2019	\$78,554
BUDGET	<u>70,000</u>
Difference to Budget (+/-)	+8,554

CHRISTMAS December 2019	\$78,554
CHRISTMAS December 2018	<u>63,732</u>
Comparison to Prior Year (+/-)	+14,822

Thank you for your very generous Christmas donations and your continued parish support throughout the year!



MEMORIALS

ALTAR BREAD, WINE & CANDLES

*In Memory of
Persecuted Christians*

ALTAR FLOWERS

*In Memory of the
Homeless & the Hungry*

SANCTUARY LIGHT

*In Memory of the
Souls in Purgatory*

DEVOTIONAL CANDLE

In Memory of the Unborn

AMERICAN & PAPAL FLAGS

September 1, 2019-February 28, 2020

In Memory of Gina Tarantini

Donated by A. Tarantini



CELEBRANT OF HOLY MASS

Saturday, February 8, 2020

4:00 PM Fr. Descoteaux

Sunday, February 9, 2020

8:00 AM Msgr. Pereda

9:30 AM Msgr. Pereda

11:00 AM Fr. Cameron



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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Saint Paul the Apostle

Knights of Columbus Council – 6802

The Man Who Stands With Us Never Stands Alone

We are looking for men to join us in promoting the spiritual, social, and charitable welfare of the Council and our Parish.

Are you interested in helping those in need, serving the parish community, and Living out Faith through Charity?

ALL Practical Catholic Men over the age of 18 are welcome.

Contact Grand Knight, Don Cavanaugh for additional details at 917-769-5128 or DonCavanaugh@ymail.com

Join today. Visit KofC.org/JoinUS

We meet the 3rd Thursday of the Month.

**CHARITY * UNITY * FRATERNITY
PATRIOTISM**

“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

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.

Need Help With Your Job Search?

Our volunteers can assist you in updating or creating a resume, by identifying information about job opportunities, and provide tips on interviewing, networking and cover letters.

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



First Friday Exposition, Holy Hour and Benediction

Friday, February 7th, is FIRST FRIDAY.

Mass is at 8:00am in the Chapel.

*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 12 noon and continue until 8:00pm in the Chapel.
A special Holy Hour begins at 7:00pm with soft meditative hymns and music along with quiet prayer time.*

Benediction will be at the close of the hour.

All are most welcome to spend some time with our Lord.



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 intercessorell@gmail.com



***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.



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!*





SAVE THE DATE

Monday, May 4th, 2020

St. Paul the Apostle

4th Annual Golf Outing and Awards Dinner

Engineers Country Club, 55 Glenwood Road, Roslyn Harbor, NY 11576

GOLF: 12:00 pm: Tee Off: Shot Gun/ Scramble Format

Cocktails: 5:30 pm and Awards Dinner 7:00 pm

Awards Dinner Honorees

The Monsignor Mario C. Costa Award

Irene & Tom Principe

The Sister Regina Kraft Award

Ursula & Andy Coughlin



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.



Congratulations to the families of the newly baptized:

*Marc Alexander Ouellette
Salvatore Battimelli V
Hannah Jacqueline Hayim
Victoria Therese Hayim
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, please contact the religious education office at 516 938-4530.

Please do this before making any arrangements with catering venues to be sure date is available.

Please note that godparents must be confirmed Catholics, at least 16 years old and in good standing with the Church. They must obtain a sponsor certificate from the Parish where they are presently living.



MASS INTENTIONS

The 2020 Mass Books are open for your Mass Intentions.

Please come to the Parish Office during regular business hours.



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Knights of Columbus
SQUIRES
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ANNUAL SUPER BOWL RAFFLE

\$10 a Raffle Ticket or 3 for \$20

Prize: 55 INCH LG FLAT SCREEN SMART TV

Proceeds to Benefit the Charitable Programs of our Council and our Church

DRAWING January 26, 2020 - During Intermission of CenterStage Performance

Knights and Squires - Future events

St. Patrick's & St. Joseph's Day Pot Luck - Sunday, March 22, after 11am Mass. Parish is invited.

April 30, 2020 - Squires Scholarship forms are due

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

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

Mother's Day Plant Sale - TBA

Saturday, May 16, 2020 - **Field of Honor Dedication** and Reception after 4pm Mass



MARIAN GUILD CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Calendar for 2019 – 2020 (events subject to change)

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.



Religious Education Calendar

FEBRUARY

February 9 Gr 8 Letter of Intent Mass 9:30
 February 17-18 No Classes
 February 26 Ash Wednesday

TBD Gr 2 Parent Meeting-Reconciliation

Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7:00pm



PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

Anthony Scaccia, Elizabeth O'Brien, 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.



A special thank you to everyone who keeps the Food Pantry thriving and serving those in need throughout the year!

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 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