

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: Summer Schedule 5:00 PM

(Memorial Day Weekend thru Labor Day Weekend)

Winter Schedule 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30 and 10:30 AM

Weekday: Monday through Friday

9:00 AM in Church

First Friday : 9:00 AM in Church

First Saturday : 9:00 AM in Church

Holy Day: As Announced

PRAYER

NOVENAS AFTER 9:00 AM MASS

MONDAY MIRACULOUS MEDAL

TUESDAY MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

WEDNESDAY ST. JOSEPH

FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY after 9:00 AM Mass

ROSARY: Daily after 9:00 AM Mass

ADORATION: 1st Friday after 9:00 AM Mass until 12 noon

SACRAMENTS

CONFESSION:

Saturday: Summer Schedule 4:00 - 4:45 PM

(Memorial Day Weekend thru Labor Day Weekend)

Winter Schedule 3:00 - 3:45 PM

BAPTISM: 1st & 3rd Sunday 1 PM / 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

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 4:00 PM

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

Mrs. Louise Shannon, *Faith Formation Administrator*

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

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DIRECTOR OF LITURGICAL MUSIC

Mr. Gary Ducoing (516) 935-1880

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 21, 2021

ADVISORY COUNCILS TO THE PASTOR

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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 meet 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: 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: 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

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

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
March 21, 2021
The Fifth Sunday in Lent – Passion Sunday

Dear Parishioners:
Praised be Jesus Christ and His Most Holy Mother!

It is hard to believe that one year ago our lives were turned upside down by the coronavirus. A virus invisible to the human eye has changed all our lives and taken away so many of our parishioners and loved ones. In 2020 there were no Holy Week ceremonies. Thanks be to God, this year will allow us to keep this most solemn and holy time. Naturally, there will be mitigations and abridgements, but Deacon Ray and I will do all we can to make the life-giving days of Holy Week uplifting and grace filled. Please look elsewhere in the bulletin this weekend for the full schedule.

Last year many of the Churches simply locked their doors. We at St. Paul did not. Each Sunday we had exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Church was open every day. So many, even from other parishes, came here to pray and to light candles in the darkness that had overtaken our lives.

On Friday evening March 12th our Knights and squires attended the stations of the Cross. That evening would have been our annual bread and soup supper which is served by the squires. Last year there was nothing. This year we had the Way of the Cross but no supper. God willing, next year we will have our bread and soup supper. Many thanks to the Knights and squires. Mr. Don Cavanaugh is our Grand Knight and Thomas Lynch is our Chief Squire. May God bless and reward them.

THE EASTER DUTY?

Have you ever heard of something called the “Easter Duty”? If you have, there is a good chance that you thought it meant that all Catholics “must” go to confession at least once a year, specifically during the Easter season. We do not talk much about it now, and so we should ask whether or not this a law that was and/or remains in effect. I will get to that, but first a tiny bit of history.

For much of our history, the frequent reception of the Eucharist was not something everybody did. There was a keen awareness that one should not receive the Body and Blood of Christ unworthily¹. Since there was, and still is, no obligation to receive the Eucharist at every Mass (one’s obligation to attend Mass is satisfied simply by being there), many people did not in fact receive the Eucharist very often. Some did so out of an arguably over-abundance of piety, and others just figured they’d put off confession as long as they could - years even - and would simply do without.

Well, the Church eventually said that since the Eucharist is so integral to the Christian life, a Catholic must receive the Eucharist at least once a year, ideally at Easter², and it is this command that was and still is the “Easter Duty.”

¹ 1 Cor 11:27 - Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy way will be guilty of sin against the body and blood of the Lord.

² Can. 920 §1. After being initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. §2. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season unless it is fulfilled for a just cause at another time during the year.

Naturally, since everyone racks up at least some sins throughout the year, it naturally followed that going to confession would normally precede that, hence the confusion that the Easter Duty concerned going to confession.

In fact according to canon law, a person is only strictly required to go to confession for mortal sins³, although it is highly recommended to go to tidy us all those other smaller or venial sins as well. The reason it is highly recommended it that few other things, except for the reception of Christ's Body and Blood, fill us was such profound grace as the sacrament of confession. Hearing confessions is truly one of the most humbling and awesome things I do as a priest.

Alas, many do not make use of the sacrament. Maybe people don't commit serious sins anymore (highly dubious). Maybe it is because people don't realize some of the things they do are serious (closer, I think). Or maybe some just have not been in such a long, that they are nervous about the process and/or think they have nothing to say (more likely still).

If that is the case, fear not! What follows is what I call the 90% confession. It contains 90% of the things that 90% of people can confess 90% of the time. A typical confession need not be any more complicated than what follows. In fact, most things that are often added to a confession, like a list of your virtues (good to know, but not what we are there to discuss), lists of struggles in your life (while worth talking about to a priest, the confessional is generally not the place for that either), lists of other people's sins against you (this comes up often, but the focus should stay on you), and lengthy explanations or details tend only to distract from the business at hand. The fewer details the better. If the priest has any questions, he will ask.

So, without further ado, here is a sample confession that you can use to guide your own confession (bring it with you if that helps). Recite the sins applicable to you, and of course mention any other serious sins not on the list (I presume you already know what those might be).

You begin simply by saying, "Bless me Father for I have sinned. It's been (*state how long*) since my last confession. Here are my sins...

I have not loved God with all my heart, and all my soul.
I have placed people or things in my life as taking priority over God
I have been disrespectful to my parents or legitimate authorities.
I have used the name of God carelessly.
I have brought scandal upon God or the Church through my bad example as a Christian.
I have missed Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
I have been prideful.
I have not been kind to everyone in my life.
I have been impatient with people in my life.
I have let anger get the best of me.
I have judged others.
I have dwelled on impure thoughts.
I have been impure with myself or with another person.
I have artificially frustrated God's desire to create life.
I have dwelled on impure images that objectify men or women.
I have overindulged in food or drink.

³ In short, "mortal" sins are those that are of serious matter (sexual relations outside of marriage, murder, abortion, missing Mass, viewing pornography, etc.) and freely (not coerced) committed by someone who knows at the time that they are indeed serious.

I have abused drugs.
I have told lies.
I have been envious of what others have.
I have not been thankful for all the gifts I have been given.

I am sorry for these, and all my other sins that I have failed to remember.”

The priest may say a few words of counsel, give you a simple penance to say later, and ask you to make an act of contrition. There are many forms, but the short and simple one is: “Lord Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.”

At this point the priest says the prayer of absolution: “God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.”

You answer “amen” and the priest dismisses you.

That’s it! All done. Clean as a whistle, and all in a few minutes. Interestingly the two greatest saint confessors in the history of the Church, St. Jean Vianney, the Cure of Ars, and Padre Pio, never gave more than 90 seconds to each penitent. Usually more time than that is superfluous and is often the fruit of the imagination of the heart. Believe me, a priest who has heard confessions for 39 years, in confession the more concise we are, the more contrite we are.

So if you haven’t been to confession in a while, I sincerely hope you will decide to break that streak at some point before Easter. There are scant few things in life that I can guarantee, but I can guarantee you will not regret going to confession and receiving the Lord’s mercy and forgiveness.

So, what do you have to lose other than your sins? I’ll see you there!⁴

LENTEN REMINDERS

During Lent we will have the Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament on each Friday at 7.00pm. Please make every effort to walk with Our Lord as he carried the Cross.

Please make a Holy Lent and try to instill into your children the importance of doing penance. How pleased is Our Lord when the little ones give up candy or cookies for love of Him.

*A Blessed Lent!
Buona Quaresima!*

In Jesus and Mary,
Monsignor James F. Pereda

⁴Actually, the normal mode is for the priest and the penitent is to be separated by a screen, so the priest really won’t be seeing you. In fact, even in the absence of a screen, the priest will try to avoid that. Trust me, he doesn’t want to know! The screen is required by Canon Law and has been a great safety net throughout the centuries. Here at St. Paul we may either sit or kneel. But the screen is always there.



Stations of the Cross and Benediction

Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament will be held every Friday during Lent at 7:00pm in the Church beginning February 19, 2021 until April 2, 2021.

Fast and Abstinence Church Regulations

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen years and older on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent. This obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat.

Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal on a given fast day. *Catholics who are eighteen years of age but not yet fifty-nine are obligated to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.* On fast days, two additional smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength. However, the two smaller meals together may

St. Paul the Apostle Food Pantry

Our Food Pantry is open from 10-12pm on alternate Saturdays. We hope to go back to our regular schedule as soon as it's safe.

Our current schedule:
March 13, 27 April 10, 24 May 1, 15, 29

We are in need of supplies!

Kindly check expiration dates on all foods, canned, boxed and packaged.

For assistance please call the rectory at (516) 935-1880 Or email paulsapostle@verizon.net

Pray for the Sick

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

Christine DiBari

Benny D'Aquila

Please call the office at (516) 935-1880 x 100 to add or remove a name from the prayer list.



Office of the Western Vicariate
Diocese of Rockville Centre
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Bishop Andrzej's Lecture Series Continues

Liturgical Catechesis

Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski
Auxiliary Bishop, Diocese of Rockville Centre
Vicar for Liturgy and Worship



Tuesdays this Spring @ 7:30 p.m.

January 26, 2021	Liturgy and The Word of God...online via ZOOM
February 23, 2021	Liturgy and Our Covenant with God
March 23, 2021	Liturgy and the Paschal Mystery in Us
April 27, 2021	Liturgy and St. John Paul II Reform
May 25, 2021	Liturgy and Personal Growth

So that Bishop Andrzej can safely continue his Liturgical Catechesis lecture series, the first presentation will be available only through ZOOM. In order to be emailed the ZOOM link, you must register. Please see below for instructions on how to register in order to gain access to the first presentation on January 26. If you already receive updates regarding Bishop Andrzej's presentation schedule, the ZOOM link will automatically be emailed to you. Future in-person presentations are to be held at Cure of Ars School Auditorium in Merrick.

Please call or email to register:

Suzanne Lynn at 516-744-6850; westernvicariate@drvc.org.

2021 & 2022 MASS BOOK

The 2021 and 2022 Mass Books are open.

Please feel free to stop by the parish office to





Our Weekly Masses

Monday, March 22

9:00 Ben Ciuffo Jr.
(requested by B. D'Aquila & Family)

Tuesday, March 23

9:00 Prito Panza
(requested by A. & U. Coughlin)

Wednesday, March 24

9:00 Peter Capizzi
(requested by T. Becker)

Thursday, March 25*

9:00 Frederick Fountain
(requested by Msgr. Pereda)

Friday, March 26*

9:00 Alice Huebner
(requested by Msgr. Pereda)
7:00 Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 27

4:00 Phyllis Ventura
(requested by R. Campo)


Sunday, March 28

8:30 Bella Rizzo
(requested by V. Rizzo)
10:30 Karl H. Mueller
(requested by G. & D. Bleck)
John C. Shannon
Giovanna Vizzari
Salvatore DiLavore
Dcn. Ray D'Alessio, Nancy & Family (L)
(requested by M. & A. Cordaro)

WEEKEND COLLECTION:

March 14, 2021 \$5,925

*Your generous and faithful support of our parish is
very much appreciated.*



MEMORIALS


ALTAR BREAD, WINE & CANDLES
*In Memory of Anna, George,
& Michael Kraus*
Donated by the Egan Family

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
March 1-August 31, 2021
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	<i>Call Parish Office</i>

Celebrants of Holy Mass

Saturday, March 27

4:00PM Fr. Descoteaux

Sunday, March 28

8:30AM Msgr. Pereda

10:30AM Fr. Cameron



MEMORANDUM



To: All Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Rockville Centre
From: Lisa Honkanen, M.D., Director of the Office of Human Life, Family & Bioethics
Re: Moral Questions Regarding the New COVID-19 Vaccines (Update)
Date: March 3rd, 2021

As doses of the new COVID-19 vaccines, under FDA emergency use authorization, have begun to be administered to people in our country, a number of questions have arisen regarding the morality of accepting the new vaccines based on the link to abortion in their development and production.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has released a memorandum, entitled *Moral Considerations Regarding the New COVID-19 Vaccines*. This document was authored by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, Chairman, Committee on Doctrine, and Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann, Chairman, Committee on Pro-Life Activities. A copy is attached to this memo, and the original may be found at www.usccb.org/moralconsiderations-covid-vaccines.

In addition, the National Catholic Bioethics Center has released its own memorandum, entitled *Points to Consider on the Use of COVID-19 Vaccines*. A copy of this memo is also attached, and the original may be found at www.ncbcenter.org.

This memorandum is meant to give a very simple and general explanation of the morality of using the new COVID-19 vaccines regarding their remote connection to abortion. This memo does not address the personal decision of an individual as to whether to be vaccinated or not. For a more comprehensive Catholic moral analysis of the use of the new vaccines, we encourage you to read both memoranda from the USCCB and the NCBC, as well as going to the website of the Office of Human Life, Family and Bioethics of the Diocese of Rockville Centre for more information which will be updated periodically: www.drvcclife.org or www.vaccinebioethics.com

Ideally, a vaccine will have no connection at any stage of development or production with the use of cell lines initially derived from an aborted fetus. Unfortunately, none of the four COVID-19 vaccines either already or soon-to-be available to the public meets this criterion. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, using mRNA technology, do NOT use morally compromised cell lines in the design, development, or production of the vaccine. A confirmatory test, however, employing a cell line connected to abortion was performed on both these vaccines. Thus, while neither vaccine is completely free from any connection to abortion, in this case the connection to the initial evil of abortion is very remote and ended. In contrast, the Johnson & Johnson and AstraZeneca vaccines, using viral vector technology, are more morally compromised because they rely on cell lines produced from a past abortion in the design, development and production stages of that vaccine as well as in a confirmatory test. Therefore, their connection to abortion, albeit remote, is both greater and on-going.

Consequently, on moral grounds related to their connection to the evil of abortion, it is recommended that, of the alternatives available now or in the very near future, **the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are preferred to the Johnson & Johnson and AstraZeneca vaccines.**

Both the USCCB memo and the NCBC memo concur that, *for grave reasons, it can be morally permissible for Catholics to receive a vaccine remotely connected to the evil of abortion if there are no reasonable alternatives available and they make known their objection to the use of morally compromised cell lines*. Indeed, vaccination under these circumstances may be viewed as an act of self-love and charity towards one's neighbor in limiting a serious infectious disease. However, it should be noted that there is no moral obligation to vaccinate.



This schedule is subject to change due to health conditions and circumstances

Palm Sunday Masses, March 28th

Saturday, 4:00pm

Sunday, 8:30 and 10:30am

Diocesan Day of Reconciliation

Monday, March 29th

4:00 - 5:30pm and 7:00 - 8:00pm Confessions

Holy Thursday, April 1st

9:00am Morning Prayer in the Church

7:00pm *Mass of the Lord's Supper*

Good Friday, April 2nd

9:00am Morning Prayer in the Church

10:00 - 11:00am Confessions

3:00pm *Solemn Service of the Lord's Passion*

5:00 - 6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 3rd

9:00am Morning Prayer in the Church

9:30am Blessing of Easter Foods

10:00 - 11:00am Confessions

7:00pm *The Easter Vigil Mass*

(Fulfills Easter Sunday Obligation)

Easter Sunday Masses, April 4th

8:30 and 10:30am

2020 - Marian Guild – 2021

CALENDAR OF PROGRAMS and SPECIAL EVENTS

September 16, 2020	7:00 PM	Welcome Back Bingo and installation of Officers
October 21, 2020	7:00 PM	Al Barbarino
November 18, 2020	7:00 PM	Mass for Deceased Members of the Marian Guild and Induction of New Marian Guild Members
December 6, 2020	12:30 PM	"300 to 1" Reverse Raffle Brunch (grand prize up to \$10,000)
December 16, 2020	6:30 PM	Christmas Party Bring a Dessert and Gift
February 10, 2021	7:00 PM	"Chinese Dinner & Night at the Races"
March 17, 2021	7:00 PM	Lenten Program- Speaker Toni Bellizzi
April 17, 2021	9:00 AM	Shrine of Our Lady of the Island, Manorville
May 02, 2021	9:30 AM	Mary's Day Mass and Communion Breakfast- Father John Crozier
May 19, 2021	7:00 PM	Pizza and Painting
June 16, 2021	6:30 PM	End-of-the-Year Party (<i>New slate of officers voted on</i>)

----- Please keep in mind that all dates & events are subject to change -----

20-21 MARIAN GUILD MEMBERSHIP FORM *PLEASE PRINT *

Name _____ Phone# _____

Home Address _____

EMAIL Address _____

Renewal ____ New Member ____ . Annual dues are \$25.00. Please make checks payable to MARIAN GUILD. Please return this form with your check to Lucy Tamburino, 51 Middle Lane, Jericho, NY 11753

Please select notification preference(s)

I would like to receive notifications by EMAIL _____

I would like to receive notifications by the Marian Guild PHONE CHAIN: _____

I choose not to receive notifications: _____

At this time, I would like to make an additional donation of \$ _____. Thank you in advance for your donation - it is extremely appreciated.

Annual dues are required from ALL MEMBERS, including, PAST PRESIDENTS. Your timely payment of membership dues helps offset our yearly expenses and keeps your annual membership current. Kindly send in your payment by October 31, 2020

Thank You!