

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE

2534 Cedar Swamp Road, Brookville, N.Y. 11545

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MASS SCHEDULE

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

PRAYER

Novenas After 9:00am Mass

Monday	Miraculous Medal
Tuesday	Mother Of Perpetual Help
Wednesday	St. Joseph
Thursday	Saints
Friday	Sacred Heart
First Saturday	Rosary and Blessing of the Sick after 9:00am Mass
Adoration:	1st Friday after 9:00am Mass until 12 noon

SACRAMENTS

CONFESION:

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

Third Sunday of Lent

March 3, 2024

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

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: MINISTRY OF HOPE contact: Gerard Wendelken for an appointment
(516) 364 - 0640

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

contact: Thomas J. Principe Grand Knight (516) 428 - 2427 or email:tprincipe@kdlm.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
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MARIAN GUILD meets 3rd Wednesday of each month 7pm - contact: Grace (516) 935 - 1880

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

OUTREACH contact: Parish Office (516) 935 - 1880

PRAYER GROUP meets Thursday 11:00am in Church - contact: Paula Dawson (516) 835 - 6922

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CALL (516) 935-1880.

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS:

JERICHO FIRE DEPARTMENT (516) 931-0898

BROOKVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT (516) 440-2300

**FROM THE PASTOR
MARCH 3, 2024
THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

THE REALITY OF THE DEVIL

In this Holy Season of Lent we enter into a spiritual combat. We seek to overcome our own tendency to selfishness, sensuality, lust, gluttony, pride, envy, sloth, pride, anger, covetousness, and our own desire for comfort. The Gospel of the very first Sunday in Lent records Our Lord's fast of forty days and his own combat with the devil.

That the devil exists is a revealed truth of our Holy Faith. Sacred Scripture speaks of the devil from the very first book of the Bible (Genesis) to the very last book of the Bible (Revelation or the Apocalypse). In the parable of the weeds and the wheat Our Lord speaks of the weeds being sown by *the enemy*. *An enemy has done this.* In the parable of the sower Our Lord says, *the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown.*

Some people are inclined toward a superficial optimism and think that evil is merely an incidental imperfection in a world which is continually evolving toward better days. Nevertheless, the history of mankind has been adversely affected by the devil's influence. We find in our day an intense evil that cannot be explained in terms of human behavior alone. One need only think of the horror of the shooting in Parkland, Florida, and the many other shootings, and random acts of terrible violence that have become in many ways, "the new normal." The devil, in all sorts of ways, wreaks havoc on mankind. There is no doubt that the whole of man's history has been the story of dour combat with the powers of evil, stretching, so Our Lord tells us, from the very dawn of history up to the last day. The devil does this in such a way that he provokes incalculable harm of a spiritual nature and, indirectly of a physical nature, to individuals and to society.

The devil's activity is mysterious but at the same time real and effectual. From the first centuries, Christians were convinced of diabolical activity. St. Peter admonished the first Christians: *Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him firm in your faith.* (I Peter 5:8).

With Jesus Christ, the devil's dominion has been reduced, for he has freed us from the power of Satan. As a result of the redeeming work of Christ, the devil can cause real harm to those who freely allow him to do so, by freely consenting to and separating themselves from God.

The devil (in traditional Catholic practice the prince of darkness never deserves a capital letter) is a personal, real and individual being, of a spiritual and indivisible nature, who separated himself from God forever by his sin, because the devil and the other demons were created naturally good by God; but they became bad of themselves.

He is a liar and the father of lies, of sin, of discord, of affliction, of hatred, of all that is absurd and evil on earth. He is the astute and envious serpent who brings death to the world, the enemy who sows evil in man's heart and the only being we have to fear if we are not close to God. His sole purpose in the world, which he has never renounced, is our perdition. Every day he will try to achieve that purpose through all the means at his disposal.

In his temptations the devil has recourse to deceit, because he can only present a false good and fictional happiness, which inevitably turn into loneliness and bitterness.

One of the great characters in western culture and literature is Dr. Faustus. This legendary character entered into a pact with the devil to find true love and happiness but, in the end, met only darkness, death and tragedy. The devil cannot give what he does not have. The devil cannot give joy or happiness because he is misery and hatred.

The Faust legend has appeared in much of western culture. The most famous account is that of the 18th century German author Johann Wolfgang von Goethe. Goethe's novels are particularly morose and have had ill effects upon society, like his famous novel *Werther*. That single novel caused many in the German speaking lands (especially Vienna) to take their own lives. May you pardon the personal reference, but the only literary work of Goethe that I have enjoyed was his *Italian Journey*. Particularly memorable was his description of being driven in a carriage by a young man from Naples. As they climbed the volcanic pathways of Mount Vesuvius the youth looked back toward Naples and wept. When Goethe asked him why he was weeping, the boy responded *Questo è il mio paese!* (I often read this passage and found great consolation in it during the three years I lived and studied in Italy). But Gounod's famous novel of Faust was made into an opera with the music scored by Gounod, a true masterpiece. But I digress.

It should give us great confidence to know that Our Lord has left us many means by which to conquer and to live in this world with the peace and joy of a good Christian. Amongst these means are prayer, mortification, the frequent reception of Holy Communion and the sacrament of penance, and love for Our Lady. We are always safe when we are in Our Lady's company and held fast in her loving arms.

The use of holy water is also an effective means of protection against the devil's influence. The great saint and doctor of the Church, St. Teresa of Avila teaches us, *From nothing do evil spirits flee more precipitately, never to return, than from holy water*. Dear parishioners, take holy water to your homes. There sprinkle it about liberally. Sprinkle the dear little ones with it.

A sure sign of the presence of the devil is the critical spirit. In fact, in Gounod's opera the devil identifies himself as *that one who says "No."* The critical spirit especially directed to the Church and to the priests is a sure sign of the presence of disorder in the soul. I know many fine physicians, many of whom I myself have been a patient. Many of these good physicians need only look upon an individual and know what the illness is. So it is with an experienced priest. For sin and evil have a physical manifestation. An experienced priest can look upon an individual, and in the hardness and coarseness of his/her features can see pride and lack of penance, neglected confession, and the presence of the devil. In fact in Gounod's Faust, when the devil is asked to identify himself, he responds with the chilling retort, *I am that one who says NO.*

And so my dear parishioners, please use the means to conquer the evil one. Abandon bitterness, outrage, and upset. How often do we not hear of someone who is "upset." This is usually never done in concern for others. It is usually because of a perceived slight to oneself. It is wounded pride. Let your soul be softened by the gentle effect of grace which causes joy in the supernatural order. In the natural order it frees one from hardness of heart and features, causes joy, and even smiles and laughter. As Pope Francis has said, *There are no sad saints.*

In closing this meditation may I leave you with a Lenten thought. Remembering grievances works great damage. It is accompanied by anger, fosters sin, and brings hatred for justice. It is a rusty arrow spreading poison in the soul...Be lovers of peace, the most precious treasure that anyone can desire.

*A Blessed Lent!
Buona Quaresima!*

In Jesus and Mary,
Monsignor James F. Pereda



Our Weekly Masses

Monday, March 4

9:00 Maria Virginia Bissex - Birthday
(Requested by L. Wilson)

Tuesday, March 5

9:00 John Romano
(Requested by Romano Family)

Wednesday, March 6

9:00 In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph

Thursday, March 7

9:00 Mark Wilson - Birthday
(Requested by L. Wilson)

Friday, March 8

9:00 Celebrants Intentions
7:00 Stations of the Cross & Benediction

Saturday, March 9

5:00 Anthony Giorgianni Sr.
(Requested by Giorgianni Family)

Sunday, March 10

8:30 Betty Lombardi
(Requested by D. Waits)
10:30 Lorraine Ciesla
(Requested by R. Ciesla)
Thomas Richard Minter
(Requested by J. & J. Owens)
Deacon Ray D'Alessio - (Living)
(Requested by A. & M. Cordaro)
Paul J. Morra
(Requested by N. Apoloya & A. Matuza)
Parishioners of St. Paul's - (Living & Deceased)



Memorials

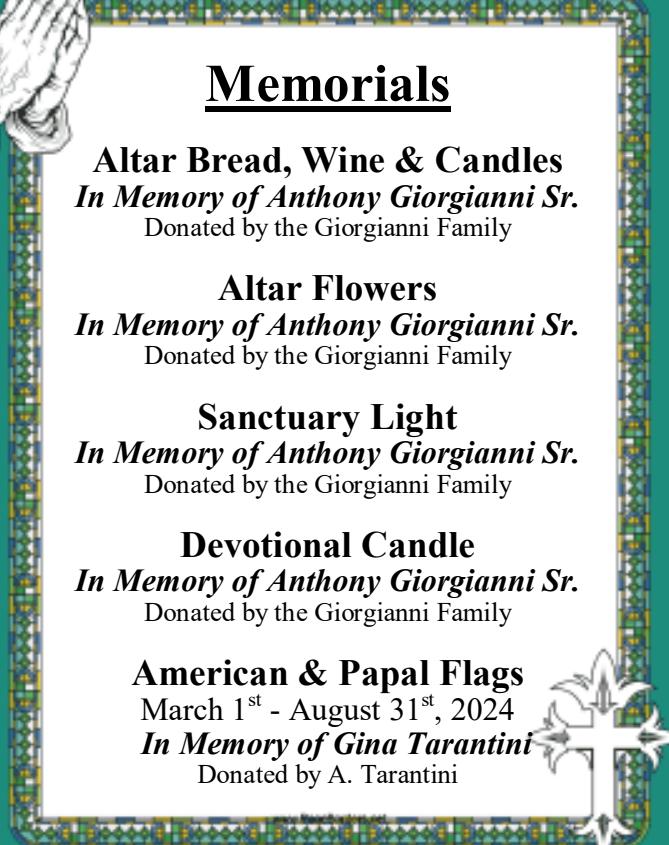
Altar Bread, Wine & Candles
In Memory of Anthony Giorgianni Sr.
Donated by the Giorgianni Family

Altar Flowers
In Memory of Anthony Giorgianni Sr.
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Sanctuary Light
In Memory of Anthony Giorgianni Sr.
Donated by the Giorgianni Family

Devotional Candle
In Memory of Anthony Giorgianni Sr.
Donated by the Giorgianni Family

American & Papal Flags
March 1st - August 31st, 2024
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	\$ 50
<i>Tree of Life Memorials</i>	<i>Call Parish Office</i>

Pray for the Sick

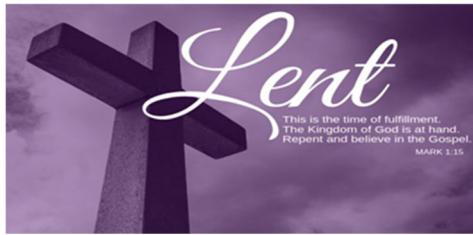
Maria Damiano
Guido Penafiel
Samantha Cooke
Baby Noah Daswani
Marina Rae Trapasso



Weekend Collection: February 24-25

Basket Collection	\$ 7,061
Egiving (electronic giving)	<u>744</u>
Total Collection	<u>7,805</u>
Budgeted Collection	<u>\$ 9,200</u>
Difference (Actual to Budget)	<u>-1,395</u>

Thank you - Please consider Egiving to assist the parish with your continued and consistent generosity!



St. Paul the Apostle Church Lenten Schedule 2024

FEBRUARY

Wednesday	14 th	Ash Wednesday	-7:00am-8:30am Distribution of Ashes -9:00am Mass with Distribution of Ashes -12:15pm Prayer Service w/ Distribution of Ashes -4:30pm Prayer Service w/ Distribution of Ashes -7:00pm Prayer Service w/ Distribution of Ashes -Confessions will be available after the Mass and following each Prayer Service on Ash Wednesday
Friday	16 th		-7:00pm Stations of the Cross
Friday	23 rd		-7:00pm Stations of the Cross

MARCH

Friday	1 st	First Friday	-Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction after the 9:00am Mass & Novena -7:00pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday	2 nd	First Saturday	-9:00am Mass, Blessing of the Sick & Rosary to Our Lady of Fatima for World Peace
Friday	8 th		-6:00pm Lenten Soup Supper -7:00pm Stations of the Cross
Friday	15 th		-7:00pm Stations of the Cross
Wednesday	20 th		-7:00pm Lenten Evening of Recollection with Bishop Andrzej
Friday	22 nd		-7:00pm Stations of the Cross
<u>*Our Weekday Daily Mass Schedule</u>			Monday to Friday 9:00am
<u>*Our Regular Confession Schedule</u>			
Wednesdays after the 9:00am Mass Saturdays 4:00pm-4:45pm Sundays 7:45am-8:15am & 9:45am-10:15am			

WALK WITH OUR LORD ~ FRIDAY, MARCH 8TH



Please Join for Prayer & Reflection

**6PM
SOUP & BREAD SUPPER**

**7PM
STATIONS OF THE CROSS**



Hosted by *The Knights & Squires*



*Church regulations beyond Ash Wednesday



Fasting & Abstinence - A Lenten Discipline

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years and older 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 18 years of age, but not yet 59 are obligated to fast on Good Friday. On this fast day, 2 additional smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength. However, the 2 smaller meals together, may not equal one full meal. Moreover, eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Every Friday During Lent

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7pm



Please Make Every Effort
To Walk With Our Lord





"300Club" Reverse Raffle

Supporting Saint Paul, the Apostle Church

Grand Prize \$10,000

\$100 per ticket

(Venmo accepted- @Gmonteleone or @ Lucy-Morrone)

***limit of 300 Tickets to be sold!
Cocktail Party exclusive for Ticket Holders***

***To be held on
Sunday, April 21, 2024
In the Parish Hall***

Contact Lucy Tamburino – (516) 754-4901 for details & tickets

Disclaimer: if 200 tickets are not sold, all monies will be refunded by check



SAVE THE DATE

Monday, June 17th, 2024

St. Paul the Apostle

7th Annual Golf Outing and Awards Dinner

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

Awards Dinner Honorees

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

Saint Paul the Apostle Award

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

Frank and Gina Cinelli

I would like to sponsor as indicated below:

GOLF		Commemorative Journal
<input type="checkbox"/> Eagle Sponsor (1)	\$25,000*****	<input type="checkbox"/> Lunch Sponsor (4) \$3,000**
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		<input type="checkbox"/> Golf Single + Cocktails &Dinner \$500
		<input type="checkbox"/> Table Sponsor \$2,100 (10 tickets & Ad)
		<input type="checkbox"/> Putting Contest Sponsor (2) \$1,250*
		<input type="checkbox"/> Dinner \$ 175 Per Person # _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> Mulligan hole Sponsor (2) \$1,250*

***** Package includes 3 foursomes and 12 guests for cocktails and dinner, prominent listing on event material, and ad in journal. *****

Package includes 2 foursomes and 8 guests for cocktails and dinner, listing on event material, and ad in journal. *** Package includes 1 foursome and 8 guests for cocktails and dinner, listing on event material, and ad in journal. ** Package includes 1 foursome, cocktails & dinner, listing on event material and ad in journal * Package includes listing on event material only and listing in journal. ++ Package includes 1 foursome and cocktails and dinner, listing on event material.

Note the event will be held rain or shine. Times are subject to change.

Commemorative Journal (please send print-ready artwork to pmaturo@optonline.net) Paula Maturo 516-318-7544, Ad Deadline June 5, 2024

Total Amount

5

Payment should be made to St. Paul's. Please mail this completed registration form back with your payment.

Payment should be made to St. Paul's. Please mail this completed registration form back with your check to: St. Paul's, 2524 Cedar Swamp Road, Brookville N.Y. 11545. After July 1st, entries will not be accepted. We do not accept credit cards.

I am unable to attend, but would like to make a donation in the amount of \$ _____.

Please register golfer(s) players and dinner guest. (Please check box of activity attending)

Please register golfer(s) players and a

RSVP June 10, 2024 - Ad deadline-June 5, 2024

Please contact Don Cavanaugh at 917-769-5128 or Paula Maturo at 516-318-7544 for any additional information.



Congratulations on Achieving Academic Honors

St. Anthony's High School

Nicole Athanassiu
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Icsis Munoz

St. Dominic High School

Luke Bernstein
Kolton Apolant

Our Lady of Mercy Academy

Isabella Speranza



COFFEE with JESUS

Lenten Series via Zoom

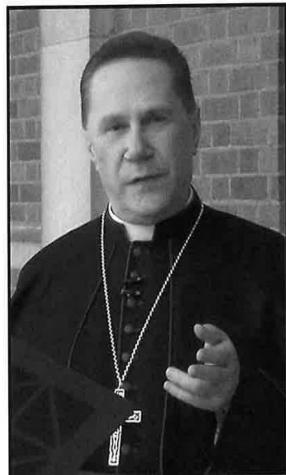
Join Bishop Andrzej

10:00 am on Friday mornings during Lent:

February 23, March 8 and March 22

Online Lenten Reflections
on Scripture Readings,
with the special emphasis
on the Last Words of Jesus.

Join this great opportunity to prepare and nourish your mind,
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To register,
please call Suzanne 516-744-6850
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Once you are registered, you will be emailed the
ZOOM information prior to each session
of this Lenten series.



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Knights of Columbus

SQUIRES

Youth Organization.

YOUR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EVENTS

The next meeting of the Knights of Columbus St. Paul the Apostle Council #6802 will be on Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 7:30pm in the Church Hall. All interested parishioners are invited to attend.

The next meeting of the Squires will be on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at 7:00pm in the Church Hall.

The Bread and Soup Dinner will be held on Friday, March 8, 2024 at 6:00pm in the Church Hall and will be followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm in the Church. **All parishioners are invited to attend free of charge.**

The St. Joseph's and St. Patrick's Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, March 17, 2024 in the Church Hall following the 10:30am Mass. **All parishioners are invited to attend free of charge.**

Thomas J. Principe, Grand Knight
St. Paul the Apostle Knights of Columbus
Council #6802