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JANUARY 5, 2025

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saint Paul Church

923 Christian Street  
Vigil of Sunday: 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 5:00 PM  
Mon—Fri: 7:30 AM  
Holy Day: 7:30 AM

### St. Mary Magdalen de Pazzi Church

714 Montrose Street  
Sunday: 10:00 AM  
Vigil of Holy Days: 5:00 PM

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. Paul: Saturday, 4:15-4:45 PM  
St. Mary Magdalen de Pazzi: Sunday-On Request

**New Parishioners:** Register online

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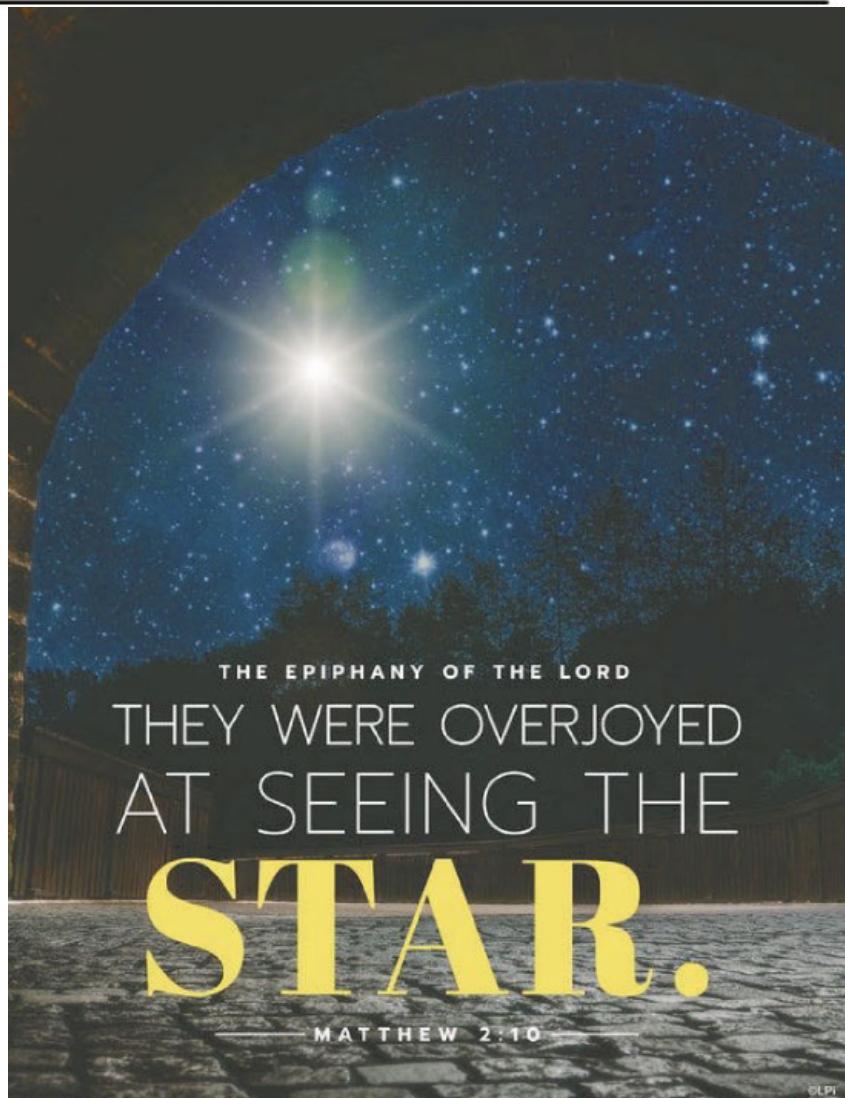
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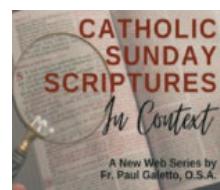


### *Mission for Inclusion and Nondiscrimination*

*St. Paul Parish in the Augustinian tradition, is committed to inclusion and nondiscrimination as our core practice in our imitation of Jesus. Supported by scripture, Church teaching, and Christian values of love of God and love of neighbor, we welcome all people.*

*St. Augustine encourages us to be of one mind and one heart intent upon God. Consequently, our hope is to accompany all parishioners and guests on spiritual pathways of prayer together without judgement.*

*Inspired by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops mandate on respect for human dignity, our hope is to create a compassionate and vibrant community of faith, searching for God together. We especially want to welcome all who might think they are not welcome in the Catholic Church.*



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**SATURDAY, JANUARY 4****St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

5:00 PM Pasquale Squillaciotti by Marianne Squillaciotti  
*Fr. Paul Galetto, Celebrant*

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 5****Epiphany of the Lord**

8:00AM Pro Popolo  
*Fr. Joe Genito, Celebrant*  
10:00 AM Saint Mary Magdalen de Pazzi  
Purgatorial Society Members  
*Fr. Rob Hagan, Celebrant*  
12:00 Noon Biviano "Papi" Cruz, By Daughter, Ileana Cruz  
*Fr. Rob Hagan, Celebrant*  
5:00PM Vern Cothran  
*Fr. Joe Genito, Celebrant*

**MONDAY JANUARY 6****Christmas Weekday**

7:30 AM Joseph Scavola by Wife, Josephine

**TUESDAY JANUARY 7****Christmas Weekday**

7:30 AM Joanne Scavola by Josephine Scavola

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8****Christmas Weekday**

7:30 AM Veronica Biggi by Josephine Scavola

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 9****Christmas Weekday**

7:30 AM Amalia & Michael Muraglia by Mary Carnall

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 10****Christmas Weekday**

7:30 AM Albert Christaldi by Brother, Joe Christaldi

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 11****Christmas Weekday**

5:00 PM Saint Paul Purgatorial Mass  
*Fr. David Cregan, Celebrant*

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 12****Baptism of the Lord**

8:00AM Sarah Wifely by Yolanda Lanzalotta  
*Fr. Rob Hagan, Celebrant*  
10:00 AM Saint Mary Magdalen de Pazzi  
Purgatorial Society Members  
*Fr. Paul Galetto, Celebrant*  
12:00 Noon Biviano "Papi" Cruz, By Daughter, Ileana Cruz  
*Fr. Paul Galetto, Celebrant*  
5:00PM Dr. Edward Viner by Gianna Giordano  
*Fr. Jeremy Hiers, Celebrant*

**ST. MARY MAGDALEN DE PAZZI****PURGATORIAL SOCIETY MASS INTENTIONS**

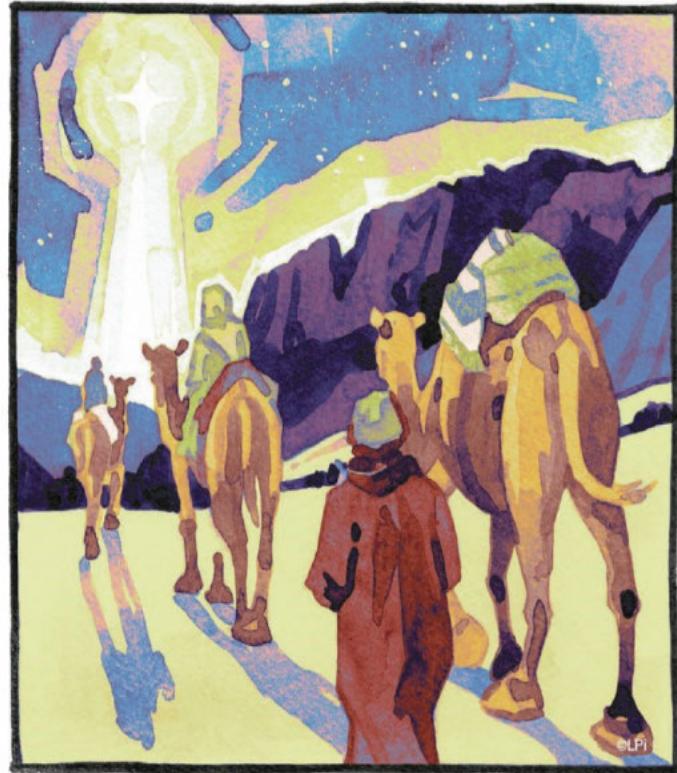
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**The Epiphany of the Lord—January 4-5, 2025****First Reading***Isaiah 60:1-6*

Darkness covers the earth, and heavy clouds hang over the people. But the light has come, and the glory of the Lord shines bright.

**Second Reading***Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6*

In Christ Jesus, Gentiles and Jews are co-heirs and co-sharers in the saving promise.

**Gospel***Matthew 2:1-12*

The magi from the east followed the star until it stopped still over the house. They entered, found the child with Mary, prostrated themselves, and did him homage.

## Pastor's Letter

We are finally back to a normal schedule as regards to printing the bulletin. The company that prints the bulletin closes for the holidays and so several of the December bulletins were due early.

Christmas Eve and Day were wonderful here. At the 5:00 Christmas Eve Mass we had just under 300 people. **Our attendance for the Masses was over 600 people**; last year we recorded just over 500 people. Thank you for spreading the word about St. Paul. **We keep growing because this is a great faith community.**

You may have noticed a **new sound system in St. Paul**. We hope that this has enhanced your experience of the Mass. There are still two more parts that have to be installed but the lion's share is in place.

The **monitor on the front of the church** has received its final approval and we expect to see some movement towards the installation in the coming weeks. I must say that working with the city of Philadelphia is not efficient; the system needs to be streamlined.

Next weekend (**January 11-12**) is a **Welcome Weekend**; the theme is **frittatas and breakfast stuff**. If you want to bake a coffee cake or cinnamon buns, that would be greatly appreciated. The reception will take place after the 5:00 Mass Saturday and after the 10:00 Mass Sunday.



We are moving the Parish Appreciation Dinner from Mardi Gras to the January Feast of St. Paul. The dinner will take place **Sunday January 26 from 1:00 to 3:00 in St. Mary Hall**. If you have volunteered at the parish and would like to attend, please fill out the

reservation form that is found near the entrance of the church. **The deadline to register is Sunday January 18.**

Peace,

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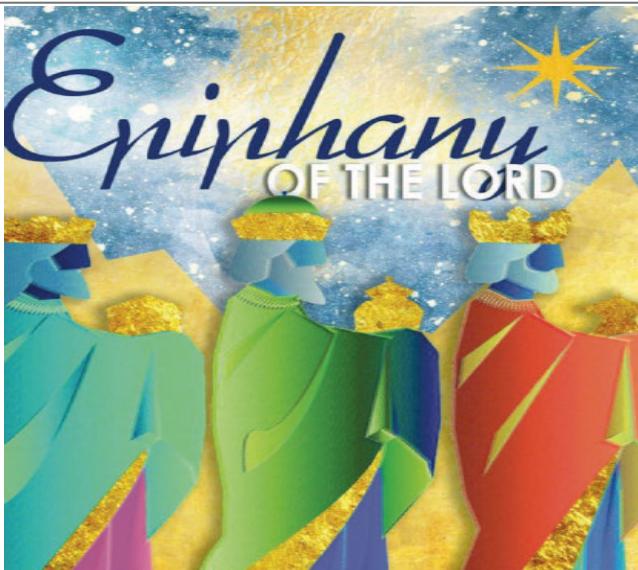
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Simon Stasko & Amelia Schunder  
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Maria Farina  
Andrew Carter  
Joseph D. Scavola, Joanna Scavola & Veronica Biggi by Josephine Scavola  
Genevive Fral

**Upcoming Baptisms**

January 4: James William Joseph Cowart and Cecilia Marie Theresa Cowart children of James and Lauren  
January 4: Leonardo Joseph Woody child of David and Dalla  
January 5: Sean Joseph McGinn child of Joseph and Molly  
January 18: Clayton Edward Caglia child of David and Maggie  
February 23: Estella Elyse Uhl child of Daniel and Tiffany  
April 13: Christopher Nicholas Schmanek child of Christopher and Stefanie  
June 1: Matteo Michael Gruver child of Michael and Paul and Paul



**Upcoming Weddings**

January 18: Patrick Coleman and Gabriella Piacentini (St. Paul)  
February 2: Cyde Arcano and Mary Pata (St. Augustine)  
March 21: Matthew Stopkey and Gina Hostetler (St. Paul)  
April 11: Nicholas Santana and Alexandra Lake (St. Paul)  
April 12: Samuel Stine and Audrey Williams (Delaware)  
May 3: Ryan Greens and Jessica Zlaret (St. Paul)  
May 16: Vincent Travaglini and Jaclyn Donato (St. Paul)  
June 14: Kyle Roffina and Kara McPeak (Cape May, NJ)  
June 21: Eric Orticelle and Clare Moriarty (St. Mary)  
July 12 William Simons and Meghan Cullinan (St. Paul)  
July 19 Charles Odenigbo and Amanda Bone (St. Augustine)  
July 24 Nick Louis and Rachel Austin (St. Paul)  
September 7 Christian Batista and Shayna reyes (St. Paul)  
September 20: Donato Bruno and Giovanna Genestra (St. Paul)  
September 20: Daniel McGinn and Mary Claire Lewis (St. Paul)  
November 7: Charles Ferraro and Julia Pedersen (St. Paul)  
December 5: James Rivell and Brianna D'Ambrosio (St. Augustine)  
December 6: Bram Wilusz and Victoria Balestro (St. Paul)  
December 13: Nicholas Flowers and Kelly McCarthy (St. Paul)  
December 20: Nicholas Algeo and Lauren Steeves (St. Paul)  
**2026**  
March 7: Domenic Rosati and Melissa McCabe (St. Paul)  
April 25: Cory Dougherty and Natalie Capocci (St. Paul)  
May 1: Kenneth Heist and Alexandra Paulsen (St. Paul)  
May 30: David Jarman and Rebecca Lyn DiValerio (Villanova)  
September 12: Drew Kulis and Kara Natoli (St. Paul)

**Calendar of Events**

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>  
Sacred Music Mass  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup>  
Christian Initiation Meeting – Penance and Reconciliation  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>  
Liturgy Committee Meeting 4:15 PM  
Saturday-Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>  
Welcome Weekend -Frittatas and Breakfast Stuff  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup>  
Christian Initiation Meeting - Eucharist  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>  
Parish Council 7:00 – St. Paul Friary  
Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>  
Clayton Edward Caglia Baptism 10:00  
Coleman-Piacentini Wedding 2:00  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup>  
Fr. Paul on Retreat  
Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>  
Parish Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>  
Parish Appreciation Dinner 1:00-3:00 in St. Mary Hall

# ARISE AND CALL HER BLESSED



Presented by: Sister Sheila Galligan, IHM

Friday,  
January 31, 2025

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### Daily Schedule:

9:00 - Welcome & breakfast

9:30 -12:30 - Program

12:30 - Lunch

Mothers are invited to linger after the retreat to take time for themselves.

**Facilitator:** Stephanie McCarthy is a Catholic, wife, mother of four, spiritual director and companion on the journey.

**Cost:** \$55, includes continental breakfast and lunch

**Register Online:** [msbt.org/mbsc/retreats-and-workshops](http://msbt.org/mbsc/retreats-and-workshops)  
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## **Homeless Ministry Update**

Greetings from the Homeless Ministry! As we reflect on the season of giving, we want to share some of the highlights of our recent efforts, particularly our December 8th outreach, which focused on providing winter weather items and personal care products to our homeless neighbors.

As you may recall, Father has been working alongside several schools that have shown support for our ministry: Holy Ghost Preparatory School in Bensalem, Our Lady of Mercy Academy in Newfield, NJ, and St. Augustine Preparatory School in Richland, NJ. We are grateful for the relationships that have been fostered between these schools and our ministry. Thanks to their support we easily exceeded our needs for this outing

Our Lady of Mercy Academy asked if their students could join us for the outing, and we gladly accepted. With the combined contributions from our parishioners and the high school communities, we were able to provide our homeless friends with much-needed hats, gloves, warm socks, personal care items, and healthy snacks. In addition, the high schools generously donated family-sized personal care items, which we distributed to three local Catholic Service Organizations, Mercy Hospice, St. John's Hospice, Women of Hope-Vine, and non-denominational Broad Street Love—that could make good use of them.

On Sunday, December 8th, 10 students and two teachers from Our Lady of Mercy Academy attended the noon Mass at St. Paul's. Following the Mass, Jen Renz led an orientation, sharing about the mission of the ministry and what the students could expect from the outing. We divided the students into three teams and partnered each with a seasoned ministry leader to help guide them through the day. This arrangement allowed us to answer questions, provide insights, and engage in meaningful conversation throughout the day.

As we covered the center city, we were able to distribute 94 lunches, along with winter accessories, sweatpants, sweatshirts and personal care products. It was an eye-opening experience for the students, many of whom shared that they gained a new understanding of what life is like for those experiencing homelessness. The students were respectful, sincere, and compassionate in their interactions. Teacher Sharon Parkinson was pleased with how her students responded, and we are evaluating how to continue this partnership with Our Lady of Mercy Academy. Many of the students expressed how impactful the day was and planned to share their experiences with their classmates.

We extend an open invitation to all parish members to join our ministry and experience the fellowship and service. There are many ways to get involved, whether through donations or volunteering. Our work continues, and every bit of support—whether big or small is truly appreciated.

Thank you for your continued prayers and generosity.

Merry Christmas and a Blessed Happy New Year All,  
The Homeless Ministry Team



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