

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

We are a diverse parish united by God's love and inspired by our patron St. Paul. We proclaim our Roman Catholic faith through our commitment to worship, study, educate, and evangelize within our parish and beyond.

OUR VISION STATEMENT:

Striving to be a vibrant Catholic community transformed by Jesus Christ and eager to share the joy of the Gospel.

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Reverend Peter J. Lee, In Residence

Reverend Christopher M. Mahar Ph.D., S.T.D., In Residence

Deacon Paul M. Shea, Deacon Assistant

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 4:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:30am, 1:30pm (Korean)

Weekdays: 12:05pm

St. Paul Rectory and Parish Office

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Eucharistic Adoration*

Most Mondays immediately after the 12:05pm Mass until Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7pm.

Sacrament of Baptism*

Baptisms are usually celebrated on the last Sunday of the month at 12:30pm. Please call the Parish Office to register. Parents and Godparents are required to attend one baptism preparation session prior to the Baptism.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)*

Saturdays at 3:45pm, Mondays at 6pm, or by appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage

Wedding arrangements with the parish priest or deacon should be made about one year prior to the intended wedding date.

Sacrament of Holy Orders

If you are interested in becoming a priest call the Diocesan Office of Vocations at 401-331-1316 or visit www.catholicpriest.com for more information.

Sacrament of the Sick and Hospital Visits

If you are, or someone you know, is going to be hospitalized or would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office for assistance.

^{*}Times may change seasonally - please see inside for details.

From the Pastor...

Happy Mother's Day! Through intercession of Our Blessed Mother, may God bless all the mothers in our parish!

Congratulations also to the 19 parish children who received their First Holy Communion last Sunday and to the 10 young parishioners who were Confirmed yesterday by Bishop Tobin at the Cathedral! Let's pray that the fire of the Holy Spirit will remain burning within them forever!

The Ascension of the Lord is a Holy Day of Obligation, or, as I like to tell the students at La Salle; it's a Holy Day of *Opportunity* because we get to celebrate another Mass during the week! It's like a bonus, being able to communicate with Jesus in the most intimate way during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in addition to our Sunday obligation, (opportunity). Who wouldn't want to visit the One who loves us more than we can comprehend as much as we can!

The Ascension is celebrated this Thursday, May 13th and we are one of the few dioceses in the country that still celebrate it on Thursday. This is a great opportunity for us to contemplate what the Apostles experienced after the Ascension of the Lord as we wait, for the same period of time as they did, for the coming of the Holy Spirit. There is a very powerful Novena to the Holy Spirit that we can pray during this time. The novena in honor of the Holy Spirit is the oldest of all novenas since it was first made at the direction of Our Lord Himself when He sent His apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. It is still the only novena officially prescribed by the Church. Addressed to the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, it is a powerful plea for the light and strength and love so sorely needed by every Christian. There are copies of this novena at the entrances of the church.

Also, as mentioned in the bulletin last week; Mary Gadoury, the seminarian being assigned to our parish, will be ordained a transitional deacon next Saturday, May 15th at 10:00am in the Cathedral. Please consider attending the ordination!

May God bless all of you as we approach the Ascension of Our Lord!

Father Woodhouse

Holy Mass This Week ...

Saturday - May 8

4:30 PM Catherine Murphy (Memorial)

Sunday - May 9 Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 ÅM Joseph & Mary Sullivan (Memorial)

Edgar & Hilda Higgins (Memorial) 9:30 AM

11:30AM John & Judyth Arrigo

Monday - May 10 Saint Damien de Veuster

12:05 PM Rev. Joseph Gallagher (13th Anniversary)

Tuesday - May 11

12:05PM **Grace Verbiest**

Wednesday - May 12 Saints Nereus and Archilleus

12:05 PM Gordon Gensler

Thursday - May 13 The Ascension of the Lord

9:30AM Saint Paul School Mass

12:05 PM The Intention of the Celebrant

7:00PM The People of Saint Paul Parish

Friday - May 14 Saint Matthias 12:05 PM Joseph D. McCarth

Joseph D. McCarthy (Birthday Memorial)

Saturday - May 15 Saint Isidore

4:30 PM Ramona Lanzot (15th Anniversary)

Sunday - May 16 Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Nancy Ellen Moss (1st Anniversary)

William R. Sullivan (9th Anniversary) 9:30 AM

The Intention of the Celebrant 11:30 AM

1:30 PM Korean Mass

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Operation Rice Bowl Update

Many thanks to those who recently contributed to the Catholic Relief Services (Operation Rice Bowl) collection. In total, \$1,100 was raised for this most worthy cause.

These donations help bridge the gap between those who have the means to give and those who need it. Catholic Relief Services helps those in need all over the world and are in partnership with many organizations of good will.



While 75% of the money collected is sent to missions throughout the world, a full 25% of the money collected remains here in our own Diocese. It supports local organizations that reach out to our own population that struggles daily to survive.

Readings for the week of May 9, 2021

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

Monday:Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday:Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday:Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday:Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20 *Ascension*: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Friday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28 Next Sunday: *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/ Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20 *Seventh Sunday of Easter:* Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

Weekly Sacrificial Giving Report

The collections of April 24 and 25

- Budget: \$3,221 (\$2,401.00 in budget envelopes and \$820.00 loose)
- ♦ Monthly Collection: \$40.00
- ♦ H.E.L.P. (Heat, Electric, Light and Power): \$112.00
- ♦ Easter: \$20.00
- Votive Candle Offerings \$358.00

Faith Direct Collections Collections from April 1-15

- ♦ Weekly Budget: \$3,013.00
- ♦ H.E.L.P. (Heat, Electric, Lights and Power): \$90.00
- ♦ Monthly Collection: \$420.00
- ♦ Parish Collection \$245.00
- ♦ Catholic Relief Services \$243.00
- ♦ Easter \$230.00
- Good Friday/Holy Land \$145.00

St. Paul Parish Prayer Chain

Pray for all those on our long-term sick list: Will Oberg, Patricia (Given) Thomas, Jim Rickard, Jude Walsh, Mia Walters-Meglio, Joel Kahn, John Vittorioso, Kathleen Rush, Madeline Ursillo, Luigi Montanaro, Mary Cerullo, Chen-Chin Lin, Diane Rosa, Melissa Britto, David Miles, Bentley Bryant, Jordan Caskey, Peter Almagno, Kyle Cordeiro, Mary O'Leary, Mario Rodriquez, Albert Willis, Linda Vaillant, Frances Nicholaus, Donald Cornett, Margaret Hall, Monica Dalton, Paul Inveen, Michael Warner, Hailey Bannister, Rich Costa, Rose C. Hall, William Petrarca, Alfred Lombardo, Kaiya Loisel, John Pretilli, Stephanie Miller, Sandra-Lynne White, Ethelyn Tingley, Hailey Rhilinger, Lori Mahoney, Richard Andrews, Milly Monteiro, Mary Ellen Goodwin, Graham Harden, Lauren Cardoso, Thomas Quinn, Jean Meglio, Jacqueline Fitzgerald, Silvana Scatena, Joseph Schwab, Luis Nieto, Emilia Andrews, Frances Doyle, Michael Tonry, Catherine Starr, David Frost, Gene Floore, Ralph Ricci, Gert Shea, Jennie Merola, Natacha Legein, Jose Melara, Raymond Brisson, Bryn Kryzer, Gordon Gensler, Jonathan Alden Thomas, Mark and Crissy Gangone, Jane Woodhouse, Kenton William, Kay Johnston, Clinton Stayton, Carol Osadnick, Joseph Cabral, Justin Hsu, David Bottino, Viviana Trapani, Roger Gagnon, Alexandra Sanchez, Karen De Ciccio and all those who are sick at home, in hospitals, or living in nursing facilities.

Please contact the rectory office if you would like to place someone on the Prayer Chain.



Almighty and Eternal God,
You are the everlasting health
of those who believe in You.
Hear us for Your sick servants
for whom we implore the aid of
Your tender mercy, that being restored
to bodily health, they may give thanks to
You in Your Church.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Military Prayer List

Please pray for all those currently serving in the Armed Forces



LTJG Peter Schofield, U.S. Coast Guard BM1 Christopher Rantuccio, U.S. Coast Guard SGT Sean Andrade, RI Army National Guard AB Ryanna L. Vittorioso, RI Air National Guard CAPT Patrick Timothy Drury, U.S. Army CAPT Charles Kelly, U.S. Army SSG Brian Andrade, U.S. Army SGT Matthew Jeff, U.S. Army SGT Zachary Maguire, U.S. Army PFC Scott Ryan Marcinko, U.S. Army PFC Alex Brant, U.S. Army LT Matthew Lutynski, D.O., U.S. Navy TSGT Tristan Henthorne, U.S. Air Force SSGT Lena Lau, U.S. Air Force SSGT Stephen J. Colella, U.S. Air Force AMN Sean Drumm, U.S. Air Force Major John O'Gorman, U.S. Marine Corps PFC Andrew Clermont, U.S. Marine Corps SPC Jaireal Rodriguez, U.S. Army National Guard

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"St. Pauli Girls" Reconvening

The St. Paul's Women's Bible Study Group will begin meeting THIS Monday, May 10th at 7:15PM in St. Paul School auditorium. For convenience, the meeting follows St. Paul's Monday Evening Devotions which begin with the Rosary at 6:15 and ends with the Benediction of Blessed Sacrament at 7:00PM.



A great new book has been selected: "A Biblical Walk

through the

Mass: Understanding What We Say and Do in the Liturgy" by Edward Sri. The price is \$8.77. Please contact Ginny Morse at virginia jalbert@yahoo.com to order your book or to get more information about the women's group. Newcomers are most welcome!



It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another." - 1* 15:16:17

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Adults Preparing for Sacraments RCIA Meet & Greet—May 26th @ 6:30PM

Adults who are interested in receiving Sacraments are invited to a Meet & Greet on Wednesday, May

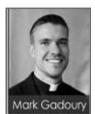


26th at 6:30PM in the rectory (the parish offices located in the building behind the church). Come and see what RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is all about! An overview of the program, meeting dates, and materials will be provided that evening for those who decide to participate. Unsure if this is for

you? Come to meet the group and get your questions answered so you can make a good decision. We're already praying for you! Hope to see you there!

Our New Seminarian Deacon

Having a seminarian assigned to our parish is always a great blessing, but this year even more so. Mr. Mark Gadoury, who is currently in his third year at St. John's



Seminary in Boston and has been assigned to us as of this summer, will be ordained to the transitional deaconate on May 15th at the Cathedral of Sts. Peter & Paul in Providence. All are welcome to attend his deaconate Mass! We can expect to see Deacon Mark at our parish by the end of May and he'll be around

through the summer and on weekends during the school year. He will be able to do the same things Deacon Paul does (serve at the altar, conduct wake services and committals, preach, baptize, etc.) and will have other responsibilities as assigned by Fr. Woodhouse. He will certainly be a help to our clergy and it will be great for all of us to get to know him as he completes his studies and is ordained to the priesthood next June!

If you're wondering about our parish seminarian, Mr. Adam Habershaw, you need not worry. He will not be assigned to another parish during the summer until he is in Major Seminary. No doubt we'll be seeing quite a bit of our Adam serving at Mass and carrying out other responsibilities as delegated by our Pastor. Let's remember to pray for our seminarians and for more young men to hear and respond to their call to the priesthood!

Ascension Thursday

Thursday, May 13th is Ascension Thursday, a Holy Day of Obligation.

> Masses will be celebrated at: 9:30AM - Saint Paul School Mass 12:05PM 7:00PM

May Gift Session

Join us on Zoom next Sunday morning, May 16th, at 10:30 for the May GIFT session. Music is our topic and Mr. Jason Hervieux, our Parish Music Director, will be the special guest! How does he get up to the loft? How did they get the organ and piano up there? How does



he see what's happening at Mass and know when to play? Who selects the music? Can he tell if we are singing from the pews? All of these questions and more will be answered! Plus, a tour of the choir loft and information about the return of the choir will also be included.

Updated COVID Protocol

What to Expect at Mass

- Hand sanitizer is available at all entrances
- Windows are open for ventilation
- All pews are open
- Choose any seat that is at least three feet away from others
- Maintain a physical distance of three feet from others as you enter, exit, and go to Communion
- Holy water fonts are filled
- Full participation in the Mass (verbal responses and singing) is encouraged
- Ushers will bring the baskets to collect your offering
- The gifts of bread and wine will be presented
- The Sign of Peace can be exchanged
- Masks must be still be worn over your nose and mouth except when receiving Communion, but can be omitted for those with medical conditions that affect breathing
- Congregating for conversation after Mass is encouraged outside, not inside the church

If you have any questions or concerns the parish staff will be happy to assist you. Please call the rectory at 461-5734 or email office@saintpaulcranston.org. Discussion and planning for in-person GIFT sessions, Social Sundays, Children's Liturgies, and other parish events is ongoing. We continue to hope and pray that we will be able to resume these events soon!

Recently Back to Mass? Welcome Home!

If you've recently returned to Mass in-person we invite you to share your story with your fellow parishioners. What was your return like? What had you been missing the most? Was there someone or something that made you especially glad to be back? If you've been back for a while, how does it feel to see others returning now? What are you still looking forward to?



Submit your story via email or self-recorded video to Julie Bradley at faithform@saintpaulcranston.org to be shared in the bulletin or in the weekly parish Flocknote. It just may be just the encouragement someone else needs to have the courage to come home!

First Communion 2021

Congratulations to the 19 students who received their First Holy Communion last Sunday, May 2nd at the 9:30AM Mass!

Jaydason Bernard William Beyer Gwen Bromley Jaylin Bromley Maddison Cady Fernando De Jesus Abraham Espinal Ailey Fermin Celina Gorman Alexis Hoard Matthew Jenkins Emma Mobilio Lucy Paterno Brayden Peasley Camilha Pellerano Salvador Pellerano Ella Rainone-Gaudiana Khloe Tavares Kaylie Vargas



May you become more like Jesus each and every time you receive Him in the Eucharist.

Monday Evening Devotions

The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady. Why not plan to come at least once during the month and pray the rosary at 6:15PM with other members of the parish. *Been a while? Not sure what to do?* Rosaries and guides will be available.

The evening continues with Vespers (materials provided) at 6:45PM and concludes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:00PM.



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