

# SAINT PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT



Baptized in Jesus, we the parishioners of St. Paul respond to the call of Christ.  
Loving God, praying with one another, especially through the Mass and the Sacraments. Proclaiming and sharing our Faith and Mission in Jesus Christ.  
Assisting those in need by seeing Christ present in each person. Creating unity through Christ by nourishing, empowering, and involving one another.  
Teaching the message of Christ to all by word and by daily personal witness.  
May God bless us, placing our efforts in hands greater than our own.

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*  
*April 28, 2024*



## MASSES:

Sundays: 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM  
(5:30 PM Vigil on Saturday)  
Monday—Saturday: 8:00 AM  
Holydays: 7:00 PM Vigil, 8:00 AM & 12 Noon  
(unless otherwise noted in the bulletin)

## SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:

Saturdays: 4:15 PM—5:00 PM

RECTORY:.....610.279.6725

2007 New Hope Street, East Norriton, PA 19401

email: stpaulparish.eastnorriton@gmail.com

## OFFICE HOURS:

Monday—Friday: 9:00 AM—12:00 PM \*  
1:00 PM—4:00 PM

\* **Office closed from 12:00 PM—1:00 PM for lunch**  
Evenings & Weekends: by appointment

SCHOOL:.....**Holy Rosary Regional School**

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## PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:

Lucy Boardway ... 610.279.6725(Monday,Tuesday)

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## **Rev. Harry E. McCreedy ~ Pastor**

Rev. James Catagnus, Resident (Retired)

Deacon Matthew J. Hrobak ~ Permanent Deacon

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Our bulletin can also be viewed online

**BAPTISMS** are celebrated on the second and fourth Sunday of each month at 12:15 PM. Parents are required to attend the pre-Baptismal class sometime before the child is born. The godparents' letters of eligibility should be brought to this class. After attending the class and presenting the eligibility letters a date can be set for the Baptism by calling the Rectory.

**WEDDING** arrangements must be made in person at the Rectory at least six months in advance. All couples must attend the archdiocesan sponsored **Pre—Cana Program**. For info: <http://phillycatholiclife.org/marriage-and-family/preparing-for-marriage>.

**THE SICK** and permanently homebound are encouraged to receive communion regularly at home. **Eucharistic ministers are available, please contact Sr. Rosellen Bracken at 610.277.0827**. Hospitalized parishioners are encouraged to receive the sacraments from the Catholic chaplains assigned to all hospitals. Urgent requests for anointing of the sick at home are accepted at anytime - call the Rectory.

**TO BE A PARISHIONER** one must be registered and living within the parish boundaries. Call the Rectory to make an appointment to register or see the pastor in church after Sunday Mass. We cannot issue letters of eligibility or references if one is not formally registered. Registered parishioners are requested to notify the Rectory if they are changing their address.

**MAY, THE MONTH OF OUR LADY**



**National Eucharistic Pilgrimage Passes through the Archdiocese of Philadelphia**

We are pleased to share with you that the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage that will travel across the USA this summer **will be passing through the Archdiocese of Philadelphia between May 30 and June 3!** You can find the most up-to-date information on opportunities to join the pilgrimage while it's in our area on this webpage: [phillyeucharisticrevival.org/pilgrimage](http://phillyeucharisticrevival.org/pilgrimage). Check back often for new details and opportunities as events get solidified.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

Are you celebrating a special anniversary this year? The annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will take place on **Saturday, May 4th** at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul at the 5:15 PM Vigil Mass with Archbishop Nelson Pérez presiding. This mass will be commemorating all married couples who are newlyweds, between 1-5 years, or celebrating 10, 25 or 50 year wedding anniversary milestones. Friends and family are welcome and encouraged to attend. To register visit: <https://form.jotform/230443950527152> or call: 215-587-0500.

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Just as Spring with all its beautiful blossoms heralds the coming of Summer, Mary brings forth her Divine Son into the hearts of all who welcome her. Recall the Visitation as recorded in Luke's Gospel (1:39-45). As soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and the baby in her womb (John the Baptist) leapt for joy. Elizabeth called out "Who am I that the mother of my Lord should come to me!?"



Traditionally, the month of May, when Spring is at its fullest, the Church honors Our Lady in a special way. Her images are crowned with flowers of the season recalling Scripture: "You are the highest honor of our race" (Judith 15:10). In the book of Revelation, Mary is portrayed as the "Woman clothed with the Sun standing on the moon, with a crown of twelve stars on her head" (Rev. 12:1). "Clothed in the Sun" signifies her intimate relationship with her Son, the light of the World. "Standing on the moon" represents her role as the mediator of the light of Christ to all who are in darkness, just as the moon lights up the night sky. The "crown of twelve stars" obviously refers to the role that the Triune God has given her: She is to be received as Queen of God's chosen people. The number twelve refers to the twelve tribes of Israel and to the New Israel, the Church, built upon the teachings of the twelve apostles.

Not only is she honored as Queen during the month of May, but also as our beloved Mother. Our Queen, who assumed her position next to the throne of her Son (the cross) is given to us by her Son as He was dying on that life-giving Cross. "Behold your Mother", He said. To Mary, He says "Behold your Son" (John 19:26, 37).

Prophetically, Mary uttered her own epitaph on the occasion of her Visitation to Elizabeth: God has regarded the lowliness of His handmaid... "ALL GENERATIONS WILL CALL ME BLESSED" (Luke 1:48).

**MOTHER'S DAY MASS CARDS**

As is our custom, our Masses on **Mother's Day, May 12th**, will be offered for all those Moms, living or deceased, whose names are offered on the Mass card intentions. Masses for our dear Mothers are the best gifts we can give them. A limited number of these Mass cards are available on the table in the church vestibule. Please return the offering to the Rectory by Mother's Day... either by mailing it or dropping it in the Rectory mail slot of the front door, or by placing it in the Sunday collection, before Mother's Day.

**MAY 1ST, THE FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER**

All of us are laborers in the Lord's vineyard, no matter our states in life, On May 1st each year many in the world celebrate the role of workers. This commemoration was an outgrowth of socialistic, atheistic Communism, which replaced religion with the state as the determinate of humanity's identity. It led to the glorification of man to the detriment of the glorification of God in man's midst. To redirect humanity back to the realization that humanity's glory is centered in God, that dignity is achieved in serving God in the many stages of life, the Church established the feast of St. Joseph the Worker on May first. May we all work for the honor and glory of God, thus bringing his blessing on all our endeavors. St. Joseph, pray for us.

**THIS FRIDAY IS FIRST FRIDAY**

This Friday, is the First Friday of the month. Attend Mass, in reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. So many in the world are still insensitive to His presence, avoiding Him and too lazy to adore Him. What graces He must bestow on those who do worship and adore Him in the Blessed Sacrament!

Those who work and are unable to attend Mass on the First Friday can still receive the grace of making this reparation by going to confession within a week and by making a Spiritual Communion on the First Friday. The reparation can be completed at Sunday Mass.

**THIS SATURDAY IS FIRST SATURDAY**

Traditionally, Catholics honor Mary in a special way during the month of May. But those who really love Our Lady honor her every First Saturday of the year, by offering that day in reparation to her Immaculate Heart. May 13th is the feast of Our Lady of Fatima. It was there that she asked us to observe the First Saturdays by going to confession (within a week) and by attending Mass and receiving Communion on that day.

Additionally, she requested that we pray the rosary especially on the First Saturday and spend fifteen minutes meditating on one or all of the mysteries of the rosary. She promised that if we observed her wishes there would be peace and an end to warfare.

**A SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION  
NEXT WEEKEND**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Home Mission dioceses are often impoverished and have small or widely dispersed Catholic populations that stretch over vast areas of terrain. These economic, demographic, and geographic challenges make it difficult for the Church to minister to the needs of Her people in those regions. In addition, the populations of Home Mission dioceses are disproportionately impacted by unemployment, natural disasters, and crime rates.

In the Diocese of Amarillo, for example, the diocesan criminal justice ministry answers Christ's call to visit and serve prisoners and patients confined to hospitals. Since 2004, this ministry has expanded to bring the Eucharist, Sacred Scripture, and prayer to inmates of the seven prisons and two large hospitals in the diocese. This ministry of mercy includes retreats during which inmates can encounter the love of Jesus, heal from past failures and wounds, and develop new hope for the future. Many inmates have experienced spiritual conversions that have inspired them to join formation programs and enter the Catholic Church.

The criminal justice ministry is one of many innovative outreach efforts made by dioceses supported by Catholic Home Missions. Your participation in the annual Catholic Home Missions Appeal supports dioceses throughout the United States and its territories that need financial help to sustain core pastoral services and missions of mercy to those they serve. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the appeal this year. To learn more about the appeal and those who benefit from it, visit [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

Thank you for strengthening the Church at home in places where our brothers and sisters are most in need and please be assured that you are remembered in my prayers.

Gratefully and with best wishes in Jesus Christ,  
+*Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.*  
Archbishop of Philadelphia



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**Bible Study****ST. PAUL'S BIBLE STUDY**

All the men and women of the parish are invited to come together to reflect of the scriptural readings proclaimed at Mass each Sunday. Our Bible Study Group meets every Wednesday evening at 7:30, in the Damascus Meeting Room (located at the rear of the Rectory, next to the garages). Everyone is welcome. Text or email Lucy Boardway ([lucyboardway@gmail.com](mailto:lucyboardway@gmail.com)/610-246-5535) with questions. Everyone is always welcome!

**NEW REGISTRATIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME**

For those wishing to join our parish we offer a prayerful welcome. We delight in the desire to be a faith family with you. If you would like to be a member of our parish, simply tell Father after any Mass on the weekend or daily throughout the week. Registration forms are kept at the church so you don't have to make a special trip to the Rectory office. Nothing is needed to register; no records from elsewhere are necessary. All those registered are the life-blood of our parish, and a blessing to us all. Please join us. The only requirement is that you regularly attend Mass with us, as you probably already do.



**Office for Persons with Disabilities  
& the Deaf Apostolate**

**Mothers Retreat: Rest and Renewal in Christ  
Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 9:30 am -2:00 pm,  
Malvern Retreat House**

Heather Makowicz will lead a retreat for mothers and grandmothers who are raising children with disabilities and those who have adult children with disabilities. Heather is a mother of a young adult with special needs, certified Spiritual Director, Trauma-Informed Licensed Clinical Social Worker, seasoned retreat director and founder of Peak Encounter Ministries. The day will include a presentation by Heather, time for quiet prayer and confession, opportunities to connect with other mothers, and Holy Mass with Fr. Amalraj Sawarimuthu. To register online: <https://www.malvernretreat.com/events/mothers-of-child-with-disabilities-2024>. Please register by May 3rd.

**Retreat for Catholics Affected by Divorce and Separation  
Saturday, June 15, 2024, 11:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

Join the St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation for Freedom, Family, and Faith for a half-day retreat specifically geared for Catholics who have been wounded by divorce and/or separation in need of hope and healing. The day will feature talks, time for reflection, Confessions, prayer time, and the anticipated Mass for Sunday at 4 p.m. A delicious lunch and snacks are included in the price of the retreat. **Place:** The Daylesford Abbey, 220 S. Valley Road, Paoli, PA 19031

**Speakers:** Anne DeSantis, Executive Director of the St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation and a Norbertine priest who will speak on healing after crisis. **Cost:** \$60 (includes lunch).

**Registration:** Go to this link to register: <https://www.nonnatus.org/divorce-retreat.html>

**FOR CATHOLICS IN THEIR 20's & 30's**

Metanoia is an active community of Catholic young adults in western Montgomery County, PA. The group supports Catholics in their 20s and 30s who are looking to deepen their faith and meet fellow Catholics in the area. Our upcoming events are listed below and begin at 7:30pm on most Tuesdays unless otherwise noted. As gathering circumstances are always changing, please be sure you are subscribed to our newsletter to receive access to our latest information by heading to <http://www.metanoiayoungadults.org>.

Questions? Contact [metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com) for more information, or visit our Facebook Page ([www.facebook.com/users/metanoiayoungadults](http://www.facebook.com/users/metanoiayoungadults)).

**May 2024:**

Tuesday, May 14: Bible Study @ St David's, Willow Grove  
Tuesday, May 21: Theology on Tap @ Local Tap Lansdale  
Doors Open at 7, Presentation begins at 7:30  
Tuesday, May 28: Prayer, Penance, Pub @ Mary Mother of the Redeemer, North Wales  
Friday, May 31: Catholic Charities Night at Phillies Game

*Mass Intentions*

**MON., APR 29TH ST. CATHERINE OF SIENNA**

8:00 AM.....SISTER MARIE CAROLYN LEVAND

**TUES., APR 30TH ~ ST. PIUS**

8:00 AM.....PATRICK MCCABE

**WED., MAY 1ST ~ ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER**

8:00 AM.....BILL LEWIS

**THURS., MAY 2ND ~ SAINT ATHANASIUS**

8:00 AM.....GEORGE A. STEINER III

**FRI., MAY 3RD ~ SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES**

8:00 AM.....PASQUALE BALZONA

**SAT., MAY 4TH ~**

8:00 AM.....JAMES BEALER

5:30 PM.....JACK ANGELUCCI

**SUN., MAY 5TH ~**

8:30 AM.....SISTER MARIE CAROLYN LEVAND

10:30 AM.....UBALDO FERRI

**WHAT IS A SCAPULAR?**

The Brown Scapular is one of many sacramentals of the Catholic Church. What is its origin? Why should Catholics wear one? What other types of scapulars are there? We invite you to join us for our next Patricians discussion to learn more about this beautiful Marian devotion. Each participant will receive a blessed scapular! The meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 15th from 6:45 - 8:45 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 502 Ford St., Bridgeport, PA.**



(We meet in the coffee hour room -- enter from the Ford St parking lot.) *The Society of the Patricians is an informal group of Catholic adults who meet monthly under the direction of Fr. Sam Keyes to learn more about the Catholic Faith so that we can better share it with others. Please come, and bring a friend! Refreshments will be served and free literature will be available. The program is sponsored by the Legion of Mary. More info: [r.edel.lukens@gmail.com](mailto:r.edel.lukens@gmail.com) or 610-256-7125.*

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**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Padre Pio's Beatification**

**Thursday, May 2, 2024: 12:00 PM Mass (preceded by the 11:30 AM Rosary)**

Commemorate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Beatification of Padre Pio and the Opening of Our Lady of Grace Chapel and Padre Pio Spirituality Centre with a grace-filled day that includes recitation of the Rosary, the **celebration of Mass with Bishop Keith Chylinski**, and veneration of the relic glove of Padre Pio. Mark your calendars and plan on attending this most glorious event!

**Location:** National Centre for Padre Pio – 111 Barto Road, Barto, PA

**More Information:** Contact [angela@padrepio.org](mailto:angela@padrepio.org)

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