



SAINT PAUL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

3005 Country Club Road
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am, 11:00 am,
..... 1:00 pm (Misa en Español)
..... 10:30 am (in Oriental)
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8:00 am
Wednesday 9:00 am, 6:00 pm
Friday 8:00 am at Old Saint Paul

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Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19

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Ascension Survey

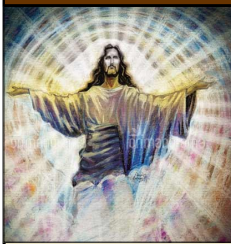
Thank you for participating today in our parish planning survey. The Pastoral Council seeks an effective means of all of us getting to know each other better. This was decided with no knowledge of the change of Pastors that we are now experiencing. Fr Tully is sure that Fr Costello and Fr Muñoz will be greatly aided by your input and the input of all those at Mass this weekend.

It is NOT too late for you to fill out a survey! There are several groups who will need more time to complete the survey.

In particular, we are actively seeking more contact information for non-practicing Catholics so that we might be able to understand their needs and input better. Maybe you could help reach out and include neighbors, friends or family members in a gracious and humble way?

**YOUR OPINION
COUNTS..!**

WORD OF OUR LORD



THE GIFT OF ENLIGHTENMENT

The key to unlocking the scriptures is in Paul's letter to the Ephesians as we pray, "May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened." People see and hear things but simply have a hard time believing they are true. In

our first reading from the very beginning of the Acts of the Apostles, Luke starts where his Gospel left off—the ascension of Jesus. For as long as Jesus spent preparing the disciples, they were still foggy about what was happening and spent time staring at the sky wondering where He went. In today's Gospel, the disciples still doubt Jesus to the very last minute. In the letter to the Ephesians, Paul speaks to the new Christian community, but he could be preaching to each of us in the pews as he says, "I can explain it to you, but I can't make you believe. This is where faith comes in." May we all pray for the gift of enlightenment today! ©J.S Paluch Co., Inc.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).

Psalm — God ascends amid great cries of jubilation and trumpet blasts (Psalm 47).

Second Reading — May the Father of glory give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation (Ephesians 1:17-23).

Gospel — Jesus instructs the eleven to baptize and teach people of all nations (Matthew 28:16-20).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-7; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-21; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-36; Jn 17:11-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-20; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-31; Ps 11:4-7; Jn 21:20-25

SAINT OF THE WEEK ~ Saint Rita of Cascia ~



Rita was born in the year 1381 near Cascia, Italy. Her parents considered her birth a very special gift from God, for Rita was born as they were aging. As a young girl, Rita frequently visited the convent of the Augustinian Nuns and dreamed of one day joining their community. Her parents, however, had promised her in marriage, per the custom of the day. Rita accepted her parents' decision, and resolved to see this as God's will for her. Soon twin boys were born to them. Years later, her husband was ambushed and killed and her teenage boys died from natural causes a short time later. Alone in the world and without family responsibilities, she once more turned her thoughts to the desired vocation of her youth. At the age of thirty-six, Rita pledged to follow the ancient Rule of Saint Augustine.

One day when she was about sixty years of age, she was meditating before an image of Christ crucified, as she was long accustomed to doing. Suddenly, a small wound appeared on her forehead, as though a thorn from the crown that encircled Christ's head had loosed itself and penetrated her own flesh. For the next fifteen years she bore this external sign of stigmatization and union with the Lord. Despite the pain she constantly experienced, she offered herself courageously for the physical and spiritual well being of others. During the last four years of her life, Rita was confined to bed and could eat so little that she was practically sustained on the Eucharist alone. She was, nevertheless, an inspiration to her sisters in religion and to all who came to visit her, by her patience and joyful disposition despite her great suffering.

One of those who visited her some few months before her death was a relative from her hometown. When asked whether she had any special desires, Rita asked only that a rose from the garden of her parents' home be brought to her. It was a small favor to ask, but quite an impossible one to grant in the month of January! Nevertheless, on returning home the woman discovered, to her amazement, a single brightly-colored blossom on the bush where the nun said it would be. Picking it, she returned immediately to the monastery and presented it to Rita who gave thanks to God for this sign of love. Thus, the saint of the thorn became the saint of the rose, and she, whose impossible requests were granted her, became the advocate of all those whose own requests seem impossible as well. As she breathed her last, Rita's final words to the sisters who gathered around her were, "Remain in the holy love of Jesus. Remain in obedience to the holy Roman Church. Remain in peace and fraternal charity."

Rita returned to God in peace on May 22, 1457. She is the patron saint of lost causes. Franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day



2023 WORLD COMMUNICATION DAY

"Communication means sharing, and sharing demands listening and acceptance." Pope Francis

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday 5/21	Social Sunday after 8 and 11 Mass
8:00AM	Mass – Church +Cynthia Lee Burns
9:00AM	Olive Branch open til 1:00
9:30AM	Faith Formation - Family Session FLC
9:30AM	AAMEN Group - FLC3
10:00AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Church
10:30AM	Mass - Oriental
10:30AM	Chaplet of Divine Mercy - SJC
11:00AM	Mass – Church (L)Ron & Debbie Hagler
1:00PM	Misa – Church +Souls in Purgatory
5:30PM	Youth Group Meeting - GYM
Monday 5/22	
8:00AM	Mass – Church (L)Clyde Wellman
10:00AM	Ladies Card Game – FLC3
6:00PM	Gospel Choir Practice - Church
6:00PM	RCIA Class - FLC2 & FLC3
Tuesday 5/23	
8:00AM	Mass - Church +Robert Lautenschlagger
10:30AM	Mass – Oriental
12:00PM	One in the Spirit Prayer Group - SJC
1:00PM	Prayer Shawl Ministry - FLC3
6:30PM	Life and Heaven - School Library
7:00PM	Folk Choir Practice - Church
Wednesday 5/24	
9:00AM	Olive Branch Open till 11:00AM
9:00AM	School Mass – Church +Jean Edwards
5:00PM	Medjugorje Prayer Group – Church/SJC
6:00PM	Mass - Church +Deacon John Boyle
6:45PM	Liturgy Committee - FLC2
7:00PM	Hispanic Choir Practice – Church
7:00PM	Adoration with Rosary - SJC
7:45PM	Benediction - SJC
Thursday 5/25	
8:00AM	Mass – Church +Sherry Benners
8:45AM	Adoration - Church
10:45AM	Reconciliation - Confessional Room
11:45AM	Benediction - Church
7:00PM	Chancel Choir Practice - Church
Friday 5/26	
8:00AM	Mass – OSP +Susan Cordaro
Saturday 5/27	
6:30AM	Men's Bible Study - Conference Room
3:30PM	Reconciliation - Confessional Room
5:00PM	Mass - Church +Marion Straight
5:00PM	Hispanic Baptism Class - Confessional Rm



The complete Parish Calendar is always available for viewing at our website:



Visit www.dioceseofraleigh.org for Diocesan events, news and information.

SAINT PAUL SCHOOL



On Friday, April 28, 2023, students from Saint Paul Catholic School, who are members of the Sister Angela Mary Parker chapter of the Tar Heel Junior Historian Association (THJHA), traveled to the North Carolina Museum of History in Raleigh to attend the State THJHA convention. The day started with a workshop on SANKOFA, which is African American music. Some of our students were invited to get on stage and participate in the workshop. Next was a hands-on workshop about the science of sound. Students visited four stations to discover how sound works.

After a traditional lunch of North Carolina barbeque and coleslaw, participants attended a presentation by Spencer Strickland about the making of mandolins and guitars. He answered students' questions and played the mandolin for the audience. The last workshop of the convention was another hands-on activity. Students learned about turtle rattles and how Native Americans used them. They then made their own rattles to take home. Several Saint Paul Catholic School students were recognized during the awards ceremony at the end of the day. Mia Walker won first place in the Christopher Crittenden Quiz, Elementary Division. Emilie Conard and Cora Mitchel won second place for their model of Fort Macon in the Exhibit and Visual Arts category, Elementary Division. Congratulations to our winners and to all who participated.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary (Flotilla 20-04) made their annual visit to Saint Paul Catholic School last week to teach their Water Kids Safety class to our 3K through 4th Grade students. We are so grateful to our Officers TJ Bendixen, Fil Pagano and Hank Steinfeld for sharing their time with our students.

The week of May 8th through 12th was National Teacher Appreciation week. The families of Saint Paul Catholic School showed our teachers how much their dedication to our students is recognized and appreciated. Each day, volunteers provided lunch to the staff. Members of the staff were also presented gift cards by the Home and School Association.

SAINT PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

ASCENSION DAY



**WHEN JESUS STARTED
WORKING FROM HOME**



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord;
World Communications Day

Monday: St Rita of Cascia; Victoria
Day (Canada)

Thursday: St Bede the Venerable;
St Gregory VII; St Mary
Magdalene de'Pazzi; Shavuot
begins at sunset;

Friday: St Philip Neri

Saturday: St Augustine of
Canterbury

DEFENDING YOUR FAITH

Do you want to learn how to defend
your faith? Join Deacon Dan at an
adult Steubenville Conference.

During these trying times, God
wants to give us bold and confident
hearts to share His truth and love
with joy! Come, experience
engaging speakers, moving worship
and outstanding hospitality that will
rejuvenate you for life and mission
at the Defending the Faith
Conference on July 28th-30th. For
more information, contact Deacon
Dan at (724)244-2211
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year, surprise him with something
other than a necktie. He'll be sure to
appreciate it. Come see us - we
need volunteers. Shifts are only 2
hours per month and it's fun. Open
Sun 9-1 & Wed 9-11 in the Family
Life Center. All proceeds benefit St
Paul Catholic Church.



**MESSY
GAMES
MAY 21
5:30 P.M.**

8TH-12TH GRADERS
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**BRING A TOWEL &
A CHANGE OF CLOTHES**

Pray for
all our
Candidates
for the
Sacrament of
Confirmation
in June. Come,
Holy Spirit!



Young Adult / Young Family Group of Saint Paul

The first Sunday of every month
will be a "Family Mass".
Seats will be reserved at the 8am
Mass by the choir.

After Mass, we will meet in the
Family Life Center for coffee, donuts
and fellowship. The next date for
the "Family Mass" will be June 4th.
Please join us!



ONE IN THE SPIRIT

Just a little over two years ago, we started our video
offering with *May Movies of Mary*. Our movies were
always intended to have a religious or theological
theme, that teaches without realizing you are being
taught. Even though our most recent effort, "The Chosen", is available on
various streaming services like Netflix, we were convinced that each
episode is so powerful that one cannot absorb it all in one sitting. Many of
our viewers suggest watching it a few times, since you always learn and
notice new things. "The Chosen" series brings the Gospel to life and has
grown in popularity.
So, the One is the Spirit Prayer Group, in our own roundabout way,
evangelizes the Word. May God bless you all abundantly for all you do for
our ministry.



Father Mark Betti is NC Knights of Columbus Priest of the Year

May 09, 2023 At the recent Knights of Columbus annual state convention, Father Mark J. Betti, pastor of St. Brendan the Navigator Catholic Church in Shallotte, was named by the Knights as "Priest of the Year." Father Mark is a 4th Degree Knight and currently serves with Knights of Columbus Council 9039 at his parish in Shallotte. In nominating Father Mark, Bob Blanchette of Council 9039 explained, "He is a take-charge guy who immediately recognized our council's ability to help him lead and support the parish and community." Fr Betti served at Saint Paul as Parochial Vicar in the past.



Welcome to Fr Stephen Imbarrato

Fr Imbarrato was invited by First Choice Pregnancy Center in Alliance (Pamlico County). He joins us this weekend at the 11AM Mass. "Father Stephen Imbarrato has been active in pro-life ministry for many years. While attending Holy Apostles Seminary, Father helped start a crisis pregnancy center across the street from an abortion business. He explains, "...being across from the abortion mill showed me how important it is to have ministries of life directly across from the gates of death." Ordained in May of 2005 for the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, Father Stephen learned of a small adoration chapel located directly across from a Planned Parenthood facility in Albuquerque. Using the chapel as a focal point and prompted by the Holy Spirit to rejuvenate Project Life—which was dedicated to prayer vigils and sidewalk counseling in front of Planned Parenthood—Father Stephen gathered a group of laypeople, forming the Project Defending Life. Please pray for the success of our Pro-Life activists, including First Choice in Pamlico County.

Catholic Charities is hiring!

We're looking for a full time Senior Communications Specialist. The Senior Communications Specialist is responsible for expanding the reach of the Catholic Charities Communications Department. A priority of this position will be to create Catholic Charities focused content and grow the Catholic Charities footprint through media engagement and social media. For more information about the position, please visit www.CatholicCharitiesRaleigh.org/job/Senior-Communications-Specialist.

Father Tighe Memorial Golf Event - THREE WEEKS UNTIL TEE OFF!

Benefiting the Seminarian Partnership Program! We would like to extend an invitation to join us this year to raise awareness and build community in support of vocations to the priesthood for the Diocese of Raleigh, in memory of Father Phil Tighe. Please join us on Monday, May 22, 2023, for a 9:30 a.m. shotgun start at the Longleaf Golf and Family Club, 10 Knoll Rd, Southern Pines. \$175 per player or \$600 per foursome. For more information on player registration or sponsorship opportunities, scan the QR code or contact Donna at 919-568-1067 or donna@foundationdor.org.

"Source and Summit" Retreat - A Life in the Eucharist Retreat

TWO NIGHTS: JUNE 9-11, 2023 A Great Way to Celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi. "The Eucharist is 'the source and summit' of the Christian life. All ministries are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself." (see CCC 1324) Come to this retreat and foster a deeper, more spiritual understanding of the Mass. Enrich your ministry by tapping into the "source and summit" of the Christian life. Catholic Conference Center, Hickory, NC www.catholicconference.org/eucharist 828-327-7441

SAINT PAUL PARISH INFORMATION



SACRAMENT SCHEDULE

Reconciliation: Thursdays 10:45-11:45am,
Saturday 3:30-4:30pm or by appointment.

Baptism: Please send an Email to Baptisms@spccnb.org

First Communion/Confirmation: Contact the church office.

Marriages: Contact church office - 6 month advance notice is required.

Anointing of the Sick: Contact the church office or rectory (252-638-4436).

Funerals: Call 638-4436 or e-mail funeral@spccnb.org



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JOIN US FOR DAILY MASS

Monday and Tuesday - Mass at 8am in the Church

Wednesday - Mass at 9am and 6pm in the Church

Thursday - Mass at 8am in the Church, followed by Eucharistic Adoration
until Benediction at 11:45am

Friday - Mass at 8am at Old Saint Paul Church, 504 Middle St.

Main Campus Church doors are open 7am-7pm for private prayer.



To submit bulletin articles, email bulletin@spccnb.org
The deadline is Thursdays at noon.

All requests should be sent in editable format 11 days
before the bulletin issue date.



NEXT WEEK'S SPECIAL COLLECTION Catholic Communication Campaign



Attention all women of Saint Paul Parish!

Join us for Women's Bible Study in the School Library.

We meet on Thursdays at 6:20pm. If you have any

questions, contact Hannah at hannah.saunders18@gmail.com

Come, learn and grow with us!



CDA EDUCATION CONTEST

During the May 10th School Mass, the
Catholic Daughters presented certificates
and monetary awards to the winners of
the 2022-2023 Education Contest.

There were more than 76 entries from St
Paul students in grades 4-8. 21 students
were chosen as winners at the local level.

Congratulations!

The 1st place entries were then submitted
for the State Level Competition and 5 of
our students were chosen as winners at
that level. That is quite an honor!



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K OF C YARD SALE

Knights of Columbus Hall
1125 Pine Tree Drive

Thursday, June 1st - Friday, June 2nd - Saturday, June 3rd

8am - Noon

A stylized graphic of a road with yellow dashed lines on a black background, curving upwards towards the top right and downwards towards the bottom left, set against a light green background.

He's going, but...

THIS ISN'T GOODBYE!

He will always be a part of our lives.

Come celebrate Father Tully and wish him goodbye, until we meet again.

Sunday, June 18th, 3:00 to 5:00 pm, chicken, BBQ & all the fix-ins in our Family Life Center & Grounds. Bring your lawn chair & a family picture for a collage we are doing.

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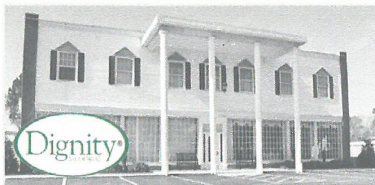
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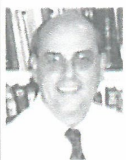


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