

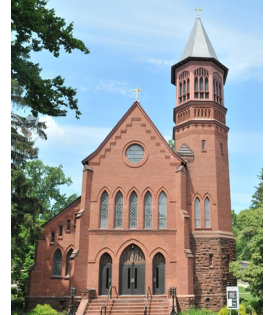


# Welcome to the Parish of St. Paul - St. Ann



Church of St. Paul  
82 Lake Road West  
Congers, NY 10920

Church of St. Ann  
16 Jefferson Street  
Nyack, NY 10960



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**Rev. Vladimir Chripko, C.O. Pastor**  
Rev. **Roman** Dominik Palecko, C.O. Assistant Pastor  
Rev. **Arogya** Raju, Parochial Vicar • Rev. **Peter** Bujdos, Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Maniraguha **Jean Paul** Ruriho, Assistant  
Rev. **George** Torok, C.O., Provost—Weekend Assistant

♦♦ ST. PAUL ♦♦		♦♦ ST. ANN ♦♦
<b>Deacons</b>	<b>Dominic</b> Buonocore <b>Mark</b> Czerwinski, Director RCIA	<b>Luke</b> Conroy, Director RCIA <b>Charles</b> DeGroat <b>Gerald</b> Fenton, Liturgy Coordinator
<b>Parish Office Hours</b>	9:00 am-3:00 pm Monday-Friday	11:00 am-12:00 pm Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs.
<b>Religious Education Program</b>	<b>Mariana</b> Dalsass (845-268-5442) Email: religiouseducation@spasaparish.org Carmen Hernandez Thomas H. Sullivan	
<b>St. Paul Regional School</b>	<b>Mrs. Michelle Pitot</b> (845-268-6506)	
<b>Music Ministry</b>	<b>James</b> Russell	<b>Vincent</b> Green
<b>Sunday Masses</b>	<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm <b>Sunday</b> 7:30 & 10 am, 12:00 & 6:00 pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays of month: Spanish mass at 7:30 pm	<b>Saturday</b> 5:30 pm <b>Sunday</b> 8:45, 11:30 am
<b>Weekday Masses</b>	Monday—Friday 6:30 & 9:00 am Saturday 7:30 am & 8:30 am	Monday—Friday 7:30 am & 12:10 pm Saturday 9:00 am
<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Monday—Saturday 8:45 am	
<b>Rosary</b>	Following Weekday 9 am Mass	Before 12:10 Mass
<b>Confessions</b>	Saturdays 4:00-4:45 pm <i>Anytime by request.</i>	Saturdays 4:30-5:15 pm <i>Anytime by request.</i>

### Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are normally celebrated at St. Ann's Church on the first and third Sundays of the month and at St. Paul's Church on the second & fourth Sundays. For a Baptism at St. Paul's contact Deacon Dominic at the Rectory (845-268-4464); at St. Ann's, call Deacon Luke (845-323-5669). First-time parents of child to be baptized must register for a Baptismal instruction class, held in the Rectory, normally on the last Thursday of the month at 7 pm. Please direct all inquiries to Deacon Dominic.

### Sacrament of Marriage

Engaged couples should contact the Rectory at least six months in advance in order to arrange for their participation in the marriage preparation program. Please email assistantpastor@spasaparish.org.

### Anointing of the Sick

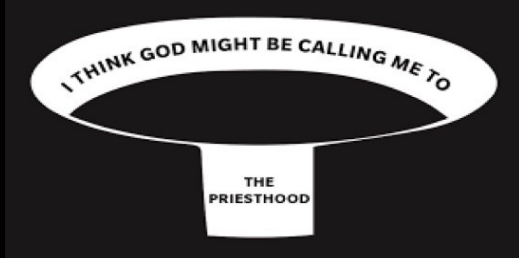
If someone is homebound or in the hospital, please notify the Rectory. Arrangements can be made for the sick person to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Holy Communion is brought to the homebound by our Ministers of Holy Communion.

*October 15, 2017 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

<b><u>ST. PAUL'S CHURCH</u></b>		<b><u>ST. ANN'S CHURCH</u></b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	Oct. 14, 2017	<b>Saturday</b>	Oct. 14, 2017
5:00 PM	Basak & Cangro Families	5:30 PM	Tony Moschella
<b>Sunday</b>	Oct. 15, 2017	<b>Sunday</b>	Oct. 15, 2017
7:30 AM	William DiLunardi (D) — 56th Birthday	8:45 AM	For the People of the Parish
10:00 AM	Alfred Leteria	11:30 AM	Betty Delfino Joseph & Maria Dattilo
12:00 PM	Sarah & Anthony Capuano		<i>2nd Collection — Parish Needs</i>
6:00 PM	Leonardo Caragay <i>2nd Collection — Parish Needs</i>		
<b>Monday</b>	Oct. 16, 2017	<b>Monday</b>	Oct. 16, 2017
6:30 AM	Matthew Family	7:30 AM	Bernard Hines, Jr.
9:00 AM	Carlo Violetti	12:10 PM	Jude Mynnon
<b>Tuesday</b>	Oct. 17, 2017	<b>Tuesday</b>	Oct. 17, 2017
6:30 AM	Lucy & Tom Cunniffe	7:30 AM	Henry, Mary & Richard Hannemann
9:00 AM	Daniel & Rose Scotto	12:10 PM	Fernan Dursoier
<b>Wednesday</b>	Oct. 18, 2017	<b>Wednesday</b>	Oct. 18, 2017
6:30 AM	Tony Moschella	7:30 AM	Anna Nassisi
9:00 AM	Roger Aimi	12:10 PM	Denise Nazon
<b>Thursday</b>	Oct. 19, 2017	<b>Thursday</b>	Oct. 19, 2017
6:30 AM	Inocencio & Iluminada Antonio Juan & Salvacion Corpuz	7:30 AM	Lydia Biggioli
9:00 AM	Susan & Frank Eagan	12:10 PM	George Bryant
<b>Friday</b>	Oct. 20, 2017	<b>Friday</b>	Oct. 20, 2017
6:30 AM	Robert Michael Sbordone	7:30 AM	Michael J. McKeon
9:00 AM	McCabe, Eagan & Nevin Family	12:10 PM	Max Etienne
<b>Saturday</b>	Oct. 21, 2017	<b>Saturday</b>	Oct. 21, 2017
7:30 AM	Cheryl Magee	9:00 AM	Mary Lynch Simonelli
9:00 AM	Samuel De Priest	5:30 PM	Nathan DeChiara
5:00 PM	Donna Rossi		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>29th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Oct. 22, 2017	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>29th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Oct. 22, 2017
7:30 AM	For the People of the Parish	8:45 AM	Bernard Hines Jr.
10:00 AM	Diaz & Menendez Family	11:30 AM	Costantino Fiore — Anniversary
12:00 PM	Joseph Falotico		
6:00 PM	Johanna Bambridge		
7:30 PM			
	<i>2nd Collection — Mission Sunday</i>		<i>2nd Collection — Mission Sunday</i>

These masses are still available. If you would like to schedule a mass to be said for your special intention, please call the Rectory.  
 St. Paul — Oct. 31 (All Saints Vigil), Dec. 2 (7:30), Dec. 7 (I.C. Vigil), Dec. 8 (12:00 & evening), Dec. 22 (6:30)  
 St. Ann — Nov. 8 (7:30), Nov. 9 (7:30), Nov. 17 (7:30), Nov. 21 (7:30), Nov. 23 (7:30), Nov. 24 (7:30), Nov. 28 (7:30)

# PARISH NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS



## PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that you inspire young people whom you call to priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow your will. Send workers into your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Traveling Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

The parish of St. Francis of Assisi in West Nyack is most privileged to host the traveling statue of Our Lady of Fatima in this month of October. Everyone is invited to make a visit to pray to Our Lady during this time. At Fatima, in Portugal, when Mary appeared to the three children, she requested that we pray the rosary and that devotion be established in the world to her Immaculate Heart.

Photo — St. Francis of Assisi Church in West Nyack.



NEXT SUNDAY  
OCT. 22

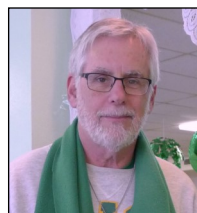
PLEASE PRAY AND GIVE GENEROUSLY  
IN THE SECOND COLLECTION

Today begins our parish celebration of vocations to the priesthood in preparation for **National Vocations Week** (Nov. 5–11). Each week we will feature the vocation “biography” of one of our priests. See page 9 for the story of our pastor, **Fr. Vladimir Chripko**.

At some point in their lives, our wonderful priests were moved by the Holy Spirit to respond to the call to serve God’s people in proclaiming the Gospel, celebrating the sacraments, and walking with us in our joys and sufferings. Each vocation story is unique, but all of our priests love to talk about the joy and happiness of their lives as priests. Stay tuned!

## PARISH PAY IS NOW **WE-SHARE**.

PARISH PAY HAS BEEN ACQUIRED BY A NEW COMPANY. THIS WILL NOT AFFECT YOUR SCHEDULED DONATIONS, BUT SEE PAGE 4 FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO MANAGE YOUR NEW ACCOUNT.



TODAY — OCT. 15 — 2 PM

WALKING TOUR OF HISTORIC NYACK  
OAK HILL CEMETERY

CONDUCTED BY  
DEACON LUKE CONROY

This annual autumn event, sponsored by the Historical Society of the Nyacks, has become a favorite due to the storytelling expertise of our own Deacon Luke Conroy, who for 14 years was the caretaker of the historic cemetery across from Nyack Hospital. Come learn about some of the famous and not-so-famous but fascinating people laid to rest there. Meet at the main gate across from the hospital on 9W. Cost is \$5. Street parking.

# FROM the RECTORY

## MASS BOOK & MEMORIALS

The **Mass Book** is open at both churches. Please call the Parish Office to reserve a mass at St. Ann's or St. Paul's through March 2018.

If you'd like to bring up the Gifts at a mass for which you've scheduled an announced intention, please tell the usher.

You may also request that the **'Sanctuary Lamp'** in either church or the St. Ann's Chapel be lit for your special intention or in memory of a loved one. The candle burns for 1 week. Donation is \$25.

## EMAIL FOR THE PASTOR

Pastor@spasaparish.org

## BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deadline is Friday, the week before publication  
Send to: Bulletin@spasaparish.org

Oct. 29 bulletin — deadline Friday, Oct. 20

Nov. 3 bulletin — deadline Friday, Oct. 27

## PARISH WEBSITES

For more detailed information about our parish:  
Spasaparish.org      Stann-nyack.org

## MEMORIAL INTENTIONS — WEEK OF OCT. 15

**Sanctuary Lamp (St. Paul)**

**Alan Barnuski**

**Sanctuary Lamp (St. Ann)**

**Pascuale Arlotta**

**Chapel (St. Ann)**



## SEPTEMBER 2017 COLLECTIONS

	09/03/17	09/10/17	09/17/17	09/24/17
<b>St. Paul collection</b>	9,375	9,350	8,555	8,594
<b>St Ann collection</b>	4,633	4,227	4,455	4,359
<b>St. Paul and St Ann Parish Pay</b>	<b>7,329</b>			
<b>St. Ann Capital campaign</b>	<b>10,335</b>			

Thank you all for your generosity to our parish last month — and a special thank you to our Counting Teams, who tally the donations every week.

You'll find this link on our church websites, [stann-nyack.org](http://stann-nyack.org) and [spasaparish.org](http://spasaparish.org), in the right column, under the church information. It says **GIVE ONLINE — PARISH PAY**.



# Welcome To WESHARE ONLINE GIVING!

## VERIFY YOUR EXISTING ACCOUNT

If you gave online through ParishPay, the work of transferring your account to WeShare is done. Visit the ParishPay link on your church website to securely verify your account. You'll need some information on hand:

- 1 Your ParishPay Username  
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- 2 Last 4 digits of the bank account or credit card used for ParishPay  
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You'll also need ONE of the following two options:

- 1 Your email registered with ParishPay OR  
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- 2 A collection name and a specific amount you donated in the last 6 months  
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## SIGN UP TO GIVE ONLINE

If you've never donated online before, signing up is easy!

- 1 Visit your church website and click **"Give Online."**
- 2 Click on the collection you wish to donate to.
- 3 Click **"Recurring Donation,"** then enter your donation amount and frequency.

Once you've added your account information, donations will automatically deduct from your account. It's that easy!

**QUESTIONS?** Contact WeShare support at (800) 950-9952, Select Option 1.

**HOURS:** 8:00 am to 8:00 pm ET.

# CHURCH of ST. ANN



## St. Ann's LITURGY MINISTERS for Oct. 22, 2017



TIME	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS
5:30 PM	M. Lorenzini	G. Gebbia, J. Tangredi	K. Lusaria, G. Tangredi	Joe Arl, Nick D. George B, Guy
8:45 AM	J. O'Brien	C. Kakaki, D. Oswald	M. & N. Camitan	James C., Tom S. Ken W.
11:30 AM	K. Lynch	R. Campodonico, A. Sater	M. Brosius, T. Ryder A. VanCura	Ed T., Rob C. Jean L., Jean V.

### DEVOTIONS

Rosary	Monday through Friday	11:45 am
Divine Mercy Chaplet	Monday through Friday	after 12:10 pm Mass
Rosary & Divine Mercy	Saturday	after 9 am Mass

**First Friday** 7:30 am Mass; 8:00 am to 11:50 Exposition of Blessed Sacrament; 8:15 Morning Prayer, 11:15 Rosary; 11:50 Benediction; 12:10 Mass; 12:40 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy; 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm Holy Hour, Exposition, Benediction.

### 'OCTOGENERIAN' MASS — NEXT WEEK

**Oct. 22, 11:30 am at St. Ann's**

If you're a parishioner of St. Paul and St. Ann's, **80 years old or above**, we'd like to invite you to be our guest at a special mass in your honor. This annual mass to "Celebrate Our Seniors" has long been a tradition at St. Ann's. We'd love to have you take part. Please call Julie LePore at 845-358-1427 or St. Paul's Rectory, 845-268-4464.



### CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL UPDATE

The 2017 **Cardinal's Stewardship Appeal** is nearing its **\$153,000 goal** in our parish. We have collected **\$144,897, a total of 474 gifts.**

**We are so close!** It is only with **your help** that the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal* continues to be a beacon of hope for our brothers and sisters through our ministries and charities. **Answer the call and donate today!** God bless you.

### St. Paul & St. Ann PRAYER FOR THE SICK

*We pray that the sick of our parish, our relatives, and friends will experience God's healing love, especially:*

Allen Desir, Christopher Martino

Call the rectory (268-4464) to be placed on the list of those who need prayers in time of illness, or call with the names of any sick family members or friends. The name will remain on the list for 3 weeks and then be removed unless we hear from you that the person still needs our prayers.

## ORATORIAN FATHERS

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### HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

(x JFK SERIES)

NEW YORK / AMMAN / ISRAEL / PALESTINE / DUBAI / NEW YORK  
10 NIGHTS / 11 DAYS



### Highlights Of The Tour

- \*Rejoice at the site of Christ's birth \* Visit the Tomb of Jesus \* Stand at the Wailing Wall
- \* Cruise on the Sea of Galilee \* Walk in Christ's footsteps down the Via Dolorosa
- \* Renew Your Baptismal Vows at River Jordan \* See the Miraculous Pool of Bethesda
- \* Float on the Dead Sea \* Experience a desert safari in Dubai....and MORE!

\*FLIGHTS AND ITINERARY SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Tentative Flights on Emirates	Flying hrs.	CALL / SMS / WHATSAPP
11 APR JFK / Dubai EK 202 dep 2300 / arr 1945*	12.45	CECILIA - (+91) 9912233951 EMAIL info@atmtravels.com WEBSITE: www.atmtravels.com
12 APR Dubai / Amman EK 905 dep 2210 / arr 0030*	3.20	
20 APR Amman / Dubai EK 902 dep 1120 / arr 1510	3.30	
22 APR Dubai / JFK EK 207 dep 1500 / arr 2045	14.40	

### HARMONY FOR THE HOMELESS

An evening to benefit Helping Hands Interfaith Coalition for the Homeless of Rockland and honoring the Rockland County Music Teachers Guild: Gala Diner and Silent Auction, Sunday, Nov. 5, 4-8 pm, Town & Country, Route 9W, Congers. For tickets or further information contact Kathy Lathrop, 845-357-3025, or KathyL118@aol.com.

# CHURCH of ST. PAUL



## St. Paul's LITURGY MINISTERS for Oct. 22, 2017



TIME	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
5:00 PM	A. Cacciola	C. & E. Skiba	A. Sawal, A. Zil
7:30 AM	D. Paoli	S. Fergus-Mellon, J. Salerno	M. Martucci, R. Adriano
10:00 AM	B. Pfindst	L. Diaz, L. Maresca	J. McAleer, M. Leiter
12:00 PM	M. Allgor	J. & A. Carroll	A. Diaz, J. Viducich
6:00 PM	R. Aberion	R. Sbordone, E. Pellegrino	C. & M. Sambveski

### USHERS

- G. Enriquez, V. Panzo, W. Rodriguez, J. Galeta, G. Holland (5 pm)
- A. Smith, V. Czajkowski, T. Totor, P. Bencivengo (7:30 pm)
- G. Spinney, H. Caceres, M. Katigbak, K. McAleer, R. Bean, S. Reynolds, S. Leto, V. Alfieri, A. Diaz (10 am)
- J. Granata, W. Hartl, W. Kelder, P. Dudgeon, A. Reale, A. Dibianco, R. Vivas, M. Reilly, E. Lockhart, F. Cifuni (12 pm)
- C. Linen, J. Cerreta, R. Aberion (6 pm)

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- Homebound** — J. Peters, L. Diaz  
C. James
- Nyack Manor** — H. Hohlfeld, C. Moreno
- Tolstoy** — M. Vaillancourt

DEVOTIONS			
Morning Prayer	Daily	8:45 am	
Holy Rosary	Daily	after 9:00 am Mass	
Eucharistic Adoration	Wednesday	noon to 6:00 pm, Benediction at 6:00 pm	
Our Lady of Fatima Novena	Wednesday	6:00 pm	
Chaplet of Divine Mercy	Friday	after 9:00 am Mass	

### ST. PAUL'S WOMEN'S CANCER SUPPORT

Meets 7 pm this Tuesday, Oct. 17, at St. Paul School in Valley Cottage, and every third Tuesday of the month. This group provides a shoulder to lean on, an ear to listen, and an opportunity to find hope in a time that can be dark and lonely. Please call Susan (917-509-9260) for more information.

### Come to the Baby Mass

**Sunday, Oct. 29, 10 am**

St. Paul & St. Ann Parish will joyfully host its first annual celebration of all babies who have been baptized in the parish in the past year from September 2016 through August 2017. This will take place at the usual 10:00 am Mass on Oct. 29 at St. Paul Church. Invitations are being sent to these families, but if you have had a recently baptized child and would like to register to join the Mass, please call Bernadette or Peter at (845) 826-0960 or the rectory at (845) 268-4464. Join us in welcoming these little cherubs and promising prayerful support for these new families. This Mass promises to be a joyful noise and no one need sit in the cry room!



### 300 CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations to the Lucky Winners of our September Drawing!

- #021 Carol Cifuni
- #042 Mr. & Mrs. Smith
- #130 Mr. & Mrs. Peter Calabrese
- #135 Mr. Walter Hartl

### WEEKLY at ST. PAUL'S

- Monday** Prayer Group, 7:45 pm (school)  
K of C, 7:30 pm, 2nd & 4th
- Tuesday** AA 5:30-9:00 pm (school)  
Bible Study, 7 to 8:30 pm (school)
- Wednesday** (see 'Devotions' on pg. 6)
- Thursday** Shawl making, 10 am (Parish Center)
- Saturday** AA Meeting, 6:30 pm & 8 pm  
Spanish Prayer Group (Parish Center)
- Sunday** AA Meeting, 5 pm, NA Meeting (school)

# MORE PARISH & COUNTY EVENTS

## RUMMAGE SALES

**St. Aedan's:** Thursday, Oct. 19, from 9 am to 3 pm in the St. Aeden's school gym on Ehrhardt Rd. in Pearl River

**St. Anthony's** in Nanuet: Saturday, Oct. 21, 2 pm to 6:30 pm in the school cafeteria. Sunday, Oct. 22, from 9 am to 2 pm. A **BAKE SALE** will also be held.

## BEREAVEMENT SESSION — THIS TUESDAY

Ministry of Consolation: St. Francis of Assisi, West Nyack, Tuesdays through Oct. 31, 7 pm to 8:30 pm. Please call the rectory at 634-4957 to register. If you have lost a loved one, come for discussion, understanding, and faith in healing.

## K OF C 27TH ANNUAL CHARITY BALL

The Rockland County Chapter of the Knights of Columbus invites you to join them at their 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Ball on Oct. 27 at 7 pm at The View in Piermont. The honoree will be His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan. \$120 per person. For reservations, call (845) 357-5940.

If you'd like to show your personal support for the Cardinal by taking an ad in the Charity Ball Journal, please contact Charles Gardella, Chapter Chairman, at (845) 634-9381. Ads run from \$150 for an 8x10 gold page to \$45 for a quarter page. Any and all assistance is appreciated.

## CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

**Paramus Catholic High School** Open House for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders and parents: Wednesday, Oct. 18, from 7 to 9 pm. 425 Paramus Rd, Paramus, NJ. For more information, contact the Admissions Office at 201-445-4466 ext. 104.

**Albertus Magnus High School** Open House: Sunday, Oct. 22 (12 to 3 pm); Monday, Oct. 23 (6:30 to 8:30 pm). 8th grade students can shadow an AM freshman student in the "Falcon for a Day" program. Register online at [www.albertusmagnus.net](http://www.albertusmagnus.net).

**St. Joseph Regional High School** in Montvale, NJ. Open House for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade boys: Nov. 1 from 6:30 pm to 9 pm. Tours begin at 6:45 and 7:45. Register online at [www.sjrnj.org](http://www.sjrnj.org).

## IMMIGRATION FORUM

Hosted by Dominican Sisters of Sparkill, Nov. 18, 1:30 to 3:30 pm, Dominican Convent, 175 Route 340, Sparkill. Featuring Gail Golden, co-chair and co-founder of the Rockland Immigration Coalition and Action in support of DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) students. Contact Eileen Gannon, O.P., at 845-359-4129 or [Eileen.gannon@sparkill.org](mailto:Eileen.gannon@sparkill.org).

## JESUS AND THE GOSPEL MESSAGE

7th & 8th Graders, come learn about Jesus' message. It will guide and help you overcome stresses and sorrows, give you courage and understanding, and expand the joy of happy times: \$80 includes materials, accommodations and meals. 7 pm to 4 pm on November 3-4 or 4-5, 2017. Applications must be received by Oct. 31. Contact Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries, 781 Route 9D, PO Box 192, Garrison, NY, (845) 424-3609.

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

**40 Days for Life** is an interfaith movement to end abortion through prayer, fasting, and community outreach. Volunteers come to a designated prayer site to pray for 40 consecutive days. The current vigil began Sept. 27 and will end Nov. 5.

In Rockland, the prayer site is on Perlman Drive in Spring Valley from 9 am to 5 pm every day; prayer continues through the night at the Eucharistic Perpetual Adoration Chapel of St. Gregory Barbarigo Church in Garnerville. The vigil will go on 24/7 for 40 days.

Volunteers are needed. If you can commit to one hour a week, please email [rachelminister1@aol.com](mailto:rachelminister1@aol.com). Or call 845-492-6709. "Walk-ins" are always welcome. If you have an hour to spare, come on down. You may say the rosary or pray in any manner you choose. Be assured this is a peaceful event, held on public property.

## Widows' & Widowers' Ministry

### HEARTACHE TO HEALING

*He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.*

Psalms 147:3

There is nothing you need more than a warm, reassuring voice of one who has traveled this path before . . . and survived the death of a spouse. This ministry offers just such a voice, caring and hopeful, always pointing ahead to a tomorrow that will be a little easier than today. Fr. Ravi will work closely with this ministry.

**OPEN HOUSE: FRIDAY, OCT. 20, 6 PM**

**PASTORAL CENTER, OUR LADY of the SACRED HEART RECTORY, TAPPAN**

## OCT. 16 — NATIONAL ESTATE PLANNING AWARENESS WEEK

Consider remembering the Archdiocese of New York or the Parish of St. Paul and St. Ann in your will. You can discuss this with a archdiocesan gift-planning specialist at 646-794-3317 or email [plannedgiving@archny.org](mailto:plannedgiving@archny.org).

## AUDITIONS FOR MUSICAL, "CURTAINS"

St. Joseph's Reg. H.S. in Montvale invites high school girls (grades 9-12) to audition for this year's musical – *Curtains*. 40 Chestnut Ridge Rd. – Room 115. Oct. 17 & 18 at 7 pm; Oct. 19 (6 pm and 7:30 pm (only need to attend one)). Be prepared to sing 16 to 32 bars of your chosen song in classical Broadway style. Bring sheet music. Rehearsals start Nov. 13, 1-2 nights per week and Sunday afternoons. More information at: [www.sjrtheater.com](http://www.sjrtheater.com).

## HELP WANTED — PART-TIME SECRETARY

To support St. Augustine's (New City) Religious Education Office. 23/hrs/week — M & T (12:30-6:30 pm), W & Th (9 am -1 pm, Sat. 8-1 am); \$12.50/hour. Must be bilingual (English/Spanish), have one year similar office experience, be proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, other MS Office apps. Three letters of recommendation required. Email resume to Mrs. Rowena Hoblin, DRE, at [staugustineREO@gmail.com](mailto:staugustineREO@gmail.com)



Saint Paul School Annual  
*Gift Harvest*

**Saturday, November 4**

**7:00 PM**

**365 Kings Highway**

**Valley Cottage**

St. Paul School is very excited to be hosting its annual Gift Harvest fundraiser again this year. If you are interested in reserving a table of 10 or purchasing individual admissions, please complete the reservation form. Completed forms (with contact information and payment) can be dropped at or mailed to either the school or parish office.

**Reservations must be received by October 27**

Seating is limited and the event is expected to sell out, so don't delay. Please contact Mary Mazzucca (973)477-6497 with any reservation questions. We look forward to seeing you!

**Admission Price\*: \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door**

\*Includes door prize ticket, coffee, tea and dessert. We also encourage you to bring your own party snacks and beverages of choice.

**So many wonderful prizes! Playstation 4, Sporting Events, Designer Handbags, and so much more!**

*Gift Harvest Reservation Form*

*Name, Phone Number & Email Address Please*



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- 7. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. \_\_\_\_\_
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**# of Reservations:** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20 = \_\_\_\_\_



# THE GIFT OF VOCATIONS



## **Fr. Vladimir Chripko, C.O.**

*"The priesthood of Jesus Christ is the joy of my life!"*

I was born in Slovakia, the oldest of four children. I have two younger sisters and one brother. I first experienced my vocation to the priesthood in high school ... my pastor asked me if I was thinking of becoming a priest. At that time, enrollments in the seminary were very limited due to the Communist regime's persecution of the Church in our country.

From the age of three, I served as an altar server and was at church almost every day to serve at 6 am and evening Masses. We practiced our faith to witness our faith in a hostile Communist environment. We were an underground church. Catholics met in people's homes for prayers and mutual support. We could not leave the meeting together at the same time. We had to leave one-by-one to avoid notice. When I was in high school, I was repeatedly called to the police station after Sunday Mass for questioning about my being an altar server. After high school, I was unable to apply for higher education due to my service as an altar server; the Communist party controlled education. I served the mandatory two years military service.

Communism fell in 1989. In 1990, I entered the theological seminary and was ordained a priest on June 17, 1995. I never thought of going to America. My mother came to work in America in 1994 to earn some extra money that was used for the family and also to pay for the expenses of my first Mass celebration. After ordination, I worked as a dean of studies and discipline at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in the Archdiocese of Kosice. My sister moved to America, and I loved to visit her. I came to America several times and enjoyed getting to know this country better.

I had the opportunity to visit the Slovak communities in America and learned that they desperately needed Slovak priests ... I believed in my heart that God was calling me to serve them. I spoke with my bishop, and he allowed me to stay in America and to study English, which I did at BOCES from November 1999 to February 2000. On one of my visits I heard about Fr. George Torok, who at that time was serving the Slovak community in Clifton, NJ. I went there to attend Mass and to have the opportunity to meet Fr. George. It was a providential meeting, prepared, I believe, by the Holy Spirit. In 2002, I began working with Fr. George and served as a priest to many communities, including the Slovak parish of St. Michael in Trenton, St. Cyril and Methodius in Clifton, the Dominican Sisters' communities in Sparkill and Blauvelt, Holy Cross in Sleepy Hollow, and also, as a Catholic chaplain, at Rockland Psychiatric Hospital. I won a green card through the lottery and obtained citizenship five years later.

I realized after meeting with Fr. George that I had discovered, through the Oratory of St. Philip Neri, how I could fulfill my own way to be a priest. The Oratory of St. Philip Neri is not a religious order but a community of apostolic life. It adopts a more democratic governance. The Oratory is to be first of all a community of mutual support and love. The spirit of joy of St. Philip Neri animates our every action and prayer. Every Wednesday night we gather for a community dinner, each taking our turn to cook for the others (It's fun!). On Thursday nights we celebrate our Christian Seder, a beautiful tradition instituted by Fr. George.

Fr. George began the process of establishing an Oratory in 1995. I was among the four priests who co-founded the New York Congregation Oratory. On the Feast of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, Pope Benedict XVI issued the decree of our foundation. On August 15, 2007, the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we officially received the papal documents authorizing us to be the Oratory of St. Philip Neri in New York.

### ***My hobbies?***

I love to grill. I love to cook, and every Oratorian takes turns cooking for our community. I used to play hockey. Now I love to walk around Rockland or Congers Lake; sometimes it is difficult to find the time for such pleasure, but I try.

### ***What is my hope for the parish of St Paul-St Ann?***

My hope is that we can do something beautiful for God together and also for all of us to enjoy one day the eternal life in heaven. What is most important is that we be united in love and joy, work together as friends and family. Nothing is more important than a family that works and prays together and where love reigns. We work for the glory of God, and that will bring us together. The people of God in St. Paul and St. Ann's church are my joy!

### ***Inspiring quotes?***

All is Grace – St. Philip Neri – Be good if you can.

There are people in your life whom you unknowingly inspire simply by being you.

If being a Christian were illegal, would there be enough evidence to put you in jail?

Enjoy Life, It has an expiration date.

Be patient. God isn't finished with me yet.