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Rev. Richard K. McFadden
Pastor

Liturgy Schedule

Sunday Masses
Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8:30 and 10:30 am
Daily Masses
Mon-Sat: 8:00 am
Holy Day Masses
Holy Day Masses will be posted in the Bulletin
Sacrament of Penance
Saturdays: 3:30-4:00 pm

Parish Office

Rectory Address:
2007 New Hope Street
East Norriton, PA 19401
Office Hours:
Mon-Thurs: 9:00 am-Noon
1:00 pm-4:00 pm
Fri: 9:00 am-Noon
Contact Information:
Phone: 610-279-6725

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 4, 2026

Parish Staff

Clergy
Rev. Richard K. McFadden • Pastor
Rev. Harry E. McCreedy • Pastor Emeritus
Rev. David B. Machain • Pastor Emeritus
Rev. James N. Catagnus • Retired Priest in Residence
Deacon Matthew J. Hrobak • Permanent Deacon

Parish Religious Education Program
Lucy Boardway, PhD • Coordinator
Phone: 610-279-6725 (Monday & Tuesday)
Email: prep@stpaulrc.org

Care of the Sick and Homebound
Sister Rosellen Bracken, RSM
Pastoral Services Coordinator
Phone: 610-277-0827

Catholic School
Holy Rosary Regional School
Fran Luthy, Principal
Phone: 610-825-0160

Sacramental Information

Baptism
Parents baptizing their first child must attend Pre-Baptismal classes at the parish and Godparents must obtain letters of eligibility from their proper Pastor. To schedule a date for baptism, please call the Parish Office.

Matrimony
Couples wishing to get married at St. Paul's should contact the Parish Office to schedule the wedding and begin wedding preparations at least six months prior to the wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion
The sick and homebound are encouraged to contact Sister Rosellen to schedule visits for Holy Communion. Those in the hospital are encouraged to inform the staff that they want to receive the Sacraments.

Sacramental Emergencies
Anyone seriously ill or in danger of death should contact the Parish Office as soon as possible to receive the Last Rites from Father McFadden or Father Catagnus.

Weekly Schedule of Mass Intentions

Sun, Oct 4	**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:30 am	Frank & Betty Kahoun
10:30 am	Eileen Keane
Mon, Oct 5	**Saint Faustina Kowalska**
8:00 am	Joseph T. Bracken, Jr.
Tue, Oct 6	**Saint Bruno**
8:00 am	Mary Ann Durante
Wed, Oct 7	**Our Lady of the Rosary**
8:00 am	Sister Marie Carolyn
Thur, Oct 8	**Ferial Day / Blessed Sacrament**
8:00 am	Eileen Keane
Fri, Oct 9	**Saint Denis**
8:00 am	Joseph Russo, Jr.
Sat, Oct 10	**Ferial Day / BVM**
8:00 am	For the People of the Parish
4:30 pm	The Stevens Family
Sun, Oct 11	**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:30 am	Ubaldo & Otello Ferri
10:30am	For the People of the Parish

Church Sanctuary Lamp
IMO Gloria Cashman
Convent Sanctuary Lamp
IHO Cindy Prinzivalli

Catholic Devotion for October
The Holy Rosary

"Against the background of the words [of the Hail Mary] the principal events of the life of Jesus Christ pass before the eyes of the soul…and they put us in living communion with Jesus through – we might say – the heart of his Mother" **~ Pope St. John Paul II**

Sunday Gospel
At a Glance (Mt 21:33-43)

Let us Pray the Offertory
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Accept, O Lord, we pray,
the sacrifices instituted by your commands
and, through the sacred mysteries,
which we celebrate with dutiful service,
graciously complete the sanctifying work
by which you are pleased to redeem us.
Through Christ our Lord.

"Do this in Memory of Me"

The Church does not offer the Eucharistic Sacrifice to the Father simply of her own volition, as if it were something she only does when or how she wants to, and could stop at any point if she so desired. Rather, it is offered at the command of Christ, given to the Apostles at the Last Supper: "Do this in memory of me."

But our Offertory speaks of "sacrifices instituted by [divine] commands," using the plural. What other sacrifices does God command? The command to "make disciples of all nations," commonly referred to as the Great Commission, can only be lived out by those who sincerely offer themselves to God, and carry out his will in their lives.

Pope St. John Paul II pointed out that, at the end of the day, these are not two unrelated commands. We can only fulfill the Great Commission to make disciples of all nations if we have first fulfill the command to participate in the Eucharistic Sacrifice, to offer it to the Father "in memory" of Christ.

If we wish to be missionary disciples, then we must begin by being disciples. If we wish to help other come to Christ then we must first let Christ come to us. To offer ourselves to the Father in sacrifice for the salvation of souls, we must first unite ourselves to the One Sacrifice by which all souls are saved, that of Christ himself. **~ Fr. McF**

Saint of the Week
Our Lady of the Rosary – October 7

Pope St. Pius V established the Feast of our Lady of Victory to thank God for the victory of the Christian naval forces at the Battle of Lepanto, which the Pope attributed to the Rosary. At Fatima, our Lady introduced herself using this title.

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us!

News of NEW HOPE

Parish Information and Events

Blessing of Pets
In honor of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday, October 4 (1:00pm)
In front of the Church

"Animals are God's creatures. He surrounds them with his providential care. By their mere existence they bless him and give him glory. Thus men owe them kindness" **~ Pope Benedict XVI**

St Paul's Annual Candlelight Rosary Procession

In Honor of Our Lady of Fatima

Monday, October 12
7:00pm

Together, we as a parish will honor our Lady by reciting the Joyful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary by candlelight, in the presence of the Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima statue, and consecrate our Parish and our families to her Immaculate Heart. Following Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, we will conclude with the traditional "Fatima Farewell" introduced by Father McCreedy, in imitation of what is done at Fatima.

There will be a practice
for anyone participating in the ceremony,
or who would like to assist in any way,
immediately after the
10:30 Mass on October 11.

Weekly Giving Report

Sunday Collection (Sept 13) TOTAL – $ 7,156
In Pew - $ 5,588 Mail In - $ 1,200 eGiving - $ 1, 234
Sunday Collection (Sept 20) TOTAL – $ 5,785
In Pew - $ 4,637 Mail In - $ 335 eGiving - $ 813

Our 2026 Fall Campaign has begun!

THANK YOU
for your generosity to our Parish!

Monthly 50/50 Raffle

Thank you to all who participate in our monthly 50/50 raffle!

2026 Fall Campaign Letter

Our 2026 Fall Campaign Letter has been sent!
This annual campaign supports ongoing expenses while allowing us to fund occasional capital improvements to our Campus.
The Letter also provides an overview of our Financial Statement for the year, outlining our income and spending for the year, resulting in a modest surplus of $19,00 dollars.
Our goal for this year's campaign is $50,000.
If you did not receive the Fall Campaign Letter, please contact the Rectory.

Our 2027 Mass Book Will be opened at 9:00am Monday, October 5th

Boscov's Shopping Passes

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A $5.00 donation to St. Paul's Parish provides you with a 25% off Shopping Pass, good in store and on-line, to be used on Wednesday, October 21st!

Around the ARCHDIOCESE Area News and Events

ST. RAYMOND NONNATUS FOUNDATION
"Faith and Freedom America" Pilgrimage
October 6–15

This pilgrimage celebrating America's 250th will journey through the northeastern corridor of the US, visiting religious and historic sites in Washington, DC, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, and Boston

Contact kayla@trinitytourtravels.com
817-386-8306

THE CATHOLIC PREACHING INSTITUTE'S
"Festival of the Word" celebrating St. John Henry Newman
Oct 7 (7pm)

Join us at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary (1400 Evans Road, Ambler), for a lecture by Dr. Kenneth Parker on "How Preaching Changed the Young John Henry Newman," with a response by Rev. Eric Banecker.

www.scs.edu/preaching/

MARTIN SAINTS CLASSICAL HIGH SCHOOL
Open House
Thursday, Oct 8 (7pm)

Those interested in a joyfully Catholic, classical high school are invited to our Open House!

RSVP at whymsc.org

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND
Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown
Oct 9-11 or Nov 13-15

Why not give yourselves some time together by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend?

For more info:
www.wwme-philly.org

CAMILLA HALL OKTOBERFEST & CRAFT FAIR
Saturday, October 10 (10am-3pm)

Support this fundraiser for the retired sisters at Camilla Hall. Sponsorships are available! For more information please visit. camillaoktoberfest.org

or contact Dan O'Neill
dan.oneill@ihm.imm.org
610-647-2160 ext 1923

LEGION OF MARY PATRICIAN SOCIETY
"The Passion of Jesus and its Hidden Meaning"
Wed, October 21 (6:45-8:45pm)

Join us for reflections on the Passion drawn from the 1908 book by Fr. James Groenings, SJ. St. John the Baptist Church, Bridgeport (502 Ford Street)

For more information:
r.edel.lukens@gmail.com or 610-256-7125

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
"Real Beauty in an Artificial Age"
Saturday, October 24 (9am-4pm)

Consider joining Catholic women from around the Archdiocese basking in the light of reality, rejoicing in the freedom of God's definition of beauty.

For more information or to register:
www.catholicwomensconference.org

ST. MARY POLISH-AMERICAN SOCIETY
7th Annual Raffle
December 13, 2026

Tickets are on sale for $50 a piece, for a grant total of $10,000 in prizes ($5k, $2k, $1k, and four $500 prizes), supporting our mission of promoting Polish heritage in Montgomery County, PA, and the ongoing restoration of St. Mary Church, Conshohocken

For raffle tickets
610-630-0861 or raffle@stmarypolish.org

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH, NORRISTOWN
Christmas Bazaar
December 5 (9am-2pm), Dec 6 (8am-2pm)

Vendors wanted! 8ft spaces with a table and two chairs are $75 for both days.

For more information
610-272-0402 or admin@sfanorristown.com
Vendors please contact Jane Carusso at 610-539-1681

Seven Sisters Apostolate: Calling Women to Call on Jesus!

This Archdiocesan apostolate encourages women to offer one holy hour one day every week to support individual priests in their ministry.

For more information
phillyevang.org/sevensisters/
Or contact
Maria Carmel Richardson
267-664-2878 or
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