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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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 18, 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 18	**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:30 am	Justiniana Rasing
10:30 am	Liz Stern
Mon, Oct 19	**Saint John de Brebeuf**
8:00 am	Helen Gallagher
Tue, Oct 20	**Ferial Day**
8:00 am	Joseph Turchi
Wed, Oct 21	**Ferial Day**
8:00 am	Anthony & Rose Kahoun
Thur, Oct 22	**Saint John Paul II**
8:00 am	Mildred Mallon
Fri, Oct 23	**Saint John of Capistrano**
8:00 am	Melvin & Catharine Salamon
Sat, Oct 24	**Saint Anthony Mary Claret**
8:00 am	For the People of the Parish
4:30 pm	Eileen Keane
Sun, Oct 25	**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:30 am	Mildred R. Mallon/Gaetan Sacco
10:30am	Eileen Keane

Church Sanctuary Lamp
Special Intention of Annette Turchi
Convent Sanctuary Lamp
IHO Luke Prinzivalli

Catholic Devotion for October
The Holy Rosary

"With the Rosary, we allow ourselves to be guided by Mary, model of faith, in meditating on the mysteries of Christ, and day after day we are helped to assimilate the Gospel, so that it shapes all our lives."

~ Pope Benedict XVI

Sunday Gospel
At a Glance (Mt 22:15-21)

Let us Pray the Offertory
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Grant us, Lord, we pray, a sincere respect for your gifts,
that, through the purifying action of your grace,
we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve.
Through Christ our Lord.

Approaching God with Sincere Respect

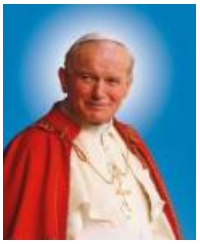
The 2011 translation of the Missal, in general, provides a more literal rendering of the official Latin than the one issued in the 1970s. So it is interesting to note that what is translated in this week's Offertory Prayer as "a sincere respect for your gifts" would be more accurately translated as asking God that we might serve him "through [approaching] his gifts with minds made free."

But this editorial decision offers its own insights. By rendering "minds made free" as "sincere respect" it is suggested that our insincerity towards God is the result of a mind that is not yet free from the influence of sin. This, in turn, helps explain the emphasis on being "cleansed" through the "purifying action" of divine grace

Approaching God's gifts – in this case the Eucharistic elements – with "sincere respect" therefore requires being freed from sin. After Baptism, the Sacrament of Penance is where we come most directly into contact with the "purifying action" of God's grace. We should always be in a state of grace whenever we receive the Holy Eucharist, and if we have committed mortal sin, the Sacrament of Penance restores divine life to the soul.

But as the Catechism teaches us, the prayerful and devout reception of Holy Communion itself has a cleansing power: it purifies us from the effects of our past sins, preserves us from committing future sins, enkindles the fire of charity in the soul, which "wipes away venial sins," and unites us more closely to Christ (CCC 1392-1396). We are, in fact, cleansed by these very mysteries when we approach them with sincere respect. **~ Fr. McF**

Saint of the Week
St. John Paul II – October 22



Holding a commanding presence and an indomitable spiritual charisma, this Polish-born prelate was the first non-Italian Pope in over four centuries. He died in 2005 after his suffering from Parkinson's disease gave a shining example of faith in the face of suffering.

St. John Paul II,
pray for us!

News of NEW HOPE

Parish Information and Events

Parish Survey

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

Please take the time to respond to a brief survey regarding the timing of our Christmas Eve Vigil Mass. Survey forms may be filled out at the doors of the Church.

All are Invited!

Father McFadden's Installation
As the Fifth Pastor of St. Paul's Parish
Sunday, November 8, 2026 10:30am
Coffee social to follow!

St. Paul's Parish Faith Formation

Anyone interested in becoming Catholic, completing their sacraments, or simply desiring to learn more about their Faith, is invited to St. Paul's Rectory on October 29 at 7:00pm to learn more about how our Faith Formation program can help!

Weekly Giving Report

Sunday Collection (Sept 27) TOTAL – $ 7,106
In Pew – 3,559 $ Mail In - $ 2,730 eGiving - $ 817
Sunday Collection (Oct 4) TOTAL – $ 5,788
In Pew - $ 3,967 Mail In - $ 670 eGiving - $ 1,151

Our 2026 Fall Campaign has begun!

THANK YOU
for your generosity to our Parish!

Monthly 50/50 Raffle

Thank you to all who support our Parish!

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!

BAKERS

Thanks to the generosity of our bakers, all proceeds go directly to the parish. Baked goods may be dropped off at Fr. Murphy Hall on Friday, Nov 20, after 11:00am.

JEWELRY

Gold jewelry is priced by a jeweler with a guaranteed purchase if not sold. Donations may be left at the organ or dropped off at the rectory.

CRAFTERS

Share your talents by donating hand-made items for our Bazaar. Please contact Fran Boyle: fkboyle@gmail.com

Around the ARCHDIOCESE Area News and Events

LEGION OF MARY PATRICIAN SOCIETY
"The Passion of Jesus and its Hidden Meaning"
Wed, October 21 (6:45-8:45pm)
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)
For more information or to register:
www.catholicwomensconference.org

EXPOSITION OF SACRED RELICS
Holy Martyrs Church, Oreland
Nov 1 (10am-Noon), Nov 2 (9am-12pm, 4-7pm)
Learn about the Saints and pray in the presence of more than 200 relics at Holy Martyrs Church, 120 Allison Rd, Oreland, PA.

For more information
www.holymartyrschurch.org

POPE JOHN PAUL II HIGH SCHOOL
PAWS Program Information Session
Thurs, Nov 5 (6pm)
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To register or for more information
Mr. Joseph Rogers, Director of Academic Support
jrogers@pjphs.org

HOLY SAVIOUR CLASS OF 1970 REUNION
Sunday, Nov 8 (12-4pm)
Jefferson Golf Club (2400 W Main St, Jeffersonville), $30 per person includes food and light refreshments. Cash bar. Payment at the door (cash, check, Venmo, NO CREDIT CARDS!).

For more information:
610-416-9751 or dbontempo113@gmail.com
or 610-564-1614 or dinamelle1@gmail.com

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND
Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown
Nov 13-15
www.wwme-philly.org

2026 STAND UP FOR LIFE DINNER
Keynote: Dr William Lile, "The Pro-Life Doc"
Sun, Nov 22 (4:30 cocktails, 5:30 dinner)
At the Downtown Philadelphia Sheraton

For more information
www.prolifeunion.org/2026sufl
(215) 703-8155
dinner@prolifeunion.org

ST. MARY POLISH-AMERICAN SOCIETY
7th Annual Raffle
December 13, 2026
Tickets are on sale for $50 a piece, for a grand 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

Sung Vespers

Join us at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul for sung vespers, the Church's evening prayer, on the first Sunday of every month, at 6:00pm, right before our 6:30pm Mass.

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/
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267-664-2878 or
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