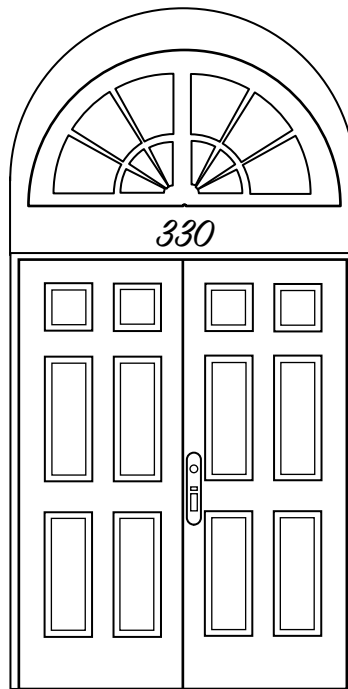


# ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE



# ANNUAL REPORT 2017-18

## *Sacraments 2017*

### Sacraments of Initiation

- 4 Baptism *Wyatt, Neven,  
Helena Jean, & Aubrey Lynn*
- 3 First Communion  
*Olivia, Mikolaj, & Francesco*
- 7 Confirmation  
*Michael Raphael, Patrick Joseph, Kaylee Valentine,  
William Jude, Alyssa Bonaventure,  
Kaitlyn Emily, & Carolynn Francis*
- ∅ Converts became full members of the  
Church through RCIA

### Vocations

- 3 couples entered into Christian Marriage  
*Larrie & Rita, Benjamin & Nicole, Nicholas & Victoria*
- ∅ were ordained to Holy Orders
- ∅ made profession into a Religious Order

## *Funerals 2017*

- 14 funerals were celebrated at St. Paul's  
7 were buried in St. Paul's Cemetery  
∅ buried in St. Francis de Sales Cemetery

### Requiescat In Pace

*Claudia, Emiline, Stephen, Carolyn, George,  
Kathleen, Diane, Elizabeth Ann, Socorro,  
Dolores, James, Regina, Arthur, & Gloria*

## *Faith Formation 2017-2018*

35 youth participated in faith formation and sacramental preparation during the 2017-2018 school year.

## *Finances*

*Combined Parish, Cemeteries, & Pre-school*

### 2017-2018

Incomes	
Assessable	158,315.08
Non-Assessable	80,019.71
Total	238,334.79
Expenses	
Employees	101,535.27
Overhead	89,355.63
Mission-related	27,946.54
Total	218,837.44

Also, as a parish we gave \$27,635 to the 2017 Diocesan Bishop's Appeal.

### 2018-2019

We have formulated a spending plan of \$241,900 for 2018-2019:

Employees	121,764.80
Overhead	88,917.00
Mission-related	26,450.00
Contingency	4,768.20
Total	241,900.00

### Savings Accounts as of June 30, 2018

Parish Savings Acct.	35,969.18
Parish CD	31,026.94
Investments with the Diocesan Foundation	{ 18,622.49 19,626.79
Cemetery CD	23,407.46
Capital Improvements Acct.	80,409.42
Kitchen Renovation Acct.	25,011.22

## 2017-2018 in Review

- July** Kyle Eads, one of our Albany seminarians studying at St. Joseph's in Dunwoodie, spent the summer with us, served at Mass, preached at some services, helped to bury our dead, and took in parish life. We also had our summer movie series with films such as *Mother Teresa, Of Gods and Men, No Greater Love, The Way*, and *Babbette's Feast*.
- August** The Catholic Daughters held their annual Penny Social.
- September** The preschool year started with 21 children enrolled. On Mary's birthday (Jesus' mom), we prayed the Rosary and had a party in our new reading room. We studied St. Paul's *Letter to the Philippians* in a 6-week program by Dr. Tim Gray.
- October** The Blessing of Animals on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi was held in the town square with our protestant brothers and sisters. The annual Life Chain prayers were held during Respect Life Month. We enjoyed a Harvest Dinner in Fr. Rausch Hall. We spiritually adopted recently conceived children and promised to pray a Hail Mary each day for them for the 9 months of their gestation.
- November** At Vespers on All Souls' Day, we prayed and lit a candle for all those who had died in the past year. Glenn Smith brought his one-man show, *A Visit with St. Paul*, so we could hear the living scriptures. The annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving service was held at the Presbyterian Church, giving thanks to God for all good things that come from Him. This year was Fr. Dan's turn to preach. *Loaves & Fishes* held their Thanksgiving food giveaway.
- December** We placed third in the annual Hancock Christmas Lights Parade. Our float was entitled *King of Kings* and featured a glittery golden crown with gems, above the baby Jesus on a bed of hay bales. Our religious education classes held their annual Christmas Program, with the nativity play. The whole town had the opportunity to enjoy the living nativity with carols in the town square. *Loaves & Fishes* held their annual Christmas food and baskets giveaway. Luminaries were placed all around town as we celebrated Christmas, the Feast of the Incarnation of our Lord in the flesh. We gave away the book *Why We're Catholic* by Trent Horn...
- January** ...and in January, we met to discuss it. Bishop Ed joined us for Mass and joined the discussion. We took a bus trip (and met up with Kyle) at the Metropolitan Museum of Art while they had their exhibit on Michelangelo, and attended the Franciscan Friars for the Renewal's *Catholic Underground*. We enjoyed a mid-winter spaghetti supper in the hall.
- February** One evening we discussed the Mass: its symbols, prayers, and the reality of the Eucharist. And during Lent, we studied Bishop Barron's *Catholicism: The Pivotal Players: St. Catherine of Siena, St. Francis of Assisi, & Michelangelo*. Also during Lent, Emory Methodist hosted the Friday night meatless Soup Suppers, the proceeds from which fund the lunches for the children in the Summer Program.
- March** The Catholic Daughters held a Pancake Supper. Men of the parish began meeting on Mondays, starting first with the *RISE* program. A group from St. Paul's attended the Chrism Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton.
- April** Holy Week and Easter, the celebration of the Lord's victory over death! And to celebrate, we had the Sunrise Service in the town square and after Mass, our Easter egg hunt and breakfast!
- May** We crowned Mary at the start of her month of May. Two of our young men were Confirmed in the Holy Spirit by Bishop Ed, both taking the name *Michael*. "*St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle!*" Three of our young members received their First Communion. On Pentecost, we gathered for a music-filled Evening Prayer, with guest preacher Rev. Ken Kirkman from St. Mary's Church in Cortland. The Children's Center held a Children's Fair in Fr. Rausch Hall. The film *Paul, Apostle of Christ* came to Hancock, and the profits from the film were donated to our local Community Fund, to care for transients and travellers. Along with 3 other men, Kyle Eads was ordained a deacon by Bishop Ed in Albany.
- June** We blessed our seven Hancock graduates and presented them with scholarship gifts from monies from our perpetual bottle drive, thanks to the White family and Vetrone's Redemption Center. We honored them and our fathers at our annual *Dads & Grads* party. We welcomed Fr. Richard McAlear, OMI, for a Mass with charismatic music and healings through the laying on of hands. Our summer movie series kicked off with *Little Boy*.