



Weekly News - May 14, 2023

(Ways for you to get connected, and ways you can encourage others to get connected.)

Psalm 23 Study - If you are not able to join a connection group, but would still like to go through the study, you can check out the study at RightNow Media (scan the QR code to the right with the camera app on your phone). If you are not signed up for an account, simply text [STPLCNJ](https://www.stplcnj.org) to [49775](https://www.stplcnj.org), or you can go to the homepage of our website and sign up. It's FREE!



Friendship Center for New Beginnings Donations (collecting donations until May 14) - Today is the last day to donate any of the following items: \$10 WalMart gift cards, Huggies or Pampers sizes 5 & 6, wet wipes, baby wash and baby shampoo. Your donations can be placed in the bin in the Narthex. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Pentecost Flowers (May 14) - Help us celebrate Pentecost on May 28th by adorning our church with an overwhelming display of red geraniums. Please sign up by opening the camera app on your phone and scan the QR code to the right, or sign up on the form located at the Connections Center. Orders must be placed by TODAY. Please place checks made out to the St. Paul Flower Fund in the Flower Box located at the Connections Center or mail to St. Paul Church. Please call Lori Klimchak at 908-782-1120 with any questions.



Church Work Day (May 20) - We have another outdoor church work day scheduled for Saturday, May 20 starting at 9:00 a.m. Come and join us!

Sr. High Youth (May 21) - Sr. High Youth (9th-12th grade) meets next on Sunday, May 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the youth room.

Ministry Celebration / Outdoor Worship Service (June 11) - On Sunday, June 11, we will have our end of year ministry celebration, which will include food, games, fellowship, and outdoor worship. We will have one service at 10:00 a.m. Invite friends and family. We hope to see you there! *No live streaming will be available that Sunday.*

Vacation Bible School and Servant Adventures (August 7-11) - VBS and Servant Adventures is the week of August 7-11. Stellar VBS is for Kids ages 4-10, which will bring them together for an "out-of-this-world" adventure that will last a lifetime. Activities will include Bible Adventures, Crafts, Science, Missions, KidVid, a daily snack

along with Shining our Light on Jesus during music worship for opening and closing ceremonies. We are also bringing Servant Adventures back for a second year after our successful launch in 2022: Children ages 10-13 will come together and experience daily adventures while serving our community at several off-site local organizations. **REGISTRATION NOW AVAILABLE!** (scan the QR code to the right with the camera app on your phone), or you can go to the homepage on our website to sign up today.



Jr. Youth (June 4) - Jr. Youth (5th-8th grade) meets next on Sunday, June 4 during the 10:00 a.m. service in the youth room. This will be the last Jr. Youth until the fall.

Pastor Bob's Sabbatical (through June 16) - Pastor Bob is currently on Sabbatical through June 16. Please keep him and Shauna in your prayers, that this would be a time of joy, excitement, and rejuvenation as they are refreshed in their relationship with God and look forward to all God has in store for them and the ministry in Christ's church. If you are in need of pastoral care, please reach out to Pastor Chris (908-782-5120 ext. 3, or chris@stpaulnj.com)

This Sunday's Prayer list:

Prayers of Concern: Jessica McLaughlin (Safety in Active Duty - Air Force); Bryan McLaughlin (Safety as a law enforcement officer); Rose Marie (Matt Buza's mother - Stage IV cancer); Carolyn (Friend of Judy West - stroke); Russ (Faith Donhauser's Father - worsening chronic pain); Justin (nephew of Susan Cicala - hospitalized with severe fever)

Praise and Thanksgiving: Mothers and godly Women (and the blessing they are to our families and communities)

Grieving:

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

Have a prayer request? Go to <https://www.stpaulnj.com/pray/> to let us know how we can pray with you and for you.

Birthday List: 05/14: Kim Merlo; 05/15: Keira Piccoli, Lily Piccoli, Tyler LaPlant; 05/16: Dianne LeBo, Evan Komorowski; 05/17: Ida Miller, Lila Parsons; 05/18: Colleen Nester, Joseph LaVecchia, Melissa Roth, Taryn McLean

Anniversary List: No Anniversaries this week

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights" (James 1:17)

Flowers on the altar this 6th Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day, are given to the glory of God by George & Ceola Kearns in loving memory of their mothers, Elmira Kearns and Celia Nallo. **Happy Mother's Day to all!**