



## Weekly News - May 7, 2023

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

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**Psalm 23 Connection Group** - In addition to Sunday morning worship, Connection Groups are currently going through a study on Psalm 23. If you are not currently in a connection group but would like to join, open the camera app on your phone and scan the QR code to the right to fill out the form and we'll make sure to plug you into one of the groups.



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**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 your phone). If you are not signed up for an account, simply text [STPLCNJ](text:STPLCNJ) to [49775](text:49775), or you can go to the homepage of our website and sign up. It's FREE!



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**Friendship Center for New Beginnings Donations (collecting until May 14)**- Please consider donating the following items between now and May 14: \$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 to support this local charity. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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**Church Work Day Thank You** - Thank you to all those who joined yesterday for the church work day!

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**Philadelphia Bronze Bell Concert (May 7)** - TODAY at 4:30 p.m., all are welcome to join at St. Paul for a FREE bell concert put on by the Philadelphia Bronze Handbell Ensemble! St Paul members Cynthia & Allen Regan, along with 11 other auditioned ringers, will entertain with popular songs and movie themes from a variety of decades. Whether you're young or just young at heart, you'll enjoy hearing these classic songs! The concert is open to the public and a Free Will Offering will be taken to support the choir.

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**Jr. Youth (May 7)** - Jr. Youth (5th-8th grade) meets TODAY during the 10:00 a.m. service in the youth room.

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**Lunch Bunch (May 12)** - Join us for our next fellowship lunch bunch on Friday, May 12th. We will meet at Dockside Mark in Flemington (behind Walmart) at noon. If interested, RSVP by May 10. Call or text Jane Blades at 732-371-7854 or email Jane at [jmblades1@comcast.net](mailto:jmblades1@comcast.net), or sign up at the Connection Center.

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**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 May 14th. 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.

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**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.

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**Save the Date - Vacation Bible School and Servant Adventures (August 7-11)** - Mark your calendars for August 7-11 for VBS and Servant Adventures. 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 COMING SOON...

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**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](mailto:chris@stpaulnj.com))

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#### **This Sunday's Prayer list:**

**Prayers of Concern:** 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); Lenny (Friend of the Johmanns - health struggles); Liz (Friend of the Johmanns - health struggles); Nancy (Friend of Judy West - battling cancer)

**Praise and Thanksgiving:** Jon and Kristin Kastner (birth of their new child); Josh and Monique Robinson (birth of their new child)

**Grieving:** Family and Friends of Greg Pagano; Family and Friends of Helen Kazar (Steve Kazar's mother)

*"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.*

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**Birthday List:** 05/07: Bonnie Brown, Faye Warner; 05/08: Richard Joswick; 05/09: Beverly Olswfski; 05/10: Danielle Miuller; 05/11: Allan Kierstead, Kurt Stoffel; 05/12: Kevin Schreil, Paul Decker; 05/13: Anne Sopko, John Fraunberger

**Anniversary List:** 05/11: Nevin and Elaine Bultemeier, Glenn and Sara Gaddis

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

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**Flowers on the altar** this 5th Sunday of Easter are given to the glory of God by Rose Hrehowesik in gratitude to the Lord for healthy, happy grandchildren Emmaline and Adeline Faber.