

The Diocese of Newark

The Diocese of Newark is a dynamic, diverse community of God, with 108 congregations. Its size and resources rank it in the first tier of dioceses in the Episcopal Church. Under the leadership of our current Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Mark Beckwith, the Diocese has developed a strong, forward-looking vision for the future.

St. Paul's Chatham

St. Paul's Episcopal Church is a mid-sized, suburban church in the northern New Jersey community of Chatham. It was consecrated as a mission church in 1909, becoming a parish in 1951. For more than 100 years we have provided Episcopal worship and pastoral services to residents of Chatham and our surrounding communities.

We are a Christ-centered congregation that warmly welcomes families and individuals. A vibrant church, we emphasize fellowship and



service for people of all ages.

Our Community

Chatham is a residential community located 33 miles west of Manhattan with a population of

about 18,000. Midtown Direct train service and easy access to the highway network provide convenient transportation to NYC, Newark Airport and the entire metropolitan area.

Education is a high priority in Chatham, and our high school is ranked highly in the state. For more information see: <http://education.state.nj.us/rc/rc10/narrative/27/0785/27-0785-000.html>

Three local universities – Fairleigh Dickinson, Drew University and St. Elizabeth's – offer educational opportunities and act as a resource for adult forums. For clergy interested in continuing education, General Theological Seminary in NYC, Princeton Theological Seminary and Westminster Choir College in Princeton and the Theological Seminary at Drew are nearby.

Parish Facilities



Our contemporary brick church sits on more than an acre of land on Chatham's Main Street. The church has a wood cathedral ceiling and a beautiful round stained glass window behind the altar. Lined with stained glass windows, the air-conditioned sanctuary seats 300 people.

Our main building also includes four classrooms, a nursery, a choir room, the rector's study and administrative offices in our undercroft area. A two-

story parish hall is connected to the church and is in constant use by many outside groups. A non-profit primary school uses the ground floor classrooms during the week.

St. Paul's owns and maintains a rectory about a mile from church on a quiet cul-de-sac in a lovely Chatham neighborhood. A center hall, three-bedroom colonial, it has a gas fireplace, updated kitchen and baths and is within easy walking distance of schools, shopping and public transportation.

Parish Life

St. Paul's parish life is marked by strong lay leaders, pastoral care, hospitality and thought-provoking programs. During this interim period, parishioners have been helping to maintain meaningful worship services, church school and successful fund-raising events for our youth group's service trip to China. This is a tribute to the energy of the people of St. Paul's.

Sunday attendance has remained steady, and enthusiasm for our worship experience has grown! We have continued the tradition of making our building and grounds available to numerous community groups and share the sanctuary on Sunday afternoons with a small Korean congregation. Our outreach includes working with the local Interfaith Food Pantry and Hospitality Network as well as financial support for groups such as the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund. We do "love our neighbors as ourselves."

Our Strengths

- We are known to our community and our Diocese as a congregation that cares for each other, welcomes newcomers and is generous in our outreach programs.
- We have a proud record of choosing clergy and support staff who reflect the diverse richness of today's Episcopal Church.
- Our parish includes a large percentage of professionals, providing an exciting and open atmosphere for preaching and teaching.
- For young families, we provide Christian education for children using a Bible-centered curriculum, including Living the Good News and Godly Play. Our vacation bible school draws children from the entire local community.
- Our youth are actively engaged in church services, outreach, Diocesan events, and fundraising for their service trip to China this summer.
- We are strong advocates for the environment, one of the founders of the Creation Season as well as the internationally known environmental group called GreenFaith.
- St. Paul's has always played a leadership role in the Diocese of Newark, by our Diocesan pledge commitment and the time and energy of our priests and lay people.

Our Goals

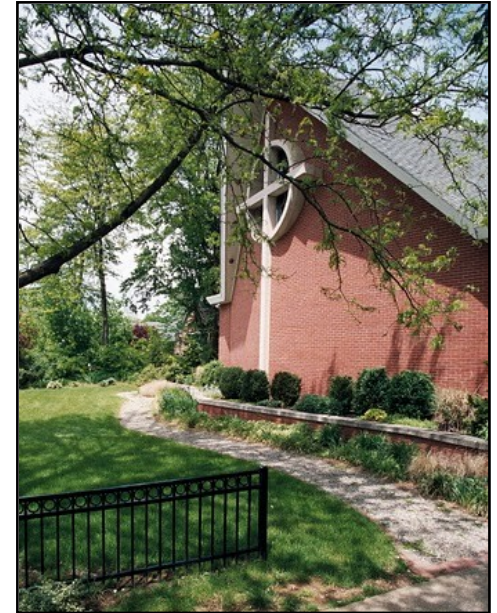
- Develop and support a strong spiritual faith community.
- Grow our congregation and restore financial health of our parish.
- Engage our parish in meaningful outreach and mission activity.
- Provide a strong faith foundation for our youth.

Our New Rector

We seek a compassionate, engaging pastor who will help us deepen our spiritual life and relate well to parishioners of all ages. Our new rector should give thoughtful and relevant sermons that inspire and instruct us. We are looking for a spiritual leader who engages with children and teenagers, speaks their language and uses their technology. Attracting and maintaining new members is essential to our future, and we look to our new rector to lead us in this challenge.



St. Paul's Episcopal Church



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We of St. Paul's, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, will help each other know and claim Jesus Christ as friend and Savior.

Through Word, prayer and action, we will uphold and nurture our parish family, our communities and all of God's creation.