

## December 15th, 2024

## **Greetings from St. Paul's Church!**

I hope this letter finds you and your family in good health and spirits.

Our church is hosting its annual New Year's Eve dinner and dance on December 31st, 2024. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to celebrate the blessings of the past year and welcome the new one with joy and gratitude.

The Dinner and Dance is also one of our major fundraising events for the church. We rely on the generosity of our parishioners and friends to support our various ministries and programs throughout the year. Your donations help us serve the spiritual, social, and pastoral needs of our community.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic, many businesses are struggling financially and are less likely to donate items or gift cards for our raffle draw. Therefore, we are reaching out to you, our loyal parishioners, to ask for your help.

If you are not planning to attend the dinner and dance, please consider donating a brandnew item or a gift card for our raffle draw? Your donation would make a big difference in raising funds for our church and would also give someone a chance to win a fabulous prize.

Some examples of items or gift cards you could donate are:

- A bottle of wine or champagne
- A box of chocolates or cookies
- A coffee maker or a blender
- A spa or salon voucher
- A restaurant or grocery store gift card
- A movie or theatre ticket
- A book or a magazine subscription
- A board game or a puzzle



If we cannot use your gift donation for the New Year's Eve dinner and dance, we will use it for the annual dinner and dance commemorating St. Paul's shipwreck which is to be held on Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

The money raised for our New Year's Eve dinner and dance will offset the cost of our heating system. We are diligently working to fix the heating system in the most economical way and thank you for your patience.

We would like to express our gratitude to our social committee, who dedicate themselves every year to organizing social events that honor the rich history of our parish. We truly value their tireless efforts.

To donate, please contact the parish office by Christmas Eve, December 24th. Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated and will make a significant impact on our parish community.

Thank you for all you do for St. Paul's Church. We truly value your commitment and dedication to our faith community.

I hope to see you at the dinner and dance if you can attend. It will be a fun and festive night for everyone.

May God bless you and your loved ones always.

Sincerely,

Fr. Roy