



ST. STANISLAUS KOSTKA CHURCH

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Dear Family and Friends of St. Stan's Church and School,

It was last Advent that I had begun assisting here at St. Stanislaus Kostka parish. With Fr. Ken's health situation becoming more complicated, Bishop Checchio had officially appointed me the temporary Parish Administrator on August 6, 2024. Things have been very busy and it continues to be a privilege for me to serve here. I had agreed to this assignment with the understanding that it would be "temporary" and that I would return to my retirement sooner rather than later. Striving to hold to this even while Fr. Ken remains on medical leave, the bishop has assigned another priest to take on the parochial administrative responsibilities. He has however asked that I continue on as a pastoral mentor while assisting at the school and overseeing the completion of the current major repair and reconstruction projects.

I am delighted to introduce to you and our community **Rev. Paul (Pawel) Michalowski**. His assignment is effective as of today, November 14. Fr. Paul was born in Poland near Czestochowa. After finishing high school, he joined the religious congregation of the Salesians of Don Bosco and applied to be a missionary in Africa. He spent 22 years in Southern Africa, including theology studies in Nairobi, Kenya. Ministering to the youth on the streets, he also worked in juvenile prisons, in the slums, and in impoverished areas. Fr. Paul worked in the youth center running faith-based programs combating the HIV/AIDS pandemic. He also served as a parish priest in the missions of Lesotho and South Africa. From 2020 until the present, he worked in the diocese of Metuchen in the parishes of Immaculate Conception, Somerville and Blessed Sacrament, Martinsville. Fr. Paul was recently incardinated as a priest of the Diocese of Metuchen by Bishop Checchio.

May we extend a warm welcome to Fr. Paul and offer him our prayerful support. As you had so graciously opened your hearts to me, may we do so for him. I am grateful for his service, dedication and priestly presence. We continue to pray for Fr. Ken and for the physical and spiritual health of this community. Proudly, yet humbly, we stand upon the firm foundation of faith of those who built this incredible parish 110 years ago. May we now continue to grow it strong! Thank you for your dedication and generous support of St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish. It is our Church, our Home and a piece of the Kingdom here and now.



Devotedly yours in the peace of Christ,

Rev. John P. Alvarado
Pastoral Mentor

So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:20