

ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE, NOVEMBER 28, 2021

1st *Sunday*
OF ADVENT



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SUNDAY LITURGIES

SATURDAY 4pm at St. Paul's
SUNDAY 8:30 am at **Holy Rosary**
SUNDAY 10:30am at St. Paul's

HOLY DAY LITURGIES
(Consult Bulletin)

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH EUCHARIST

WEDNESDAY 8am

NO MASS OR LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH EUCHARIST
MONDAY OR FRIDAY

WEEKDAY MASSES

TUESDAY & THURSDAY 8am

CONFESSIONS

First Saturday of the Month 3-3:45pm or by appointment by calling 330-542-3466

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Parish Ministry Opportunities

- 50+ Group
- Adult Faith Formation
- Altar Guild
- Altar Servers
- Bereavement
- Prayer Group
- Church Environment
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Evangelization
- Garden Angels
- Gifting Program
- Homebound Visitation
- Hospitality
- Knights of Columbus
- Lectors
- Liturgy Committee
- Men's Fellowship
- Mission Team
- Music Ministry
- Nursing Home Ministers
- Pastoral Council
- Pirohy
- Prayer Blanket
- Prison Outreach
- PSR (Parish, School, Rel.)

- RCIA/RCIC
- Respect Life
- Rosary Ministry
- St. Vincent de Paul
- Silas Marners
- Sponsor Couples
- STCCC.
- Table of Plenty
- Welcoming Committee
- Women's Bible Study



We encourage you to prayerfully consider joining one or more of our committees/ministries as a way of offering service to our parish and community.

BAPTISM: Parents are asked to call the rectory to arrange for a Baptism meeting with the pastor. A date for the Baptism will be arranged at your preparation meeting.

MARRIAGE: Couples wishing to marry at the parish should contact the parish office as soon as possible to reserve a date for the wedding and to schedule a time to meet with the pastor. Contact should be made no less than six months before your intended date of marriage.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Individuals who will be having surgery or are suffering from a chronic illness should receive the Anointing of the Sick. Please contact the parish office for a time to receive the sacrament.

VISITATION OF THE SICK: Visitation, prayer, and Communion are offered to our homebound and/or sick on a regular basis. Simply call the parish office.

HOSPITAL VISITATION: If you know of a parishioner who is in a hospital, please contact the parish office to inform us of an admission as no hospital is allowed to contact us. Be sure to specify the location of the hospital.

JOINING ST. PAUL'S: Anyone who wishes may join St. Paul's. We are proud of our parish's hospitality, warmth, and friendship. We invite you to become part of our parish family. Once you are comfortable among us, we invite you to join any of our parish organizations or programs. We encourage each single adult in a family to be registered in his or her own name. If you must leave the parish, please let us know. In your journey, we wish you well and thank you for the time you did spent with us.

ALL ARE WELCOME*HAPPY NEW YEAR!*

Yes, you read that correctly! I am wishing you a happy new year. This is the first Sunday of the 2022 Church year. (Our church has divided our biblical liturgical readings into 3 cycles: A, B, and C. Today we begin year C for 2022. But that is a topic of different column.) Our church calendar year begins with Advent and goes through the life of Christ. And... Today is the First Sunday of Advent, so, Happy New Year to you! Many people begin their January 1st new year by making resolutions hoping to result in a better life. I know I made mine last January---and as determined as I was to follow through on those resolutions, I cannot remember a single one of them!! How about you? Do you remember the ones you made? Did you follow through with them through the entire year? (If you did, you have more will power than me!—and a better memory!)

SO, I am proposing that we take advantage of this Church New Year and make some new resolutions—but different kinds of resolutions. I propose that this new year, we resolve to work on our spiritual life...that we make resolutions that will grow our faith, hope, and love—and that will lead to a better life in Christ. As the Gospel readings have been reminding us, our time on this earth is precious and limited, so why not make a concerted effort to make the most of the time allotted to us.

Our Faith---why not resolve to pray or pray more. There are all kinds of ways to do that, and it doesn't mean that you have to get up at the crack of dawn every day! There are many devotionals that can draw you closer to Christ and only take a few minutes a day---there are even family geared ones that can draw you closer to each other as you draw closer to Jesus. You can pray with music. Christian music today is so very inspirational and prayerful. You can even Google the lyrics and meditate on the message in the words. You can use scripture—lectio divina is a powerful form of prayer and conversation with Our Lord. Dynamic Catholic has a free email program, Best Advent Ever, that they send you every day to guide you in your prayer efforts. Our work, if we dedicate it to God, and do it for His honor and glory, can be a powerful prayer. Just conversing with Jesus, using everyday dialogue, is prayer. There are many Christian videos that lead us into prayer. I highly recommend The Chosen! I know that you can come up with many other prayer styles that will fit into your day to fulfill a new year's resolution to increase prayer.

Our Hope--- Let us resolve to see the good in our days. Find something positive to say no matter how trivial it sounds. Did you wake up this morning—thank God! Do you have a roof over your head? Do you have clean clothes? Do you have someone that you love? Can you breathe? Do you have clean water? Are you alive—again, thank God! If we can see the blessings in these things, then we need to open our eyes to see the good around us. Start a gratitude journal. Start a prayer request journal. Resolve to say something upbeat to each person that you interact with. Resolve to turn off the news when they get too draining. Resolve to share something positive and happy on social media. When you catch yourself looking at the evil in a situation, resolve to ask the Holy Spirit to help you see God in the circumstances instead—He is there! He's just waiting to be invited in! We are truly blessed, resolve to ask God's help in seeing your many blessings each day. Write them down if it helps. **Cont...**

MASS INTENTIONS:

+DENOTES DECEASED

SATURDAY, November 27th

4pm **Members of St. Paul's**
+Dorothy Prejsnar

SUNDAY, November 28th

10:30am **+MaryAnn and Edward Bokanovich**
+Marleen Darr

MONDAY, November 29th**No Liturgy of the Word with Eucharist****TUESDAY, November 30th**

8am **+Slifka and Weitz Families**

WEDNESDAY, December 1st**No Liturgy of the Word with Eucharist****THURSDAY, December 2nd**

8am **+James Higgins**
+Jerry Wittenauer

FRIDAY, December 3rd**No Liturgy of the Word with Eucharist****SATURDAY, December 4th**

4pm **+Peggy Klinke**
+John Ziccardi, Jr.
+Sr. Frances Marie Sopko

SUNDAY, December 5th

10:30am **Members of St. Paul's**
+Joe Morena
+Jerry Wittenauer

All Are Welcome cont. **Our Love**---This column has often spoken of performing Random Acts of Kindness. Why not resolve to do intentional acts of kindness each day, looking for ways that you can be a blessing to someone else to lighten their load. During Advent there are so many opportunities for resolutions that share love. We don't have to spend money, but we do have to spend time and our heart. A smile, a kind word, a compliment to a stranger, thanking someone for coming to work, thanking your teacher for caring enough to want you to behave or do your best, thanking your coach for investing his efforts into bettering your skills, letting someone go ahead of you in the grocery line, helping that elderly neighbor decorate their house or clean their gutters, purposely being patient when the people in front of you are being difficult with the cashier, saying thank you when the busy waitress or bus person clears your dishes (and maybe leaving a more generous tip than usual). There are so many ways that you can resolve to do intentional acts of kindness. Telling your parents thank you for a meal or doing your laundry, asking the kid who is always overlooked to join you, playing with a sibling so your parent can get a breather from their day, sharing your toys without complaining---you get the picture. You are not too young--or too old-- to make a resolution of love.

So let's make those New Year's Resolutions and "embrace the things of the soul; lasting and eternal treasures like love and mercy; the kind of joy that can only come from selfless giving, the satisfaction that comes from lifting up the hopes and dreams of the broken, the power and renewed vitality that comes with forgiveness...(to) accept God's invitation to be people of the Gospel". (K. Peters) **Happy New Year!** Alvera Bell

Ministry of the Week:

STCCC

St. Paul's is a member of the Springfield Township Council of Churches and Community. This ecumenical outreach organization is a covenant group of local churches representing the different denominations in our area. This group of men and women strive to address local concerns and problems while promoting common worship opportunities, as well as service to the poor and needy. Please contact Georgie Shane 330-542-3466.

POSITION IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE

Special Needs Personal Aide/Tutor. We are looking for a Personal Aide for our 24 year old son who has Cerebral Palsy and related disabilities. For more information contact: lorbees@zoominternet.net

TABLE OF PLENTY There will not be a Table of Plenty for the months of November and December. Meals will resume in January.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Father Steve will hear confessions on the 1st Saturday of the month from 3:00-3:45 in the day chapel.



THE GIVING TREE All gifts will be due back no later than December 12th.



THE FLAG WILL FLY on Thursday, December 2nd in memory of Tom Zavodni, this being the anniversary of his death.



Garden Angels: THANK YOU for making our church grounds look so beautiful and inviting! Your work and flower donations are truly appreciated. Remember to tend to your area as it rests until next spring. God bless you!



WE EXPRESS OUR SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS

of Paul Hvizdos and Charles Molasky who passed away on November 12th. May their souls and all the souls of our faithful departed, rest in peace.



A DAY OF ADORATION will take place on Tuesday, December 14 from 8:30am to 6:00pm. The Most Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the church and all are welcome to attend anytime during this period. "During Eucharistic Adoration, we "watch and wait", we remain "silent" in His Presence and open ourselves to His Graces which flow from the Eucharist Jesus, we become what God wants us to be! Like a magnet, the Lord draws us to Himself and gently transforms us." The prayer group hopes that many from our church will be able to take advantage of this offering, especially as we prepare for the birth of Jesus. All are welcome!



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

Jerusalem, God will show your splendor.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Show yourselves pure and blameless for the day of Christ.

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

THE WEEK AHEAD:

MONDAY, November 29th

TUESDAY, November 30th

6pm Prayer Group

WEDNESDAY, December 1st

9am Women's Bible Study in Church

THURSDAY, December 2nd

FRIDAY, December 3rd

SATURDAY, December 4th

SUNDAY, December 5th

9:15am PSR (kids only)

8pm AA Meeting in Lower Hall



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Hello St. Paul's Parish, We have a new resident living in father's pond. Steve the goose, named after our Father Steve.

He is in need of a house for winter. He is a domestic goose and can't fly south for the winter. If anyone has an old dog house or igloo, Steve would be grateful. Contact Grace Burchfield 330-540-0108



The Regular Collection for Saturday & Sunday, November 13th/14th was \$6,418. Retired Religious Collection was \$1,207.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Minister's Schedule, December 4th/5th. If you are unable to come when scheduled, please arrange for a replacement!

	<u>4pm</u>	<u>10:30am</u>
Lector	D. Pitko	Grade 4 Students
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FROM YOUR DRE...

“Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man. ”

~LUKE 21:36

Many times people become so obsessed with earthly affairs that they forget their true purpose in this life. We have to remember that our goal, our purpose, our result is getting to heaven. Conquering death so we can live in heaven has been preached repeatedly, yet so many good, catholic Christians forget this. Our earthly pleasures take precedent and we forget everything Jesus preached, experienced and taught. **WE DO NOT KNOW** when Christ will come again, **SO WE HAVE TO BE VIGILANT** doing God’s work every day! We have to have Christ’s mindset and change our priorities so they align with our Triune God.



BE VIGILANT every day! Give to the poor, help the sick, mourn the dead, be peacemakers (don’t get angry with anyone for any reason), love and pray for your enemies, make God first in your life (above our cultural mandates), work for righteousness according to God’s Will not man’s will, speak about Christ with others, love all your neighbors, contribute to your Christian community, partake in the Eucharist as Christ asked, think of others first and love God with all your heart, mind and soul.

Be *vigilant* about Christ so you can stand before the Son of Man knowing He came first in life.

LIVING OUR FAITH:

1. **ADVENT is here!** Not only did our Triune God step down from heaven for us as a baby over two thousand years ago, but He will also come again. Advent is to remind us of this 2nd Coming as well. Are you ready to face Him?

2. Surprise one another with small gifts in your stockings on December 6th, the *Feast of St. Nicholas*. This is a wonderful way to begin Advent. Give small gifts to those who are alone or sick as well.

SAVE THE DATE

**Advent Night of Grace
with Deacon Bill McMahon**

...and All 4 Him

Featuring ...

Tina Cummings

Jeff Crouse

Al Fiore

Bob Tedde

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

7:00 pm in the Church

*Fr. Steve will be offering confessions
beforehand from 6:00 to 7:00 pm*

HAPPENINGS ELSEWHERE:

Curbside Pasta Take-Out Holy Family Parish-Wednesday, December 1st, 2:30-6:00. Drive to the side entrance of the hall, place your order, remain in your car, your dinner will be delivered to you. Complete Dinner \$12-Cavatelli, 2 meatballs, tossed salad, bread & butter and Cookies.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Pancake Breakfast Sunday, December 5, 9:00-4:00. All you can eat Pancakes, sausage & beverage, Adults \$7 and Kids \$4.

The American Slovak Cultural Assoc. Annual Vilija Dinner will be Sunday, December 12th at 4:00pm at St. Christine’s Parish Hall. Traditional Slovak Christmas Eve meal, music and more. Tickets are \$25/person. Contact Loretta 330-549-3760 or email loretta.ekoniak@gmail.com Deadline is Dec. 1.

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