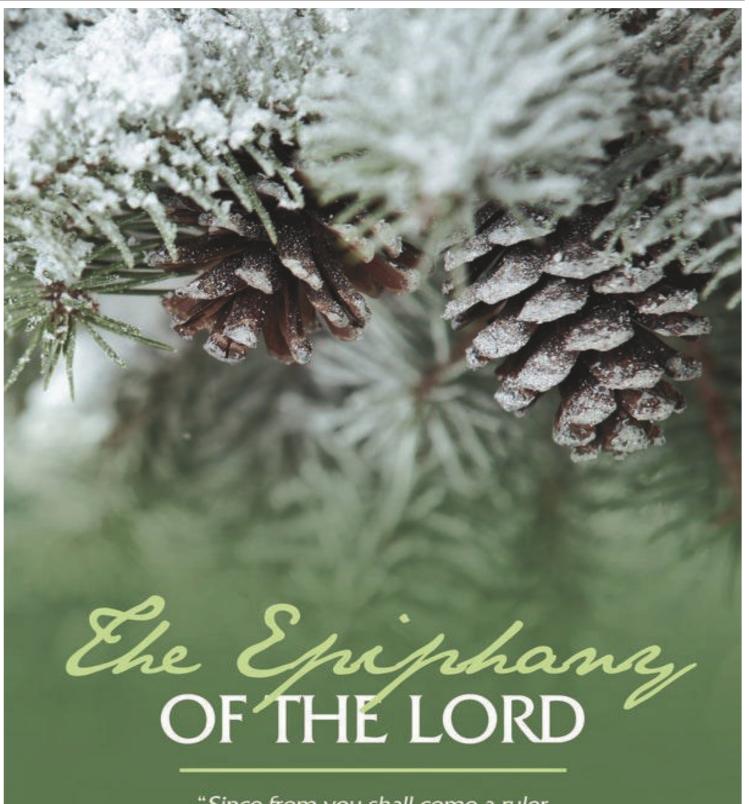
ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE, JANUARY 2nd, 2022



"Since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." - Mt 2:6b

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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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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.

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

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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.

FROM DEACON BILL

Happy New Year Everyone! I am certainly looking forward to the promise of a New Year, with new opportunities and endless possibilities! 2021 brought a new set of issues and problems, but by God's Grace we have survived and become stronger in our lives. We must look to 2020 and 2021 as years that helped us practice patience and perseverance! Our struggles are what make us stronger, and they help us more than ever realize we can only make it through this life with love and faith for our Heavenly Father! What have you learned about yourself these past two years? What can you take away from all the trials you have endured? Did you grow closer to Christ, or are you still walking through the dark? These are all questions I plan on asking myself as I prepare for the start of a New Year!

This is Epiphany Weekend! We see the three kings, the Wise Men, set out on a journey to seek out the new born King! They traveled long distances to seek out the Christ, and they stopped at nothing to pay homage to the Savior! King Herod wanted them to come and tell him where the baby was, but not to pay homage. He wanted to destroy this new born King. The wise men had a vision to not go back and they continued to obey their God that they loved with all of their hearts! There is a great lesson in all of this! To never lose sight of why obedience to our God is so extremely important. This obedience gives us the ability to navigate the troubles of life, and to help us get through them. Not over them, but through them. Our experiences in life, good or bad, are what give us wisdom and strength to endure what life will always throw at us. There will always be challenges and roadblocks, but it is how we treat these events that can actually help us grow in our faith. As the saying goes "Wise men and women still seek Him!"

I want to thank everyone for all of the wonderful Christmas gifts, cards, and well wishes. My family and I are so very blessed to be a part of the Saint Paul family! It is a wonderful, vibrant place to be, and its all because of the amazing people that call Saint Paul's home! My family and I want to wish each and every single one of you a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year! There are so many incredible things planned for 2022 at the parish, and I look forward to seeing all of you around our "home!" Please know that you are all in prayers as we start a new journey together! May God's promise be with us all!!!

MASS INTENTIONS:

+DENOTES DECEASED

2022

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New

Year

FRIDAY, December 31st, New Year's Eve No Services

SATURDAY, January 1st, 2022, New Year's Day 4pm +Carmella Bettoni-Anniversary

+Paul Hvizdos

SUNDAY, January 2nd, 2022

10:30am +Vincie DiLorenzo

+Rosalie Kubus

MONDAY, January 3rd, 2022 No Services

TUESDAY, January 4th, 2022

8am +Butch Ruminski

+Barbara Gaska

WEDNESDAY, January 5th, 2022

No Liturgy of the Word With Eucharist

THURSDAY, January 6th, 2022 8am + Jerry Wittenauer

FRIDAY, January 7th, 2022 No Services

SATURDAY, January 8th, 2022

4pm +Sam D'Angelo

+Marion Z. Ruminski

+Charles Cavanaugh

SUNDAY, January 9th, 2022

10:30pm +Dorothy Rutana

+Sandra Rutana Wooanzyk

+William J. Koren-Anniversary



The Baptism of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Be hold my servant with whom I am well pleased.

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit.

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

When Jesus had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened.

Regular Collection for December 18th/19th, \$4,579.

Regular Collection for December 24th/25th/26th will be printed in a future bulletin.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

NEW YEAR'S SCEDULE

Sat., Jan., 1st, 2022 4pm Mass

Sun., Jan, 2nd, 2022 10:30 Mass



THERE WILL BE NO ALTAR GUILD MEETINGS in January, 2022 and February, 2022. The next scheduled meeting

will take place at the Golden Rye, 9am, on March 14th, 2022.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE SOULS OF Eleanor Carson, who died on December 7th and Mary Seman who died on December 13th. May God bless them and give strength to their families in their time of need.





TABLE OF PLENTY WILL BEGIN AGAIN ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 11th (ALWAYS THE SECOND TUESDAY OF THE

MONTH), 5-6:00pm. Our first group who is hosting is our 2022 Confirmation Candidates. Not sure what the menu is?

New year Fun!

The Ball Drop

Take a Kleenex Tissue Box and cut two slits on the ends so that you can slide a belt through it. Place the belt around the participants waist so that the box is on their lower back. Participant has to shake a Ping Pong ball out of the box by shaking their hips and moving their body. The goal is to get the ball to drop to the ground before the alloted time is up.



The Meaning of the Christmas Wreath

Every Christmas Wreath is more than just a decoration...it's a special reminder of Jesus, the reason for our celebration. The circle of a Christmas wreath is a never-ending ring, a reminder of eternal love from our Lord and King. The Christmas wreath is a sign of welcome, inviting all to enter in...a reminder of Christ's invitation for all to come to Him. The middle of a Christmas Wreath is a bare and empty space, a reminder of what life would be without Christ's love and grace. So each time you see a Christmas Wreath hanging from a door, may your heart rejoice in the One that Christmas is truly for!

~~Holley Gerth



THANK YOU SO MUCH TO OUR PIROHY MAK-

ERS Several weeks ago they sent Fr. Popovich lots

of pirohy. He was so excited and said that made his day. And of course, he ate a few right away. He cannot thank you enough!

THE WEEK AHEAD:

MONDAY, January 3rd, 2022

No Altar Guild Meeting

TUESDAY, January 4th, 2022

Prayer Group in Day Chapel 6pm

WEDNESDAY, January 5th, 2022

No Women's Bible Study

THURSDAY, January 6th, 2022

No Pirohy until February

FRIDAY, January 7th, 2022

No Pirohy until February

SATURDAY, January 8th, 2022

SUNDAY, January 9th, 2022

9am PSR (kids only)

8pm AA Meeting in Lower Hall



inister's Schedule, January 8th/9th. If you are unable to come when scheduled, please arrange for a replacement!

4pm

10:30pm

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AN EPIPHANY PRAYER FOR THE UNITED STATES

Arise, shine, for your light has come. (Isaiah 60:1)

I give you as light to the nations that my salvation shall reach to the ends of the earth. (Isaiah 49:6)

O God of Epiphany light and love, we pray for your light in our country. As we watch with dismay images of all that is unfolding in Washington, D.C., we turn to you with longing hearts. We are a people who love our country and deeply desire to see healing in our land.

The Light of Christ shatters the darkness and the darkness does not overcome it. We believe this as we pray for the cessation of violence and the halting of insurrection.

We pray for all those elected to public leadership and all those in public service in Washington, D.C., this night. We pray that they will be safe from harm. May self-serving ambition not have its way among them or among us. May they and we do what is right and good and honorable in your sight.

We thank you for your brilliant and eternal light, loving God, and for your powerful presence in our lives and in our life together. Grant to us all the peace that only you can give, and use us as witnesses to your love this night and always.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 2nd, 2022

FROM YOUR DRE...

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

May you feel the Grace of our Lord throughout the year!

They prostrated themselves and did Him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. " ~Matthew 2:12

The arrival of the Magi provides all of us with an excellent example of paying homage to our King and Savior. Notice they prostrated themselves first, then paid homage and finally presented the child with gifts. They didn't know Jesus, never met His parents, were not from His region and probably did not speak His language. Yet they went out of their way to greet the newborn child. The magi were the perfect role models.

Relying on their faith, they knelt before the child Jesus, gave Him the honor, praise and reverence He deserved and then gave Him the most expensive gifts of that time. Gifts fit for a King and Savior. Gifts that foreshadowed His death. Gifts given out of love and respect.

How do we compare to the Magi? Are we good role models just like the Magi? Do we give the child Jesus honor, praise and reverence? Do we share our most expensive gifts? Do we prepare ourselves because of His death? This new year, let us mimic the Magi every day.



This year, become the Magi to all those you encounter!

LIVING OUR FAITH:

- 1. As the new year begins, reminisce with your family about the past year and talk about plans and goals for this year. Keep a list to ensure they get accomplished.
- 2. Do an epiphany Home Blessing. https://www.catholicicing.com/epiphany-house-blessing-with-chalk/



Two Masses for Life Scheduled this January 2022

Each year in January we recall the infamous Supreme Court decisions Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton that effectively legalized abortion on demand throughout the United States. Our diocese hosts two Masses for Life as a prayerful reminder that we "must protect and nurture human life at every stage of its existence." Bishop Bonnar will preside at the Masses for Life on:

- Tuesday, January 18th, at 6:30 pm in the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel at Walsh University, North Canton (2020 E. Maple St.) and
- Sunday, January 23rd at 4pm at St. Columba Cathedral, Youngstown (154 W. Wood St.).

Each Mass for Life will include a Blessing of Children in the Womb and will be followed by a reception. All are welcome – no reservations needed. For more information contact:

dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org or 330-744-8451 ext.



WE ARE IN NEED OF SILAS MARNERS. These volunteers gather every Monday morning to

count the weekend collection.

These men and women rotate responsibilities every few months. If interested in assisting, please call Jack at 330-542-1244. Thank you in advance!

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