

ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE, JANUARY 9th, 2022



THE BAPTISM *of the Lord*

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc

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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 spend with us.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Today is the last day of the liturgical Christmas season and the celebration of the feast of the Baptism of Jesus by John in the river Jordan. "...the Baptism of Jesus celebrates the turning point in His life. When Jesus received the Spirit and went back to His home territory, He was different...Like Jesus, I have been specially chosen, carefully formed, and clearly sent to serve others around me." (The Little Blue Book)

This is perfect timing for a Christmas gift that I wanted to share with you—or maybe an invitation to begin your New Year with. A friend of mine sent me a link to a website that was exactly what I needed after the last 2 years of uncertainty, fear, illnesses, loss, and change...and I would like to share it with you. It has helped to free my mind and spirit to move forward and grow in my faith life, as we are all called to do. After talking to many of our parish family, I am not alone in my doldrums, so it is my gift to you.

The website www.thewildgooseisloose.com. The Ministry of the Wild Goose is an outreach of the Franciscan Friars of the Province of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Third Order Regular—so yes it is Catholic! The mission is to invite men and women to an encounter, or a renewed encounter, with Christ who reveals the love of God the Father through the grace of the Holy Spirit. (The Wild Goose was a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit.) "The Ministry of The Wild Goose is a simple attempt to invite Catholic Christians into a more profound life giving relationship with the Holy Spirit. . . a journey to the very heart of God." (website)

Fr. Dave Pivonka TOR and various interviewees, both lay and clerical, present a 14 part series that clearly discusses in everyday language, the Holy Spirit and His work in our lives. Each video is about 25 minutes long and keeps your attention as you watch. At the end of the video, Fr. Dave gives you an invitation, an encouragement, a prayer, and a blessing. I watched all of these videos on YouTube and I am on my third time through them. I wouldn't suggest binge watching, but rather maybe one a week and in number order. This way you have time to pray through what you have heard and allow the "Goose" to lead your spirit to Jesus in a deeper way. Fr. Dave is down to earth, easy to relate to, and nonthreatening. I believe that you will enjoy and be blessed by him.

So as Jesus came to a turning point in His life at His Baptism, may you also accept this gift as an invitation to also experience a turning point in your life. I pray it will touch your heart and spirit as it did mine.

Merry Christmas and a blessed 2022!

~~Alvera Bell

MASS INTENTIONS:

+DENOTES DECEASE

SATURDAY, January 8th, 2022

4pm +Sam D'Angelo
+Marion Z. Ruminski
+Charles Cavanaugh

SUNDAY, January 9th, 2022

10:30am +Dorothy Rutana
+Sandra Rutana-Wooanzyk
+Rosalie Kubus

MONDAY, January 10th, 2022

No Services

TUESDAY, January 11th, 2022

8am +Tim Herubin

WEDNESDAY, January 12th, 2022

No Liturgy of the Word With Eucharist

THURSDAY, January 13th, 2022

8am +Renee Bero

FRIDAY, January 14th, 2022

No Services

SATURDAY, January 15th, 2022

4pm +Peggy Klinke-Anniversary
+Paul Hvizdos
+John Sullivan

SUNDAY, January 16th, 2022

10:30pm Members of St. Paul's
+Stanley & +Dorothy Rutana
+Aniela Pociask



The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

The bridegroom rejoices in his bride.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

One and the same Spirit distributing them individually to each person as he wishes.

Gospel: John 2:1-11

Jesus did this as the beginning of His signs at Cana in Galilee.

Christmas Collection for December 24th/25th: \$16,255

Regular Collection for December 26th: \$2,420

Regular Collection for January

1st/2nd: \$7,696

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



TO MY PARISH FAMILY OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE CHURCH:

The words Thank You do not even begin to cover the appreciation my family and I have for your outpouring of prayers, cards, and well wishes that you have shown us during my recent open-heart surgery! God has truly blessed us with all of you!



I am recovering very nicely, feeling stronger every day, thanks be to God!

The doctors, nurses, and staff of St. E's in Youngstown: you truly saved my life! What an amazing calling to be able to perform this feat every day!

And most especially to Fr. Steve, thank you for all you do, and for being a good friend! Our God is profoundly good!

With upmost appreciation and love, ~Patrick Gentile.



WE ARE CONSTANTLY TRYING TO UPDATE OUR FILES

and in doing so, hope to reduce our costs of mailing out contribution envelopes. It saves a lot of time and money with just a call or note of any changes in your household such as: address, phone number, etc. **ALSO:** anyone who would like to become a parishioner of St. Paul's, simply call the rectory to register (330-542-3466). This also applies to anyone getting married here at St. Paul's and wants to become a member or remain a member after your marriage, anyone coming out of the RCIA program who wants to become a member or remain a member, and **(MOST OF ALL)** young adults should also register on their own after high school or college.



THERE WILL BE NO ALTAR GUILD MEETING

in January, 2022. The next scheduled meeting will take place at the Golden Rye,

9am, on February 14th, 2022, (not March 14th as previously stated).

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE SOUL AND FAMILY OF

Barbara Bartolovich. Our dear Barb died on December 21st. She will truly be missed!



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

MONTH), 5-6:00pm. Our first group who is hosting is our 2022 Confirmation Candidates. The menu is: baked ziti, rolls, fruit cup, and cookies.



SUNDAY CAFÉ:

Our next Sunday Café will be on Sunday, January 23rd right after the 10:30am Mass.

THE WEEK AHEAD:

MONDAY, January 10th, 2022
 No 50+ Group

TUESDAY, January 11th, 2022
 6pm Prayer Group in Day Chapel

WEDNESDAY, January 12th, 2022
 9am Women’s Bible Study in Church
 5pm Our Table of Plenty in Hall

THURSDAY, January 13th, 2022
 No Pirohy until February
 6:30pm Men’s Group in Rectory

FRIDAY, January 14th, 2022
 No Pirohy until February

SATURDAY, January 15th, 2022

SUNDAY, January 16th, 2022
 8pm AA Meeting in Lower Hall

Prayer During a Pandemic:

Loving God, Holy One,
 Your desire is for our wholeness and well-being.
 We hold in tenderness and prayer the collective suffering of our world at this time. We grieve precious lives lost and vulnerable, lives threatened.
 We ache for ourselves and our neighbors, standing before an uncertain future.
 We pray: May love, not fear, go viral.
 Inspire our leaders to discern and choose wisely, aligned with the common good.
 Help us to practice social distancing and reveal to us new and creative ways to come together in spirit and in solidarity.
 Call us to profound trust in your faithful presence,
 You, the God who does not abandon, You, the Holy One, breathing within us, breathing among us, breathing around us in our beautiful yet wounded world.

Minister’s Schedule, January 15th/16th. If you are unable to come when scheduled, please arrange for a replacement!

	4pm	10:30pm
Lector	D.Pitko	K.Dattilo
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Hospitality	T.Franjko C.Fanta	Novads



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Prayer for Hope After a Difficult Year:

Dear God, Thank you for helping us to make it through this difficult year. Thank you that you’ve carried us through the uncertainty of deep waters, through the flames of trials, and through the pain of hard losses. We are constantly aware of how much we need you, your grace, your strength, your power working through even the toughest days.

Fill us with your joy and the peace of your Spirit. Direct our hearts and minds towards you. Thank you for your reminder that both in seasons of celebration and in seasons of brokenness, you’re still with us. For you never leave us. Thank you for your daily powerful Presence in our lives, that we can be assured your heart is towards us, your eyes are over us, and your ears are open to our prayers. Thank you that you surround us with favor as with a shield, and we are safe in your care.

FROM YOUR DRE...

HAPPY NEW YEAR! May you feel the Grace of our Lord throughout the year!

“And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my beloved Son; with You, I am well pleased.’” ~Luke 3:22

Dear sisters and brothers, take a moment to reread this Scripture. There are so many vivid images within its message. Imagine hearing this one passage in person. Imagine standing before Jesus at this precise moment and witnessing what is revealed!

First, there is a voice. God’s voice. What does that voice sound like to you? In what language is it being heard? Is it male or female? Is it smooth, gruff, musical or point-blank? There isn’t a physical body speaking, so how would you feel hearing it? Are you scared, surprised, confused, amazed or joyful? May you always hear God’s voice!



Secondly, Scripture mentions heaven. Remember, the Jews do not believe in heaven, so what image comes to mind if you do not believe in heaven? Are you looking up, are you genuflecting or are you closing your eyes? Our end goal is reaching heaven!

Finally, God *speaks* about himself in the physical form of Jesus. God is “well pleased and beloved.” How do you react to this? Imagine being Jewish and hearing that a person you have seen walking with others, laughing, speaking and eating is God’s own Son?

So many Scriptures reveal God directly commanding, speaking and doing yet many people only believe some of those passages. Can you believe? Can you believe Jesus rose from the dead? Can you believe the Eucharist is truly the Risen Christ’s body and blood? We must always believe in His voice!

This year, may you always hear the voice of God **AND** listen to Him!

LIVING OUR FAITH:

1. As January continues, try some relaxation tricks to help you stay focused and keep those resolutions. Eat one 1.4 ounces of dark chocolate. It can calm nerves and regulate the stress hormone cortisol. Maybe slurp on some honey, just a teaspoon, for it reduces inflammation of the brain and fights depression. Or bite into a mango that has linalool, a compound that lowers stress levels.
2. January is Poverty Awareness month in our Church. Donate to the poor this month. Some ideas: St. Vincent de Paul, the Rescue Mission, United Way, MYCAP, Beatitude House, or Habitat for Humanity.



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. 272.



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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