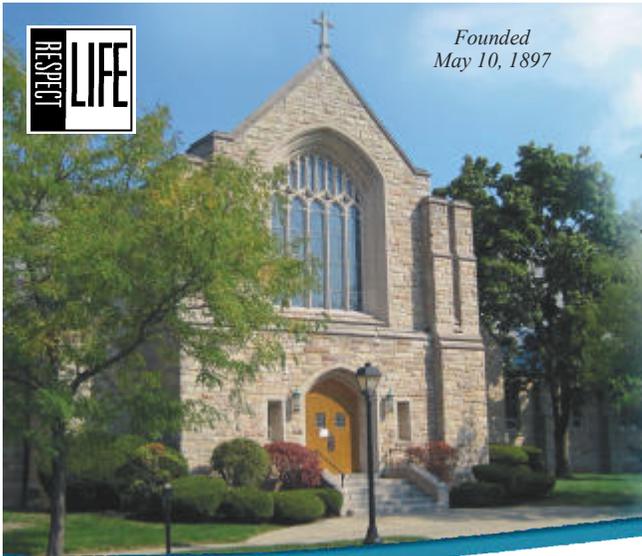




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New Parishioners: We warmly welcome you to our parish
community. Please call the office to register.

PLEASE REMEMBER ST. PAUL'S IN YOUR WILL

*3rd Sunday
OF ADVENT*

John answered them, "I
baptize with water; but
there is one among you
whom you do not recognize,
the one who is coming after
me, whose sandal strap I am
not worthy to untie."
-Jn 1:26-27

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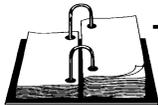
St. Paul's Parish is a Eucharistic community of baptized followers of Jesus Christ in the tradition of the Roman Catholic Faith. We promote spiritual and personal growth by challenging all to ongoing conversion. Led by the Spirit, we celebrate the presence of Christ in our lives by proclaiming the gospel, providing Sacramental life, and striving to discover the use of our gifts in loving service.

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Mass Intentions for the Week

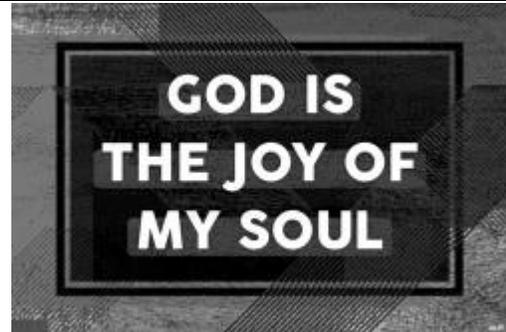
- Sunday, December 13:**
 8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Holy Name
 11:00 a.m. Anna Mae Lapp, by Diane Lapp
- Monday, December 14**
 8:00 a.m. The Parishioners of St. Paul's Parish
- Tuesday, December 15:**
 8:00 a.m. Graham McGregor, by his wife
- Wednesday, December 16:**
 7:45 a.m. Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena
 8:00 a.m. Grace Valente, by her husband
- Thursday, December 17:**
 5:30 p.m. Lois Thomas, by his Estate
- Friday, December 18:**
 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
 8:00 a.m. Charles Klipfel, by Rod & Barbara
- Saturday, December 19:**
 5:00 p.m. Theresa Voigt, by Bill and Linda Dluff
- Sunday, December 20:**
 8:00 a.m. Mrs. Anna Campanella by Patrick & Sharon Finucane & Family
 11:00 a.m. Al Christopher, by a Friend



The Week Ahead

CANCELLED

Sunday,
 Monday,
 Tuesday,
 Wednesday,
 Thursday,
 Sunday,



IN YOUR CHARITY...



Please pray for the sick of the parish, especially Joyce Bonadonna, Stephanie Merenda, Louis Mang, Katherine Limardi, Michael Raichel Sr., Michael Hanavan, Sister Maria Lugosi, Susan Czajkowski, Mary Ann Cain, Dolores Quagliana, Lenny Reco, Mellie Zuccaro, Angie Davide, Jeanine Gilligan, Don Osborne, FrieH Family, Eric Glinski, Frances Simmons, Edna Kirksey, Pam Coniglio, Diane Lapp, Jo Christopher, Elaine Klee, Lynn Fontaine, Bert Cross, Frank Lucca and for the deceased. Also for the men and women in the service, for the peace in the world and for the vocations. *(Kindly notify the rectory when a name should be removed our list).*



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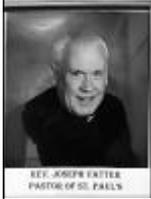
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REV. JOSEPH ESTELLE  
PASTOR OF ST. PAUL'S



My Dear Parish Family,  
During the four weeks of Advent I have suggested a few questions you might discuss as a family in order to spiritually prepare you for the coming of Christ this Christmas.

Week 3: What does your family do to get ready for Christmas? What do you think Mary and Joseph did to get ready for Jesus?

Peace and love  
Father Joe

## From the Business Office

### We Are Open and Will Remain Open

As per the Supreme Court Ruling on Thanksgiving Eve, Churches are not in the category of a gathering and a count of 25 or 10 persons does not apply to churches. We will continue to practice safe distancing in seating, Mask wearing in the building during the mass and communion and using hand sanitizer when entering the church. Our hearts are full of joy that we may come together as a family and worship safely. See you in church.

### **Christmas Wreath Sale**

This year we are once again offering you the opportunity to purchase a 22" live wreath with bow after all masses or by calling the parish office to order, 875-2730. The cost is the same as last year, \$22.00 dollars and the proceeds go towards the window restoration fund. For those who would like to bring some holiday joy to your home but are still uncomfortable coming to church, we are offering delivery in the Kenmore-Tonawanda area.

Thank you for your support and may you have a very Merry Christmas.

### **Heartfelt Thank you!!!**

A special thank you to the following parishioners who helped Greg Merkle this past Saturday put up our beautiful outdoor manager scene in front of the church. Rod Quebral and his son Tom, Greg Blosat & Sean McNett. Many hands made for a lighter load and faster set up.



December 19 & December 20

### **LECTORS**

5 PM L. Bovino  
8 AM RoseAnn Martin  
11 AM M. Rickwald

### **MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

5 PM F. Saladyga  
8 AM Deacon Parker  
11 AM Deacon Parker



### **Prayers for the Advent Wreath**

Lord God, the prophet Isaiah foretells of a world that "will bloom with abundant flowers and rejoice with joyful song." May we hope without ceasing for the coming of your glory and be ready to greet you with joy. Listen to the prayers we lift before you. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

## *Scripture Readings*

### **WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES**

#### **Readings for the week of December 13, 2020**

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54  
[Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28  
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc,  
8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27  
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19  
and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32  
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10,  
11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23  
Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf.  
7]/Mt 1:1-17  
Friday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-  
25  
Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-  
17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25  
Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5,  
27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

**A Constant Companion**

As Christians, we are called to a life of prayer. This is not just during seasons like Advent, but all year long. When we talk about being prayerful everyday stewards, we are speaking about cultivating an awareness of God being with us at all times. Each day we begin by offering God the entirety of our day. Each night we rest in Him and hope that the hours that passed gave Him glory.

During this busy time of Advent, it is hard to cultivate this life of prayer, but without it we can too easily lose sight of the reason for the season. It is during this time of year we need to heed the words of St. Paul more than ever when he wrote to the Thessalonians, "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing." This is how we will be able to avoid the pitfalls of consumerism and secularism and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

Bring Jesus with you into the office Christmas party. Take him with you shopping for gifts in the department store. Be aware of him when you sit down to watch television specials you have seen every year of your life. Give him all your time and let his presence fill your every moment. By striving to be connecting with Jesus at all times, you will bear greater fruit and the joy you experience will be much greater than you could imagine. You might even spend a few less dollars and spend more time with those you love, particularly the one who loves you the most, the Incarnation himself.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS  
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**FUND RAISING COMMETTE**

St Paul's is looking for a group of parishioners who are interesting in helping with fundraising activities. We are looking into fundraising to help defray the costs of the stained-glass window repairs which are greatly needed. Some ideas would be drive through meal pickups, such as chicken barbeques, Lenten fish fry dinners, virtual meat raffles, basket raffles, and other activities. If you are interested, please contact the office at 716-875-2730 during business hours (8:30 am-3:30pm) and your name will be added to a list for future contact. Many hands make the load lighter!

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My Soul, Be Not Afraid, Deep Love of Jesus, Holy Spirit  
Come Into Our Lives, Irish Blessing

**A VOCATION VIEW**

John the Baptist urged his followers to turn away from sin and renounce anything that was keeping them from doing God's will. What can you turn away from in order to hear God's call more clearly and answer more readily? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org)

**GIVING TREE for 2020**

All gifts should by now have been delivered to the church/ office. Thank you for your generosity again this year

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

**December 13, 2020**  
**3rd Sunday of Advent**

Did you ever stop and realize that there is no earthly gain that can ever really satisfy us? Think of winning the Lotto. On this side of the winning ticket, it's all about the money, the new car, house, vacations, bank accounts, and infinite pleasures. The possibility of acquiring all of these earthly securities brings us back again and again to the purchase of a ticket. Then, one day we win! Our dreams are fulfilled, and happiness is on the horizon. Then one day, we wake up and realize that nothing has really changed, and I am not as satisfied as I thought I was or would be. I find myself living in my incompleteness and with my profound sorrow and grief. I did not find joy.

Glimpses of joy are possible but not by material means. They are brought to us through incredible experiences of connection that bring us face to face with real and authentic faith, hope, and love. And, they are glimpses and do not last. The moment we find ourselves looking back at them, they are gone, and we find ourselves remembering the moment in memory. To carry joy within us is to realize that it is not something I create, manufacture or even acquire. It is not able to be purchased. It is a gift. My need for joy mirrors my need for eternity, for a Creator who has a claim on the very essence of who I am and desires a home within me. As C. S. Lewis discovered, joy is a surprise that speaks to my very soul and is given as gift by the God who loves me.

The beauty of Advent is found in discovering the beauty of the gift of joy. God has visited his people for no other reason than to show them where and how to find joy! All of our human and earthly joy experiences are always only glimpses. They never satisfy us, sustain us or fulfill us. It is only God who is the joy of my soul. Real, Divine experiences of joy catch us off guard, make us stop and become aware, bring a feeling of awe and rightness and have an eternal Otherness about them. Nothing created by humans can ever come close to this. We probably will not fully realize the truth of all of this until we actually meet God face to face in heaven one day. Then, in that sacred moment when our hearts leap for joy we will understand what we have been tirelessly searching for all along. Intense gratitude will most surely follow.

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## SCRIP

All pre-orders need to be in the office no later than December 16, by noon to be able receive them in time for Christmas.

On hand inventory listed in bulletin can be purchased in office until December 23 by 2pm for those last minute gift ideas.

*Help Support  
Our Parish*

Preparing for the Holiday's

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*Upcoming*  
**Community Events**

**Diocese of Buffalo**

**Nativity Sets on Display.** Fr. Roy Herberger will have 300 (of his 650) nativity sets from 58 countries on display at the Fatima Shrine, Lewiston during their "Festival of Lights." It will be open to the public from 5-9 pm every night from November 20 until January 3 (except for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Eve). If you have any questions, contact Fr. Roy at 716-852-2076 or [royhope@aol.com](mailto:royhope@aol.com).

**Advocacy in the Palm of Your Hand.** You now have the tools to make your voice heard to your elected officials right in the palm of your hand. The Catholic Action Network (CAN) can text critical advocacy alerts directly to your smartphone, with links to quickly send messages to your elected officials on urgent issues of the day. To sign up, just text the word CAN to 50457. You'll immediately receive a one-time link to complete your registration, which is free. Please consider signing up today.

**USCCB-Word of Life:** "We know earthly death is not the end, but rather the door through which we must pass to gain eternal life. Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation... We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily lives and decisions." – USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing"

# Kids Corner

 **GOSPEL**

John the Baptist prepared the way for the Messiah, Jesus Christ. He shouted in the desert, "Get your soul ready. The Lord is coming." Today John still warns you to get your soul ready for Jesus. Ask God to forgive you. Then forgive yourself and others. Shout to the world. Be a witness by your actions. Show that you believe in God. Then you will be ready when Jesus comes to take you to heaven with him.

 **PRAYER**

Lord, forgive me for all of my sins.

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