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January 02, 2022
The Epiphany of the Lord

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MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 8 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri.: 8 a.m.

Thurs.: 5:30 p.m.

Holy Day: 8 a.m. & 5 p.m. **Holy Day Vigil:** 5 p.m.

CONFESSION: Saturday 4-4:30 p.m. or by
appointment

NOVENA: Wednesday 7:45 a.m.,
Our Mother of Perpetual Help

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN:

At the 11 a.m. Mass, Sept.-June, children are dismissed
to study the Scripture with a parish catechist.

Religious Education: Biweekly. Grades 1-5 Tuesday evenings
6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.; Grades 6-10 Thursday evenings 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.
Baptism: Baptismal preparation classes are held on the 3rd
Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. Parents or parents-to-be are
asked to call the parish office. Baptisms are celebrated on the 2nd
and 4th Sundays of the month during or immediately following
the 11 a.m. Mass.

Marriage: Parishioners only may be married here, and must be active
parishioners for 9 months prior to scheduling a wedding. Contact the
parish priest at least 6 months prior to the ceremony to make
arrangements. Weddings are celebrated on Friday evenings;
Saturdays at 12 noon & 2:30 p.m.

Ministry to the Sick & Homebound: Call the parish office to
make arrangements for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
or to have Holy Communion brought to the home. Please notify
the office of sick parishioners who are in the hospital.

RCIA: This process is designed for adults who are: 1) interested
in becoming a Catholic; or 2) are baptized Catholics wishing to
complete their initiation process by receiving the sacraments of
Confirmation and/or Eucharist. Interested individuals should
contact the parish office.

Letters of Recommendation: A Letter of Recommendation to
serve as a sponsor for the Sacrament of Baptism and/or
Confirmation can be given only to registered members of the
parish who are confirmed, attend Mass and receive the sacraments
regularly. If the requesting person is married, the marriage must
have taken place in conformity with the laws of the Church.

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

PLEASE REMEMBER ST. PAUL'S IN YOUR WILL



MISSION STATEMENT

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.

St. Paul's is a Respect Life Parish.



Saturday, January 01: New Years Day, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace

5:00 p.m. Linda Goyette, by Mother Dolores Jedrzejek

Sunday, January 02: The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

8:00 a.m. Philip Bouley, by Family
11:00 a.m. LeRoy Goodremote and Susan Willats, by Family

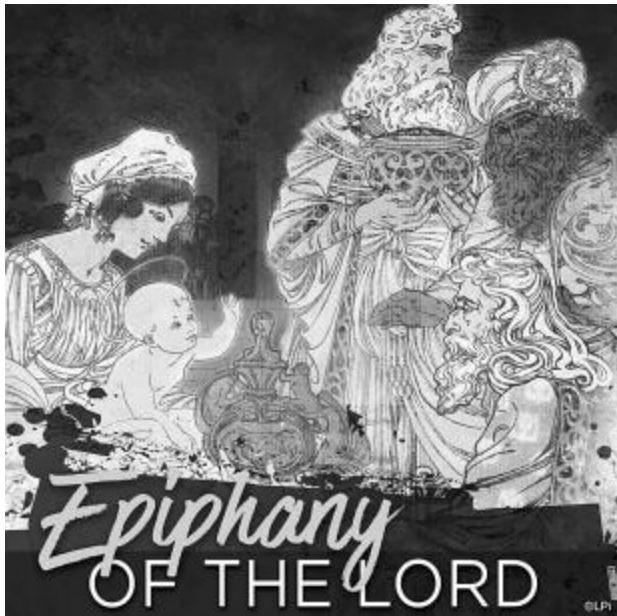
Monday, January 03: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
NO MASS, OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, January 04: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
8:00 a.m. All Soul's

Wednesday, January 05: St. John Neumann, Bishop
7:45 a.m. Novena
8:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Paul's

Thursday, January 06: St. André Bessette, Religious
5:30 p.m. All Soul's

Friday, January 07: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
7:45 a.m. Novena
8:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Women's Sodality
3:00 p.m. McAuley Chapel



SANCTUARY LAMP

...burns this week in loving memory of the Deceased Members of St. Paul's Parish.



THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

January 02 — January 08

Sunday 02:

Monday 03: PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED

Tuesday 04:

Wednesday 05: 7p.m.—8:30p.m. RCIA in Parish Hall
7p.m.—Ensemble Practice in Church

Thursday 06:

Friday 07:

Saturday 08:

JANUARY

IN YOUR CHARITY...



Please pray for the sick of the parish, especially Harry Barker, Juanita Irene, Mike Lorenzo, Anne Schmitt, Tony Manzella, Joseph Phillips, Stephanie Merenda, Louis Mang, Katherine Limardi, Michael Hanavan, Sister Maria Lugosi, Susan Czajkowski, Dolores Quagliana, Lenny Reco, Mellie Zuccaro, Angie Davide, Jeanine Gilligan, Frie Family, Eric Glinski, Pam Coniglio, Diane Lapp, Elaine Klee, 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).

STEWARDSHIP IN FAITH

DECEMBER 19, 2021

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of Envelope Users..... 165

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of Envelope Users..... 100

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An extract from the “St. Paul’s Roman Catholic Church: Centennial of Faith and Service”

In 1900 the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis were able to send two of their teaching nuns to St Paul’s. Franciscan sisters would teach at the school for the next ten years, the first few being a true test of the good Sisters’ stamina and dedication. They lived in one room of the school and prepared and ate their meals in the basement of the church which was very cold and damp. These living arrangements were most uncomfortable and sometimes unhealthy, but the Sisters persevered in their work.

The winters were, of course, the most difficult. An early parish historian describes “the bitter cold winds that used to sweep down Lake Erie and across the open plains, until they reached the frail little schoolhouse where they seemed to keep circling round and round.” Each morning the Sisters would first light the two fires which warmed the school. If there was not enough wood chopped to start the fires, and if none of the big boys came to school early enough, it was not unusual to see one of the Sisters wielding the ax at the woodpile. On very cold days the students had to keep their coats on and “even their mittens while ciphering out examples on the blackboard.



BUSINESS OFFICE

2021 tax statements will be sent out by the end of January 2022 ,so please, no calls to the office requesting one is necessary. Also as a reminder that all donations have to be in the business office by December 31,2021 to go on the 2021 tax statement. If received after that date they will go on the 2022 form.

Thank you for all your support, Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year!

Carolyn Nye

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

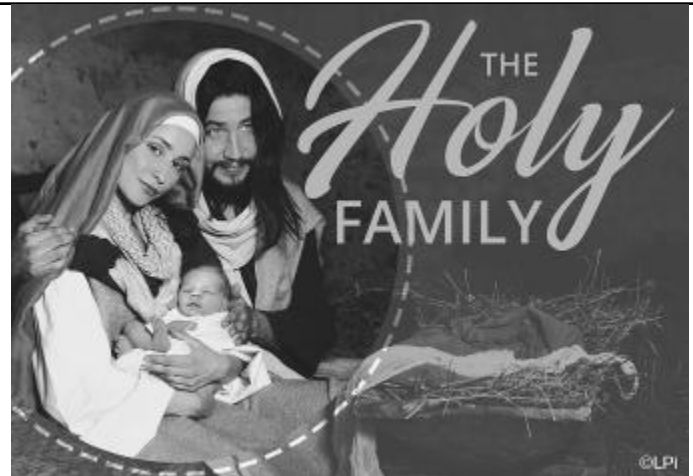
January 08 & 09

LECTORS

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| 5 PM | Ryan Nye |
| 8 AM | Quebral |
| 11 AM | M. Rickwald |

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

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| 5 PM | Deacon Parker |
| 8 AM | Deacon Parker |
| 11 AM | Deacon Parker |



Readings for the Week

Readings for the week of January 02, 2022

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

SODALITY

Gerald Tidd the Veterans' Rep sent this note: "Thank you and your friends for supporting our veterans. You and St. Pauls' congregation have stood above and beyond any of our other donators. You are truly doing the Lord's work. The Lord will smile down on you and your friends for your efforts."

As the Feast of the Three Kings approaches, let us remember the simplest gift can be the most cherished. Be kind to each other and yourself. A smile, a nod or a wave can mean a lot.

**SAINT OF THE WEEK
EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH****St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint."

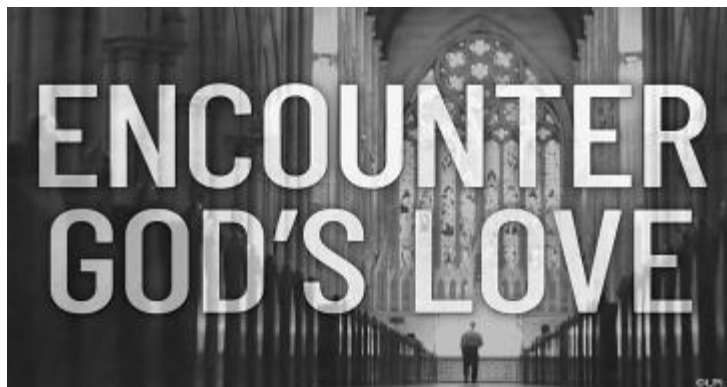
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**GOSPEL MEDITATION
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF
SCRIPTURE****The Epiphany of the Lord**

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.



LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

The Light of the Moon

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

What happens to a consecrated host if it accidentally falls to the ground?

Answer:

This is a very practical question because, as we all know, accidents happen, even during the most careful celebration of the liturgy. The short answer to this question is that nothing happens to the consecrated host. The Real Presence of Jesus remains in the consecrated host or any consecrated wine that might accidentally be spilled.

Another question we might ask is: How should the ministers respond if the Eucharist is dropped or spilled? If this happens, the priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister of holy Communion should immediately pick up the dropped host and consume it. If it is a case of the Precious Blood being spilled, the minister would use the purificator (and additional purificators if needed) to clean the spill and then the area should be reverently washed as soon as the Mass is over and the water poured into the sacrarium (a special sink that is located in church sacristies for reverently disposing of holy water, the water used to clean sacred vessels, etc.).

Upcoming
Community Events

“Called to Serve: Reflections on Christian Leadership” on Monday, *January 3* at 7 pm at Our Lady of Pompeii, 129 Laverack Ave., Lancaster; presented by CJ Wild, a Seminarian at St. Mary’s Seminary in Baltimore, MD. Explore and come to appreciate the true essence of leadership as service motivated by love and the reality that Christ is love.

St Gregory the Great Parish invites you to join us for “FIAT”, our monthly Eucharistic Conference, Saturday, *January 8 at 7 pm*, in the church. Open your heart to the Lord and allow Him to make a difference in your life! Our guest speaker will be Fr. Dan Young, Pastor of Good Shepherd Parish, who will share with us the life of Fr. Nelson Baker. Come, for a solid faith filled talk, great music, prayer ministry and most importantly time with our Lord before the Eucharist. All are welcome!

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. In coordination with the Office of Worship of the Diocese of Buffalo, there will be a training session for individuals who wish to become Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on Saturday, *January 15* at 9:00 am at Annunciation (Selbert Hall), 7580 Clinton St., Elma. Please first discuss the possibility with your pastor/parish administrator. Once your pastor approves, complete an application form (available from your parish office or the Office of Worship) and present it to your parish office for final approval, pastor’s signature and parish seal. Forms should then be sent to the Office of Worship, 795 Main St., Buffalo, NY 14203 no later than 7 days prior to the training. When attending a formation session, please bring your personal Bible and a means of taking notes. You may bring a snack or brown bag lunch. For more information, email worship@buffalodiocese.org or call 716-847-5545.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: Which sacraments can only be received once?

Answer: Confirmation, Baptism, and Holy Orders

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Happy New Year! Is giving back on your to-do list for 2022? If so, consider becoming a Catholic Charities volunteer. View all current opportunities at www.ccwny.org and become a beacon of HOPE right here in Western New York. Thank you for your support throughout the year! Join us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. If someone you know needs help, go to www.ccwny.org or call our Helpline at 716-218-1419.

Kids Corner

 **GOSPEL**

Isn't God amazing? He made all the stars and planets to move, so every night the sky looks a little different. When God created the world, he planned exactly when the wise men would see the star. He wanted them to find Jesus.



 **PRAYER**

Dear God, thank you for making the planets and stars so the wise men could find Jesus.

Unscramble these words from today's Gospel:

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| child | star | gifts |
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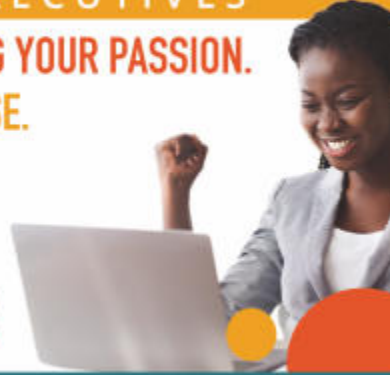
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