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OFFICE HOURS Mon/Thur..8:30am to 4:00pm Friday .....8:30am to 12:00pm

Mon.-Thur. Mass at 8:00am Saturday Mass at 5:00pm Sunday Mass at 9:30am

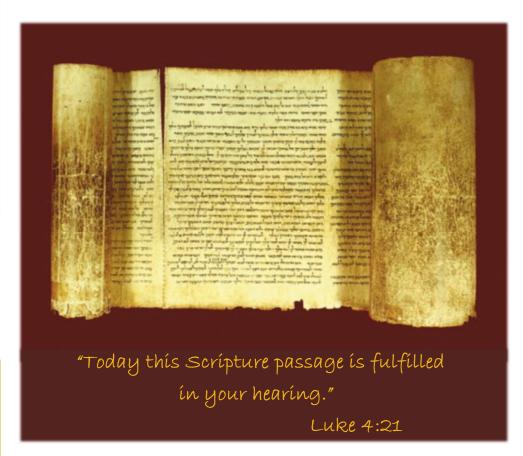
Exposition and Adoration
3rd Wednesday each month... from 8:30am to noon



BAPTISM...3rd Sunday of the month at 9:30am Mass (Parents must attend Baptism Preparation). Call Karen at ext. #208 RECONCILIATION Saturday 4:00pm to 4:45pm or call Fr. George MATRIMONY...One year notice required

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# January 24, 2022..... Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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#### OUR MISSION.....

We are the family of Saint Regis, a diverse faith-filled community of caring people. We commit ourselves to be Christ-like to one another, promoting active participation by all in building the parish faith community. Unified through Word and Worship, we answer the call to love and serve God. We resolve to share our faith through prayer, outreach and service.



George & Ruth Kifer

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Ed & Alice Kifer

#### Parish Schedule, Mon. Jan. 24th. to Sun. Jan. 31st.

Mon. Jan. 24	6:15pm _	Rel. Ed. / MYM
Tues. Jan 25	9:00am_	Adult Ed.
	6:30pm _	Adult Ed.
Wed Jan 26	7:00pm _	Knights of Columbus mtg.
Sat. Jan 29	4:00pm _	Confessions
	5:00pm _	Mass
Sun. Jan 30	9:30am	Mass

# The Sanctuary candle is lit this week in prayer for Living & Deceased Members of

St. Regis Parish

# Ministry Schedule Saturday, January 29th. 5:00pm Mass Server: Euch. Min.: <unavailable> Greeter: Lector: Sunday, January 30th. 9:30am Mass Server: Euch. Min.: Greeter: <unavailable>

#### Readings for the week on page 3

N	MASSES INTENTIONS THIS WEEK		
MON 1/24/22 8:00am	Eva Marchilena (Cookie Lutz)		
TUE 1/25/22 8:00am	Shirley Berta (Chuck & Joan Petruska & Children)		
WED 1/26/22 8:00am	David Vitori (Lucchino Family)		
THUR 1/27/22 8:00am	Eugene Pilardi (wife)		
FRI 1/28/22	No Mass		
SAT	Frank Pavlick		
1/29/22	(Daughters)		
5:00pm			
SUN 1/30/22 9:30am 6:00pm	Living & Deceased members of St. Regis  Regional Mass at Mother of Sorrows		

#### Observances for the week of January 24, 2022

Monday: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Tuesday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

Wednesday: Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

Thursday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin

Lector:

Friday: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

From Father George's Desk...In today's second reading St. Paul paints for us an interesting and useful (even slightly comical) word picture to understand the interconnectedness of all Christians. Just as our physical bodies are not complete without the complex arrangement of all our diverse parts (organs, limbs, etc.) so, too, the Body of Christ, the Church, is not complete without the complex arrangement of all our diverse parts (us). Our bodies function best when all the parts are healthy and functioning normally; likewise, the Body of Christ functions best when all the members are healthy and in right relationship to Christ and one another. And what is the function of the Body of Christ? To continue the work begun by Jesus to bring glad tidings to the poor...to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free. Let us take to heart the words of today's readings and strive to be healthy members of the Body of Christ, leading the lives Christ calls us to lead that the Church will function well as we answer our baptismal call.

This weekend finds us in the midst of the annual observance of the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI writes, "...the task of restoring unity, which demands all our energy and efforts, is infinitely above our own possibilities. Unity with God and our brothers and sisters is a gift that comes from on high..." **Let us pray earnestly and always for this gift!** This week was chosen because January 18 used be celebrated as the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter and January 25 is the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. These great apostles stand as two great pillars of the Church: immortal witnesses to the unity of believers. Unity among all followers of Jesus Christ is a concern that should never be far from our thoughts. There are many legitimate theological and ecclesiastical differences among Christians and we continue to be haunted by the sad and sometimes violent history of division. However, there are also many signs of hope. Locally we are blessed to have a wonderful cooperative spirit of ecumenism among many congregations in the Penn-Trafford Ministerium. May our cooperation and discussion allow us to learn more about each other. Ignorance breeds fear and hate, while understanding breeds unity and peace.

**Planning for our Parish Festival will continue** on Tuesday, February 1 at 6:30PM in Gillen Hall. The primary item on the agenda will be looking for parishioners to take the lead in coordinating the various festival areas and an overall festival chair. The festival is set for July 31.

On Monday the Church honors the great **bishop and doctor of the Church, St. Francis de Sales**. He was the oldest of six children born into a noble family in the Duchy of Savoy (in modern-day France) in 1567. As the eldest son, Francis was expected by his father to be well-schooled for a life as a privileged politician. But while in college, Francis had what might be considered a "dark night of soul". Influenced by the doctrine of predestination, being taught by Calvinists at the time, Francis was convinced of his own damnation, leading to a prolonged personal crisis of faith. He had a great epiphany in early 1587 as he prayed the Memorare at a shrine to Our Lady of Good Deliverance, namely, that God had good in store for him because God is love. This great revelation led him to forgo the wishes of his family and he was ordained a priest in 1593. Francis was well-known as a

powerful and charismatic preacher, teaching and preaching of God's love and mercy. He also did much writing, contributing greatly to the development of spirituality for the laity, most famously in his book, *The Introduction to the Devout Life.* He spent the last 20 years of his life as Bishop of Geneva, continuing his ministry of building up the Church in the wake of the Reformation. Francis de Sales died of a stroke days after Christmas 1622. He is venerated as the patron of writers and journalists, because he made extensive use of broadsheets and books both in spiritual direction and in his efforts to convert the Calvinists of the region. St. Francis also developed a sign language in order to teach a deaf man about God. Because of this, he is the patron saint of the deaf.



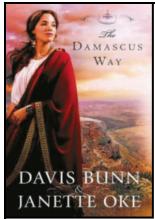
#### Readings for the week of January 24, 2022

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17/Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30 Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17/Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

#### PARISH—YOUTH—RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



The Evangelization Committee's WINTER BOOK CLUB presents 'The Damascus Way'. In person discussion session on Wednesday, February 23rd. at 6:30pm. Perfect for readers who enjoy a biblical epic! Read this fascinating story about the early followers of 'The Way'. The earliest disciples and evangelists of Jesus Christ!

Julia has everything money can buy...expect for acceptance by either the Gentiles or the Jews. Her Greek father already has a wife and family, leaving Julia and her Hebrew mother second-class citizens. But when they are introduced to followers of the Way, they become part of that community of believers. Abigail's brother, Jacob, now a young man, is attempting to discover hos own place as a Christian.

What: Winter Book Club: The Damascus Way by Davis Bunn, Janette Oke

When: Wednesday, February 23rd and 6:30pm (one session only) Books are read at

leisure. Topics for discussion provided at our session.

Cost: FREE to anyone wanting to attend

How: Advanced registration is required by this Thursday, January 20th.

\*Sending you NAME, EMAIL AND PHONE NUMBER to Lisa Lotito at: <u>ljaynlouie@hotmail.com</u> or call the office at 412-372-4577 Ext. 204 or 206. LEAVE NAME & PHONE #

(BOOKS ABAILABLE FOR PICKUP/ DROP OFF (by request) ON OR BEFORE 1/24/2022)



The Church acknowledges the following contribution to the Saint Regis Memorial Fund for **Shirley Berta** from Michael Broskovich.

#### WEEKLY OFFERTORY FOR 1/16/2022

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If you are able to help please call Mike in the office at 412-372-4577-ext. 204.



Please remember to bring you filled baby bottles for the St. Regis Knights baby bottle campaign for the Women's Choice Network, a pro-life pregnancy resource center. Sunday, January 30th., is the last day to drop them off. St. Regis is also set up for virtual giving. Members can go to ebottle.org and donate under St. Regis. Thank-you.

#### **DIOCESAN-LOCAL- AREA CHURCHES**

Brothers and sisters in Christ, We will be starting up training sessions again for new sponsor couples at Christ Our Shepherd Center on Saturday, January 29 from 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon and on Saturday, February 12 from 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon The event will include morning Mass together, a light social, an enrichment talk based on feedback from a survey of sponsor couples, and then the official training portion. Couples can register for either day <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2022-sponsor-couple-gathering-registration-243720573797">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2022-sponsor-couple-gathering-registration-243720573797</a>. New couples need only attend one of the two sessions to be fully trained. While there is no cost for the training, they must come to the training with their book, "For Better, For Ever – Catholic Edition", which can be purchased at <a href="https://marriagepreparation.com/page/?pg=12">https://marriagepreparation.com/page/?pg=12</a>. We have also invited existing sponsor couples to join us for the Mass, social, and enrichment portions of the event, so please spread the word to them as well. Please contact me if you have any questions.

God bless. Fr. Dan Carr, Director of Marriage Preparation



Here is an update about the resources and events surrounding the March for Life on Friday, January 21. Whether you can attend in person or not, there are many ways that you can join the call for a greater respect for life in our country and in our world.

If you are planning to attend in person and do not have transportation: The following individuals are leading buses to the March – please contact them to find out their trip details and to reserve a seat on the bus.

Mary Blythe, St. Agnes in North Huntingdon 724-863-2626 or 412-996-2115

Bill Ager, Indiana County 724-465-4522

Caitlin Craig, Mother of Sorrows in Murrysville 724-733-8870 x114

Fr. Tim Kruthaupt, St. Peter's in Brownsville 724-785-7781

If you are planning to attend in person and already have your own transportation: Bishop Kulick will be celebrating Mass at the Immaculate Heart of Mary chapel at the National Shrine at 10:30 on the morning of the March For Life. All are welcome – first come, first seated. Bishop also invites any pilgrims to march with him. We plan to depart from the corner of Constitution and 15th street nearest the Washington Monument around 1:00 (the planned start time of the march).

**If you are unable to attend the March in person but would like to participate in some way:** There are a number of local and virtual events and opportunities for prayer taking place. Here are a few:

- St. Emma Monastery will be hosting prayers for life on Tuesday, January 18 from 2:30-5:30 in the Cor Jesu chapel. The event includes common prayer, Eucharistic adoration, a reflection, and vespers. Contact the sisters at 724-834 -3060 for details.
- The Greensburg Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women is hosting a "Pray for Life" day on Friday, January 21 at Christ Our Shepherd Center from 11:30 4:30 PM. The events include a rosary for priests, Mass, Eucharistic adoration, a rosary for life, stations of the cross for life, a divine mercy chaplet, and a litany for life. Contact Millie at 724-537-2064 for details.

The Youth Rally and Mass for Life will be a hybrid event this year – in-person for local youth and virtual for others. The events will be live-streamed on the YouTube channel for the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle in Washington. Visit <a href="https://adw.org/youth-rally-mass-life/">https://adw.org/youth-rally-mass-life/</a> for more details.

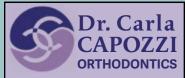
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- Moving out of Parish
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