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### Saint Rosalia

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### Saint Stephen

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## MISSION STATEMENT

The Catholic Community of Greenfield, Hazelwood and Oakland seeks to proclaim, witness and share the Good News of Jesus Christ with everyone. Empowered by the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Eucharist, Saint Paul Cathedral Parish welcomes all to come and to join us on our mission to deepen our faith and holiness, grow in our love for God and others, and extend charity to all, especially the poor and those in need.

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### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

#### Monday, October 25

Weekday -  
Rom 8:12-17 \* Lk 13:10-17

#### Tuesday, October 26

Weekday -  
Rom 8:18-25 \* Lk 13:18-21

#### Wednesday, October 27

Weekday -  
Rom 8:26-30 \* Lk 13:22-30

#### Thursday, October 28

Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles -  
Eph 2:19-22 \* Lk 6:12-16

#### Friday, October 29

Weekday -  
Rom 9:1-5 \* Lk 14:1-6

#### Saturday, October 30

Weekday -  
Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29 \* Lk 14:1, 7-11

#### Sunday, October 31

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time -  
Dt 6:2-6 \* Heb 7:23-28 \* Mk 12:28b-34

# PARISH INFORMATION

### LITURGY SCHEDULE AND MASS INTENTIONS

#### Monday, October 25

8:15 am	St. Paul Cathedral	Paul and Patricia Gaertner
10:00 am	St. Rosalia	Jeremy Wheeler
12:05 pm	St. Paul Cathedral	T. J. Bainbridge

#### Tuesday, October 26

8:15 am	St. Paul Cathedral	Lewis Noe
12:05 pm	St. Paul Cathedral	Dr. Joan Herwig

#### Wednesday, October 27

8:15 am	St. Paul Cathedral	Anthony Joseph Bucci
10:00 am	St. Rosalia	Paul Baker
12:05 pm	St. Paul Cathedral	Yolanda and Frank Torres
7:00 pm	St. Paul Cathedral	Novena and Benediction

#### Thursday, October 28

8:15 am	St. Paul Cathedral	Elizabeth Magyar
12:05 pm	St. Paul Cathedral	Carolyn Grundy

#### Friday, October 29

8:15 am	St. Paul Cathedral	Kathleen Donnelly
12:05 pm	St. Paul Cathedral	Joseph and Marie Magyar

#### Saturday, October 30

8:15 am	St. Paul Cathedral	People of the Parish
12:05 pm	St. Paul Cathedral	Steve and Anna Chontas
4:00 pm	St. Rosalia	Fiorindo Sciulli
6:00 pm	St. Paul Cathedral	Rosalinda Conicella

#### Sunday, October 31

6:30 am	St. Paul Cathedral	Mr. and Mrs. Michael Peluso, Sr. Family, Deceased
9:00 am	St. Rosalia	Cancroy and Gallagher Family, Living and Deceased
10:00 am	St. Paul Cathedral	Robert Conroy
12:00 pm	St. Paul Cathedral	Carlo Eugenio and Elisabetta Sciulli
12:00 pm	St. Rosalia (Spanish)	Andrew McCann
1:00 pm	St. Paul Cathedral	Eucharistic Adoration
5:00 pm	St. Paul Cathedral	Vespers and Benediction
6:00 pm	St. Paul Cathedral	Barbara Labishak

### LITURGY SCHEDULE (CURRENT)

#### Mass Times

St. Paul Cathedral  
Saturday Anticipated: 6pm  
Sunday: 6:30am, 10am, 12noon & 6pm  
Weekdays (Monday - Saturday):  
8:15am & 12:05pm

St. Rosalia  
Saturday Anticipated: 4pm  
Sunday: 9am & 12noon (Spanish)  
Weekdays (Monday & Wednesday):  
10am

#### Confession Times

St. Paul Cathedral  
Friday & Saturday: 12:45pm

**Finance Council:** Thomas Bainbridge, Kathleen Carey-Knecht, Robert Cunningham, Ralph Massaro, Judi Nocito, and Daniel Williams

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#### Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

St. Paul Cathedral  
Wednesday: 7pm - 8pm  
Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration: 7pm  
Novena Prayers & Benediction: 7:30pm

#### Televised Mass

Live on Comcast:  
Channel 95 (In Pittsburgh)  
Live Streamed Online:  
ghocatholics.org/tv-ministry  
facebook.com/stpaulpgh  
Weekdays (Monday - Saturday): 8:15am  
Sunday: 10am

# REFLECTIONS

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

“The Lord has delivered his people.” The Prophet Isaiah tells us clearly about the love that God has for His people. God will do all things for His people. God will reach out into time and history to draw us to Himself. Yes, God can be tough and God at times seems to treat His people poorly—but the truth is that God always acts out of love. We don’t always act out of love and so when our actions are tough or seemingly hurtful to others, they might be. With God, His actions are never hurtful to others, but only an expression of His complete love.

The first reading today is from the Prophet Isaiah. This prophet wants us to shout with joy because we recognize that God is always with His people, drawing us to Himself, bringing us out of darkness into light, drawing us from slavery to freedom and finally, drawing us to Himself in every way possible. Perhaps this is not how we understand our lives yet. Perhaps for some of us, there is a sense that God cannot possibly love us. Perhaps for others there is a sort of absence of God. On the other hand, the Scripture is God’s own revealed word, and God is telling us today: “I love you and I have always loved you. I will draw you to myself.”

The second reading is from the Letter to the Hebrews. This letter, today, continues the teaching of the first reading: I love you and have always loved you! The Letter to the Hebrews tells us that “He is able to deal patiently with the ignorant and erring, for he himself is beset by weakness.” It is Jesus who deals patiently with the ignorant and the erring. It is Jesus who has taken on our human flesh, our human reality, and so can understand completely our human condition. Jesus can offer Himself for us because He became one of us, like us in everything except for sin.

The Gospel of Mark today tells us about a blind man who was strong enough to keep calling out to Jesus until he was heard. So many of us give up on our praying and our asking God because we don’t get what we want when we want it. Instead, this blind man can teach us to pray always, to keep insisting with God that He must hear us.

So we have the teachings given us by Jesus: Through Isaiah that God always loves us and wants us to come to Him; through the Letter to the Hebrews that God in Jesus carries us with Him and helps the ignorant and those who go astray, which means that God in Jesus is loving us right now; and through today’s Gospel that we must keep crying out to the Lord and insisting that the Lord hear us. What a God of love we have. He is always seeking us, always helping us, and always inviting us to keep calling out to Him. He will come to save us!

## FROM THE HEART OF OUR PASTOR, FATHER STUBNA

- 1. WE ARE CELEBRATING THE 115<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF SAINT PAUL CATHEDRAL** today at all the Masses this weekend in the Cathedral itself. We remember the sacrifices and dedication of so many people who helped to build the Cathedral and who have worked faithfully to sustain it over these past 115 years. We remember in our prayers, especially all the former bishops, rectors, pastors, and priests who have been assigned to the Cathedral, to the religious and especially the many

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## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“In dangers, in doubts, in difficulties, think of Mary, call upon Mary. Let not her name depart from your lips, never suffer it to leave your heart.

And that you may obtain the assistance of her prayer, neglect not to walk in her footsteps. With her for guide, you shall never go astray; while invoking her, you shall never lose heart; so long as she is in your mind, you are safe from deception; while she holds your hand, you cannot fall; under her protection you have nothing to fear; if she walks before you, you shall not grow weary; if she shows you favor, you shall reach the goal.”

~ *Saint Bernard of Clairvaux*

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## FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP

A word of thanks to all who give so generously to support our parish and its many services.

### Sunday, October 3:

4:00 pm:	\$1,420.00
6:00 pm:	\$1,672.54
6:30 am:	\$1,170.00
9:00 am:	\$914.00
10:00 am:	\$3,150.62
12:00 pm:	\$1,397.00
12:00 pm (Spanish):	\$263.23
6:00 pm:	\$941.00
Mail-In:	\$6,051.00
Total:	\$16,980.19

## BANNS OF MARRIAGE.

Please remember to keep in your prayers the following couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage:

- III - Kevin Ohm and Vanessa Sciulli
- III - Matthew Rhodes and Kate Hardiman
- III - Stephen Cizek and Rachael Rindler
- II - Michael Smith and Elizabeth Rieker
- II - Stefan Schaming and Maggie Mazzotta
- II - Robert Kaufman and Hillary Leonard
- I - Dominic DeMino and Jaclyn Elias
- I - Gregory Louie and Emily Scanga

# PARISH NEWS

Sisters of Mercy who served at the Cathedral, to all the religious, staff members, and lay faithful who have helped to make Saint Paul Cathedral the wonderful, faith-filled parish it is today. **We will use special readings and prayers for the anniversary of the dedication of the Cathedral at all the Masses today so please note that you will not be able to follow the readings or Mass prayers in the worship aids or Magnificat.** This is a special day when we recall the sacrifices of so many over the history of our parish who shared time, talent, and treasure to build this magnificent Cathedral, to maintain it and to create the parish that serves so many people in so many different ways. It is our turn now to do all we can to stand on that legacy and build a future of hope and faith that will bring the message of God's love and his truth to all who come to us.

- 2. SYNOD ON SYNODALITY.** Pope Francis has called for a synod on synodality which will involve consultation with bishops, clergy, religious and the laity from across the world culminating in a Synod of Bishops in 2023. Many people are asking: What is Synodality? Pope Francis has explained it best as a process of "journeying together" under the guidance and wisdom of the Holy Spirit. The three key elements of this process are Communion, Participation and Mission. The Pope has invited the whole church to come together in conversation and dialogue to share our experiences of the faith in order to impel us more effectively on the mission given to us by Jesus Christ: "Go and preach the Gospel to all the nations." This weekend at every Mass, we are calling upon the Holy Spirit to guide the Church in this time of reflection and discernment as our Holy Father, together with all the bishops of the Church, listen carefully to all the voices of the Church and plan a path forward for the Church. Come Holy Spirit, enlighten the hearts of your faithful. The doctrines and teachings of the Church handed down to us from Jesus Christ through the Apostles, what we call the depositum fidei—the deposit of the faith—can never change. What the Church has always taught and believed is part of the eternal truths of God revealed to us in Jesus Christ and the Church. But how we understand those teachings and apply them to every age is what we must reflect on time and time again. This is known as the "development of doctrine." It allows us to deepen our understanding of the doctrines of the faith and grow in our understanding of how we apply them to the issues of our time. Let us pray for this initiative and be open to where the Holy Spirit will lead us and guide us. This will no doubt require new ways of thinking for all of us and new things, as we know, can be challenging and uncomfortable for us – change always is. But remember that we remain rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the tradition of our faith as we seek to grow in holiness of life, in love for God and others, and in our shared mission to bring others to Christ and to gain eternal life. We hold fast to the promise of Jesus himself in giving us the Church that "the jaws of death shall never prevail against it" as we seek to teach, to live and to proclaim the eternal truths of our life in Christ.
- 3. VOLUNTEER SACRISTANS** are needed at our Saint Rosalia site for Saturday evening Mass at 4:00 pm and for Sunday Mass at

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9:00 am. We need someone who would be willing to unlock the Church for Mass and to lock up after Mass. This would include being sure that everything is put out for the Mass and things are put away, lights out as needed and doors locked. Training would be provided. This is a critically important need for us to be able to continue having Mass at St. Rosalia, particularly when there are visiting priests helping us out. If anyone is interested in helping, please let me know.

**A CATHEDRAL** is so called for the chair of the bishop (*cathedra*) who has jurisdiction over the diocese of which the Cathedral is the bishop's official church and the Mother Church of the diocese. This *cathedra* represents the teaching authority of the bishop and his communion with our Holy Father in teaching, sanctifying, and leading the People of God. As we celebrate our 115<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dedication of Saint Paul Cathedral, we are ever mindful of our own bishop, Bishop Zubik, and the need we have each day to lift him up in prayer before God. May God's fullest blessings come upon our beloved Shepherd and give him the wisdom, courage, fortitude, joy, and love of Christ in all he does in helping to bring the Church Alive! May God bless our bishop. We are especially blessed to have the Mother Church of our diocese in our parish.

**BISHOP ZUBIK will be the celebrant for the 10:00 am Mass today at the Cathedral.** We are delighted to have him with us on this important celebration for Saint Paul Cathedral parish.

**OUR MONTHLY AFTERNOON OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION** will take place next Sunday, October 31. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration and prayer from 1:00 until 5:00 pm. Solemn Vespers and Benediction with the Cathedral schola are celebrated at 5:00 pm. All are welcome to join us. There are many fruits to those who spend time in prayer before the real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. This monthly afternoon of Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction takes place the last Sunday of each month. Please consider coming to join us in adoration and prayer before the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

**ALL SAINTS' DAY** will be celebrated on Monday, November 1. This is a holyday of great importance in the life of the Church but since it falls on a Monday this year, Mass attendance is not obligatory for the faithful. We remember on this day all the blessed in heaven, the whole communion of saints, but in a particular way, we honor those holy men and women who have no special feast days in the liturgical year. **The Mass Schedule for All Saints' Day is:**

<b>8:15 am</b>	<b>St. Paul Cathedral with the Oakland Catholic High School Students in attendance</b>
<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>St. Rosalia site</b>
<b>12:05 pm</b>	<b>St. Paul Cathedral</b>
<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>St. Paul Cathedral</b>

All are encouraged to attend this special day in honor of all the holy men and women of God.

## ST. PAUL CATHEDRAL SANCTUARY CANDLE

This week, from October 23 through October 29, the Sanctuary Candle at St. Paul Cathedral is being offered for:

**ALFIO AND FELICIA BUCCI**

*May they rest in peace.*

## ST. PAUL CATHEDRAL BLESSED MOTHER VIGIL LIGHT

This week, from October 23 through October 29, the Blessed Mother Vigil Light at St. Paul Cathedral is being offered for:

**BENEFACTORS OF SAINT PAUL CATHEDRAL PARISH, LIVING AND DECEASED**

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## SANCTUARY CANDLES AND BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR CANDLES

can burn in memory of a deceased loved one or for a special intention at both St. Rosalia site and St. Paul Cathedral. Only those intentions that have actually been requested with an offering will be listed in our weekly bulletin. Please call the parish office if you want to request an intention.

## VIGIL CANDLES CAN BE LIT AT OUR CHURCHES

by sending in your donation and the intention that you want to offer. We are happy to light the candle and say a prayer for that intention on your behalf.

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**OUR WEEKLY NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP.** At Saint Paul Cathedral on Wednesday evenings the Eucharist is exposed on the altar at 7:00 pm and the novena prayers and Benediction begin at 7:30 pm until about 8:00 pm. Please consider attending and bringing your needs and prayers to the attention of Our Blessed Mother who always hears our prayers and desires to lead us to the loving heart of her Son, Jesus Christ.

**ALL SOULS' DAY** will be celebrated on Tuesday, November 2. This is the annual commemoration of all the faithful departed. The dead were prayed for from the earliest days of the Church, a custom that dates back to the Catacombs in Rome where the Christians gathered around those who had been buried to offer Mass and pray for their beloved dead. All Soul's Day was set on November 2 so that the memories of the souls, both of the saints in heaven and the souls of those in purgatory could be celebrated on two successive days. In this way, the Christian belief in the communion of the saints could be more clearly expressed. Catholics believe that purgatory is the place of the final cleansing of human imperfections before a soul is able to enter the joy of heaven. We can assist the souls in purgatory by our prayers, particularly those we offer in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Masses for All Souls' Day are scheduled for:

**8:15 am      St. Paul Cathedral**

**12:05 pm     St. Paul Cathedral**

**7:00 pm      Annual Mass for those who have died in the past year at St. Paul Cathedral**

**A SPECIAL JOINT ALL SOULS' DAY MASS will be celebrated by Father Stubna at Saint Paul Cathedral on Tuesday, November 2 at 7:00 pm.** This Mass will remember those who have died in the past year (from November 2020 through October 2021) from our Saint Paul Cathedral parish and who have been buried from our four worship sites: Saint Paul Cathedral, Saint Regis, Saint Rosalia, and Saint Stephen. The next of kin for those who have died will receive an invitation to the Mass, but all are welcome to attend. All Soul's Day and November is a special time for the Church to remember all the faithful departed and this is a Mass that remembers all those who have died from our parish family in this past year. Please come and join us. Many thanks to the Saint Paul Cathedral parish Ladies of Charity for their help in coordinating this Mass. **They will host a small reception following the Mass in the parish Social Hall - all are welcome to attend.** Let us come together and celebrate the lives of those we have lost this year and pray for their eternal rest and for their families and loved ones. May they rest in peace.

**BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE.** As we anticipate our celebration of November and our remembrance of those who have died, we will once again place the Book of Remembrance near the sanctuary at St. Rosalia and St. Paul Cathedral. This year we are unifying our tradition and will have the books out for the entire month of November, near the altar, where those who have died will be remembered at every Mass that is celebrated. Please feel free to place the names of your deceased loved ones, friends, and family members in the book to be displayed in the sanctuary for the month of November. We will remember them and all of the faithful departed in our prayers and during Mass throughout the month of November, the month for all souls, especially the souls in purgatory and those who have no one to pray for them.

"We must say many prayers for the souls of the faithful departed, for one must be so pure to enter heaven."

*~ Saint John Vianney*

**WINE, CHEESE, AND THE GOSPEL - FALL 2021.** Father Stubna will host the second evening of the Fall 2021 edition of Wine, Cheese, and the Gospel **this Monday evening, October 25.** We will meet in the Cathedral Social Hall for wine and cheese at 6:30 pm, followed by the presentation and discussion at 7:00 pm. Father Stubna will talk about **Our Life in Christ: The First Three Commandments.** Please join us via livestream as well on the Cathedral Facebook page. All are welcome.



**WHAT IS FLOCKNOTE?** Flocknote is an easy and efficient way for St. Paul Cathedral Parish to communicate with parishioners and parish groups through email and text messages. It allows us to reach our members at a moment's notice, resulting in higher attendance at Mass and parish events, increased stewardship, and a more connected parish community. But Flocknote can only be effective if you sign up! There are two ways to join Flocknote:

1. Visit our unique URL: [StPaulCathedralParishPGH.flocknote.com/everyone](https://StPaulCathedralParishPGH.flocknote.com/everyone)
2. Text to join by texting the word CATHEDRALPGH to 84576

**OUR ANNUAL MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK** is scheduled for **Sunday, November 7 at 3:00 pm at Saint Paul Cathedral**. Please join us! Anyone in our parish community is welcome to join us for this special time of prayer and grace as we celebrate the Holy Eucharist and ask for God's healing and strength on those who are sick. The administration of the sacrament of the sick in this context is offered for those Catholics in full communion with the church who are experiencing physical ailments of a serious nature: those who will be undergoing surgery for serious reasons, the elderly who have been notably weakened even though no serious illness is present, those who are battling serious illnesses and have not been anointed recently, and children who have reached the age of reason and who are seriously ill. The recipient must be in a state of grace for the true benefit of the sacrament to be received, so it is helpful to receive the Sacrament of Penance when possible. Please contact the parish office for more information. The Ladies of Charity in our parish grouping are helping to organize this Mass and we are grateful for their assistance.

**KATHEDRAL KONFECTIONS** is a fundraising project organized by a group of volunteers at the Saint Paul Cathedral parish. Once again, this year, we will be making delicious **HOMEMADE HOLIDAY PEANUT BRITTLE** that will be sold in time for Christmas. All proceeds will be used in support of our *Building a Future of Hope Campaign*, particularly our project to renovate the Synod Hall building. It is our hope that the Synod Hall building can become our pastoral center, upgraded with accessibility including an elevator, heating and air conditioning, and office and meeting space for the parish center. We will be taking orders for the peanut brittle in November for delivery of the candy in early December, in time for the Christmas season. All orders of the delicious brand of peanut brittle will be filled on a first come, first served basis until the peanut brittle is gone. So, order early and help us in our efforts to support this important project of our Saint Paul Cathedral parish. **An order form is available in the bulletin, on the parish website or from the administrative office.** Please consider ordering some peanut brittle for the Christmas holidays and at the same time help to support the needs of our Building a Future of Hope Campaign and the plan to renovate Synod Hall. We hope we can count of your support.

**PEANUT BRITTLE PROJECT – MARK YOUR CALENDARS.** The Cathedral will once again be making and selling peanut brittle to help raise funds for the Synod Hall renovation project. We are looking for volunteers to help us make the peanut brittle on **Friday, November 5, beginning at 1:00 pm until 7:00 pm; Saturday, November 6, from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm; and on Friday, November 12, from 1:00 pm until 7:00 pm; and on Saturday, November 13, from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm.** We can use volunteers to help with a number of projects including the washing of our pans and utensils, measuring ingredients, making the brittle, packaging it and other tasks. It is a lot of fun and for a great cause. If you are interested in helping, please email the coordinator of our peanut brittle project, Larry Clapper at [lclapper@saintpaulcathedral.org](mailto:lclapper@saintpaulcathedral.org).

**OUR PEANUT BRITTLE MAKERS** wear masks, gloves, protective gowns, and head gear. Everything used in the peanut brittle will be done following strict sanitizing guidelines. Volunteers will be screened with temps taken regularly. We have a high standard of quality control in the process of making our peanut brittle which will be maintained at all times.

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**SAINT PAUL CATHEDRAL HAS A HEARING LOOP** to help those with hearing loss hear our services better. If you have a T-Coil equipped hearing aid, please switch your hearing device to the T setting. For those without hearing aids, wireless headsets are also available. You can find more information on our website here: [ghocatholics.org/hearing-loop](http://ghocatholics.org/hearing-loop).

**SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY PARISH FUND FOR THOSE IN NEED.** Thanks to the help of an anonymous donor, we established the Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Parish Fund for those in need. This fund provides some resources to help those who come to the parish with immediate or emergency needs. We are not able to provide a significant amount of help, but these gifts can make a difference to those facing some immediate circumstances. These gifts have helped a homeless man obtain new shoes and some supplies; bought groceries for several families in serious need; provided some help with a utility bill for an elderly person in need; gave some tuition assistance help to a homeless family with a child in Catholic school; obtained some needed food certificates for our parish food pantry patrons who were facing some economic distress; and helped a person whose apartment was flooded. The purpose of this fund was to be able to provide some immediate help that would make a difference for someone in need. It is doing just that! How grateful we are to the donor who established it and to those who have made contributions. Please consider helping us to help those in need.

**SAINTS OF THE WEEK.** October 28 marks the feast of two apostles, **SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE**. Very little is known about either one except that they were chosen by Jesus and followed his invitation to become an apostle. Simon and Jude are mentioned as part of the list of apostles in all four Gospels. Simon was known as a "Canaanite" and the "Zealot", an anti-Roman party. Jude was also known as "Thaddeus" which means "courageous one." Simon is said to have preached in Egypt and Persia; Jude in Palestine and Persia. Both are mentioned together in the Roman canon. Jude is the patron of those in despair or in hopeless situations (perhaps because of the similarity of his name with that of the traitor, Judas Iscariot). It seems fitting that very little is known about either but that they are honored and revered as having answered God's call and laying down their lives for the Gospel. May we be inspired to give of ourselves – with no desire for recognition – but only that we serve the Lord with all our hearts and help to bring the Good News to others with joy, courage, conviction, and love.

**LOW GLUTEN HOSTS** are available for any person in the parish who suffers from Celiac disease. These low gluten hosts are made with wheat starch and water. The gluten content is less than 0.01%. It is made, stored, and shipped in a designated area free from all other wheat products. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has approved the use of these hosts for Mass for those persons who need them. Anyone with celiac disease who desires to receive a low gluten host must see the priest in the sacristy before Mass so that the host can be set out for consecration.

## PRO-LIFE CORNER

"Children truly are the family's greatest treasure and most precious good. Consequently, everyone must be helped to become aware of the intrinsic evil of the crime of abortion. In attacking human life in its very first stages, it is also an aggression against society itself. Politicians and legislators, therefore, as servants of the common good, are duty bound to defend the fundamental right to life, the fruit of God's love."  
~ Pope Benedict XVI

**COOKING FOR THE PRIESTS.** Many thanks to **KAREN LYDON** for providing a delicious dinner for the Cathedral priests this past week. It was enjoyed by everyone. We appreciate your kindness and generosity.

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**ATTENTION MEN.** Are you looking to deepen your relationship with God? Be a better husband? Become a more loving father? Build friendships with other like-minded men? And seek to be the best man you can be? Then come to *"That Man is You!"* at the Cathedral, Saturday mornings after the 8:15 Mass in Synod Hall. You can register online at [admin.paradisusdei.org](http://admin.paradisusdei.org). For additional information contact Regis Flaherty at 412-287-4007 or [regisflaherty@gmail.com](mailto:regisflaherty@gmail.com).

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**THE FATHER VANYO LIBRARY** will be reopening with an exciting brand-new look! Volunteers have been working hard this past year and a half to refresh not only the collection but also the interior and feel of our parish library. We have added new materials including DVDs, children's books, and Father Stubna's recommended titles. We have upgraded the seating space to include plush reading chairs, a coffee station, and new shelves for parishioners to browse the collection. We hope you'll stay and read in our new, comfortable environment. Our children's space includes a place to play and for parents to read aloud. Old space, new look. Come in and browse. The library will be open in person every Sunday morning from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm in Synod Hall. Other times are available by appointment by calling the rectory. You can view the library catalog online at [librarycat.org/lib/vanyolibrary](http://librarycat.org/lib/vanyolibrary) to see the books and resources available.

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**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION - Sunday October 31 - "Called to be a Saint!"** Families with children (grades K - 8) are invited to a special 10:00 am Mass and event on Sunday, October 31. Family Faith Formation is a monthly gathering for our families and students who are home schooled, attend a Catholic school, or attend our own parish Faith Formation program. This is an opportunity to gather as a parish family to listen attentively to God's Word in the Scripture and share the Eucharist at the Table of the Lord! Bishop Zubik will celebrate the Mass. After Mass, an informal breakfast is offered in the Cathedral Social Hall with muffins, donuts, bagels, juice, milk, and coffee. Later, one of our priests or our deacon will give a talk to the parents while the children focus on a learning project. As we know - Halloween is the "Eve of All Saints Day." The children will learn about the first saint born in the US - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos who served at St. Philomena Parish in Pittsburgh from 1843 - 1853. He is known as the joyful priest. Children will be invited to reflect on their own "call to be a saint!" Prayer booklets will be given to each family to promote family prayer. Families should please sign up responding to the Flocknote invitation or by emailing [info@saintpaulcathedral.org](mailto:info@saintpaulcathedral.org).

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**LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR.** We sent a check for **\$3,595.00** to the Little Sisters of the Poor. This is the total amount received in the special second collection taken up for the Little Sisters of the Poor at all Masses on the weekend of October 2-3. Due to the pandemic, they were not able to stand at the doors of our churches this year so this collection will go a long way in helping them to meet their many needs as they serve so many of the poor in our community. Thank you for your generous support and prayers. God bless you.

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**ONLINE STUDY GROUP FOR MEN AND WOMEN.** Want to dig deeper into the Sunday Mass Scripture readings? Join other parish members for an online study group every Sunday from 8:00 to 9:00 pm. High school age and older are welcome. Contact Regis Flaherty for additional information or to register (412-287-4007; [regisflaherty@gmail.com](mailto:regisflaherty@gmail.com)).

**PASSING FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE.** We extend our deepest sympathies and prayers to the families of those who were buried from our parish recently. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

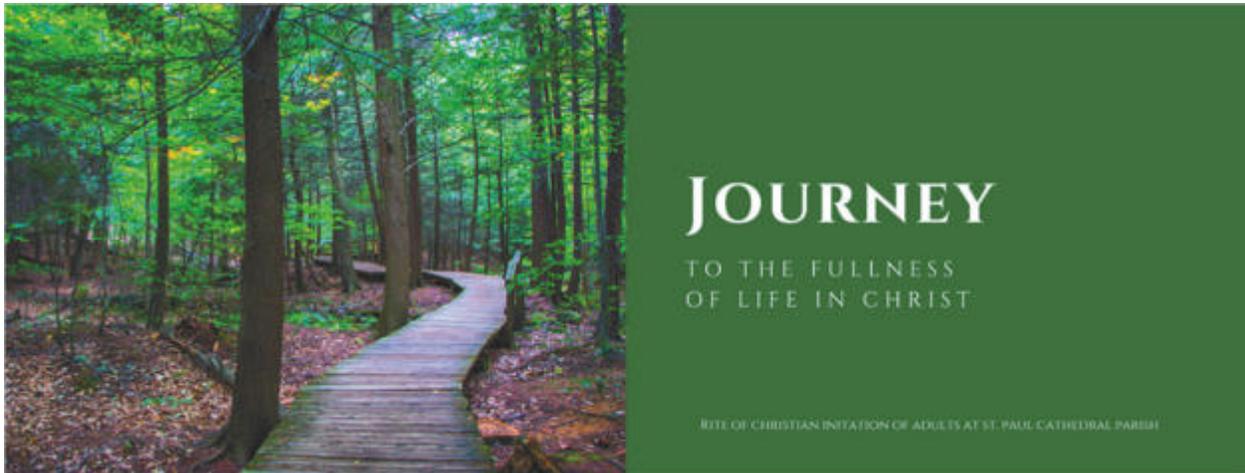
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We also extend our deepest sympathies and prayers to Jerry Olsavsky, his children and family on the death of his wife, **RAYME OLSAVSKY**. May she rest in peace.



**DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?** Are you looking for more in your life? Is becoming a Catholic something you've thought about? *We're here to listen at any time of the year.* Reach out to Erica at [egamerro@saintpaulcathedral.org](mailto:egamerro@saintpaulcathedral.org).

**SAINT PAUL CATHEDRAL PARISH RAFFLE.** We are hoping that everyone in our parish community will consider supporting this parish-wide fundraiser to help with our parish expenses. This raffle is based on the daily three-digit pick three evening PA lottery. Tickets are numbered from 000-999. Tickets are \$5 each and the number is eligible for the entire month. Most days the winner will receive \$50 however, there are specific days each month that the winning ticket is worth from \$100-\$250. The prize for winning on the last day of each month is \$500. Ticket stubs must be returned by the final day of the previous month with the ticket stub filled out completely and legibly. Tickets are available in the rectory office or can be mailed. Payment of cash or check is accepted. If you have a favorite number(s), you can reserve it/them each month if available. All proceeds benefit our parish. For more information or to obtain tickets please contact the parish office. We sponsor this raffle in the name of Saint Paul Cathedral Parish, our legal entity name, for which we have a small games of chance license that allows us to operate this raffle.

**MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO - 24 DE OCTUBRE DE 2021 - 30º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO.** El mundo ha llorado mucho en estos dos años de pandemia. Después de tanto sufrimiento, Dios nos sigue invitando al cambio en nuestro corazón. La hemos pasado mal, muchas familias lloran aún a sus familiares que perdieron la batalla, otros miles siguen buscando trabajo. La lucha no termina y la esperanza en medio de todo es que volvamos a Dios, tal como el pueblo de Israel en la primera Lectura: *"Partieron en medio de lágrimas, pero los hago regresar contentos"* (Jeremías 31:9). Ya es tiempo de gozar del amor y la misericordia eterna de Dios. Fijémonos, en todo lo bueno y noble que hemos aprendido en este tiempo y trabajemos por una sociedad más justa. El Evangelio también nos presenta el amor y la compasión de Dios por medio del ciego de Jericó que grita a la orilla del camino. *"¡Hijo de David ten compasión de mí!"* El ciego es símbolo de todas las personas que sufren en el mundo. Jesús, le pregunta: *¿Qué quieres que haga por ti?* La respuesta del ciego: *"Maestro, que pueda ver"*. Eso es lo que seguimos pidiendo: que podamos ver todas las injusticias de la sociedad, que podamos dialogar y buscar soluciones juntos, para poder vivir con paz y tranquilidad y así simbólicamente tirar el manto y escuchar su invitación: *ánimo, ten fe, levántate.* Jesús sigue llamando a cada uno, porque a todos nos toca ahora ver qué podemos hacer por los que nos rodean. El papa Francisco lo resume así: *"Fijarnos en Bartimeo y su grito de búsqueda de Jesús. Hacerse prójimos en el camino de fe para acompañar. Testimoniar, fijándonos en los discípulos que le dirigen a Bartimeo solo tres palabras, ánimo, levántate, que te llama"* (10/28/2018). ©LPi

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## FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE.** We are thankful for God's protection and provision during the Fall 2021 40 Days for Life campaign, for all the lives spared from abortion and the hearts and minds turned back to God. Please join us in our closing prayer, Eucharistic Procession and Mass offered by Bishop Waltersheid. On Sunday, October 31, (Day 40), the faithful are invited to meet at Planned Parenthood for prayer at 6:30 pm, followed by a Eucharistic Procession from Planned Parenthood to Epiphany Church and a closing Mass at 7:00 pm.

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### ROSARY CRUSADE Saint Paul Cathedral Saturday, October 16, 2021

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## SHOULD CATHOLICS CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN MICHAEL R. HEINLEIN, EDITOR OF SIMPLY CATHOLIC

Because of the concern of many about Halloween's origins, many Catholic parents wonder if it is OK to let their children celebrate the holiday. Let's be clear: Halloween can be traced back to pagan roots, with a focus on the occult, and we should not be ignorant of that fact. But certainly, in a Christian context, the holiday effectively has been baptized, as its current name suggests, as the eve of all hallows (an older word referring to saints, referenced in the "halo" saints often are depicted as having on account of their holiness). Halloween falls the day before Catholics celebrate All Saints Day, on Nov. 1. Of course, in American culture, Halloween has taken on a life of its own.

Although Halloween remains associated with the pagan and occult in the minds of many, that does not necessarily mean that Catholics cannot celebrate Halloween as a cultural event. Americans approach Halloween in a variety of ways. The basic activities associated with the annual fall holiday are carving pumpkins and dressing up in costume for trick-or-treating, neither of which is bad in itself. It can be especially fun to play up the aspects of fall and harvest season, with its omnipresent gourds, decorative corn and dried cornstalks.

Halloween's spooky aspect should not be overplayed, however, by people of faith. Evil spirits and demons are real and should not be invoked or celebrated. There should be some element of prayer associated with Halloween in Catholic households, especially asking protection for those who will tinker around with the occult. As the traditional Scottish prayer goes: "From ghoulies and ghosties, And long-leggedy beasties, And things that go bump in the night, Good Lord, deliver us!"

Practically, it is OK for Catholics to go trick-or-treating, always keeping in mind the importance for moderation and avoidance of gluttony, as well as remembering good manners to set an example for others — not least of which should be polite behavior when asking neighbors for free candy! Catholics also can dress up in costume for Halloween, but should keep in mind that it is best to stay away from costumes related to its pagan roots, like goblins, witches or horror film characters. Dressing up as something milder, like one's favorite sports player, cartoon character or superhero, is a better approach.

But it might be even better to dress up as our real heroes, the saints. This is a time-honored tradition related with Halloween in which more Catholics could participate. First, it helps teach our children. Why not for Halloween take on the persona of someone we should emulate every other day — one of the saints who shows us how to stay on the path that leads to heaven? Also, it can be a witness to those around us — an everyday, ordinary way to preach without using words. We can make use of Halloween, as we should all things, to evangelize.

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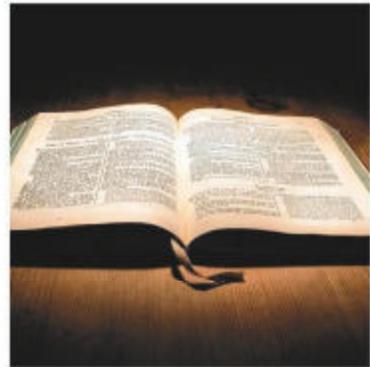
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**STATEMENT BY BISHOP ZUBIK ON THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH'S  
UNETHICAL USE OF ABORTED FETAL TISSUE IN ITS RESEARCH PRACTICES  
ISSUED: OCTOBER 12, 2021**

I want to touch base with you on an urgent concern at the University of Pittsburgh and its affiliated medical school. This spring and summer, I engaged with administrators at the University of Pittsburgh and its allied medical institutions when I learned that it used fetal remains obtained from elective abortions. These were children who were denied the right to life by the choice of others. My attention was initially called to a research study on so called "humanized mice," published in *Scientific Reports*, which researchers from Pitt conducted. Regrettably, I have discovered that the study is not an isolated incident of aborted fetal tissue used in research at the University of Pittsburgh. This practice perpetuates the idea that children in the womb are humans who are "non-human," that is, subjects without rights. Such practices epitomize the exploitation of human beings, valued not for their intrinsic worth but as commodities.

Certainly, many individuals seek abortion in a moment of crisis. But death is not the solution. Our diocese and a host of other organizations offer medical and social services to women with crisis pregnancies and families struggling to raise children. Academic and medical communities must always honor the pledge to "First, do no harm."

I do not question the aspirations of Pitt or its medical allies to improve lives. However, the most fundamental ethical norm undergirding all efforts for human betterment is the dignity, sanctity, and infinite worth of all human beings. Indeed, the foundation of a just and free society is the recognition that every human being has value and is the bearer of rights, regardless of strength, ability or origin. That is also the primary inspiration for scientific advancement and should be the moral compass guiding science to true progress.

History has borne witness to the tragic outcomes of relegating one group of humans to sub-human status, whether those persons are women, the aged, immigrants, persons of color, persons of a particular ethnic/national origin, or any marginalized and under-respected community. When any group of humans is prohibited from the care, protection and dignity essential to all, harm is always done regardless of the intentions. As history further attests, when categories of persons are consistently denied protection, society itself deteriorates and greater violations of human rights ensue.

I therefore call upon the University of Pittsburgh, as one of the oldest institutions of higher education in the United States, a leader of higher education for two centuries, to reevaluate its protocols for research. I ask that Pitt surpass established standards by naming unborn children as worthy of the same protection, dignity and respect that all categories of persons are afforded.

While I speak as a religious leader in our community, it is from the common ground of human interest I make this urgent request that the University of Pittsburgh stop the use of fetal tissue in research derived from elective abortions of those whose right to life was denied and consider what is most fundamental—the integrity of every human being and the rights that are inherent to all. The defense of defenseless human beings has traditionally been a principle shared by people of all faiths and by ethical people who have no religious faith. Human civilization is premised on respect for human rights. We believe those rights begin at the first moment of conception to the moment of natural death. Please pray with me for an end to these practices at the University of Pittsburgh and its allied medical institutions.

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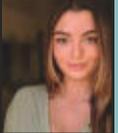
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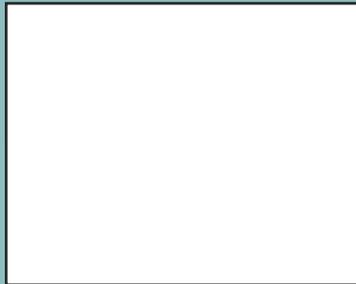
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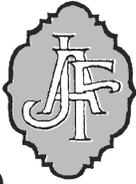
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