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Saint Regis

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Saint Rosalia

411 Greenfield Ave
Pittsburgh, PA 15207

Saint Stephen

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Pittsburgh, PA 15207

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, December 27

Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist -
1 Jn 1:1-4 * Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday, December 28

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs -
1 Jn 1:5—2:2 * Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday, December 29

Saint Thomas Becket,
Bishop and Martyr -
1 Jn 2:3-11 * Lk 2:22-35

Thursday, December 30

Sixth Day within the
Octave of the Nativity of the Lord -
1 Jn 2:12-17 * Lk 2:36-40

Friday, December 31

Saint Sylvester I, Pope -
1 Jn 2:18-21 * Jn 1:1-18

Saturday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God -
Nm 6:22-27 * Gal 4:4-7 * Lk 2:16-21

Sunday, January 2

Epiphany of the Lord -
Is 60:1-6 * Eph 3:2-3a. 5-6 * Mt 2:1-12

PARISH INFORMATION

LITURGY SCHEDULE AND MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 27

8:15 am	St. Paul Cathedral	Donna Sculli Family, Deceased
12:05 pm	St. Paul Cathedral	Lil & Joe Sculli and Victor Kender

Tuesday, December 28

8:15 am	St. Paul Cathedral	Steve Pasko
12:05 pm	St. Paul Cathedral	Eileen Fitzhenry, Living

Wednesday, December 29

8:15 am	St. Paul Cathedral	Salvatore Merante
12:05 pm	St. Paul Cathedral	Alfio & Felicia Bucci and Lovas & Barrett Families, Deceased
7:00 pm	St. Paul Cathedral	NO NOVENA

Thursday, December 30

8:15 am	St. Paul Cathedral	Mary McCrory
12:05 pm	St. Paul Cathedral	Salvatore Merante

Friday, December 31

8:15 am	St. Paul Cathedral	Martin and Bridie Conroy
12:05 pm	St. Paul Cathedral	Dick and Barbara Fisher
4:00 pm	St. Rosalia	People of the Parish

Saturday, January 1

8:15 am	St. Paul Cathedral	Helen McDonough
10:00 am	St. Paul Cathedral	Fred and Ruth Egler
12:05 pm	St. Paul Cathedral	NO MASS
4:00 pm	St. Rosalia	NO MASS
6:00 pm	St. Paul Cathedral	NO MASS

Sunday, January 2

6:30 am	St. Paul Cathedral	Sharon Lewis
9:00 am	St. Rosalia	Mary Aggazio
10:00 am	St. Paul Cathedral	Carl Raiders
12:00 pm	St. Paul Cathedral	William and Jean Fitzgerald Family, Living and Deceased
12:00 pm	St. Rosalia (Spanish)	People of the Parish
6:00 pm	St. Paul Cathedral	Leona Scrivo

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)

Confession Times

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

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

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

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REFLECTIONS

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

It seems appropriate that the Feast of the Holy Family falls in the octave of Christmas. As the familiar carol reminds us: There is no place like home for the holidays! This is the time when families are reunited, and we celebrate the gift of family and the love that joins us together. The Catechism of the Catholic Church speaks of the family as “the domestic Church,” a “community of faith, hope and charity; a communion of persons, a sign and image of the communion of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.” The family is a place of grace and blessing.

There are three things that we learn about the gift of family today. First, we do not find salvation alone; we need one another. Each of us is placed in some sort of family that can help us to become who we were meant to be – sons and daughters of God. The readings instruct us in how Christian families are to live. The great lesson here is that each member of the family has a responsibility for the others. The Church speaks of the family as “the first and most important school of learning.” The greatest lessons of life and faith are received in the home: respect for others, the ability to forgive, patience, compassion, kindness, understanding, and love. The Feast of the Holy Family speaks of the child Jesus going up to Nazareth where he grew in wisdom and grace. Families must always work to help each of its members grow in wisdom and grace. We are responsible to help each other achieve salvation.

Second, families are called to be places of holiness and faith. Families must be places, above all, where the faith is lived and taught. Parents assume a great responsibility before God for the spiritual welfare of their children. We can all too easily get caught in advancing their temporal well-being, but we neglect their souls. Families must make time to pray together, to read the Scriptures, to pray the rosary and most importantly to attend Mass together each Sunday. Our homes need to be places where the Catholic faith is experienced: holy water fonts, crucifixes, images our Lord and our Blessed Mother and the saints. Visible reminders of our faith are good and important. It is true that families who pray together stay together. Saint Paul’s instruction in the Scripture today can cause some to bristle, but the meaning these words convey is profound. Husbands are called to love their wives completely, to be faithful in marriage, and to be selfless in love. Wives are called to love their husbands in the same ways as both work to create a marriage and a home that reflect the love of God. Children must be obedient to their parents, respectful and patient, always working to give back the love that they have first received unconditionally.

Third, families must be connected to the Church. Mary and Joseph knew that they had to bring Jesus to the temple to be consecrated to God and to offer their prayer of thanksgiving to the Lord. The temple was the place where the importance of Jesus’ mission for the whole people of Israel and the Gentiles became manifest. It is no different for each of us. The Church helps us to remain faithful to God, to put the Lord above all else in our lives. This is no easy task as we navigate in a world that is so often secular and lacking in allegiance to the ways of God. Making sure your family gets to Mass and receives the sacraments

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“It is easy to love
the people far away.
It is not always easy to love
those close to us.
Bring love into your home,
for this is where our love
for each other must start.”
~ *Mother Theresa of Calcutta*

SOCIAL MEDIA

For parish updates, news, and more find us on Twitter and Facebook:

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ONLINE GIVING

Giving has never been easier! Visit ghocatholics.org and click on the "Donate to St. Paul Cathedral" page under the "Resources" tab. First-time users will need to create a new account. Schedule recurring gifts or make one-time donations.

FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP

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

Sunday, December 5:

4:00 pm:	\$1,578.00
6:00 pm:	\$892.00
6:30 am:	\$1,269.00
9:00 am:	\$816.00
10:00 am:	\$2,182.00
12:00 pm:	\$1,219.00
12:00 pm (Spanish):	\$348.00
6:00 pm:	\$724.00
Mail-In:	\$3,906.00
Total:	\$12,934.00

THE FATHERY VANYO LIBRARY

is open Sunday mornings from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm in Synod Hall. Come visit our improved and comfortable space and browse our collection. You may borrow materials or stay and enjoy a cup of coffee and read in our cozy space. Library volunteers are available during library hours and other times by appointment. Contact vanyolibrary@gmail.com or call the rectory. You can view the library catalog at librarycat.org/lib/vanyolibrary.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE.

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

II - Calvin Dickinson and
Madeline Sheerer

II - Joseph Gramling, V and
Kelly Henry

I - Lucas Boyd and
Brenna Woodside

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is a duty and responsibility of the highest importance for every parent. There is no greater responsibility a parent has than to lead their children to the heart of Jesus Christ, to help them on their way to salvation, and to instill in them a love for the Body of Christ, the Church.

As we begin a new year, there could be no greater gift to celebrate than the gift of our family. Our New Year's resolutions should focus on helping each other to be a better follower of Jesus Christ and on creating a family environment that will help each member to grow in holiness, and to deepen their love for each other, for God and for the Church. May the example of Joseph, Mary and the child Jesus be a source of inspiration and strength to each of our families as together we seek to build communities of faith and love in each of our homes. May God bless our parents and children!

FROM THE HEART OF OUR PASTOR, FATHER STUBNA

1. **A SPECIAL WORD OF THANKS** to all who helped to decorate this year. We had a number of volunteers who gave of their time and talent in planning the Christmas decorations and actually doing the work. Everything looked spectacular this year, and so many of those who came to Mass on Christmas expressed their appreciation for the beauty of our Churches. It was a source of immense pride for me as your pastor and I want to thank everyone who helped. Thanks to all who contributed with flower donations in memory of loved ones as well. A very special word of thanks goes out to all those who worked behind the scenes and helped in so many ways to get ready for Christmas. What a great work you did! God bless you.
2. **MANY THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO HELPED US TO PURCHASE OUR NEW CHRISTMAS TREES THIS YEAR.** Thanks to the donations of so many people we were able to purchase 12 new trees for use at Saint Paul Cathedral and at Saint Rosalia for the Christmas season. They are 12 foot, pre-lit and look beautiful. I appreciate the generosity of so many donors who helped us with this project – and we remember in our prayers those special people in whose memory the trees were donated. They will be in our special prayers this Christmas season.
3. **AS WE COME TO THE END OF THIS CALENDAR YEAR,** I want to thank every single person who has contributed financially to our parish over the course of this past year. I am so very grateful for your good and faithful stewardship. Our parish provides so many services and ministries that benefit our parishioners, others from around the diocese, and the larger community. We could never accomplish all we do with the immense generosity of the faithful, particularly your support in the Sunday offertory collection. To all who contribute regularly I want to express my deepest appreciation. To all our benefactors and those who have helped to support a number of important projects over the past year, I extend my deepest thanks and ask God's abundant blessings on you and your families. All of you are remembered in a special way at the celebration of Mass each day. May God bless you.

4. **A NEW SOUND SYSTEM** was recently installed at Saint Rosalia Church. We contracted with CZ Sound to look at the Church and install a system that would help to improve the quality of the sound. There are challenges because of the strong reverberation and echoing in the Church. But all in all, the new sound system is working well and has improved everyone's ability to hear what is going on. New microphones are in place at the presider's chair, the ambo and in the choir loft. This was something that needed to be done and I am delighted that we could make it happen so quickly.

OUR MONTHLY AFTERNOON OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION will be held today, Sunday, December 26, on the Feast of the Holy Family at Saint Paul Cathedral. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration at the conclusion of the 12:00 Noon Mass until 5:00 pm. Solemn Vespers and Benediction begin at 5:00 pm until 5:30 pm, followed by the 6:00 pm Mass. Please consider making this part of your new year's resolution to come and join us for these wonderful afternoons of prayer and adoration before our Lord in the Holy Eucharist.

MAKE TIME FOR FAMILY PRAYER. It is true that the family that prays together stays together. "Prayer needs to become a regular habit in the daily life of each family. Prayer is thanksgiving, praise of God, asking for forgiveness, supplication, and invocation. In all of these forms the prayer of the family has much to say to God" (St. John Paul II, *Letter to Families*, §10). "For the People of God, Mary represents the model of every expression of their prayer life. In particular, she teaches Christians how to turn to God to ask for his help and support in the various circumstances of life. Her motherly intercession at the wedding in Cana and her presence in the Upper Room at the Apostles' side as they prayed in expectation of Pentecost suggest that the prayer of petition is an essential form of cooperation in furthering the work of salvation in the world. By following her model, the Church learns to be bold in her asking, to persevere in her intercessions and, above all, to implore the gift of the Holy Spirit" (St. John Paul II, *Audience*, Sept. 10, 1997, §4-5).

GOSSIP IS TERRORISM. That is how **Pope Francis** described the sin of gossip recently: "Gossiping is a way of distancing yourselves. Listen well: No gossiping, the terrorism of gossip. Because whoever gossips is a terrorist. He or she is a terrorist in the community because a word against this one, against that one, is as ugly as a bomb ... it destroys! The one who does this destroys, like a bomb, and he distances himself. The apostle Santiago said having dominion over one's tongue was perhaps the most difficult virtue, the most difficult human and spiritual virtue to acquire. If you think of saying something against a brother or sister, to lob a gossip bomb, mortify your tongue! Be strong! No terrorism in our community of the Church. Gossip is useless, destructive, and sinful behavior. Gossip no more."

THANK YOU ONE AND ALL for the cards, food, and gifts that you brought to the rectory for the priests and staff during this Christmas holiday. Your kindness and thoughtfulness to us is greatly appreciated. May God bless you.

ST. PAUL CATHEDRAL SANCTUARY CANDLE

This week, from December 25 through December 31, the Sanctuary Candle at St. Paul Cathedral is being offered for:

**AUGUST, BERTHA, AND
AUDREY WELKER**

May they rest in peace.

ST. PAUL CATHEDRAL BLESSED MOTHER VIGIL LIGHT

This week, from December 25 through December 31, the Blessed Mother Vigil Light at St. Paul Cathedral is being offered for:

WALTER "SONNY" CLAPPER, SR.

May he rest in peace.

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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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A SPECIAL BLESSING AND PRAYERS are extended to all members of our parish family who are homebound, hospitalized or in a nursing home or rehabilitation center. You are close to our hearts in prayer this Christmas season. We remember you and your intentions in prayer at every Mass we celebrate in our parish. May God bring you healing, peace, comfort, and strength. You are an important part of our parish family, and you are remembered always in our thoughts and prayers. A blessed Christmas to you and to your families and may this New Year bring much health, happiness, and peace.

MANY THANKS AGAIN FOR THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE CHRISTMAS FLOWERS at both Saint Paul Cathedral and our Saint Rosalia site. They are beautiful again this year. We remember the names of everyone for whom the flower donations were made in the prayers and Masses we say throughout the Christmas season. This week we are including the names of those who were remembered with flower donations that have come in recently.

A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GIFT IS AVAILABLE FOR ALL WHO SERVE AS A VOLUNTEER. Please stop into the sacristy to pick up your gift. This includes LECTORS, EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION, ALTAR SERVERS, CANTORS, CHOIR AND HANDBELL CHOIR MEMBERS, USHERS, GREETERS, HELPERS IN THE CHURCH, TELEVISION MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS, FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS, RCIA TEAM, ADULT AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY TEAM MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS, CLEANERS AND SANITIZERS and any others. Please stop in this week and pick up your gift. This is a small but important token of our appreciation for your service to the parish. Many thanks and may God bless you.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1 IS THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD. We honor the Blessed Mother in her role as the Mother of God and the Mother of Jesus Christ. From antiquity, Mary has been called *"Theotokos"*, or "God-Bearer" (Mother of God). The word *"Theotokos"* is Greek. The term was used as part of the popular piety of the early first millennium church. It is used throughout the Eastern Church's Liturgy, both Orthodox and Catholic. It lies at the heart of the Latin Rite's deep Marian piety and devotion. This title was a response to early threats to 'orthodoxy', the preservation of authentic Christian teaching. A pronouncement of an early Church Council, The Council of Ephesus in 431 A.D., insisted "If anyone does not confess that God is truly Emmanuel, and that on this account the holy virgin is the *"Theotokos"* (for according to the flesh she gave birth to the word of God become flesh by birth) let him be anathema." (The Council of Ephesus, 431 AD). The Council's insistence on the use of this title reflected the effort to insist on the Church's teaching that Jesus was both human and divine, that the two natures were united in his One Person.

JANUARY 1 IS THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD. It is a holyday but there is no obligation to attend Mass this year as it falls on a Saturday. Masses will be celebrated in our parish as follows:

Friday, December 31 (Vigil):
4:00 pm Saint Rosalia site

Saturday, January 1:
8:15 am Saint Paul Cathedral
10:00 am Saint Paul Cathedral

Please note that the Cathedral will close after the 10:00 am Mass on January 1. There will be no 12:05 pm Mass and no confessions on January 1. **THERE WILL BE NO VIGIL MASSES ON JANUARY 1 FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 2.**

OUR RECTORY OFFICES ARE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31 at noon and will reopen on Monday, January 3.



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
2. Text to join by texting the word CATHEDRALPGH to 84576

JANUARY 1 also marks the World Day of Prayer for Peace. We share the following Prayer for Peace by Pope Francis:

Lord, God of peace, hear our prayer!

We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain.

Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us, and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness.

Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam! Amen.

WISHES FOR A HAPPY AND BLESSED NEW YEAR are extended to all our parishioners and visitors. May 2022 bring health, happiness, and many graces and blessings from God to you and to your families. As you make some resolutions for the New Year, be sure that some of them focus on how you can deepen your life of prayer, grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ, help others around you especially those in need, and how you can use your gifts and talents to serve the Church. Happy New Year!

AS WE BEGIN A NEW YEAR, EACH FAMILY IS INVITED TO BLESS THEIR HOME and to use chalk to mark the main doorway(s) of your home. The home blessing can be done as follows:

Use the blessed chalk to write:

20+C+M+B+22

above the main doorways of your home: 2022 for the year;

C, M, B for the 3 Magi Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar -

and also for Christus Mansionem Benedicat,

Latin for "May Christ Bless this House."

As you are writing, pray the following prayer:

May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is Lord, forever and ever. Amen.

You can also bless yourself with holy water and sprinkle holy water on each door.

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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.

FOOD PANTRY CONCERNS. We are always grateful for donations to our food pantry, but we need your help to ensure our safety and the safety of our patrons:

1. **We can never accept any food that has expired.** Please check the expiration dates. It causes our volunteers a great deal of extra work and anything with a past expiration date must be thrown in the trash. We cannot use it.
2. **Please do not donate any perishable items.** We received pineapples, lettuce, other fruits, and vegetables – all of which is a danger to our safety measures and must be thrown away into the trash.
3. **Please do not donate any partially used or open food items.** We received half empty boxes of cereal, pasta, cookies, and crackers. This must be thrown into the trash which causes a great deal of extra work for our volunteer and maintenance staff.
4. **We do not accept clothing (except during our annual coat drive).** Please make your donation of clothing to the St. Vincent de Paul Society or Goodwill. We cannot take clothing of any kind.
5. **GIANT EAGLE GIFT CARDS are always welcome, as are monetary donations,** as we can purchase things for the food pantry that we cannot obtain otherwise.

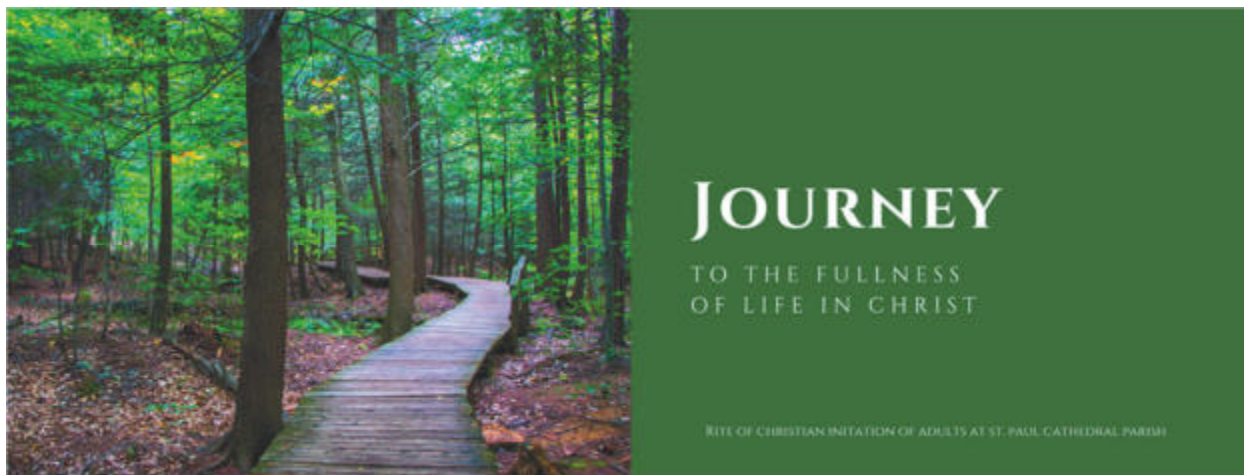
Please be attentive when donating food items to the food pantry. It is for the safety and security of everyone.

MANY THANKS TO SEVERAL FUNERAL HOMES in our parish for donating the 2022 calendars for our parish this year. They are available at the doors of the Church. We have some calendars in Italian and Spanish as well. We ask that you take one copy with you so that everyone has an opportunity to get a calendar for their home. Many thanks to those who made these calendars possible:

**JOHN E. ELACHKO FUNERAL HOME
JOHN A. FREYVOGEL FUNERAL HOME
EDWARD P. KANAI, III FUNERAL HOME**

CONSIDER REMEMBERING THE CATHEDRAL in your own estate planning and will. It is a wonderful way of helping to use your resources long after you are gone for the many good works of the Church which touch the lives of so many people.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK. December 28 is the feast of the Holy Innocents. "A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more." During this octave of Christmas, the Church celebrates the memory of the small children of the neighborhood of Bethlehem put to death by Herod in a jealous attempt to kill the newborn King of the Jews, the child Jesus. Sacrificed by a wicked monarch, these innocent lives bear witness to Christ who was persecuted from the time of His birth by a world which would not receive Him. It is Christ Himself who is at stake in this mass-murder of the children; already the choice, for or against Him, is put clearly before men. But the persecutors are powerless, for Christ came to perform a work of salvation that nothing can prevent; when He fell into the hands of His enemies at the time chosen by God it was to redeem the world by His own Blood. Our Christmas joy is tempered today by a feeling of sadness. But the Church looks principally to the glory of the children, of these innocent victims, whom she shows us in heaven following the Lamb wherever He goes. It is hard on this feast day not to think of all the innocent children who have been massacred in our own country through the great sin and evil of abortion and other children whose lives have been lost through abuse, poverty, and neglect. May they 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 egammerro@saintpaulcathedral.org.

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"True peacemakers, then, are those who love, defend and promote human life in all its dimensions, personal, communitarian and transcendent. Life in its fullness is the height of peace. Anyone who loves peace cannot tolerate attacks and crimes against life." ~ *Pope Benedict XVI*

EUCCHARISTIC AMAZEMENT AND THE MASS – WHY DO WE DO THIS? Our parish chaplain, Father Steve Palsa, will be giving a series on the recent document from the US bishops – The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church, USCCB, 2021. The Bishops of the United States are calling for a three-year grassroots revival of devotion and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Cradle Catholics as well as adult seekers are invited to the ZOOM presentations on six Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:00 pm beginning January 20th. Contact Father Steve to sign up at frstevenpalsa@gmail.com. All are welcome to take part in this opportunity for personal spiritual enrichment.

THE GLOBAL SYNOD: Pope Francis invites you to participate. Pope Francis is calling all Catholics to participate in a "Synod on Synodality" to discern how the Church should continue the mission that Jesus gave to the People of God. Synodal sessions will be held throughout the Diocese of Pittsburgh in early 2022. "Synod" means "journeying together." Rather than debate policy, we will listen to the Holy Spirit, share what is on our hearts and most importantly, listen to each other. For more information text "Synod2021" to 84576 and go to www.diopitt.org/journeying-together to download your Participant Guide.

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PARISH NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to the newest member of the Cathedral parish who was baptized last Sunday:
JORDAN JOSEPH LAIRD, son of Jordan and Marissa (Sciulli) Laird

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).

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 prayers and sympathies to our parish wedding coordinator and cantor Christina (Joe) McCann Domencic on the death of her mother-in-law **GERALDINE DOMENCIC**. May she Rest In Peace.

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO – 26 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2021 – LA SAGRADA FAMILIA. Hoy es un día para celebrar a la familia - a la nuestra y a las familias de todo el mundo, de celebrar y gozar a los hijos, nietos y parientes cercanos y lejanos. Dios quiso nacer en una familia y por medio de ella, se nos ofrece una oportunidad para conocerle mejor y amarle más. Recordemos que es en la familia donde se forjan los santos y santas de Dios. Y es también en ella donde están los vicios y malas acciones. ¡Cuidado padres de familia! Aprender de la familia de Nazaret es importante. Cada día del año es una oportunidad para continuar la búsqueda de Dios, de Jesús, en nuestro hogar. Podemos vislumbrar, en la Liturgia de hoy, a tres figuras importantes del hogar de Nazaret: una mujer con su pequeño y su esposo, listos para hacer la voluntad de Dios, para orar y platicar en familia. El papa Francisco nos dice que: *“Realmente, hoy es un día hermoso... hoy celebramos la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia de Nazaret. El término sagrada coloca a esta familia en el ámbito de la santidad, que es un don de Dios, pero, al mismo tiempo, es una adhesión libre y responsable al plan de Dios”* (12-29-2019). Sé, y busco cuál es el plan de Dios para mi hogar o ¿ni siquiera me importa ese diálogo entre esposa, esposo e hijos? El tiempo de confinamiento debió ser una oportunidad para crecer en gracia y sabiduría en la familia. ¿Lo ve usted así? Padres de familia, la mejor herencia para sus hijos y nietos es fomentar la fe, la educación, el amor y la unidad en el hogar. ©LPi

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Pray for us, Saint Paul the Apostle, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
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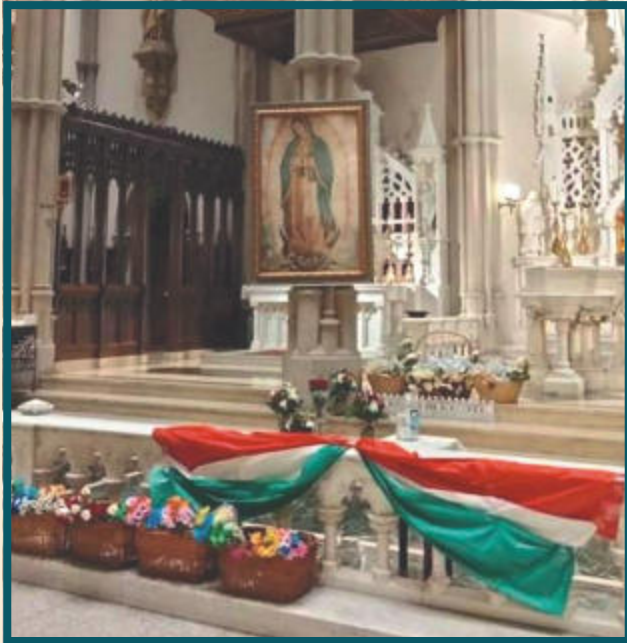
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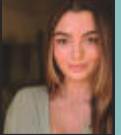
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