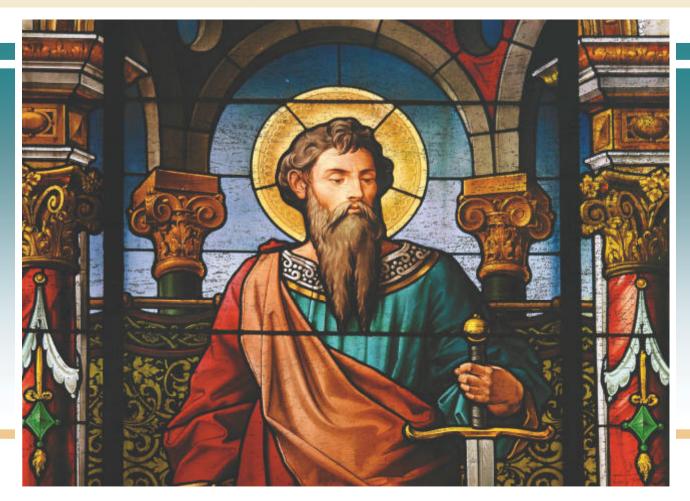
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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday, January 3

Holy Name of Jesus -1 Jn 3:22—4:6 * Mt 4:12-17. 23-25

Tuesday, January 4

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious -1 Jn 4:7-10 * Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday, January 5

Saint John Neumann, Bishop -1 Jn 4:11-18 * Mk 6:45 -52

Thursday, January 6

Saint Andre Bessette, Religious-1 Jn 4:19—5:4 * Lk 4:14-22

Friday, January 7

Saint Raymond of Penafort, Priest-1 Jn 5:5-13 * Lk 5:12-16

Saturday, January 8

Christmas Weekday 1 Jn 5:14-21 * Jn 3:22-30

Sunday, January 9

Baptism of the Lord -Is 40:1-5, 9-11 * Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7 * Lk 3:15-16. 21-22

PARISH INFORMATION

LITURGY SCHEDULE AND MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 3

8:15 am St. Paul Cathedral Joseph Stewart 12:05 pm St. Paul Cathedral John and Violet Robson

Tuesday, January 4

12:05 pm

Ladies of Charity of St. Paul Cathedral 8:15 am St. Paul Cathedral

Clarence Shuker

Wednesday, January 5

8:15 am St. Paul Cathedral Gina Sciulli 12:05 pm St. Paul Cathedral Willard Hoel, Sr.

St. Paul Cathedral

7:00 pm St. Paul Cathedral Novena and Benediction

Thursday, January 6

8:15 am St. Paul Cathedral Jeremy Wheeler 12:05 pm St. Paul Cathedral Paul Runco

Friday, January 7

8:15 am St. Paul Cathedral Rose Ferraro 12:05 pm St. Paul Cathedral Poor Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, January 8

8:15 am St. Paul Cathedral Giuseppa Dinardo St. Paul Cathedral Patricia Libhart 12:05 pm **Edward Neubauer** 4:00 pm St. Rosalia St. Paul Cathedral 6:00 pm Regis Hagan

Sunday, January 9

St. Paul Cathedral **Daniel Buetzow** 6:30 am 9:00 am St. Rosalia Louis Cava 10:00 am St. Paul Cathedral **Carl Raiders** 12:00 pm St. Paul Cathedral Dr, Barry Lambersky People of the Parish 12:00 pm St. Rosalia (Spanish) 6:00 pm St. Paul Cathedral Parish Ministry of Prayer

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

Pastoral Council: Janet Aland, Lynn Bainbridge, Patricia Blume, Desmarie DeCuir,

Ryan Dreliszak, Joseph Deluliis, Thomas Mangan, Susan Massaro, Andrew McCabe, Frances Quirin, Lisa Sciulli, John Tague, and

Gregory Thomas

REFLECTIONS

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

The prophet Isaiah speaks of the glory of the Lord that will scatter the darkness of the earth. This is the fullness of God's revelation that will appear in the person of his Son, Jesus Christ. "Rise up in splendor Jerusalem! Your light has come." But what is striking about today's feast is that the epiphany or manifestation of God's love is not only for the Israelites, but for all peoples. Even Isaiah speaks of "caravans of camels and dromedaries from Midian, Ephah and Sheba, bearing gold and frankincense and proclaiming the praises of the Lord."

This prophecy comes to pass as recorded in today's Gospel account from Matthew. Magi from the East, the land of the Gentiles, make their way to Bethlehem, guided by the light of the star. Upon arrival and seeing the child with his mother Mary, they "prostrated themselves and did him homage, and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." They had come to believe and to recognize that this child born in a stable was the long-awaited Messiah.

Saint Paul reminds the Ephesians that faith is a gift. God's grace has been revealed and made known by divine revelation. God speaks of his love out of his desire that we might come to know the truth of life and accepting his Word, be led to eternal salvation. Through God's goodness and love, all are invited to life in his name. As Saint Paul writes, "the Gentiles are co-heirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel."

The Epiphany calls us to see that star shining in the darkness of our own lives. This star reflects the light of God's saving truth and the light of faith that comes to us through Jesus Christ. We are invited to hear God's call and to respond with obedience and love. The gifts we offer are not gold, frankincense, and myrrh, but our strong faith in Jesus Christ, our love for his Church, our apostolic zeal and courage in sharing the Good News, and our good deeds that are the fruits of our faith in the Lord. We rejoice with Saint Paul: "Brothers and sisters, you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit." Let us give homage and praise the One who has come to lead us to salvation.

TODAY IS THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY. While we celebrate this feast in the United States on the Sunday that falls between January 2 and 8, the traditional Feast of the Epiphany is January 6. The word "epiphany" comes from the Greek for "manifestation." We celebrate the manifestations of God to the world symbolized in the star that led the Wise Men, or the Three Kings, to the manger in Bethlehem. This day celebrates the self-revelation or manifestation of God in the Second Person of the Divine Trinity, Jesus Christ, the one sent by God to redeem the world from its sin and invite those who have faith in Jesus Christ to a new life of grace and salvation. But also, the Epiphany commemorates the visit of the Wise Men or Magi to the Child Jesus and thus manifesting God's salvific will for the Gentiles, as well as the Jews.

I share with you part of a beautiful sermon given on this Feast by Pope St. Leo the Great: "This is the day that David prophesied in the psalms, when he said: All the nations that you have brought into being will come and fall down in adoration in your presence, Lord, and glorify

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"God never tires of waiting for us. When we turn away, He comes to look for us; when we fall, He picks us up; when we return to Him after losing our way, He waits for us with open arms. His love always gives us the courage to start anew."

~ Pope Francis

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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 12:

4:00 pm:	\$1,124.00
6:00 pm:	\$2,367.00
6:30 am:	\$1,159.00
9:00 am:	\$1,069.00
10:00 am:	\$1,498.00
12:00 pm:	\$3,960.00
12:00 pm (Spanish):	\$286.00
6:00 pm:	\$827.00
Mail-In:	\$5,198.00
Total:	\$17,488.00

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:

- III Calvin Dickinson and Madeline Sheerer
- III Joseph Gramling, V and Kelly Henry
- II Lucas Boyd and Brenna Woodside
- I Chase Katterman and Carly Bryan

PARISH NEWS

your name. Again, the Lord has made known his salvation; in the sight of the nations, he has revealed his justice. This came to be fulfilled, as we know, from the time when the star beckoned the three wise men out of their distant country and led them to recognize and adore the King of heaven and earth. The obedience of the star calls us to imitate its humble service: to be servants, as best we can, of the grace that invites all men to find Christ. Dear friends, you must have the same zeal to be of help to one another; then, in the kingdom of God, to which faith and good works are the way, you will shine as children of the light: through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with God the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen."

FROM THE HEART OF OUR PASTOR, FATHER STUBNA

- 1. JANUARY 3 is the Feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus. Reverence for the Holy Name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, arose in the apostolic times. St. Paul in his Letter to the Philippians wrote, "So that at Jesus' name every knee must bend in the heavens, on the earth and under the earth, and every tongue proclaim to the glory of God the Father: Jesus Christ is Lord" (2:10-11). Just as a name gives identity to a person and also reflects a person's life, the name of Jesus reminds the hearer of who Jesus is and what He has done for us. Keep in mind that the name Jesus means "Yahweh saves" or "Yahweh is salvation." In invoking our Lord's name with reverential faith, one is turning to Him and imploring His divine assistance. An old spiritual manual cited four special rewards of invoking the Holy Name: First, the name of Jesus brings **help in bodily needs.** Jesus Himself promised at the Ascension, ' In my name they will cast out demons, they will speak in new tongues, they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them, they will lay their hands on the sick and they will recover." (Mark 16:17-19). **Second, the name of Jesus** gives help in spiritual trials. Jesus forgave sins, and through the invocation of His Holy Name, sins continue to be forgiven. At Pentecost, St. Peter echoed the prophecy of Joel, "Then shall everyone be saved who calls on the name of the Lord" (Acts 2:21), a teaching echoed by St. Paul in his Letter to the Romans (10:13). Third, the name of Jesus protects the person against Satan and his temptations. Jesus on His own authority exorcized demons (e.g., the expulsion of the demons of Gadara (Matthew 8:28-34)). Through the invocation of His Holy Name, Satan is still conquered. Finally, we receive every grace and blessing through the Holy Name of Jesus. Jesus said, "I give you my assurance, whatever you ask the Father, He will give you in my name. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you shall receive, that your joy may be full" (John 16:23-24). In summary, St. Paul said, "Whatever you do, whether in speech or in action, do it in the name of the Lord Jesus" (Colossians 3:17).
- 2. **OUR NEW CHOIR AT OUR SAINT ROSALIA SITE** deserves a special shout out for their efforts over the last weeks leading up to Christmas Day. What a beautiful addition to our liturgies! Our Associate Music Director, Chris Catone, has gathered a number of singers from all four of our former parishes who are part of the new choir at St. Rosalia, including many choir members from the

former St. Regis parish who have joined in, along with members from the former Saint Rosalia choir, and some new members from the former St. Stephen and even St. Paul Cathedral choirs. Many thanks to all of those who have come together to form this new choir that will primarily sing at the 9:00 am Mass on Sunday at our Saint Rosalia Site. Thanks to Chris Catone for his leadership and direction in organizing this ministry. Please contact Chris Catone (ccatone@saintpaulcathedral.org) if you are interested in joining the choir. God bless you all.

- 3. **OUR CHOIR AT SAINT PAUL CATHEDRAL** under the direction of Brian Gurley, our Director for Music, also deserves a special shout out for all their hard work over these past months. Since taking the helm, Brian has been working hard to bring his leadership and direction to our music ministry program. We are grateful to those who have been part of the choir over the past and very grateful for those who have joined in recent months. Thanks for your dedication and hard work in providing such beautiful music for all our liturgies, especially over our Advent and Christmas season. Our Cathedral choir sings weekly at the 12:00 Noon Mass on Sunday. Please contact Brian Gurley (bgurley@saintpaulcathedral.org) for more information on the choir.
- 4. **DAILY MASS.** We are blessed in our parish to have two daily Masses scheduled from Monday through Saturday at Saint Paul Cathedral at 8:15 am and 12:05 pm. The 8:15 am Mass is televised daily on the Christian Associates Channel and livestreamed from the Cathedral website. Attending daily Mass is a rich source of blessing for all who participate. There is plenty of room at both Masses for all who desire to attend. We are blessed that the availability of daily Mass in our parish is close and easily accessible to all those in our parish who desire to attend. Most of our funerals are scheduled at 10:00 am and also provide an opportunity for our parishioners to attend Mass as they are open to anyone who desires to come. Funeral liturgies are posted on our website as soon as they are scheduled.

THANK YOU FROM FATHER JOHN ODEYEMI

"Dear Sisters and Brothers at St. Paul Cathedral Parish, I write this short note, in this festive season, to thank all of you. It gave me great joy that I was given the opportunity to serve the people of God in this wonderful parish. I consider this a privilege and a great honor. I thank you all for your warm welcome, support, and encouragement over the time I spent with you. I am indeed grateful for all those who through their encouraging and uplifting words, cards, and generous gifts wished me well on my way. I am now settling down in New Orleans, I ask for your prayers and assure you that you all will be in mine. I wish you every joy, peace, and the graces of the Christ Child, flowing gracefully all through the New Year."

Sincerely your brother in Christ, Father John Segun Odeyemi

ST. PAUL CATHEDRAL SANCTUARY CANDLE

This week, from January 1 through January 7, the Sanctuary Candle at St. Paul Cathedral is being offered for:

CHARLES "NUCHY", MARY AND CARMEN CASCIATO AND CARMELA MATTS

May they rest in peace.

ST. PAUL CATHEDRAL BLESSED MOTHER VIGIL LIGHT

This week, from January 1 through January 7, the Blessed Mother Vigil Light at St. Paul Cathedral is being offered for:

VINCENT AND EMILY FALVO FEBBRARO

May they 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.

THE EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF OUR NEW AUXILIARY BISHOP, BISHOP MARK ECKMAN, will take place at Saint Paul Cathedral on Tuesday, January 11, at 2:30 pm. Please note that there will not be a 12:05 pm Mass on Tuesday, January 11, due to the ordination. We extend our prayers and best wishes to Bishop Eckman as he begins his ministry and service to the Church as a bishop. May God bless him.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY: "We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family."

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: How do we know the names of the three kings? **ANSWER:** According to tradition dating back to medieval times, their names were Balthasar, Gaspar (or Casper), and Melchior. They are often depicted as representing the three races. The Bible says they came from the East, but exactly where is not known. Arabia, Babylon, and Persia are popular choices. According to one tradition, Balthasar was king of Arabia, Gaspar was king of India, and Melchior was king of Persia. In the 8th century Saint Bede, the Venerable, described the kings this way: "The first was called Melchior; he was an old man, with white hair and long beard; he offered gold to the Lord as to his king. The second, Gaspar by name, young, beardless, of ruddy hue, offered to Jesus his gift of incense, the homage due to Divinity. The third of black complexion, with heavy beard, was called Balthasar; the myrrh he held in his hands prefigured the death of the Son of man." The Bible, however, does not describe the kings or reveal their names. In fact, it does not call them kings at all, but simply Magi, or Wise Men. The Magi were a Median priestly caste who rose to power in ancient Persia (today's Iran). The Magi were held in awe as highly educated scientists and scholars who could interpret dreams and even control demons.

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT for several special collections that have been taken up recently:

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (DECEMBER 8): \$3,851.00

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE (DECEMBER 13): \$1,375.35

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.



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

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

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION. We received a note from the diocesan Mission Office this past week. "Many thanks to the faithful of Saint Paul Cathedral parish for your contribution of \$4,495.50 for the annual World Mission Sunday collection taken up on October 24. We are deeply grateful for your missionary spirit of prayer and sacrifice. Your generous support will help to care for the poor around the world and help them to come to know the truth and love of God in Jesus Christ and his Church. Thank you for heeding the call of Pope Francis and the Church to have a missionary heart that always cares for the poor and those in need. God bless you."

SAINT OF THE WEEK. We celebrate the feast of **SAINT ANDRE BESSETTE** on January 6. He was the eighth of 12 children born in Montreal, Canada. Both of his parents died, and he was adopted at the age of 12 and became a farmhand. He was a factory worker in the United States during the Civil War, but sickness and weakness dogged him from his birth. He applied for entrance into the Congregation of the Holy Cross but was rejected because of his ill health. At the urging and support of Bishop Bourget, who recognized something in Brother Andre, he was finally accepted into the order. He spent the next 40 years serving as the doorkeeper, laundry worker, messenger, and sacristan. In his little room near the door, he spent much of the night on his knees. He had a small statue of Saint Joseph to whom he had tremendous devotion. When he learned someone was ill, he would go and pray with them and rub them with the oil from a lamp that burned in the chapel, and many would get well. Soon word spread about his healing powers. Tens of thousands came to see him; he received nearly 80,000 letters a year requesting prayers. Through his devotion to Saint Joseph, a chapel was built on Mount Royal, land obtained only after Brother Andre planted a statue and medals of Saint Joseph on the property. He died at the age of 91 and more than one million came to pay their respects. He is known as the "Miracle Worker of Montreal," but it is his humility in serving God, his kindness to the sick and suffering, and his unwavering devotion to Saint Joseph, that shine forth as we celebrate the life of this good and holy man of faith.

PARISH HAPPENING AND CELEBRATIONS

CONGRATULATIONS TO RYAN AND MARISSSA DRELISZAK on the birth of their daughter, **LENA ROSE**. She was born on December 16.

A BLESSED AND HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY TO CONCETTA "CONNIE" ORTENZO who turns 90 on January 6. She is the mother of our cantor and choir member, Linda Ortenzo. God bless you.

A WARM WELCOME to our newest parishioners who recently registered at Saint Paul Cathedral Parish:

Mr. Gregory and Mrs. Janell Billy Ms. Anne E. Capozzoli Ms. Isabelle K. Chickanosky Dr. Todd M. Cian Miss Laura E. Hernandez-Cruz Dr. William van der Sloot Ms. Allison K. Weinstock Mrs. Carol Weinstock



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**.

PLEASE LET US KNOW if you have any special happenings or celebrations. We are pleased to publish these in the bulletin. Send this information to Father Stubna at kstubna@diopitt.org.

PART-TIME WEDDING COORDINATORS NEEDED FOR SAINT PAUL CATHEDRAL. We are seeking one or two people who might be interested in serving as part-time wedding coordinators for Saint Paul Cathedral. This would involve one or two weekends a month. This person would be responsible for coordinating Friday afternoon weddings at 2:30 pm (along with a Thursday evening rehearsal at 4:30 pm) and the wedding rehearsals on Friday (typically from 4:00 pm through 7:00 pm) and the weddings on Saturday afternoon (typically from 1:00 pm until 6:00 pm). Training would be provided. Must be a practicing Catholic and have some organizational skills. We currently have several people who are helping with this ministry, but we need to find one or two more. Compensation is provided per wedding. Please contact Father Stubna if you are interested (kstubna@diopitt.org) or call the Cathedral rectory.

2021 TAX STATEMENTS. If you need a tax statement for 2021 please call the rectory office. Please note that all contributions are credited for the year in which they are given, regardless of the contribution envelope. No statements can be given for cash contributions of which we have no record – some people ask that we write letters based on what they reportedly have given without any documentation. This is a violation of IRS rules and something we are not permitted to do. If there is a discrepancy in the statement you receive and the contributions you have made, please bring your cancelled checks to the rectory and we are more than happy to correct our records and give you a revised statement.

THE GLOBAL SYNOD: Pope Francis invites everyone to participate in a synod. Everyone who cares about the Church is encouraged to participate in the Synod. Pope Francis wants to hear from those who feel marginalized or hurt by their Catholic experience, as well as from those who have found joy and mercy in the Church. During synodal sessions in early 2022 we will listen to each other and invite the Holy Spirit to open our hearts to feel the love, joy, and pain of those whose experience is different from our own. Catholics throughout the world will be discerning the same questions. For more information text "Synod2021" to 84576 and go to www.diopitt.org/journeying-together to download your Participant Guide.

EUCHARISTIC 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.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK. We remember in a special way in our prayers all those who are sick or have been hospitalized recently. In a special way we pray for **PERRIN HAFT**, **BETTY LEE GARVER**, and **ZENAIDA CULLERS**. May the Lord bring healing and strength to all who are sick. God bless you.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION. Our program for "in person" instruction will resume tomorrow, January 3, at the St. Rosalia Social Hall. Sessions are from 6:15 to 7:30 pm on Monday evenings. We are grateful for our catechists and volunteers who have done so much work to share faith with our students. Families who were unable to register in September are very welcome to register now. If you know of a family with children, please invite them to sign up! God may be calling you to be a catechist or a helper for our program (grades 1 – 8). It is a great joy to share and to help our families grow in faith. Please contact Father Steve Palsa (412-720-3554 or frstevenpalsa@gmail.com) for more information.

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.

St. Paul Cathedral FLORINDA SCIULLI Blessing Services THOMAS CARNEY

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.

MANY THANKS AGAIN TO 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 said throughout the Christmas season. This week we are including the names of those who were remembered with flower donations that have come in recently:

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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.

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**.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION 2022. Again, this year, St. Paul Cathedral Parish presents a special, virtual celebration via Zoom to commemorate the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on the Sunday preceding his birthday. The event will take place on January 16, 2022, at 2:00 pm. You are invited to attend and are welcome to forward this invitation to others whom you think will have an interest. The Jazz Mass "Our Father" will open the program. Father Matthew Hawkins will introduce the agenda and offer a few observations on the significance of MLK and how Catholics can embrace his mission. Keynote speaker Esther Bush will present remarks honoring MLK's legacy and ongoing efforts to continue the quest for an equitable and fair society. The poster and essay elementary school contest winners will be announced. The essay winners will read their short essays with the theme: "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: Never Give Up the Dream." We expect the program to be from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm. Please registering using the following Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0qc06uqjMtGda513 x2Kzbc01pYtmgD8Vt. You will then receive additional information regarding the program. We look forward to your participation! ~ St Paul Cathedral Race & Reconciliation Committee

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; **regisjflaherty@gmail.com**).

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO - 2 DE ENERO DE 2022 - LA EPIFANÍA DEL SEÑOR. Aun en estos tiempos, la humanidad continúa buscando la estrella, esa estrella que muchas veces se pierde entre la injusticia, el odio y la discriminación. Sin embargo, hay que seguir el camino y alzar los ojos al cielo para encontrar el centro de su luz. "Levántate y brilla, que ha llegado tu luz y la Gloria de Yavé amaneció sobre ti (Isaías 60,1). La Gloria de la Manifestación de Jesús en su Evangelio y en la Eucaristía se hace presente entre nosotros en la Liturgia de hoy. El Papa Francisco nos explica acerca de la belleza de esta celebración. "La manifestación de Jesús, simbolizada por la luz: Levántate y resplandece, Jerusalén, porque llega tu luz; la Gloria del Señor amanece sobre ti". Él nos exhorta al movimiento, a no quedarnos ahí fijos como estatuas sin hacer nada. También, nos explica sobre la participación de los magos del Oriente y lo que ellos representan. "Los Magos, venidos de Oriente, representan a todos los pueblos lejanos de la fe judía tradicional: se dejan guiar por la estrella y se enfrentan a un largo y arriesgado viaje; se postran ante Jesús y le ofrecen regalos simbólicos: oro, incienso y mirra; la búsqueda del Señor implica también la generosidad del corazón" (1/6/2019). ¿Qué le estoy ofreciendo a Jesús en esta etapa de mi vida? ¿Qué tipo de manifestaciones he tenido de Dios a lo largo de mi vida? Pidamos, en esta Eucaristía, que la luz de Cristo se manifieste en estos tiempos turbulentos y oscuros que experimentamos en el mundo entero. Sigamos vigilantes, caminemos por sendas nuevas, sigamos el ejemplo de los Magos. Ellos, regresaron a su país por otro camino. ©LPi

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Saint Paul Cathedral Parish Decorating the Church on December 23, 2021







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Saint Paul Cathedral Parish - St. Rosalia site Decorating the Church on December 21, 2021









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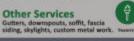
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