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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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Call 9-1-1 immediately if a child is in danger

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday, January 10

Weekday -
1 Sm 1:1-8 * Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday, January 11

Weekday -
1 Sm 1:9-20 * Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 12

Weekday -
1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 * Mk 1:29-39

Thursday, January 13

Saint Hilary,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church -
1 Sm 4:1-11 * Mk 1:40-45

Friday, January 14

Weekday -
1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a * Mk 2:1-12

Saturday, January 15

Weekday -
1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1 * Mk 2:13-17

Sunday, January 9

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time -
Is 62:1-5 * 1 Cor 12:4-11 * Jn 2:1-11

PARISH INFORMATION

LITURGY SCHEDULE AND MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 10

8:15 am	St. Paul Cathedral	Intentions of the Cathedral Enrollment Society
12:05 pm	St. Paul Cathedral	Christopher Lennon

Tuesday, January 11

8:15 am	St. Paul Cathedral	Mary Jo Cadigan
12:05 pm	St. Paul Cathedral	NO MASS
2:30 pm	St. Paul Cathedral	Episcopal Ordination of Bishop-elect Mark Eckman

Wednesday, January 12

8:15 am	St. Paul Cathedral	Elizabeth Bender
12:05 pm	St. Paul Cathedral	Rachel Paulson
7:00 pm	St. Paul Cathedral	Novena and Benediction

Thursday, January 13

8:15 am	St. Paul Cathedral	Rudy and Rose Lukcic
12:05 pm	St. Paul Cathedral	William Kearns

Friday, January 14

8:15 am	St. Paul Cathedral	Mr. and Mrs. Rocco Guido and Family, Deceased
12:05 pm	St. Paul Cathedral	Mr. and Mrs. Christopher McKenzie

Saturday, January 15

8:15 am	St. Paul Cathedral	Mary DiMatteo
12:05 pm	St. Paul Cathedral	George Cinquegrane
4:00 pm	St. Rosalia	Chester Bellisario
6:00 pm	St. Paul Cathedral	Margaret Mezza

Sunday, January 16

6:30 am	St. Paul Cathedral	Dorothy Hopkins
9:00 am	St. Rosalia	Ethel Kleppick
10:00 am	St. Paul Cathedral	Mass for Peace and Justice
12:00 pm	St. Paul Cathedral	Anthony Massaro
12:00 pm	St. Rosalia (Spanish)	People of the Parish
6:00 pm	St. Paul Cathedral	James P. Larkin

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

The prophet Isaiah in the first reading speaks of the long-awaited Servant of the Lord who will be sent to bring the nation of Israel and God's people to a new life. "I have formed you and set you as covenant of the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon those who live in the darkness." This Suffering Servant we know to be the Christ, the one sent by God to redeem humanity from its sin and open for us the pathway to salvation. Jesus confirms this when he walks into the synagogue in Nazareth and opens the scroll to this very passage from Isaiah and says, "Today this passage has been fulfilled in your hearing." This begins the public ministry of the Lord who has come as the Light of the world, leading those in the darkness of sin to the glory of God's light and truth.

The second reading speaks of the early Church's understanding that Jesus' mission is not only meant for the Israelites but for the Gentiles as well. Peter says quite clearly, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him." And so, Jesus comes to John the Baptist in the Jordan River and allows John to baptize him in order "to fulfill all righteousness."

The account of the baptism of the Lord in today's Gospel is striking. "The heavens opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens saying, this is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Others will question or doubt the identity of Jesus as he begins to proclaim that the Kingdom of God has come. But the Lord will make himself known by his words and deeds, manifesting in all he says and does the justice, love, peace, joy, and truth of God, the fullness of which was made present in and through his death and resurrection, the Paschal Mystery. He will invite those who come to know him to a new way of life, the way of life opened up through water and the Holy Spirit.

We are baptized into Jesus being the Beloved of the Father. We are equally baptized into our being sent to extend Jesus' life and Spirit into this world. The likelihood is that we are already living that grace. As we remember the gifts of grace that filled us in baptism, we pray always for a greater fullness of God's life in us, the increased grace that comes through faith in the Lord Jesus and participation in the sacramental life of the Church. We have been immersed in it and it is good on this day of Jesus' Baptism to reflect on the truth of how we are extending his light, hearing and speaking his goodness and keeping our garments clean. We are invited to hear once again what Jesus heard from the day of his baptism until his death: "you are my beloved son; you are my beloved daughter, in whom I am well pleased." Today is a day to rejoice in God's unconditional love for us, and his constant desire that we hear his voice and respond with obedience and faith, so that as God's children, we can ultimately take our place in the Kingdom of heaven.

FROM THE HEART OF OUR PASTOR, FATHER STUBNA

We have begun a new year. As we look back 2021 has certainly brought its challenges with the coronavirus pandemic, the rancor and division in our country, and no doubt personal struggles for each of us

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QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"No matter how sinful one may have been, if he has devotion to Mary, it is impossible that he be lost."
~ St. Hilary of Poitiers

"Being baptized, we are illuminated. Illuminated, we become sons. Made sons, we are made perfect. Made perfect, we are made immortal."
~ St. Clement of Alexandria

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 19:

4:00 pm:	\$1,135.00
6:00 pm:	\$1,485.00
6:30 am:	\$1,095.00
9:00 am:	\$1,086.00
10:00 am:	\$2,655.00
12:00 pm:	\$1,457.00
12:00 pm (Spanish):	\$669.00
6:00 pm:	\$1,426.00
Mail-In:	\$3,504.00
Total:	\$14,512.00

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 - Lucas Boyd and
Brenna Woodside

II - Chase Katterman and
Carly Bryan

I - Adam Hvrilla and
Emily Ferguson

PARISH NEWS

that have taken place over the past 12 months. But we also can recount so many blessings in the midst of our difficulties. God's love is present everywhere in our lives, we just don't see it easily at times. What a joy and blessing that we have come together as a parish family in our Saint Paul Cathedral Parish community serving the faithful in Greenfield, Hazelwood, and Oakland. We have worked hard over the past years to come together as God's people in a new way. Of course, there is sadness and disappointment that things cannot remain the same – but the reality is they can't. Each of us has so much to bring to make our parish what it needs to be and what it can be. Our traditions and customs; our great love for God and the Church; our deep faith in Jesus Christ and his saving Word; our service to others, especially the poor and vulnerable among us; our outreach to those who lose loved ones, to our children, youth and young adults, to the elderly and homebound – these are the foundations of our parish that will be strengthened moving forward. Each one of the faithful brings a wealth of talent, time, and treasure, as faithful stewards of the Church, to the work at hand. I rejoice in the many signs I can see of our parish coming together in faith and in unity as we seek to do God's will. Let's encourage the others who are struggling or who continue to sit on the sidelines. We need everyone to be active, involved, and helping us to become the vibrant, loving parish community that we can be. This is a new year with new opportunities and renewed hope. May God bless our Saint Paul Cathedral parish family as we journey together in faith with our hearts and eyes fixed on gaining eternal salvation. We can't get there alone – we need each other, and we need the Church. Happy New Year one and all.

MANY, MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OVER THE CHRISTMAS SEASON.

We appreciate your kindness in helping us through the offertory collection at our Masses, by mailing in, or dropping off your envelopes. More people are utilizing the online giving as a way to more easily contribute each week. Envelopes can always be dropped off at the rectory or in the offertory boxes near the entrance and exit doors at the Cathedral and our St. Rosalia site. We are so very grateful for your faithful stewardship in support of our parish. May God bless you.

THANKS FOR YOUR KINDNESS TO THE PRIESTS OVER THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

Once again, I, along with all the priests of the Cathedral parish, thank everyone who brought so many good things to the rectory over the holidays, from homemade lasagna, to ham, cheeses, breads, cakes, pies, and cookies. Everything was delicious and a treat for us and those who came to visit us over these holy and happy days. We appreciate your kindness and thank you for your thoughtfulness to us. May God bless you. ~ *Father Stubna*

SPRING BIBLE STUDY: "Questions Jesus Asks." Please join us on Wednesday morning (in person) or Wednesday evening (via Zoom) to examine some of the questions Jesus asks in the Gospels. Starting January 12 at 9:00 am in Synod Hall and 7:00 pm via Zoom. Contact Deacon Tom at 412-414-3125 or tberna@diopitt.org.

THE EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF OUR NEW AUXILIARY BISHOP, BISHOP MARK ECKMAN, will take place at Saint Paul Cathedral this Tuesday, January 11, at 2:30 pm. **Please note that there will not be a 12:05 pm Mass this 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. **Due to the ordination on January 11, we have had to take the Christmas decorations down earlier this year than we typically do. January 11 is Ordinary Time and all the Christmas decorations - except the flowers - have to be removed.**

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.

BAPTISM is one of the seven sacraments, instituted by Jesus Christ. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* writes that "holy baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the other sacraments." (CCC 1213). It is one of the three Sacraments of Initiation. Baptism cleanses a person from original sin and marks us out as a child of God, incorporated in the family of God and the Church. St. Gregory of Nazianzus reflected that "baptism is God's most beautiful and magnificent gift. It is called gift because it is conferred on those who bring nothing of their own; it is pure grace." As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, we remember in a special way all those adults and young adults in our parish community who are preparing for baptism through the RCIA process this year. It is also a time to pray for parents who have the primary responsibility of bringing their children up in the practice of the faith. Baptism is the sacrament of faith and as the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* reminds us, "It is only within the faith of the Church that each of the faithful can believe." (CCC 1253). It is critically important that parents who present their children for baptism in the Church must practice the faith themselves. God plants the seeds of faith in the hearts of each of the baptized, but parents and godparents bear a special responsibility before God to ensure that the gift of faith is nurtured, cultivated, and kept safe from sin by their diligent efforts. I ask all of our parents to take seriously this responsibility to bring your children to Mass each Sunday and on holydays, to pray with your children at home, to ensure their Catholic education through one of our Catholic schools or our parish religious education programs or homeschooling in the faith. We continue to pray that God's grace will assist our parents in their task of sharing the light of faith with their children and helping them to deepen their faith understanding and grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.

ST. PAUL CATHEDRAL SANCTUARY CANDLE

This week, from January 8 through January 14, the Sanctuary Candle at St. Paul Cathedral is being offered for:

DICK FISHER

May he rest in peace.

ST. PAUL CATHEDRAL BLESSED MOTHER VIGIL LIGHT

This week, from January 8 through January 14, the Blessed Mother Vigil Light at St. Paul Cathedral is being offered for:

JOAN LALLY, LIVING

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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.

OUR PARISH FOOD PANTRY

operates every Tuesday from 2:00 until 3:00 pm at our Saint Rosalia site Rectory (411 Greenfield Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15207).

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SPONSOR CERTIFICATES FOR BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION. Whenever a sponsor certificate is needed for you to be a godparent for a baptism or a sponsor for confirmation, it will be necessary for you to meet with one of the priests at the Cathedral parish. Being a godparent and/or sponsor is a significant responsibility as you are being asked to be a witness of the Catholic faith for that person. This means more than simply being registered in a parish or being baptized a Catholic. A godparent and/or sponsor must be a person in good standing in the Church. This means that you are regularly attending Mass, that you are in a state that allows you to receive the Eucharist and sacraments of the Church, and that you are actively supporting your parish by the gifts of time, talent, and treasure. You must sign your name testifying to the integrity of those requirements in your own life, and the priest has to do the same. We would encourage you to be sure you take time to obtain your certificate with enough advance notice as you will be required to meet personally with Father Stubna.

ORDINARY TIME BEGINS ON MONDAY, JANUARY 10 and continues through Tuesday, March 1. Besides the times of the year that have their own distinctive character, there remains in the yearly liturgical cycle thirty-three or thirty-four weeks in which no particular aspect of the mystery of Christ is celebrated but rather as the Universal Norms, for the Third Roman Missal indicates, "the mystery of Christ itself is honored in its fullness, especially on Sundays." This period is known as Ordinary Time. It is important to remember that the Church considers to each and every Sunday to be "a little Easter," the day on which we celebrate the victory of Jesus Christ through his Cross and Resurrection and its call to each believer to deepen our faith in these saving mysteries. Ordinary time is thus a period of growth in the faith, aided by the power of the Holy Spirit, who makes our seemingly ordinary lives an eternal offering to the glory and praise of our eternal God.

A SECOND COLLECTION will be taken up at all the Masses next weekend, January 15-16, for our children with special needs in the diocese served by the Saint Anthony School Programs and DePaul School for Hearing and Speech. Saint Anthony School serves children with intellectual disabilities and autism from age 6 through 21. This program is a unique, inclusive educational model that educates our students with special needs in five Catholic elementary schools and two Catholic high schools, as well as on the campus of Duquesne University, Carlow University, and the University of Pittsburgh. DePaul School serves students who are deaf or hearing impaired by teaching them to speak and to communicate with the use of nationally recognized cochlear implants. I had the privilege of working closely with both programs and serving on the Board of Trustees for both organizations and I can tell you firsthand the incredible work that is accomplished with the children and youth they serve. Please be generous as the programs require a great deal of financial support and most of it comes from the Church and the community. You can help to make a difference in the lives of many young people with special needs.

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, AT THE 10:00 AM MASS we will celebrate a Mass for Peace and Justice and remember Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The national holiday in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will be celebrated on Monday, January 17. This is a time for all of us to lift up in prayer our great desire, through God's grace, to build a civilization of life and love, a world that protects and defends every human life, that sees the value and worth of every human being, a world that does not tolerate racism, prejudice, bigotry, or hatred in any form. These are contrary to what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ. In a particular way, I want to highlight the ongoing work of the Saint Paul Cathedral Race and Reconciliation Group and their tremendous efforts to build bridges of unity, reconciliation, respect, and love among all people.

THE GLOBAL SYNOD: The central question. The central question for our synodal sessions is: How do we, as sisters and brothers in Christ, journey together in our parish, diocese, or other Catholic community? What steps is the Holy Spirit inviting us to take so that we can grow together? Everyone is invited to share what the Holy Spirit has laid on their hearts at synodal sessions throughout the Diocese of Pittsburgh in early 2022. 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.



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

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 register using the following Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0qcO6uqjMtGda5I3_x2Kzbc01pYtmgD8Vt. You will then receive additional information regarding the program. We look forward to your participation!
~ St Paul Cathedral Race & Reconciliation Committee

KATHEDRAL KONFECTIONS is a project of Saint Paul Cathedral parish that not only helps to raise funds for our Synod Hall renovation project but also brings together many volunteers from the parish who work together for a marvelous goal. I want to thank each and every one of our peanut brittle makers and helpers this year who did an incredible job with our effort. We produced 2,178 bags of peanut brittle over four days of work. Thanks to several people who actually bought and donated back a few bags, we have sold a grand total of 2,187 bags. Thanks to everyone who supported this effort by buying peanut brittle. I have heard from so many of you how delicious the peanut brittle is and how much you enjoyed it! We had some additional donors for our project this year as well. Thanks to the donor who underwrote all the expenses – so our profit on the sale of the brittle was 100% profit! **Our grand total was \$22,000.** That is an awesome and extraordinary feat. These funds have been transferred to our capital project fund for the renovation of Synod Hall. Thanks to everyone who helped to make this year's peanut brittle effort a huge success! May God bless you.

SEVERAL BEQUESTS AND DONATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED RECENTLY FOR WHICH WE ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL:

THE KATE M. KELLEY FOUNDATION provided a \$1,000 grant to Saint Paul Cathedral.

THE HELBLING FAMILY FUND (established by the late Mrs. Mary Lou Helbling) provided a distribution of \$3,100.25 to Saint Paul Cathedral.

THE PLUNKETT FAMILY FUND (established by the late C. Inez and John F. Plunkett) provided a distribution of \$2,411.09 to Saint Paul Cathedral.

DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF THE LATE ROSE FERRARO to the Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Fund total \$1,715 to date. We are so very grateful to Rose for creating this fund to help those in need and for everyone who has remembered her in this wonderful way.

PARISH NEWS



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.

SAINT OF THE WEEK. On January 13, Catholics celebrate **ST. HILARY OF POITIERS**, a fourth-century philosopher whose studies made him a champion of Orthodox Trinitarian theology during one of the most difficult periods of Church history. He protected the Church and its members by brilliantly defending the sacred humanity of Jesus while also defeating Arianism which denied Christ's placement within the Trinity. St. Hilary was a gentle and courteous man, devoted to writing some of the greatest theology on the Trinity, and was like his Master in being labeled a "disturber of the peace." In a very troubled period in the Church, his holiness was lived out in both scholarship and controversy. Moreover, Hilary's election as the Bishop of Poitiers coincided with the second wave of the Church's first great doctrinal controversy, in which he would play a significant role. Although the Council of Nicaea in 325 had confirmed the Church's rejection of Arianism – which claimed Jesus was only human, not divine – powerful forces within both the Church and the empire clung to the heresy.

Only a few years after his assumption of episcopal rank, Hilary found himself virtually alone in defending Jesus' deity before a hostile crowd of bishops in the southern French region of Gaul. The bishops appealed to Emperor Constantius II, who favored a modified version of Arianism and declared Hilary's exile from Gaul. Constantius II did not likely suspect that by banishing Hilary to Phrygia he would inspire the bishop to mount an even greater defense of orthodox theology. There, he wrote his most important work, "On the Trinity," showing the Bible's consistent witness to the central mystery of Christian faith. St. Hilary died at Poitiers in 367, after having passed on his teachings and way of life to a number of students, including St. Martin of Tours. Long regarded and celebrated as a saint within the Church, St. Hilary was also declared a Doctor of the Church in 1851.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

"The fundamental human right, the presupposition of every other right, is the right to life itself. This is true of life from the moment of conception until its natural end. Abortion, consequently, cannot be a human right – it is the very opposite. It is a deep wound in society." ~ *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 20. Contact Father Steve to sign up at frstevenpalsa@gmail.com. All are welcome to take part in this opportunity for personal spiritual enrichment.

MONTHLY ONLINE GIVING REPORT. Our online giving program is through our envelope company, Our Sunday Visitor. We receive a monthly report on that activity. Here are the reports since July of 2021:

Month	Number of Gifts	Total Amount of Gifts
July 2021	360	\$20,869.11
August 2021	395	\$22,188.90
September 2021	334	\$19,046.91
October 2021	379	\$20,972.03
November 2021	349	\$23,553.10
December 2021	377	\$31,701.87



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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION. Our program for in person instruction is underway at our St. Rosalia site 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 to share our 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 at 412-720-3554 or frstevenpalsa@gmail.com for more information.

A GIVING TREE THANK YOU FROM KATHLEEN GARVEY: “Our parish, once again, gathered together around the Giving Tree and set a new all-time high by providing more than \$7,500 in gift cards and cash to Angel’s Place, Providence Connections, St. Joseph’s House, and Birthright. Each of these organizations were incredibly grateful when they received your gifts and extended their deepest appreciation to YOU, the members of St. Paul Cathedral Parish, for thinking of them. A big thank you to everyone who opened their hearts to help those in need – you definitely made a difference in someone’s life this Christmas. Wishing you all a blessed, healthy, Happy New Year.” Many thanks to **KATHLEEN GARVEY** for coordinating this project!

LOST AND FOUND. An angel pendant was found on Christmas Eve on the front steps of Saint Paul Cathedral. If you lost such an item and can describe that item in detail, please contact the parish office.

FROM OUR SAINT PAUL CATHEDRAL DIRECTOR OF MUSIC, BRIAN GURLEY: “As we bring our Christmas season to a close this weekend, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the musicians who enriched our liturgies with such beautiful music, particularly on the Solemnity of Christmas here at Saint Paul Cathedral. Special thanks to our cantors, to the Saint Paul Cathedral Choir, to the members of the Carnegie Brass Ensemble, to Marianne Cornetti from the Pittsburgh Opera, and to our Associate Directors of Music, Kenneth Danchik and Chris Catone. I am grateful to everyone for their diligence and devotion to helping us all to pray well and to celebrate beautifully the true meaning of Christmas. It is a privilege to work with you all. Bravi tutti!”

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.

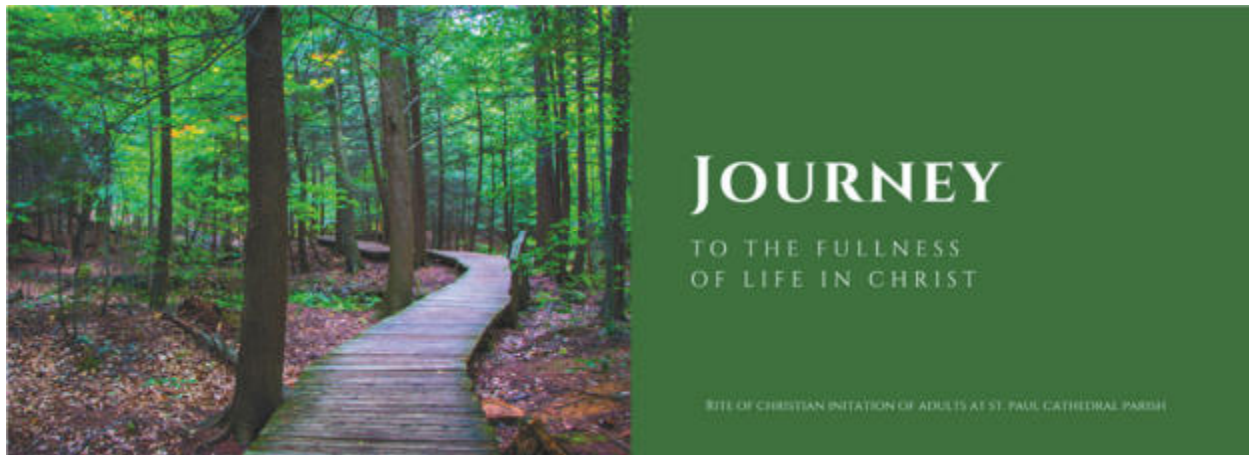
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MANY THANKS AGAIN TO THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE CHRISTMAS FLOWERS at both Saint Paul Cathedral and our Saint Rosalia site. They are beautiful again this year. We remember the names of everyone for whom the flower donations were made in the prayers 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:

In Honor of:
Jeffrey D. Novak

In Memory of:
Daniel Donovan

McCarthy & Conroy Families
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Joseph McKinnon
Mary Sulanowski



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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.

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).

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO – 9 DE ENERO DE 2022 – EL BAUTISMO DEL SEÑOR. Con la celebración del Bautismo del Señor se da por terminado el tiempo de Navidad. El Bautismo de Jesús es como una nueva epifanía, es decir, una nueva manifestación de Dios por medio de Jesús ahora en el Jordán. *“El Espíritu Santo bajó sobre él y se manifestó exteriormente en forma de paloma, y del cielo vino una voz: Tú eres mi Hijo, hoy te he dado la vida” (Lucas 3,22).* La revelación del Padre se manifiesta proclamando a Jesús como su Hijo. El Papa Francisco en una de sus catequesis lo muestra en tres puntos muy importantes para todos los que hemos sido bautizados en Cristo Jesús: *“Jesús quiso recibir el bautismo predicado y administrado por Juan el Bautista en el Jordán. ¡Cuánta humildad tiene Jesús! Y al hacerlo, manifestó lo que hemos celebrado en Navidad: sumergirse en el río de la humanidad”.* Jesús, va con todo a lo que refiere la cuestión humana, menos en el pecado. *“El Evangelio subraya que Jesús, apenas salió del agua vio rasgarse los cielos y el Espíritu que bajaba hacia él como una paloma. El Espíritu Santo desciende en plenitud sobre Jesús para darle la fortaleza de cumplir su misión”.* Por medio de nuestra vocación es que tenemos nuestra misión en la vida. ¿Cómo la estamos cumpliendo? *“La fiesta del bautismo de Jesús invita a cada cristiano a recordar su bautismo”.* ¿Sabes, o recuerdas la fecha de tu bautismo? Hay que preguntar sobre ese día y de cómo se celebró la fiesta de hacernos hijos e hijas de Dios. (Papa Francisco 1/7/2018). ©LPi

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THE CATHEDRA, or bishop's chair, in the Cathedral was recently refurbished. We are grateful for the help of several people who made this project possible:

TOM CHIANELLI (Chianelli Designs) for reupholstering the chair itself as well as the three other chairs used by the Cathedral rector and two assisting deacons.


JIM WASYLYSHYN for helping to find and to select the beautiful fabric that was used.

JOHN SOMMER (Sommer Contracting) for executing the work of extending and recarpeting the platform.

This was a long overdue project which has helped to restore and to beautify the Cathedra, the seat of the diocesan bishop and symbol of his authority as the Shepherd of Pittsburgh. Bishop Zubik is very pleased with the beautiful work that adds dignity and grace to the Mother Church of our diocese.



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Blessing of Home Advent Wreaths



St. Rosalia site Advent Wreath



Linda Elachko making bows for wreaths

ENROLLMENT SOCIETY

DECEMBER 2021

SAINT PAUL CATHEDRAL

THE MONTHLY MASS FOR THE CATHEDRAL ENROLLMENT SOCIETY is schedule for this Monday, January 10 at 8:15 a.m. for those who are living and deceased.

In honor of those who have died:

Teresa Adams	Olive Ruth McLaughlin
Sisto Alfonsi	William M. "Bill" McLaughlin
Thomas M. and Elizabeth W. Bender	John McMenamin
Bonenberger Family	Helen Miesien
Eileen M. Brosnan	Esther Miranda
Clifford Brown	Jerome Mondine
Alfio and Felicia Bucci	Grace Morrisey
Emidio Bucci	Mr. and Mrs. James F. Munroe
Mary Jo Cadigan	James M. Munroe
Eppie Carroll	Andrew Lawrence Ondick, Jr.
Dr. Rebecca Caserio	Lois Marie Ondick
Dora Cercone	Lawrence C. O'Neil
Shirley Clapper	William A. O'Neil
Walter Clapper	Eileen Papsen
Kathryn Donegan Clarke	Joseph L. Penkrot
Robert Colopy	Robert, Bob, and Kathy Perott
Thomas Cook	Georgia Pfohl
Fred C. Cooper	Jane Pillar
John M. and Margaret Coyne Monahan	Nanette "Nan" Pina
Philip A. Coyne	Margarita Duran De Reyna
William Coyne	Alice McShea Ruffolo
Arman Dashti	Betty Ruperto
Gino Delulisi	St. Paul Cathedral High School Class of 1951
Mr. and Mrs. Valentino Delulisi	St. Paul Cathedral High School Class of 1957
Mary Lou DeSantis	Nancy Lou Santangelo
DiNardo and Bucci Families	Joann Schweibinz
Aladino DiNardo	Oriente Sciulli
Celestino DiNardo	Sabbia Sciulli
Giuseppa DiNardo	Leona Scrivo
Santo DiNardo	Mary Jane Scully
Rosario Joves Downey	Sims and Gibson Families
Mary McShea Drezga	John Smarsh
Mary I. Duff	Elizabeth Smith
Fred and Ruth Egler	Helen M. Snuggs
Dr. Lawrence D. Ellis	Richard Thomas Solo, Jr.
Mary Lou Ende	Richard Thomas Solo, III
Joan Faix	Richard Thomas Solo, IV
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Cynthia Ann Fischer	Susan Uriah Street
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Peggy Fleo	Patricia Torkos
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Mr. and Mrs. Howard W. Hanna, Jr.	Lillian Vinski
Caroline Hohman	Teresa Weis
Joseph G. Hohman, Jr.	Weitzel, McGovern, Bebbari, and Navario Families
Pete Holzemer	August, Bertha, and Audrey Welker
Tim Hughes	Jeremy Wheeler
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Bill Kelly	Anne Catherine Wiser
Kleppick Family	Robert Anthony Wolf
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Jane McGough	Clare Zielinski
John O. and Anna Mae McLaughlin	

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We pray for the spiritual and physical welfare of those who are living:

Jake and Audrey Bell
Alan Bruce
Caregivers to the Sick, the Elderly
and the Needy
Andrea Chamoun
Dorothy Clapper
Tom, Grace, and Michael Conroy
Rita DeMeo
Mary Jane Giralco
Desiree Hampton Golden
Joan Harbin
Ronald Joseph Hohman
Helen Hyland
Tenisha Kincel
Ethel Kleppick
Joy Landiorio
Linnea Rae Ondick
David Oravitz
James Donald Paul
Patricia Ann Paul
Colleen Rakar
Patty Rakar
Rob L. Renwick
St. Paul Cathedral High School Class of 1951
Margaret Sheen
Sims and Gibson Families
Mary Teresa Solo
Norma J. Sotak
Very Reverend Kris D. Stubna, S.T.D.
Susan
Maria Varrati
TV Ministry Staff and Volunteers
Ariana and Amelia Ward
Janet White
Walter J. White
Eugene Wieczorkowski
M. A. Wolf Family
Most Reverend David A. Zubik

Recently, we have gotten numerous requests to have Masses for various individuals in political office. Given the political environment in which we live, we will include the following monthly intentions in our Cathedral Enrollment Society through February 2022, but we will not take any Masses for individuals in public office. We pray regularly in the universal prayer at Mass for our government leaders and all in public office and public service. We remember the following intentions each month in the Cathedral Enrollment Society:

For the United States of America

For peace, unity, and justice in our country

For our President, Vice President, and all elected officials in our country

For those in law enforcement, firefighters and emergency medical personnel

For those in healthcare who are on the front lines combatting COVID-19

Both deceased and living can be enrolled in the Cathedral Enrollment Society. Mass cards are available at the Cathedral Office. Those who are enrolled are remembered as a group at a monthly Mass for a period of 12 months. A minimum \$25 donation is requested for each person enrolled.



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For Release: December 31, 2021

IMPORTANT COVID-19 PROTOCOL REMINDERS FOR MASS ATTENDANCE IN THE DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH

Friday, December 31, 2021

The celebration of the Holy Mass, where we gather to worship God and receive Holy Communion, is the heart of our Catholic faith. Given the recent record-breaking surge in positive COVID-19 cases in Allegheny County and surrounding counties, Bishop David Zubik is reminding everyone of the current diocesan safety protocols. He is doing so in order to safely continue in-person Masses throughout the Diocese of Pittsburgh. This is also being done as an urgent request for everyone to do their part to remain vigilant and mitigate the spread of the virus.

The current diocesan COVID safety protocols are:

- As already widely communicated, the obligation to attend Sunday and Holy Day Mass in person was restored effective Sunday, August 15, 2021. That obligation remains in effect. Those who are sick, have a health risk, or are a primary caregiver, are excused from this obligation.
- The practice of extending the Sign of Peace at Mass is suspended until further notice.
- The distribution of the Precious Blood continues to be suspended until further notice.
- Given the high transmissibility rates, mask-wearing is urgently encouraged for all attending Mass regardless of vaccination status.
- Priests, deacons, and all Eucharistic Ministers must continue to wear masks during the distribution of Holy Communion, and at all times except when speaking.
- All greeters and ushers must wear masks while welcoming parishioners, should maintain social-distancing, and should refrain from hand-shaking with fellow parishioners.

“As we mark the end of 2021 and look with hope to a new year filled with God’s continued blessings, please join with me in praying for an end to the spread of COVID-19, and for health and happiness for all,” Bishop Zubik said.

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