

# St. Paul Cathedral, St. Regis, St. Rosalia & St. Stephen

*Four Parishes: One Faith Community*  
*Remember. Celebrate. Believe*



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### MASSES

Saturday Anticipated.....6pm

Sunday.....6:30am, 10am,  
12noon & 6pm

Weekdays (Monday–Saturday):

8:15am & 12:05pm

#### Televised Masses

(Comcast - Cable channel 95)

Weekdays.....8:15am

Sundays.....10am

## NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

### Wednesdays

7pm...Exposition & Confessions

7:30pm.....Novena Prayers

### CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays.....7pm-7:30pm

Fridays.....12:45pm

Saturdays.....12:45pm & 7pm



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### MASSES

Sunday.....10am

### CONFESSIONS

Sundays.....9:30am



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### MASSES

Saturday Anticipated.....4pm

Sunday.....11am,

1pm (Spanish Mass)

Weekdays (Friday).....10am

### CONFESSIONS

Saturdays.....3:15pm



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### MASSES

Sunday.....9am

Weekdays (Wednesday)...10am

### CONFESSIONS

Sundays.....8:45am

## CLERGY TEAM

Very Reverend Kris D. Stubna, S.T.D.....	Administrator and Rector
Reverend Adam C. Potter, S.T.L.....	Parochial Vicar
Reverend Daniel L. Walsh, C.S.Sp.....	Parochial Vicar
Reverend Michael R. Ackerman.....	In Residence
Deacon Thomas J. Berna, Ph.D.....	Deacon

## STATEMENT OF MISSION

As we journey together *On Mission for the Church Alive*, 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, our parish communities welcome 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.

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come...so too you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

The season of Advent can be a bit confusing for many of us. This is a time when the world around us is busily preparing for the Christmas celebration. Our attention as Christians, and rightly so, is on the mystery of the Incarnation. Our gaze lies upon that small infant in swaddling clothes, born in a manger in Bethlehem who is Christ the Lord. God in all his power and majesty sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, into the world as one like us in all things but sin, so that we might be saved from our sins and gain eternal life. Surely this is a season of joy and hope.

It is a time as the prophet Isaiah describes in our first reading today when "the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest mountain and raised above the hills...they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks." We rejoice in this holy season of Advent because indeed the Lord has already come. The light has shone into the darkness and we live now as children of the Living God, possessing the Spirit of God through baptism and faith. Let us rejoice and be glad for the Lord has come!

But the readings remind us of another coming for which we wait and long, the second and final coming of the King of Kings. Advent challenges us to reflect on how well we are prepared in our lives of faith to meet the Son of Man when he comes to render judgment on this earth and fulfill all that has been promised by our Heavenly Father. As Saint Paul makes clear in the second reading today, living in the light of Jesus is no easy task. Even the earliest Christians began to grow lax in the practice of the faith. St. Paul's words speak of urgency in our response: "It is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed; the night is advanced, the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light."

This is the preparation that must be primary in this holy season. Each of us as children of God is called to live more fully in the light of our faith. And yet we know how easily we can live in darkness. The sins of envy and pride, jealousy

and conceit, lust and unchastity, anger and the inability to forgive, gluttony and avarice, the lack of concern for others, our inability to love completely. These are the sins that embrace us and lead us away from God's way. Advent calls us to take stock of our lives and to seek reconciliation and conversion. St. Paul describes it as "putting on the mantle of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Yes, let us be filled with joy as we prepare to remember the birth of the Lord more than 2000 years ago in Bethlehem. Prepare for Christmas and help to make that celebration holy and sacred for you and your family. But prepare well your hearts this Advent season so that whenever the Lord returns – and return He will indeed as He as promised – we can greet him not with fear and anxiety, not with regrets that we had not done more. But be prepared to greet him with the full confidence and trust of knowing that you are a child of God, living in the light of faith, embracing the truth, growing in holiness and love each day. Then we will hear the words of our King: "Well done good and faithful servant. Come you who are blessed by my heavenly Father. Inherit the Kingdom prepared for you by my Father."

## ON MISSION CORNER WITH FATHER STUBNA

1. On Friday, November 22, I was privileged to be part of the Thanksgiving Dinner for persons with HIV/AIDS coordinated by the Shepherds Wellness Community. For many years now, Saint Paul Cathedral has sponsored this special dinner and volunteers from our parish community have participated in preparing and in serving the dinner the Friday before Thanksgiving. The last two years we have expanded our volunteer base to include other members from our parish grouping. I was joined by **Bob and Carmella Kesicki, Tom and Janet Berna, Larry Clapper, Trish Tommarello, and Bridget Fertal**. It was a wonderful evening of prayer, fellowship, community and support for our brothers and sisters with HIV/AIDS and their families. I got to meet some wonderful people that evening; they were so grateful for our presence, our support and our prayers. We shared many stories, a lot of laughs, warm hugs and a deep sense of gratitude. That kind of experience helps a person to understand how blessed we are in life; how good God is; how important faith and life are; how we are called to stand with others in need and share



love, friendship, prayer and hope. The Shepherds Wellness Community staff are wonderful people; the dinner was delicious and awesome; and we received far more in return than we could ever hope to bring. I was very proud of our parish grouping family that evening and very mindful of our call to bring God's love and mercy into the lives of so many people around us. May God continue to bless those men and women we met that evening, and so many others, whose burdens and struggles are so great. They know they are welcome at all four of the parishes in our parish grouping anytime and that we continue to support them with our love, our prayers, and our friendship. I hope that more will consider becoming involved in this important ministry.

2. We are blessed in our parish grouping to have several regular opportunities to lift our prayers in devotion. **First, every Wednesday evening at the Cathedral we gather for the Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help.** This is a long standing devotion in the Church, begun and protected by the Redemptorists who served for many years in Squirrel Hill at Saint Philomena. Our Mother of Perpetual Help is a mother ever ready to help us and advocate our cause before her Son – and embraces us always in our struggles and needs with the mantle of her protecting love. The novena prayers include adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and benediction. Please consider joining us from 7:00 - 8:00 pm on Wednesday evenings. What a blessing to have this regular opportunity for this wonderful and powerful devotion. **Second, on the last Sunday of every month, we have an afternoon of Eucharistic Adoration from 1:00 - 5:00 pm with Solemn Vespers and Benediction from 5:00 - 5:30 pm.** Please consider coming for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Pope John Paul II wrote that “the Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease.” Solemn vespers and benediction is a powerful experience of prayer. Please come and join us! These are wonderful opportunities for all of us in our four parishes to gather in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and with the help of Our Lady to guide us, to strengthen us, and to help us in doing the will of God and gaining life in heaven.

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER:** “That every country determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.”

**THIS WEEKEND MARKS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**, the beginning of a new liturgical year. As we celebrate throughout Advent our anticipation of Christ coming again into our lives, we are also anticipating the merger of our parishes into the reality of one new parish. As we prepare for the coming of Christ, let us continue to prepare for the coming merger, by strengthening the bonds of unity among our parishes, praying for those in leadership, dedicating ourselves to accept the mission of Christ to be missionary disciples of his Gospel of divine love. One parish family is our way of the future. Let us anticipate it with joy and hope.

**ADVENT BEGINS TODAY.** This is a season of special grace that calls the faithful to be alert and be prepared for the coming of Christ. Our minds focus immediately on the coming of the Lord at Christmas as we prepare to commemorate the birthday of our Savior and the mystery of the Incarnation. Advent calls us to be attentive and to be careful that we keep Christ in Christmas. All around us are the pulls of secularism, commercialism and materialism. Our response must be one to remind the world of why we have this season – it is to remember and celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ into the world, the mystery of God becoming one like us in all things but sin, so that the darkness of sin could be eradicated by God's saving power and human redemption won through the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross. Be careful not to water down Christmas. We must unapologetically and forcefully remind the world that Christmas is a Christian holiday – one in which we take great pride in celebrating – because it is the birthday of our beloved Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the Lord of all Life.

I encourage everyone, especially our families, to make this season of Advent a time of holiness and grace. Prepare well to celebrate the birthday of Christ by growing in faith. Read the Scriptures; pray the rosary and reflect on the mysteries of Jesus Christ; light the advent candles at home on your table and pray that God's light will slowly diminish the reality of sin in your own life and in the world; go to confession and receive the healing power of God's grace to prepare your heart to receive Christ in the Eucharist; attend Mass at least one additional day each week in Advent and realize the fruits that come to those who come to Mass daily. Make this season a time of preparation so the Christ-child will find a worthy place in your heart and home to dwell more completely with his love.

**OUR ADVENT WREATH** in the sanctuary will remind us of the four weeks of preparation and the call for each of us to become the light of Jesus Christ and to shine more brightly with his Truth and Love in the darkness of the world.

**THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** is transferred this year to Monday, December 9 because Sunday, December 8 falls on a Sunday. Sunday, December 8 is the Second Sunday of Advent. Because the Immaculate Conception falls on Monday, it is still a holyday but does not have the obligation for Catholics to attend Mass. It is still an important feast in the life of the Church, and we encourage the faithful to come to Mass on that day. Mary was proclaimed the patroness of the United States under this title in 1846. This doctrine of our faith teaches that Mary, in view of her calling to be the Mother of Christ and in virtue of his merits, was preserved from the first moment of her conception from original sin and was filled with grace from the very beginning of her life. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NO VIGIL MASS ON SUNDAY EVENING AS THOSE MASSES ARE FOR SUNDAY, THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT.**

**The Mass schedule for December 9 is as follows:**

6:45 am	St. Paul Cathedral
8:15 am	St. Paul Cathedral
10:00 am	St. Stephen
12:05 pm	St. Paul Cathedral
6:30 pm	St. Rosalia

**ADVENT IS A SEASON OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION** and calls each of us to examine our consciences to see how we have fallen short in living out our faith. The Sacrament of Reconciliation, one of the great sacraments of the Church instituted by Christ himself, offers to us the gift of the Father's mercy, unconditional love, his compassion and peace. When we come to the sacrament with sorrow for our sins and a sincere desire to amend our lives, all of our sins are washed away through the power of Christ. As we prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas and prepare as well for the second coming of the Lord as well, we need to go to confession regularly. Confessions for our parish grouping are normally scheduled at Saint Paul Cathedral on Friday at 12:45 pm and on Saturday at 12:45 pm and at 7:00 pm, following the Mass. We invite everyone to take advantage of the priests who are scheduled to hear confessions at the Cathedral at those times.

**THE LIGHT IS STILL ON FOR YOU!** Haven't been to confession in awhile? Interested, but worry you don't remember how to make a good confession? Visit [www.diopitt.org/lightison](http://www.diopitt.org/lightison). Read "A Short Guide to Confession." **Stop by SAINT PAUL CATHEDRAL on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11 from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm.** The priests in our grouping will all be at the Cathedral for those three hours that evening. **We will have a priest helping out with confessions in Spanish as well.** Confessions will be heard at St. Stephen from 6:00 - 7:00 pm and at St. Rosalia from 7:00 - 8:00 pm. Consider making a commitment this Advent to experience the healing grace of God's forgiveness and love. Please consider coming to confession that evening and get the message out to others that the Light is Still On for them as well. This will be a great opportunity to get to confession in preparation for Christmas.

**THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE** will be celebrated at the Cathedral on Thursday, December 12 at 7:00 pm. Bishop Zubik will celebrate the Mass in Spanish and all are invited to join with our Latino Catholics for this special celebration of our Blessed Mother. A special holy hour begins at 6:00 pm with prayers, music, and confessions. The Mass begins at 7:00 pm with the arrival of the Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. A light reception will follow the Mass in the Cathedral social hall. All are welcome and invited to participate.

**WEEKLY NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NORMALLY TAKES PLACE ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS.** It is a wonderful opportunity to lift up the needs of the sick and our special intentions to God through the powerful intercession of our Mother of Perpetual Help. Exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place from 7:00 until 7:30 pm and confessions are heard for that half hour. The novena prayers and benediction begin at 7:30 pm until 8:00 pm. All are welcome. **Please note that in December there will not be a novena on December 11, December 25 and January 1.**

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**ADVENT SCHEDULE.** Please see in the bulletin this week the schedule for Advent within our parish grouping. We hope these will be helpful to you as you enter this season of grace and prepare for Christmas. We are including each week in the season of Advent; an Advent insert in our bulletin that we hope you will use in your home and with your family. Make this a special season of grace.

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**BANNS OF MARRIAGE.** Please remember to keep in your prayers the following couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage:

III - Jacob Linsenbigler and  
Meghan Good



### SANCTUARY CANDLE FOR THIS WEEK,

from November 30 through December 6, is being offered in memory of:

**CHARLES "NUCHY", MARY AND CARMEN CASCIATO**

*May they rest in peace.*

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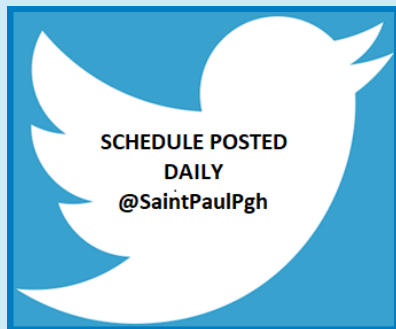
### THE BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR VIGIL LIGHT FOR THIS WEEK,

from November 30 through December 6, is being offered for:

**VINCENT AND EMILY FALVO FEBBRATO**

*May they rest in peace.*

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### A FEW WORDS FROM THE FOOD PANTRY COORDINATORS AND VOLUNTEERS:

1. We would like to thank Father Kris Stubna, Administrator and Rector of our four parishes in the Greenfield-Hazelwood-Oakland grouping for initiating, organizing, and obtaining funding for our annual Thanksgiving dinner. This event has only been possible through Father Stubna's vision of helping all in our community and the generosity of the parishioners who donated money for this dinner. Thank you!
2. We thank the Ladies of Charity from the Greenfield-Hazelwood-Oakland grouping for the distribution of coats through their annual winter coat drive.
3. We thank our parish volunteers who have come to help with this Thanksgiving celebration.
4. And finally, we would also like to thank everyone who comes to the food pantries, picks up some food, and shares their time and conversations with us. We value you, pray for you, and think of you often. You are a vital part of our community.

**A NOTE FROM FATHER STUBNA.** On Tuesday, November 26 we hosted our fourth annual Thanksgiving dinner for the patrons of our food pantry from 12:00 pm until about 2:30 pm in the Cathedral social hall. What a wonderful experience it was to bring together a number of volunteers from our parishes together with the food pantry volunteers to share a meal with those who come to us regularly for assistance. We had a great turnout. Our patrons were smiling from ear to ear throughout the afternoon. They were so grateful not only for a delicious fantastic meal – a full course turkey dinner with all the trimmings – but especially for the kindness and friendship they experienced from everyone present. Time and time again, hugs and handshakes were exchanged. We prayed together – and so many have deep unshakeable faith in God despite their difficult circumstances. They are a witness to each of us. I am so proud and so grateful for the welcome and hospitality provided by our parish grouping to so many people who come to us. A special word of thanks to the incredible group of volunteers who staff the food pantry each week and who helped to organize the dinner. **Many thanks to Nikki Heckmann, owner of Bistro To Go**, and her incredible staff, for cooking an incredible dinner and making everything so beautiful. Thanks, as well to the group of volunteers who made the afternoon so memorable – it is not about "doing" things but about "being" present to people in their need. You were all shining stars of Christian faith and compassion. Thank you. The Ladies of Charity provided winter coats to those who needed them, and everyone was able to take plenty of leftovers home for the next day. Finally, we could not have done this without the tremendous outpouring of support from so many in our parish family who made contributions to underwrite the dinner – **we collected nearly \$ 2,500** for the Thanksgiving dinner this year! To one and all, thanks for helping to make Thanksgiving a special time for so many people in need and helping our neighbors know what a special place our parish grouping truly is as we seek to serve the needs of others. God bless you.

**FOOD DRIVE.** Many thanks to everyone who contributed so generously to the recent food drive to support the food pantries in our parish grouping. The needs of so many families and individuals continue to grow, especially as the holiday season approaches. The food provided by our pantries is a blessing to so many in our parish grouping and the larger community. A special word of thanks as well to the Knights of Columbus for their help in coordinating the food drive.



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

**OPLATKY [OPLATKI, OPLATEK] IS A CHRISTMAS WAFER TRADITION** with roots in Poland and other Eastern European countries. The wafers are baked from flour and water, and are usually rectangular or round in shape, and very thin, with a taste very similar to the altar bread that becomes the Eucharist during Mass. The wafers are embossed with Christmas related religious images, such as a nativity scene. Gathered around the table for the Christmas Eve meal, the oldest member of the family breaks off a small piece of the oplatki to begin the ritual. The remaining wafer is passed to another member while a prayer for loved ones is said as a sign of family unity. While doing so each member of the family is kissed and is wished a joyful feast. The other family members then greet one another in the same way. This continues until everyone at the table has a piece of the wafer. Finally, the family members quietly consume their piece of wafer. Some dip their wafer in honey or garlic before consuming. Then the traditional Christmas Eve meal continues. **Oplatky is available in the St. Rosalia and St. Paul Cathedral rectory offices throughout Advent for \$1 for a pack of 5 wafers.**

**THE FAMILY FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM FOR DECEMBER HAS BEEN CHANGED TO SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15.** We will focus on the meaning of Christmas and how we can prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ-child and celebrate the birthday of our Savior. We are asking each of our children to bring a donation of warm socks so that we can wrap them and offer them as Christmas gift to the less fortunate. This program takes place at Saint Paul Cathedral and seeks to gather all families with children in pre-K through grade 8 to a program one Sunday each month from November through April. Regardless of whether your children are in Catholic school, parish religious education, or being homeschooled, this program invites our families to gather for fellowship and faith learning so that we can get to know each other and provide additional opportunities for our parents and our children to grow more deeply in their Catholic faith. This program begins immediately following the 10:00 am Mass - from 11:15 am until 1:00 pm in the parish social hall. **SHARE THE WORD WITH OTHER FAMILIES. MAKE A COMMITMENT TO JOIN US.** Our second and eighth grade students preparing for Holy Communion and Confirmation are expected to participate along with their parents. **All children from all four parishes in our parish grouping are invited to participate. The remaining dates are December 15, January 5, February 2, March 1, and April 5.**

## *Saint Regis Parish*

**THE SANCTUARY LAMPS BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** burn this week for **DAVID LAPSON—ANNIVERSARY** (Julie Polselli).

**THE VOTIVE LAMP ON THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY** burns for the intentions of the donors to the Maintenance Fund and all benefactors of our Parish.

**THE VOTIVE LAMP ON THE ALTAR OF SAINT JOSEPH** burns for the living and deceased priests, religious, founders and parishioners.

**THE VOTIVE LAMP AT THE SORROWFUL VIRGIN SHRINE** burns for the intentions of the living and deceased members of the Catholic Women's Guild.

**TODAY'S 10:00 AM MASS** is being offered for **CAMILLO SAMMARTINO** (Iolanda and Family). We apologize for putting the wrong intention on the Liturgical Schedule & Mass Intentions page in last week's bulletin.

**FOR TODAY'S MASS** the lector is Theresa Riley and the Eucharistic Minister is Yolanda Caruso.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to student **MARY KNECHT** for making Honor Roll (Highest Honor) this past quarter at Oakland Catholic High School.

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## *Saint Rosalia Parish*

**THE CRUCIFIX OF CHRIST THE HIGH PRIEST** is in the home of **ELIZABETH SCHLENK** this week. Please call or visit the rectory office to reserve the Crucifix for this year and use the accompanying prayer booklet to pray for vocations. There are still two weeks available.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION.** We are in need of ministers for Heritage Shadyside on Sunday mornings. The more who volunteer for Heritage the less often you would need to be scheduled. If you are interested, please call the rectory office for more information. Training will be provided.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPE.** Please print legibly on the donation envelope the names of the people you are remembering, and we will place those names in a memorial book on the altar railing during the Christmas Season.

**LOOKING FOR A GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING? FEELING LUCKY?** Why not purchase a daily drawing ticket for \$5, which gives you a chance to win daily for an entire month? Winning ticket numbers are based on the evening PA lottery. You can win from \$50-\$500 and all proceeds benefit our church. Tickets for **December** are available in the rectory office. If you have a special lucky number, we can reserve it for you each month if it is available. **Winners cannot be paid unless the entire ticket stub is filled out legibly. Winners will only be paid out for the current month.**

**SAINT OF THE WEEK.** December 4 marks the feast of the great doctor of the Church, **SAINT JOHN DAMASCENE**. John was a chief financial officer for the leaders of Damascus when he felt called to religious life and became a monk at the monastery of Saint Sabas, near Jerusalem. He battled the Iconoclastic heresy which denounced the veneration of images and wanted to cleanse the Churches of statues, icons, crucifixes and images of any kind. His great defense of Catholic doctrine helped to defend the Church against this heresy. As he wrote, "When we see the crucifix, we remember Christ's saving passion. We fall down to worship not the piece of wood, but the One who is imaged, Christ crucified." He was a leading theologian and writer including the great work "On the Orthodox Faith," which presented a summary of the teachings of all the Greek Fathers. St. John wrote many hymns of praise as well and was devoted to the Blessed Mother. He was a man of great and immense intellect, skilled in many areas of life, and yet choose to use them all in service to God and the Church.

**ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE.** The most precious gift that God gives us is our life! As Catholics we are charged with the responsibility to defend and to protect the sanctity of human life. In particular we must care deeply about the lives of the most vulnerable in our world – especially the unborn who have no voice of their own. Abortion is a great evil and a grave sin. We mourn the loss of tens of thousands of babies each year through abortion. Each year the annual March for Life in Washington DC is an opportunity to join with tens of thousands of people as we celebrate the gift of human life and advocate for the rights of the unborn children in our country. We are pleased to announce that the four parishes in the Greenfield-Hazelwood-Oakland grouping will be journeying to Washington D.C. to join the "March for Life!" this year. We will be departing from the Cathedral Parking Lot on the morning of Friday, January 24 at 6:15 am and we will return to the Cathedral Parking Lot the same day at about 11:00 pm. We will offer a special Mass for all who are participating – and anyone who wishes to join us for Mass that morning – at 5:45 am in the Cathedral. The cost for the trip will be \$30 per person. This will only pay for half the cost of the bus – our parish grouping will cover the other half so we can make the trip affordable to those who are going. A special discounted price for college students will be \$15. Checks can be made payable to Saint Paul Cathedral and are non-refundable as you will be reserving a seat that will be unable to be filled if you back out. Father Adam Potter and Deacon Tom Berna will be leading this year's March for Life bus trip. If you are interested in going on the "March for Life," please contact the Cathedral rectory at 412-621-4951 or email the Cathedral office at [info@saintpaulcathedral.org](mailto:info@saintpaulcathedral.org) and in the email please include your name and your telephone number. You must be at least 18 years old to travel on our bus; anyone under 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult who will be your chaperone for the day. You will need to mail or bring your check to the Cathedral rectory office no later than January 7. First come, first served as the bus does fill up quickly. Please consider joining us.

## *Young Adult Ministry Corner*

**ST. JOAN OF ARC BOOK STUDY.** Join us for our book study series on Mark Twain's classic *Joan of Arc* on Wednesday, December 4 in St. Paul Cathedral's Synod Hall at 8:00 pm (following the Novena). Please note that you are welcome to as many sessions as you are able.

**LECTIO DIVINA.** We invite everyone to join us for Lectio Divina, the ancient practice of reading and praying over scripture. On Friday, December 13, we'll gather downstairs in the Saint Paul Cathedral Social Hall at 7:00 pm to pray together, reflect on the Gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday, and faith share. Following prayer time together, we will head to a local restaurant for food and fellowship. We hope you can join us!

**1ER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO.** El tiempo de Adviento tiene dos características: es a la vez un tiempo de preparación para la solemnidad de la Navidad en que se conmemora la primera venida del Hijo de Dios entre los hombres y un tiempo en el cual, mediante esta celebración, el ánimo se dirige a esperar la segunda venida de Cristo al fin de los tiempos. Por estos dos motivos, el Adviento se presenta como un tiempo de piadosa y alegre esperanza. El tiempo de Adviento comienza con las primeras vísperas del domingo que cae el 30 de noviembre, o lo más próximo a ese día, y concluye antes de las primeras vísperas de Navidad. Los domingos de este tiempo se llaman: primer, segundo, tercer y cuarto domingo de Adviento (Normas Universales sobre el año litúrgico números 39,40,41). Hoy comenzamos un nuevo tiempo de lecturas y reflexiones, es lo que se llama el ciclo "A". Escucharemos el Evangelio de San Mateo. La principal característica de las lecturas es estar vigilantes, atentos para no perder la ruta que es Jesucristo. Vivir atentos significa darse cuenta de los signos de los tiempos presentes. ¿Qué se vive actualmente? Jesús nos recuerda hoy que el tiempo no es del reloj, sino de la gracia y acción de Dios en la vida del ser humano. Podemos planear todo bajo calendario, pero cuando Dios llama hay que responder. San Pablo exhorta, "Desechemos, pues, las obras de las tinieblas y revistámonos con las armas de la luz." Por lo tanto, Adviento es decir con amor, esperanza y total sinceridad de corazón: ¡Ven, Señor Jesús!

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**LE LA DIOSECIS PARA ASISTENCIA A VICTIMAS:** 1-888-808-1235

### *Saint Paul Cathedral*

**COFFEE AND DONUT SUNDAY** will take place next Sunday, December 8 in the Cathedral Social Hall after the 10:00 am and 12:00 Noon Masses. Please stop in and join us for refreshments and fellowship. Many thanks to the **OAKLAND PRAYER GROUP** for sponsoring this month's Coffee and Donut Sunday. We will have peanut brittle for sale and anyone who ordered peanut brittle can pick it up that day as well.

**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE.** There are many men, women and children struggling to get by and the holidays can become a stressful and sometimes very sad time for them. Let us reach into our hearts and quietly take this opportunity to make Christmas a little brighter for those less fortunate in our community. We will be placing a tree in the front of St. Paul's Cathedral this weekend which will have ornaments with the names of people who need assistance. You are invited to take one (or more) of the ornaments and purchase a gift card for that person. All gifts must be returned no later than December 7-8. If you have any questions or would like to help with this project, please email Kathleen Garvey at [kathleeng721@gmail.com](mailto:kathleeng721@gmail.com).

**ALTAR SERVERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION ARE NEEDED FOR ALL THE MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS DAY.** Please consider helping out on Christmas Day as so many people attend Christmas Eve, but we have a great need for help on Christmas Day. If anyone can help in these ministries, please let us know.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH WHO WERE BAPTIZED RECENTLY:**

**ELOISE VICTORIA COHEN**, daughter of Josh and Elizabeth (Rees) Cohen

**ETHAN JOSEPH SPEAR**, son of Scott and Christina (Manfredi) Spear

**OLIVIA VUKINA**, daughter of Josip and Lauren (Hodges) Vukina

### *Saint Stephen Parish*

**SANCTUARY LIGHT MEMORIAL.** This week the Sanctuary Light burns in memory of **BOB VAVRO AND TRICIA VAVRO** as requested by Carol Vavro and Family.

**SANCTUARY LIGHT.** If you would like to have a Sanctuary Light dedicated to a loved one please stop in or call the office to set a date for the week you request. This is a good way to honor our loved ones. The offering is \$20.

**SECOND COLLECTION** this week is for Parish Maintenance.

**RENTAL OF SPARTAN HALL.** If you are interested in renting Spartan Hall please call Rose Velgich at 412-407-7122 for information.

**HAZELWOOD'S LIGHT UP NIGHT 2019** will be December 2 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. Join friends and neighbors starting at 5125 Second Avenue and ending at the corner of Second Avenue and Flowers Avenue. Enjoy live music, free holiday treats, a Christmas tree raffle, a stilt walker, face painting, horse and buggy rides, bingo at the library, and a visit from Santa. Call 412-421-7234 with questions.

**CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE** if you are planning a Baptism or Marriage, if you are in need of offertory envelopes, if any students are receiving Sacraments or any achievements in school, or if someone in your family is sick or in the hospital so that the office is aware.



**CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS** will help us to provide the beautiful flowers that will be in the sanctuary of the Church, particularly around the main altar and the other altars. You can make donations in memory of your loved ones and friends who will be remembered in a very special way during the Masses on Christmas day and throughout the Christmas season. Please use the envelope provided with your offertory envelope or mark your intentions on a piece of paper with your donation in any envelope and drop them in the collection basket or drop them off at the rectory. We ask that you write the names legibly so that we can properly list them in the bulletin. The names of those remembered will be published in the bulletin on December 22 but they must in by December 15. Any that come in after that will be published in the December 29 bulletin. Please get your donations as soon as possible. Your help in making our Church look beautiful for Christmas is a great blessing for which I am deeply grateful.

**LECTORS** are needed for the 8:15 am and 12:05 pm Masses during the week. Please contact Father Stubna if you are interested in serving as a lector.

**DONATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE RECENTLY IN MEMORY OF SOME PEOPLE.** We thank those donors who have remembered loved ones and friends by making a donation to the Cathedral. Your gift is one that makes a lasting impact in the lives of other people and a beautiful way to honor those we love:

**Sharon Ujcich** made a gift to the Cathedral Food Pantry in honor of **JEFF UJCIC**.

**Margaret Schweiger** made a gift to the Cathedral in honor of her two aunts that were long time parishioners: **BARBARA CECELIA BARSH** and **IRENE V. BARSH**.

**MANY THANKS TO THE VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED US WITH OUR PEANUT BRITTLE MAKING THIS YEAR.** It was a great deal of hard work, but we had fun and enjoyed fellowship, laughter, food and conversation that really helped to build friendships and community in our parish grouping. Thanks to all the volunteers – those returning and those who joined us for the first time which included volunteers from the other parishes in our grouping. Our goal this year was to make 1,200 bags of peanut brittle in three days and we far exceeded that with 1378 bags - an awesome feat. Please know that I am deeply grateful for the time and energy that so many people gave to this wonderful project. Thanks for the donor who has paid for all the ingredients which means that our profit on the peanut brittle is 100%. All proceeds go towards the renovation of Synod Hall which will be the pastoral center for our parish moving forward. Thanks to all of these wonderful volunteers: **LYNN BAINBRIDGE, TOM BAINBRIDGE, ELIZABETH BEROES, JULIE BEROES, PATTY BLUME, RUSS BOEHNER, SALLY BOEHNER, KATHLEEN CAREY, AUDREY CINQUEGRANE, LARRY CLAPPER, MICHELLE CUMMIN, DIANE DEELY, THOMAS DEELY, THAO DINH, MARISSA DRELISZAK, RYAN DRELISZAK, MARY PAT GAVIN, TOM GALLOWITZ, DIANE GLADSTONE, KAREN GOLEBIESKI, CLARE GODT, CARL GOODWILL, MONICA GOODWILL, GLORIA GRECO, JOHN HOKAJ, PENNY HOKAJ, ANN HYND, LILY HYND, KIMO JUNG, KATE KIEFER, RALPH MASSARO, SUE MASSARO, DREW MCCABE, BETHANN MCCABE, KIM MCPHEARSON, DIANE MEZZA, JOHN PELUSO, MIKE PRESUTTI, BETH PRESUTTI, TYLER PRESUTTI, MARY ANN RIESMEYER, BRENDAN SCHAAF, JOE SCIULLI, LISA SCIULLI, TRISH TOMMARELLO, ANDREW VITULLA, JAMES WASYLYSHYN, DOUG WIDENER, PAT WOLF, BRAD WOLF, LARRY WAGNER, PAT WAGNER, LEAH ZANDE, and a young man named ANDREW who walked in to help us. We could not have done it without you!**

~ Father Stubna

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE YOUNG WOMEN FROM OUR PARISH WHO HAVE MADE HONOR ROLL THIS PAST QUARTER AT OAKLAND CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:**

**HIGHEST HONOR:** Therese Burgo, Caroline Caruso, Carola Petrucci, Kyra Rockovich, Carina Novak, Maria Chaer, Kendall DeAngelo, Alyssa Fredette, Sofia Heaps

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS FROM OUR PARISH WHO HAVE MADE HONOR ROLL THIS PAST QUARTER AT AQUINAS ACADEMY:**

**HIGHEST HONOR:** Julia Meland, Susan Meland

**HIGH HONOR:** Louis Bentivegna, Patricia Blume, Duran Lurie, Grace Masterson, William Noethling

**HONOR:** Theodore "Tanner" Noethling, Catherine Spiller

**OAKLAND PRAYER GROUP. WHEN:** 7:00 pm, Monday, December 2. **WHERE:** Saint Paul Cathedral's Synod Hall. **WHAT:** Join us for an informal evening of prayer and praise and a teaching about Discernment with Sister Sarah Rose Dent, TOR. Combining Church teaching with practical exercises, we are journeying through: "Holy Spirit 101: Unlock the Gifts of the Holy Spirit" by Victoria Harris. Share this invitation with anyone seeking to begin or grow in their relationship with the Holy Spirit. All ages are welcome. The Oakland Prayer Group, a ministry of St. Paul Cathedral, meets on the first and third Monday of each month from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Upcoming date: 12/16 Gifts of the Holy Spirit Discussion Pane.

### *Saint Regis Parish*

**PASSING FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE.** We extend our deepest sympathies and prayers to the family of **JANE GENTILE** who was recently buried. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

### *Saint Rosalia Parish*

**PASSING FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE.** We extend our deepest sympathies and prayers to the families of **EMEDIO VALENTINO** and **PAUL SALMON, JR.** who were recently buried. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO ACHIEVED HONOR STATUS THIS QUARTER:** **Central Catholic** - *Honor* - Luke Chilson, Thomas DePasquale, Jack Lowman - *High Honor* - James Bonacci, Matthew Mock, Jacob Stratiff; **Oakland Catholic** - *Honor* - Shea Deasy - *High Honor* - Monique Mauler - *Highest Honor* - Madison Mock, Emma Pugh; **Seton LaSalle** - *Honor* - Emily Lupinacci - *Highest Honor* - Madison Goetzman, Evan Henke.

**ANGEL TREES.** We are sponsoring our Angel Trees again this year. Trees have been placed in Church this weekend, November 30 and December 1. Stars have been placed on the trees indicating a gift request for those less fortunate. Recipients of the gifts include: our food bank patrons and Genesis of Pittsburgh. If you are willing and able to participate, please take a star from the tree, purchase the gift specified, wrap the gift with the star firmly attached to the outside of the package, and return the gift next weekend, December 7 and 8. Please do not take a star if you are unable to purchase a gift within the one week period as requested. Thank you!

### *Saint Stephen Parish*

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING** is included in this week's bulletin. Please return by December 15.

**THE COLLECTION TOTALS** from the week of Sunday, November 17 are as follows. Many thanks to those who donate to these important parish funds:

**Repairs:** \$88.00  
**Votives:** \$44.00

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

#### For the Week of December 8

**Lector:** Lynn Nizan  
**Server:** Kenzie DiLembo  
**EEM:** Rose Velgich  
 Bill Boyle  
 Ruth Ann Stilwell  
 Arlene Whitmer  
**Cross Bearer:** Don Reola

#### Immaculate Conception (Monday, December 9)

**Lector:** Eric Williams  
**Server:** Katherine Block  
**EEM:** Bob Jenkins  
 Pattie Duff  
**Cross Bearer:** Volunteer

## Greenfield-Hazelwood-Oakland Grouping 2019 Advent Schedule

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### **First Sunday of Advent – December 1, 2019**

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

### **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

(Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

Monday, December 9, 2019

Masses: 6:45 am (St. Paul Cathedral), 8:15 am (St. Paul Cathedral),  
10:00 am (St. Stephen), 12:05 pm (St. Paul Cathedral) and 6:30 pm (St. Rosalia)

***The 6:00 pm Mass on Sunday, December 8 is for the Second Sunday of Advent***

### **OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA AND BENEDICTION**

Saint Paul Cathedral

Wednesday, December 4 and December 18

Confessions and Adoration 7:00 to 7:30 pm

Novena Prayers and Benediction 7:30 to 8:00 pm

NO Novena on December 11, December 25 and January 1, 2020

### **THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU**

Saint Paul Cathedral

Wednesday, December 11

6:00 pm-9:00 pm – Confessions

Confessions in Spanish Available at St. Paul Cathedral

Confessions at St. Stephen (6:00 to 7:00 pm) and St. Rosalia (7:00 to 8:00 pm)

### **The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe – Thursday, December 12, 2019**

Saint Paul Cathedral

Holy Hour: Adoration and Benediction and Confessions 6:00 pm

Mass with Bishop Zubik at 7:00 pm

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### **BLESSING OF THE INFANT JESUS STATUES**

Families are invited to bring the Infant Jesus statues from their home crèche  
to be blessed after each of the Masses **on the weekend of December 21 and 22**

### **CONFESSIONS**

Regular Schedule



## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE &amp; MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Location	Intention
<b>Monday, December 2, Weekday</b> <i>Is 4:2-6 * Mt 8:5-11</i>	8:15 AM	St. Paul Cathedral	Carl "Gimp", Irma, Carol and Gary Giampolo
	12:05 PM	St. Paul Cathedral	William Pykosh
<b>Tuesday, December 3, Saint Francis Xavier, Priest</b> <i>Is 11:1-10 * Lk 10:21-24</i>	8:15 AM	St. Paul Cathedral	Fred M. Butch
	12:05 PM	St. Paul Cathedral	Ray Berry, Ron Bosetti and Gary Lancaster
<b>Wednesday, December 4, Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church</b> <i>Is 25:6-10a * Mt 15:29-37</i>	8:15 AM	St. Paul Cathedral	Philomena Pompeo and Marco Pompeo
	10:00 AM	St. Stephen	Francis M. Foley, Sr.
	12:05 PM	St. Paul Cathedral	Stanley Kaczmarek
	7:00 PM	St. Paul Cathedral	Novena and Benediction
<b>Thursday, December 5, Weekday</b> <i>Is 26:1-6 * Mt 7:21, 24-27</i>	8:15 AM	St. Paul Cathedral	Patrick Spano
	12:05 PM	St. Paul Cathedral	Lorretta Sullivan
<b>Friday, December 6, Saint Nicholas, Bishop</b> <i>Is 29:17-24 * Mt 9:27-31</i>	8:15 AM	St. Paul Cathedral	Mariano Gica
	10:00 AM	St. Rosalia	Kelley-Flynn Families
	12:05 PM	St. Paul Cathedral	Augusto Ceccarelli
<b>Saturday, December 7, Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b> <i>Is 30:19-21, 23-26 * Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8</i>	8:15 AM	St. Paul Cathedral	Patricia and Thomas Zakowski, Living
	12:05 PM	St. Paul Cathedral	Gilbert Pietrzak
	4:00 PM	St. Rosalia	Rita DeMeo
	6:00 PM	St. Paul Cathedral	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday, December 8, Second Sunday of Advent</b> <i>Is 11:1-10 * Rom 15:4-9 * Mt 3:1-12</i>	6:30 AM	St. Paul Cathedral	Timothy Patrick Curran
	9:00 AM	St. Stephen	Frank and Nancy Grandillo
	10:00 AM	St. Paul Cathedral	Franklin Littaua
	10:00 AM	St. Regis	Donato Pollice Henry and Genevieve Swiech
	11:00 AM	St. Rosalia	Deceased Members of the Armbruster Family
	12:00 PM	St. Paul Cathedral	Reverend Daniel Dixon
	1:00 PM	St. Rosalia Spanish Mass	Josephine DiNardo and Mary Ruggiero
	6:00 PM	St. Paul Cathedral	Intentions of our Parish Ministry of Prayer

"Do not desert a friend in time of need, nor forsake him nor fail him, for friendship is the support of life. Let us then bear our burdens as the Apostle has taught (cf. Gal. 6:2): for he spoke to those whom the charity of the same one body had embraced together. If friends in prosperity help friends, why do they not also in times of adversity offer their support? Let us aid by giving counsel, let us offer our best endeavors, let us sympathize with them with all our heart." ~ **Saint Ambrose**

## FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP

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

**Saint Paul Cathedral**

The Collection Total will be posted in next week's bulletin

**Saint Regis**

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**Saint Rosalia**

Nov. 17: \$ 2,961.00

**Saint Stephen**

Nov. 17: \$ 1,595.60

**Spanish Mass**

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