

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

Four Parishes: One Faith Community
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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

The prophet Isaiah speaks to the Israelites of a vision of life in which the majesty and power of God are manifest in extraordinary and almost unbelievable ways. "The wolf will be the guest of the lamb and the leopard shall lie down with the kid. The lion shall eat hay like the ox and the baby shall paly by the cobra's den." These are things that simply don't happen in nature. But these are not simply words spoken by a prophet but the promise that God makes to all who are faithful. "There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain for the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord."

Enter John the Baptist who heralds the coming of the Messiah: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." This is the constant call of each of the prophets before him, a message that reaches its greatest urgency with the Baptist. The Baptist leads the Israelites to the waters of the Jordan, a call to repentance of sins and to renewed faithfulness to the covenant obligations with Yahweh. He promises that those who return to the Lord will find the promises that God makes fulfilled. As the psalmist reminds us, "Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever."

Advent is a time of hopefulness as we reflect on the promises that God makes to his faithful ones. But it is a call to interior conversion of life, to prayer and discipline, so that the power of the Holy Spirit received in baptism will be the force that leads us to deeper faith in Jesus Christ and greater love for his Church. Jesus indeed has baptized us with the Holy Spirit and fire. God's divine love burns within us, the fire of mercy and compassion are our constant companions, the hope that we can become the holy ones that we are intended to be beckons us forward in our journey of faith. As Saint Paul reminds the Romans in the second reading today: "it by endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures that we might have hope", a hope that when we live in Christ Jesus, when we walk the path of life, we will experience even now the presence of the Kingdom of God at work in us and in the Church. Lifted up by God's grace in this present life, we will never waver in our desire for what lies ahead, the total fulfillment of our destiny, beloved sons and daughters headed for heaven!

ON MISSION CORNER WITH FATHER STUBNA

Saint Francis of Assisi wrote a prayer entitled, "**Be At Peace.**" I think it would be a wonderful prayer

for all of us to say each day as we work toward bringing our four parishes together:

We should be at peace.

**Do not look forward in fear to the changes in life;
Rather look to them with full hope as they arise.**

**God, whose very own you are
Will deliver you from out of them.**

**He has kept you hitherto,
And he will lead you safely through all things;
And when you cannot stand it,
God will bury you in His arms.**

**Do not fear what may happen tomorrow;
The same everlasting Father who cares for you today
Will take care of you then and every day.**

**He will either shield you from suffering
Or will give you unflinching strength to bear it.**

Be at peace

**And put aside all anxious thoughts and
imaginings. AMEN**

PROJECT UPDATES

1.SAINT STEPHEN. Bryn Enterprises will be working as weather permits on repointing and securing the bricks on the exterior of the Church building that have allowed water damage to occur inside the Church. This project is critical to prevent further interior damage. In addition, the front steps are deteriorating and presenting serious safety issues with chunks of cement missing in many places. We are trying to prevent anyone from getting hurt and our overall liability is a serious issue moving forward. The work on the outside façade and the onset of winter (with ice and snow that have to be dealt with) the closing of the front steps for the winter makes a great deal of sense. We are trying to keep everyone as safe as possible. We have obtained bids on the repair of those steps and will be obtaining additional bids. We will be looking at those in light of our resources to see what is possible moving forward into the spring.

2.SAINT ROSALIA. Bryn Enterprises is currently working on the façade of the Church. There are a number of issues that have to be addressed including the replacement, securing and repointing of the bricks that have come away from the Church and are in danger of collapsing. They are still working to complete the repairs to the capstone as well. In addition, they will be repairing the flashing that has come loose on the rectory. These repairs are most likely not going to be completed until after Christmas into the new year. We are not certain of the what equipment will be needed in the front of the Church and we want to ensure the safety of the workers. Until this project is totally complete, it is not feasible for us this year to do anything in the front of the Church, including erecting and displaying our outside creche. We are looking for volunteers to help with setting up the inside creche – please contact the rectory if you can help on Tuesday, December 10.

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 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

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 5:30 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.

BLESSING OF THE INFANT JESUS STATUES FROM YOUR HOME CRECHE. We invite our families – especially our children – to bring the infant Jesus statues from your home creches to Mass where they will be blessed after Mass. We will invite you to come forward with those statues following each of the Masses in all four of our parishes **on the weekend of December 21 and 22**, where we will offer a special blessing. This is a beautiful way of bringing the blessing of the Church into your home to share with your family and making the crèche a place of special remembrance as we prepare for the celebration of Christmas.

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 a while? Interested, but worry you don't remember how to make a good confession? Visit 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 at the Cathedral that evening.** We will have confessions from 6:00 - 7:00 pm at St. Stephen and from 7:00 - 8:00 pm at St. Rosalia. 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.

KATHEDRAL KONFECTIONS is selling **DELICIOUS HOMEMADE HOLIDAY PEANUT BRITTLE** again this year. 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 the pastoral center for our one parish, upgraded with accessibility including an elevator, heating and air conditioning, and office and meeting space for the parish center. Please consider buying 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. It will be available from the rectory anytime and will be available after some of the weekend Masses. Thanks for your support.

BIRTHRIGHT OF PITTSBURGH recently sent a thank you letter for our generous support of the Red Rose Collection taken up in October. Regina Ranelli, executive director, wrote, "we would like to express our sincere thanks to Father Stubna and the parishioners of the Greenfield-Hazelwood-Oakland grouping for the generous gift of \$ **2,050.06**. Your thoughtful donation to support our mission to offer needed assistance to pregnant women and their unborn babies is greatly appreciated." Thank you for your generous support for this important ministry. It makes a difference in the lives of many people.

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 a Christmas gift to the less fortunate. This program that 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.**

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.**

Young Adult Ministry Corner

LECTIO DIVINA. 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.

ST. JOAN OF ARC BOOK STUDY. Join us for our book study series on Mark Twain's classic *Joan of Arc* on Wednesday, December 18 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.

THE NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP will not be held this Wednesday, December 11 due to the Light is On for You. The novena will resume next Wednesday, December 18.

CELEBRATE THE SEASON OF LOVE AND CARING

with the Race & Reconciliation Dialogue group. The Caribbean Christmas party fund raiser will be held next Sunday, December 15, at Alexander's Italian Bistro (5104 Liberty Avenue, Bloomfield). There will be music, an auction, a delicious buffet, door prizes, a cash bar, and more. Reception begins at 5:00 pm with dinner at 6:00 pm. Reservations are required with a cost of \$35 per person (half price for children 12 and under). Checks must be made payable to "R&R Dialogue Group" and be sent to Judy Saunders (62 Hauck Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15235). When sending your reservation please include all names, addresses and emails of those planning to attend. Please send in reservations by December 9. With questions call Co-Chairs Judy Saunders (412-401-8838) and Mary McKinney (412-708-3439).

BANNS OF MARRIAGE.

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

I - Kenneth Elkin and
Jeanne Farnan

Saint Paul Cathedral



SANCTUARY CANDLE FOR THIS WEEK, from December 7 through December 13, is being offered

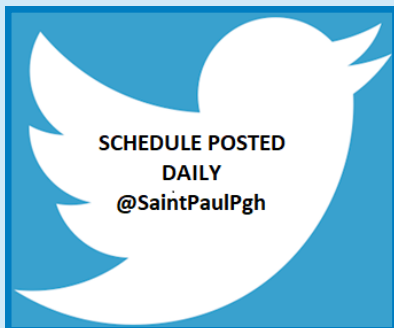
in memory of:

RICHARD M. COSENTINO

May he rest in peace.

THE BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR VIGIL LIGHT FOR THIS WEEK, from December 7 through December 13, is being offered for:

FATHER STUBNA AND OUR PARISH GROUPING



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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.

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 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.

SAINT OF THE WEEK. On December 13 we celebrate the life **SAINT LUCY.** Her name, Lucia, literally means "light," and has become the patroness of all those afflicted with diseases of the eye. It seems appropriate that we celebrate this "saint of lights" at the darkest time of the year. She was a Christian growing up in the pagan culture of Sicily in the 3rd century. A disappointed suitor accused Lucy of being a Christian and she was executed for her faith in the Sicilian town of Syracuse in the year 304. Her fidelity to Jesus Christ and her courage made her well known throughout the early Christian Church and she is mentioned by name in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I). The moral courage of this young Sicilian martyr shines forth as a guiding light, just as bright for us today as it was in 304 AD. She is a special patron for our children and youth, as well as the patroness of Sicily.

FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

ITALY PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. TERRY O'CONNOR. In partnership with the *Pittsburgh Catholic*, Fr. Terry O'Connor is leading a pilgrimage to Italy in 2020. The Catholic faith is so evident throughout all of Italy. Visits include Rome, Assisi, Florence, and Venice. While in Rome, an audience with Pope Francis will be sought, if he is in residence. Pilgrims will walk in the footsteps of St. Peter, St. Paul, St. Mark, St. Francis, St. Clare, and many others. Daily Mass will be celebrated in amazing churches. The dates are September 21-30, 2020. The price is \$4,699 per person based on double occupancy in specially selected hotels. Includes round trip airfare from Pittsburgh. Breakfasts and dinners are included. You can request a roommate and Unitours will try to accommodate you. For itinerary and to book online visit www.bit.ly/Oconnor20 or contact Marianna at Unitours, phone 800-777-7432 or email mpisano@unitours.com. \$100 discount if you book by January 2, 2020. Feel free to also contact Fr. Terry as well, toconnor@diopitt.org or 412-672-9641.

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGÉLIO – ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA. Vamos caminando poco a poco rumbo a la Navidad; el Adviento abre un camino nuevo dando oportunidad a una conversión sincera girando el corazón hacia Dios. El protagonista de este domingo y el que viene es Juan Bautista. Con su mensaje, exhorta a la sociedad de hoy a reencontrar el camino y esperar con esperanza cristiana, que es a la vez jubilosa pero exigente en el cambio radical de acciones que destruyen el espíritu de esta temporada. Muchas compras y prisas sin sentido hacen olvidar lo importante del mensaje: “Una voz clama en el desierto: Preparen el camino del Señor, enderecen sus senderos.” Significa abrir el corazón a la luz del mensaje. Un corazón sencillo que perdona y experimenta la conversión en pequeños detalles como: una palabra de amor a su familia, aceptar a la persona que no cae bien, o simplemente quitar la cara aburrida de siempre.

“Ya el hacha está puesta a la raíz de los árboles, y todo árbol que no de fruto, será cortado y arrojado al fuego.” Mas claro el mensaje no puede estar. La presencia salvadora se presenta en este Adviento invitando a hacer obras buenas, preparando y arreglando lo que esta chueco o, como se dice, dejar de hacer tranzas. El Adviento implica ser valientes para hacer el bien. ¿Qué estás dispuesto a cambiar? ¿Qué se debe de enderezar? Recuerda, Isaías lo describe así: “Habitará el lobo con el cordero, la pantera se echará con el cabrito, el novillo y el león pacerán juntos y un muchachito los apacentará.” El llamado sigue, ¿que respondes?

CHILDLINE PARA REPORTAR SOSPECHAS DE MATRATO DE NIÑOS: 1-800-932-0313
LE LA DIOSECIS PARA ASISTENCIA A VICTIMAS: 1-888-808-1235

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM POPE FRANCIS. “Worship of self is a danger for many today and it manifests itself in the manner in which we celebrate Mass and pray. Many profess themselves Catholic but have forgotten they are Christians and human beings – forgetting that true worship of God is always expressed in love of one’s neighbor. Even Christians who pray and go to Mass on Sunday are subject to this religion of self. Let us examine ourselves carefully and see whether we too may think that someone is inferior and can be tossed aside, even if only in our thoughts or words. Let us pray for the grace not to consider ourselves as superior to anyone, not to believe that we are all right, not to become cynical and scornful which leads to hate. Let us ask Jesus to heal us of speaking ill and complaining about others, of despising or judging this or that person. These things are always displeasing to God.”

Saint Paul Cathedral

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO BOBBY CARDILLO who will be celebrating his 95th birthday on Sunday, December 8. We wish him every blessing on this special celebration. God bless you Bobby – happy birthday!

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.

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.

Saint Regis Parish

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 **DONATO POLLICE** (Nello and Lidia DeFelice) and **HENRY AND GENEVIEVE SWIECH** (Family).

A HAPPY AND BLESSED 90TH BIRTHDAY TO MARY BELLISARIO. We wish her every blessing from God as she celebrates this special day. God bless you Mary!

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

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Saint Rosalia Parish

THE CRUCIFIX OF CHRIST THE HIGH PRIEST is in the home of **MAGGI BRETHAUER** 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.

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.**

REMINDER - CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE GIFTS DUE. A special thank you to everyone who has opened their hearts and took one of the ornaments from our Giving Tree this year. All gifts are due this weekend, December 7-8. Please place your envelopes in the collection basket or drop them off at the rectory. If you have any questions email Kathleen Garvey at kathleeng721@gmail.com.

PASSING FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE. We extend our deepest sympathies and prayers to the families of **MERCEDES DAUER, DR. ANDREW E. MICHANOWICZ** and **RONALD R. HENNING** who were recently buried. We also extend our sympathies and prayers to Kate Kiefer on the loss of her niece **TERI MILLER SAUNDERS** who passed away in California. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

COFFEE AND DONUT SUNDAY will take place today, **Sunday, December 8 in the Cathedral social hall after the 10 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 as well.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING AND CLEANING. We will be decorating the Church for Christmas on Monday evening, December 23 at 6:00 pm. Anyone who is able to help is welcome to join us. We will have some decorating, cleaning up, getting things in order for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

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.

MANY THANKS TO DIANA GLADSTONE who helped this year to decorate the altar for Thanksgiving and for her help with the Advent wreath at the Cathedral. It makes our liturgy much more beautiful and we appreciate her wonderful work! God bless you Diana.

COOKING FOR THE PRIESTS. Many thanks to **JIM AND SANDY BOBICK** and to **CAROL BROWN** for providing two wonderful dinner for the priests these past two weeks. The meals were enjoyed by everyone and we appreciate your kindness.

WE WELCOME THE NEWEST MEMBER OF OUR PARISH FAMILY who was baptized this past Sunday:

ALBERT ANTHONY DEMAURO, JR., son of Albert and Donna (Moyles) DeMauro

A WARM WELCOME to the newest parishioners at St. Paul Cathedral:

Mrs. Christina Bourgeois
Miss Nancy T. Brown
Mrs. Fiorina Chianelli
Mr. Thomas Chianelli
Dr. Camilo Velez Cuervo
Miss Danielle D'Angelo
Ms. Diana C. Escobar

Mr. Aaron Figurski
Ms. Gloria I. Rincon-Choles
Ms. Breen Smith
Mr. Robert and Mrs. Janet Tallerico
Mr. Josip and Mrs. Lauren Vukina
Mr. Rae A. Wallace

Saint Rosalia Parish

2019 MASSES. At this time the only Masses available for intentions are the 1:00 pm Sunday Spanish Mass. If you would like to schedule one of these Masses for your special intention, please call the rectory office. The stipend for a Mass is \$10.

THE 2020 MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN. We ask that you limit your request to one Mass per family.

LAZARUS BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP. This group meets the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the new school building. Please call Mary Ann at 412-521-6256 or Gerry at 412-421-3684 for information.

Saint Stephen Parish

WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND AN ENORMOUS THANK YOU to Lorraine and Laurine, Inday, Marina, Guia, Belen and Elpidia from our Filipino Community who hosted a delicious breakfast on Sunday, November 17 that benefitted the St. Vincent DePaul Society of St. Stephen Parish. With the kindness of our volunteers, donors, bakers (Mary Beth, Connie and Wayne) and patrons, \$465 was raised to help those in the Hazelwood community. God Bless You! Our next breakfast is scheduled for December 15 at 10:00 am. The Spartan Center is sponsoring the breakfast that will support the Hazelwood Meals on Wheels program, we hope you can join us!

THE SPARTAN CENTER (FORMER ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL) would like to thank event chairpersons Karen Fleming Campbell, John Figlar, Helen and Zach Johns, and their team of volunteers for our Night at the Races and Purse Bingo fundraisers: NATR: Bill and Dee Boyle, Tom Mangan, Connie and Wayne Baranik, Michelle Figlar, Tom Cline, Pattie Duff, Jack Gidel, and Mary Beth Doyle. PURSE BINGO: Lori and Kevin Seaman, Megan Seaman, Cindy Vangergrift, Marci DeFebo Heckler, Colleen Campbell, Susie Bradley Smith, Pattie Duff, Judy Velgich Gallagher, Tom Cline, John Figlar, Jessica Johns, Louise and Claudine Seaman, as well as the individuals and organizations who donated for the events. With their help and your patronage, over \$11,000 was raised for the Spartan Center renovations!

CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING. Please remember to return your Christmas flower offering by December 15.

SUPER BOWL LIV POOL blocks sold after this and subsequent Sundays Masses. Blocks also available anytime by calling Bob Mariano (412-551-0131), Rose Velgich (412-916-5656), or John Figlar (412-400-9224). Donation is \$50 per block & winnings are \$700 for each of the first three quarters & \$1000 for the final score. All proceeds will go to help support the Spartan Community Center of Hazelwood. You can also get a partner & split a block!

Saint Stephen Parish

SANCTUARY LIGHT MEMORIAL. This week the Sanctuary Light burns in memory of **JIM AND HELEN O'CONNOR** 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.

THANK YOU to the following people who made donations to St. Stephen's in the memory of John Graziano. It was very much appreciated. Rich & Elaine Pratt & Family, Tim & Deborah Carrera & Family, Rich Ruffolo & Family, Bill & Helen Linhart & Family, Tony Marchesiano & Family, Diann & Don Klimovich & Family, Bill & Judy Klimovich & Family, Tom & Carol Baker & Family, Larry Wysocki & Family.

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.

Thanksgiving Dinner for Food Pantry Patrons Saint Paul Cathedral's Social Hall November 26, 2019



November 29, 2019

**A MESSAGE FROM FATHER KRIS STUBNA
ADMINISTRATOR AND RECTOR OF THE GREENFIELD-HAZELWOOD-OAKLAND GROUPING**

On Wednesday, November 27, the Diocese of Pittsburgh provided a news release to all priests and the public on the status update of four cases of clergy accused of sexual abuse of minors. One of those priests is Father Joseph Reschick. This the first time that I was given any information on Father Reschick's status and therefore did not know of these developments when we had our two family meetings this past Saturday and Sunday. I know that this information is difficult for us as a faith community at Saint Rosalia and in our parish grouping. But it is important that everyone hear what has been communicated about Father Reschick from the Diocese of Pittsburgh and so we are reading the news release this weekend at Mass. This is what the news release says:

"The Diocese of Pittsburgh's Independent Review Board has reached a determination regarding cases of four priests in the Diocese of Pittsburgh who have been on administrative leave after being accused of having sexually abused minors: Richard Lelonis (deceased October 20, 2019), John Bauer, Bernard Costello and Joseph Reschick. The earliest accusation pertains to abuse alleged to have occurred in the 1960s. The other accusations involve incidents alleged to have occurred throughout the 1970s and 1980s.

The diocese instated a rigorous safe environment policy in 2002, which continues to be regularly evaluated and updated, and requires that all allegations be reported to law enforcement and evaluated by an Independent Review Board. In keeping with this policy, the cases involving the above mentioned clergy went to the Independent Review Board, which found that, based on the evidence brought forward, the accusations are credible. The Independent Review Board also recommended that Bishop Zubik not return these clergy to ministry, which he has accepted.

The next step in our policy involves forwarding these cases to the Vatican, which is required by canon law. The Vatican will review all the information presented and issue a decision regarding their future clerical status. The timeline for that review will be determined by the Vatican. While this process continues, these clergy remain on administrative leave and may not engage in public ministry, dress as priests or otherwise present themselves as priests in good standing. As a faith community, we continue to pray for peace and healing for all victims/survivors."

I will continue to relay any further information on this situation as I am made aware of it. I continue to pray for our parish family and ask you to do the same.

FESTIVIDAD DE NUESTRA
Celebration of our
Señora de Guadalupe
Lady of Guadalupe

DECEMBER 12
12 DICIEMBRE

Cathedral Saint Pauls
125 N Craig St
Pittsburgh PA



*¡Ven a celebrar y
recemos juntos a la Virgen
para que mantenga siempre la Iglesia viva!*

Let us pray to Her so
she will always keep the Church Alive!

Programa

5:30 PM Adoración Eucarística

6:30 PM Rosario

7:00 PM Misa

* Desde las 5:30 PM habrá sacerdotes confesando.

Program

5:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration

6:30 PM Rosary

7:00 PM Mass

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Location	Intention
Monday, December 9, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary <i>Gn 3:9-15, 20 * Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 * Lk 1:26-38</i>	6:45AM	St. Paul Cathedral	August, Bertha and Audrey Welker
	8:15 AM	St. Paul Cathedral	Joan Clancy
	10:00 AM	St. Stephen	For the People
	12:05 PM	St. Paul Cathedral	Evelyn Tihey
	6:30 PM	St. Rosalia	Ida Vanselow
Tuesday, December 10, Weekday <i>Is 40:1-11 * Mt 18:12-14</i>	8:15 AM	St. Paul Cathedral	Intention of the Cathedral Enrollment Society
	12:05 PM	St. Paul Cathedral	Aileen Yeager
Wednesday, December 11, Saint Damasus I, Pope <i>Is 40:25-31 * Mt 11:28-30</i>	8:15 AM	St. Paul Cathedral	Virginia Scully
	10:00 AM	St. Stephen	Rose Reynolds
	12:05 PM	St. Paul Cathedral	Eleanore Gallagher
	6:00 PM	St. Paul Cathedral	The Light Is On For You (6:00 pm - 9:00 pm)
Thursday, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe <i>Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab * Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47</i>	8:15 AM	St. Paul Cathedral	John L. Weisburg
	12:05 PM	St. Paul Cathedral	Ann and Frank Mullen
	7:00 PM	St. Paul Cathedral	Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass
Friday, December 13, Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr <i>Is 48:17-19 * Mt 11:16-19</i>	8:15 AM	St. Paul Cathedral	Lucia and Carmelo Sciulli
	10:00 AM	St. Rosalia	Fred and Rosalie Bucci
	12:05 PM	St. Paul Cathedral	Deceased Members of the Burke Family
Saturday, December 14, Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church <i>Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 * Mt 17:9a, 10-13</i>	8:15 AM	St. Paul Cathedral	Joseph Malinzak
	12:05 PM	St. Paul Cathedral	Nicholas and Rosina Andolina Family
	4:00 PM	St. Rosalia	John Good
	6:00 PM	St. Paul Cathedral	Federico Sciulli
Sunday, December 15, third Sunday of Advent <i>Is 35:1-6a, 10 * Jas 5:7-10 * Mt 11:2-11</i>	6:30 AM	St. Paul Cathedral	William and Annabelle McHattie
	9:00 AM	St. Stephen	Rick Pruden and Donna Chapman O'Connor
	10:00 AM	St. Paul Cathedral	Brooks Widmaier
	10:00 AM	St. Regis	Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Madeline Riley Antonio and Rose Anna Caruso
	11:00 AM	St. Rosalia	Robert Perott
	12:00 PM	St. Paul Cathedral	People of the Parish
	1:00 PM	St. Rosalia Spanish Mass	Raymond Zydel
	6:00 PM	St. Paul Cathedral	Fortunato Mazzie Rose

“Never give up prayer, and should you find dryness and difficulty, persevere in it for this very reason. God often desires to see what love your soul has, and love is not tried by ease and satisfaction.” ~ *Saint John of the Cross*

FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP

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

Saint Paul Cathedral

Saint Regis

Saint Rosalia

Saint Stephen

Spanish Mass

Nov. 17: \$ 12,318.50

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Nov. 24: \$ 3,461.00

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Nov. 17: \$ 213.00

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator: 412-456-3093 (Office); 1-888-808-1235 (Hotline) - **PA Child Line:** 1-800-932-0313
Call 9-1-1 immediately if a child is in danger.