

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



SAINT STEPHEN

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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 promise of the Messiah reaches its climax as Advent draws to a close. Nathan reveals to King David the promise that will be fulfilled: "The Lord will establish a house for you, and your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever." The promised Messiah will come from the house of David and bring redemption to his people. This is the one, Saint Paul, says in our second reading, "who will strengthen you and bring about the obedience of faith, to the only wise God through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever."

The fourth Sunday of Advent calls us to reflect on the extraordinary action of God in the sending of his Son, one who set aside his divinity to take on fully, except the stain of sin, our human nature. Saint Augustine claimed that the Incarnation was a far greater act of God than even the work of creation. St. Gregory of Nyssa wrote, "Sick, our nature demanded to be healed; fallen, to be raised up; dead, to rise again. Captives we awaited a Savior; prisoners, help; slaves a liberator. Did these things not move God to descend to human nature and visit it, since humanity was in so miserable and unhappy a state?"

The Word became flesh so that we might know God's love. This is what is affirmed for us in the Gospel of John: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." Through the obedience of Mary and the trust of Joseph, the child Jesus was born into this world, a child that today's Gospel reminds us was named Jesus. "He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* writes that "belief in the true Incarnation of the Son of God is the distinctive sign of Christian faith. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit which confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God." Our Advent hymn is a call to faith in the presence of the One who saves: O come, o come Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel. This is truly "God with us." We prepare now to celebrate the birth of the Eternal Word, the one who is true God and true man, in the unity of one divine person; for this reason Jesus Christ is the one and only mediator between God and man, the one who can restore us to the fullness of life

and grace, and complete union with our Father in heaven. We prepare to allow the Christ-child to enter more deeply into our hearts this Christmas season and to experience the fullness of grace and life that he brings. We await, as well, the return of the One who has already come into the world and whose second coming will bring to fulfillment the promises of God to all who are faithful. We sing with the psalmist: "Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord." Come Lord Jesus come!

ON MISSION CORNER FROM FATHER STUBNA

1. **A WORD OF WELCOME.** I want to take this opportunity to welcome everyone who joins us in these final days of Advent and for our celebration of Christmas. Welcome to the four parishes of the Greenfield-Hazelwood-Oakland grouping. Whether you are attending Mass or stopping in at St. Paul Cathedral, St. Regis, St. Rosalia or St. Stephen, we are delighted that you have come to be with us in prayer and in faith. We are a faith community that welcomes everyone, and we are happy you are here. Please know that you are welcome to join us anytime. Our four parish communities are now working closely together as we seek to form one faith community over the next few years. If you have not been to Church in a while – welcome home! If you are visiting or just checking us out – don't hesitate to ask us any questions and please consider coming back! We would like to help you in any way that we can to grow more deeply in your love for God, in your faith in Jesus Christ, in your desire to serve others, and in your search for the answers to the yearning of your heart. Your presence here with us is not an accident and it is not happenstance. It is part of God's providential plan that you have come. Please know how important you are to us and we pray that the love of God given to us in the Christ-child – the gift we celebrate in this holy season – will fill your hearts and bring you much joy and peace throughout the new year. God bless you!
2. **SEE SOMETHING. SAY SOMETHING.** We had a recent incident at the Cathedral involving an untended suitcase sitting in the front of the Church. A number of people saw it but did not report it. As soon as we learned it was there, we contacted law enforcement who responded immediately. We discovered two and half hours later that it was harmless, but it might not have been. Each of us needs to be the eyes and ears for the safety and security of all of us who come and go each day and for the Cathedral and our other Church

buildings. If you see something suspicious, strange or out of place say something immediately. Let the priest know or call 911. An unintended piece of luggage or package is always a serious cause for concern and our response has to always be to say something – do something – for the good of yourself and others. The police have the resources and knowledge to respond appropriately and working closely with them in reporting suspicious behavior, people or things is always the right thing to do. Thanks to the wonderful law enforcement officials and officers who responded to our call last week and who work to keep us safe every day, often at the risk of their own lives. We are so grateful for all the brave men and women in blue! God bless you.

IN TODAY'S LITURGY we hear about Mary, the mother of Jesus, and our mother, too. Mary, we know, and as Joseph learned, was open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in giving birth to the promised messiah, Emmanuel. She was the human tabernacle for the divine Word that became flesh. Now she can intercede for us as we labor to create a new parish. We can be sure that Mary wants us to bring Christ to our world through our bonds of faith, hope and love. May our new parish surge with joy and devotion to our Blessed Mother. "Hail Mary, full of grace.... pray for us, sinners, now, and at the hour of our death."

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM FATHER STUBNA.

While this bulletin is for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, it also serves as the bulletin for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. This Wednesday, December 25, we mark in a solemn and joyous way the Birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. In the mystery of the Incarnation, the Church confesses that Jesus is inseparably true God and true man. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* makes clear: "He is truly the Son of God who, without ceasing to be God and Lord, became a man and our brother." (CCC 469). St. John Chrysostom spoke eloquently on this mystery: "O only-begotten Son and Word of God, immortal being, you who designed for our salvation to become incarnate of the holy Mother of God and ever-virgin Mary, you who without change became man and were crucified, O Christ our God, you who by your death have crushed death, you who are one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit, save us." Let us not forget in our celebration of Christmas that our gaze should rest on the Christ-child, born in Bethlehem over 2000 years ago, Jesus Christ, truly God and truly man, consubstantial with the Father. What joy we feel this day as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, the one described so beautifully by the prophet Isaiah in our Christmas reading. "And they name him, Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace!"

I extend a very special word of welcome to all who join us for the celebration of Christmas this year. To all our faithful parishioners and to your family members who join us in these days; to our college students and to those in graduate studies; to all those who are visiting us and come from far and near. Welcome to the four parishes of our Greenfield-Hazelwood-Oakland grouping. We are delighted that you are here and worshiping with us on this Christmas Day. I call your attention to a Christmas letter from myself, Father Walsh, Father Potter and Deacon Berna, which is inserted into this bulletin and is available at the doors of Church. Please share it with family, neighbors and friends, perhaps some of our parishioners who may not be coming to Church. We, along with the parish staff, extend to each and every one of you our best wishes for a blessed and joyous Christmas celebration. In a very special way, we will be remembering you in our Masses on Christmas Day and in the octave of Christmas and promise you our prayers in this holy season. May this Christmas be a time of joy and peace for you, your families and all your loved ones. Merry Christmas one and all!

THE BLESSING OF THE INFANT JESUS

STATUES from the nativity crèche or mangers in the homes of our parishioners and visitors are being given today at all the Masses. This is a beautiful custom that takes the blessing of the Church into your home and makes the Christmas crèche or manger a special blessing to you family during this Christmas season.

BLESSING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE AND CRECHE AT HOME:

Families are invited to join together on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day and say a prayer together blessing your Christmas tree and crèche. You can pray this prayer together:

"God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love; when our need for a Savior was great you sent your Son to be born of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy and love. Lord, bless all who look upon this manger. May it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus and raise our thoughts to him. Let your blessing come upon us as we light this Christmas tree. May this tree, arrayed in splendor and light, be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts this Christmas day and throughout the new year. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen."

OFFICE HOURS. All four rectories will be closed for Christmas on Tuesday, December 24 beginning at 12:00 pm, on Wednesday, December 25 and on Thursday, December 26. We will be open for business on Friday, December 27. All four rectories will also be closed for New Years on Tuesday, December 31 beginning at 12:00 pm and on Wednesday, January 1. We will be open for business on Thursday, January 2.

CHRISTMAS DAY, December 25, is the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord. It is a holyday of obligation for all Catholics.

CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES FOR OUR GROUPING. There have been a lot of questions regarding the Mass schedule for the grouping for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. This is our grouping Mass schedule:

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24:

4:00 pm - Saint Paul Cathedral
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 5:00 pm - Saint Stephen
 6:00 pm - Saint Paul Cathedral
 10:00 pm - Saint Paul Cathedral (Bishop Zubik, presiding)

Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25:

9:00 am - Saint Stephen
 10:00 am - Saint Paul Cathedral
 10:00 am - Saint Regis (Bilingual – Spanish and English)
 11:00 am - Saint Rosalia
 12:00 pm - Saint Paul Cathedral

A SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN UP AT ALL MASSES ON CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY. This collection will benefit programs in the diocese that serve the needs of Children and Youth. Your generosity, as always, means a great deal and in a special way at this Christmas season will be a blessing to those children and youth in our community who have great needs.

JANUARY 1 IS THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD. It is a holyday of obligation requiring Mass attendance for all Catholics. Masses will be celebrated in our grouping as follows:

Tuesday, December 31 (Vigil):

4:00 pm - Saint Rosalia

Wednesday, January 1:

8:15 am - Saint Paul Cathedral
 9:00 am - Saint Stephen
 10:00 am - Saint Paul Cathedral
 11:00 am - Saint Rosalia

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

THE FEAST OF SAINT STEPHEN is on Thursday, December 26. He is one of the primary patrons of our parish grouping. A Mass will be held on Thursday, December 26 at 10:00 am at Saint Stephen Church in honor of Saint Stephen.



OUR WEEKLY WEDNESDAY EVENING NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER

OF PERPETUAL HELP will not be held on Wednesday, December 25 or Wednesday, January 1. The novena will resume on Wednesday, January 8. Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begin at 7:00 pm and a priest is available for confessions during this time until 7:30 pm. The novena prayers begin at 7:30 pm and include a blessing of the sick and an opportunity to venerate the image of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. This novena has a long history and Our Lady provides extraordinary blessings and graces to those who participate. The novena concludes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Please make an effort and join us – you will be rewarded greatly, and our parish will be enriched as we entrust ourselves to the loving care of Mary our Mother of Perpetual Help. Please consider attending the novena as one of your new year's resolutions. You will find great blessing, peace, strength and consolation from our Lady for you and your loved ones.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE.

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

III - Kenneth Elkin and Jeanne Farnan

II - Kevin Collins and Alyssa DiDonato

Saint Paul Cathedral



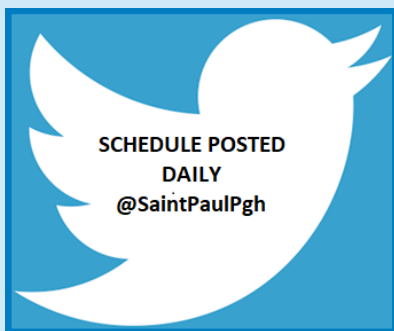
SANCTUARY CANDLE FOR THIS WEEK, from December 21 through December 27, is being offered

for the:

CLERGY & FAITHFUL OF ST. PAUL CATHEDRAL PARISH

THE BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR VIGIL LIGHT FOR THIS WEEK, from December 21 through December 27, is being offered for the:

DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE KIEFER FAMILY



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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.

OUR MONTHLY AFTERNOON OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION will be held next Sunday, December 29 on the Feast of the Holy Family. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration at the conclusion of the 12:00 Noon Mass until 5:00 pm. Solemn Vespers and Benediction begin at 5:00 pm until 5:30 pm, followed by the 6:00 pm Mass. Please consider making this part of your new year's resolution to come and join us for these wonderful afternoons of prayer and adoration before our Lord in the Holy Eucharist.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK. On December 28 the Church celebrates the feast of the **HOLY INNOCENTS**. We know from Matthew's Gospel that Herod, King of Judea, was threatened by the reports of the birth of Jesus, the "newborn King of the Jews." The wise men informed Herod that it was Bethlehem where the star was leading them, the place where the Messiah was to be born. Herod told them to report back to him so that he could also "do him homage," but they took another route home. Herod was furious at their disobedience and "ordered the massacre of all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity two years old and under." This feast day is a reminder to us of how often the lives of the innocent ones are destroyed. We remember in a special way all those unborn children, the holy innocents of our time, and children who are abused and neglected by their parents and others. This feast calls us to see the sanctity of every human life and work diligently to protect, nurture, defend and care for the lives of every human being, especially the most vulnerable and innocent among us.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to all who volunteer in the various ministries at Mass in each of our four parishes. We are deeply truly grateful to so many who use their gift of time and talent as altar servers, sacristans, lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, ushers and greeters, the television ministry, the choir and hand bell choir members, and all our cantors. We appreciate greatly your service to the four parishes in our parish grouping and all you do to help us in making the celebration of each and every Mass a very beautiful, prayerful and uplifting experience for all who are here.

THE CHRISTMAS OCTAVE is a special time of blessing and grace and I invite you to come to Mass during this special week. We celebrate a number of beautiful feast days during this octave, including St. Stephen, the first martyr (December 26), St. John the Apostle and Evangelist (December 27), the Holy Innocents (December 28) and the Feast of the Holy Family (December 29).

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

WE RECEIVED A THANK YOU FROM LIGHT OF LIFE WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S PROGRAM. "Thank you for thinking of the women and children that we serve at Light of Life. And for pouring out the blessings upon them." We thank the Ladies of Charity for coordinating the coat drive which donated 26 women's coats, 19 children's coats and 4 bags of gloves, hats and sweaters! Thanks to everyone who donated this year.

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.

RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT FUND. Many thanks to those who donated to this important fund. The collection totals are as follows:

St. Paul Cathedral:	\$8317.00
St. Regis:	\$211.00
St. Rosalia:	\$1,017.00
St. Stephen:	\$321.00

OAKLAND PRAYER GROUP. When: 7:00 – 8:30 pm on January 6. Where: Synod Hall at Saint Paul Cathedral (125 North Craig Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15213). What: Join us for the first evening of a seven-part Life in the Spirit series: *The Love of the Father*. The Holy Spirit moved the apostles from fear to love – from hiding from the world to going out to all the nations as missionaries and martyrs. Come and invite the Holy Spirit to move you in the same way! This series is designed to heighten awareness of the Spirit of God working in our lives and in the life of the Church, to remove any barriers we might have to the Holy Spirit moving in our lives, and to personally invite, receive and respond to the fullness of Life in the Holy Spirit. Share this invitation with all who desire to live more fully in the power and love of God. All (ages) are welcome! Father Tom Galvin, Father Michael Ackerman, Father Tom Sparacino, Father Boniface Hicks, OSB, Father Killian Lock, OSB, Father John Sweeney, and Father Dan Waruszewski will give a teaching followed by small group discussion and a time of praise led by Jon Pauley, Noah Pepmeyer, Jonah Soucy, and Cassandra Acree. See more details at The Oakland Prayer Group on Facebook or visit: OaklandPrayerGroup.org or send an email to: OaklandPrayerGroup@gmail.com.

Saint Regis Parish

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT burn this week for Gemma Pollice and the DePasquale Family (Rose Palmieri)

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 **NANCY & BILL AND JOE & LEONARD STICKLES** (Anna Marye Carcia and Family)

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Saint Rosalia Parish

THE CRUCIFIX OF CHRIST THE HIGH PRIEST is in the home of **ELAINE BRANSON** this week. Sign-up sheets will be along the altar railing next weekend to reserve the Crucifix for next year. Please reserve the Crucifix along with the accompanying 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 and January** 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.**

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 become 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. We invite everyone to join us for Lectio Divina, the ancient practice of reading and praying over scripture. On Friday, December 27, 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!

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

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGÉLIO. El cuarto Domingo de Adviento prácticamente nos pone ya a las puertas de la Navidad, estemos listos o no. En unos días, celebraremos el nacimiento de nuestro Salvador. La figura importante en este domingo es María que ha concebido por obra del Espíritu Santo y pone al mundo al Emmanuel, Dios-con-nosotros. El Evangelio nos narra la duda de José, disipada por el ángel que Dios envía a él en sueños. *“José, hijo de David, no dudes en recibir en tu casa a María, tu esposa, porque ella ha concebido por obra del Espíritu Santo. Dará a luz un hijo y tú le pondrás el nombre de Jesús, porque el salvará a su pueblo de sus pecados.”* ¿Cuántas dudas existen aún en la sociedad sobre el Nacimiento del Mesías?

“En Navidad Dios se nos dona todo donando a su Hijo, el Único, que es toda su alegría. Y sólo con el corazón de María, la humilde y pobre hija de Sión, convertida en Madre del Hijo del Altísimo, es posible exultar y alegrarse por el gran don de Dios y por su imprevisible sorpresa. Que Ella nos ayude a percibir el asombro —estos tres asombros: el otro, la historia y la Iglesia— por el nacimiento de Jesús, el don de los dones, el regalo inmerecido que nos trae la salvación. El encuentro con Jesús nos hará también sentir a nosotros este gran asombro. Pero no podemos tener este asombro, no podemos encontrar a Jesús, si no lo encontramos en los demás, en la historia y en la Iglesia.” (Papa Francisco).

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

QUERIDOS AMIGOS DE LA COMUNIDAD LATINA: Por medio de estas sencillas líneas queremos desearles una navidad muy llena del amor del Niño Jesús. Que el nazca, crezca y se adueñe de sus corazones. Los mejores deseos para este 2020. Sinceramente, P. Kris Stubna

FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY is holding an Accounting Honors Institute for high school students who have an interest in business. There are 3 topics with 2 sessions each held on Saturday mornings on campus in January, February, March and April. Students may sign up for one or more topics. Information and registration is available online at www.duq.edu/business/AHI or by calling 412-396-5832.

Saint Paul Cathedral

PASSING FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE. We extend our deepest sympathies and prayers to the family of **ROBERT "BOBBY" CARDILLO** who was buried from St. Paul Cathedral this past week. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

WE WILL DECORATE AND CLEAN UP THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS this Monday evening, December 23 beginning at 6:00 pm. We are inviting anyone who desires to help to come and to join us as we work to get the Church ready for Christmas. We can use the extra help so please come and join us.

ALTAR SERVERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS DAY. Please consider helping out on Christmas Day as so many people attend Christmas Eve, but no one signs up to help for Christmas Day. If anyone can help, please let us know.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION are needed for the Masses on Christmas Day as well. We have a full slate for the Christmas Eve Masses but need help on Christmas Day. Please consider making an effort to help at one of the Masses on Christmas Day if at all possible.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS. We thank everyone who gave donations for the Christmas flowers in memory of their deceased loved ones, family and friends. The list of those intentions has been printed in today's bulletin and these intentions will hold a very special place in our prayer over the Christmas season, particularly at Mass. Your generous response is greatly appreciated.

MANY THANKS to Father Stubna's sister and brother-in-law, MIKE and BETH PRESUTTI, for donating the two Christmas trees for the rectory again this year. They purchased and delivered the trees – an 11-foot tree and a 14-foot tree – and they are beautiful. Thanks for their kindness and generosity!

Saint Stephen Parish

SANCTUARY LIGHT MEMORIAL. This week the Sanctuary Light burns in memory of **THE ROSSI FAMILY** as requested by Joe and Judi.

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.

SUPER BOWL LIV POOL blocks will be sold after this and subsequent Sundays Masses and blocks will also be available anytime by calling Bob Mariano 412-551-0131 or Rose Velgich 412-916-5656 or John Figlar 412-400-9224. The donation is \$50 per block and winnings are \$700 for each of the first three quarters and \$1,000 for the final score. All proceeds will go to help support the Spartan Community Center of Hazelwood. You can also get a partner and split a block!

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.

THE SAINT PAUL CATHEDRAL FOOD PANTRY will be closed on Tuesday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 31 for the celebration of Christmas and New Year's. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 7.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF OUR CATHEDRAL PARISH FAMILY who were baptized last Sunday:

LUKE JOSEPH BELCZYK, son of David and Rebecca (Sharick) Belczyk

SAWYER RYAN SHUMBAT, son of Joseph and Erin (Coleman) Shumbat

CATHERINE GRACE WALLACE, daughter of Caleb and Jessica (Kerlik) Wallace

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2020 are now being taken in the rectory.

Saint Rosalia Parish

PASSING FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE. We extend our deepest sympathies and prayers to the family of **JOHN LABISHAK** who was buried from St. Rosalia Church this past week. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

A DONOR who wishes to remain anonymous made a gift of \$8,000 to Saint Rosalia Church to help fund the restoration work being done on the front façade of the Church. This donation is a huge help to us as we find ways to fund the needed repairs to the Church building. We are deeply grateful to the donor for this generous gift and assure them of our prayers. God bless you!

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

LOOKING FOR 1970 ST. ROSALIA GRADUATES. Our 50th class reunion will be held next year in 2020. If you graduated in 1970, please contact Diane at 412-421-2175 to update your personal information so that we may contact you with details!

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

NEXT SUNDAY (December 29) the Second Collection will be for the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

JANUARY MONTHLY TICKETS will be available after Mass next Sunday, December 29. Sellers, please pick up your February tickets.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass Saint Paul Cathedral December 12, 2019



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Calendario de Navidad diciembre 2019 — enero 2020

Domingo	Lunes	Martes	Miércoles	Jueves	Viernes	Sábado
29 Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia Que la Sagrada Familia te sirva de modelo. Piensa en las diversas formas en las que podrías edificar una iglesia doméstica en tu hogar.	30 En preparación para la Jornada Mundial de la Paz (1° de enero), visita el Centro de Acción de los obispos católicos de EE.UU. para encontrar maneras en las que puedas abogar por la paz alrededor del mundo.	31 ¡Una vez más ha llegado el momento de tomar resoluciones! Piensa en tomar resoluciones basadas en la fe como, por ejemplo, dándole más tiempo a la oración, yendo a Misa diariamente durante tu hora de almuerzo, o ayudando más a los pobres.	1 Solemnidad de María Santísima, Madre de Dios Asiste a la Misa en este día de precepto en honor a la Santísima Virgen María, quien dio a luz al único Hijo de Dios. En esta Jornada Mundial de la Paz, agrega un Ave María al rezar con tu familia antes de la cena.	2 Memoria de san Basilio Magno y san Gregorio Nacianceno, obispos y doctores de la Iglesia Toma unos momentos hoy para leer acerca de san Basilio el Magno. Puedes explorar la página web de la USCCB, <i>Catholic Current</i> , para leer las biografías de los santos a lo largo del año.	3 Si aún no te has decidido sobre alguna resolución espiritual para este nuevo año secular, considera agregar la práctica de la lectio divina a tus costumbres dominicales.	4 Memoria de santa Isabel Ana Bayley de Seton, religiosa Toma unos momentos para leer una pequeña biografía de santa Isabel Ana Bayley de Seton, patrona de los conversos a la fe. Piensa en cómo puedes acompañar mejor a aquellos que buscan unirse a la Iglesia.
5 Solemnidad de la Epifanía del Señor La fecha tradicional de la Epifanía es el 6 de enero pero, en los Estados Unidos, se celebra en el domingo entre el 2 y el 8 de enero. En esta fiesta especial, di una bendición para tu hogar.	6 Ayer, la Epifanía marcó la llegada de los visitantes identificados tradicionalmente como los reyes magos al lugar en donde Jesús había nacido. Su visita es un recordatorio importante de que Jesús vino a traer la salvación a todas las naciones.	7 Durante la Semana Nacional de la Migración, de la USCCB, di una oración por los migrantes alrededor del mundo.	8 ¡Hoy, deséale una Feliz Navidad a alguna persona! Una manera fácil de evangelizar es desearle a alguien una Feliz Navidad durante la temporada navideña después del 25 de diciembre y explicarle por qué. (La temporada no termina hasta el bautismo del Señor).	9 ¿Sabías que los colores litúrgicos para la Navidad y la Pascua de Resurrección son blancos? Estos son los dos momentos más importantes en torno.	10 En el mes de enero, los obispos de EE.UU. observan el Mes de Concientización de la Pobreza. Aprende como la guerra, las enfermedades, el clima y otros factores impactan a la pobreza en el mundo y las maneras en las que tú puedes ayudar a los pobres alrededor del mundo.	11 Hoy, ofrece oraciones por los aproximadamente 40 millones de víctimas de la esclavitud moderna. Hoy es el día de concientización de la trata de personas.
12 Fiesta del Bautismo del Señor Antes de retornar al Tiempo Ordinario mañana, lee la historia del bautismo de Jesús en el Jordán (Mt 3:13-17 o Mc 1:9-11)						

Greenfield-Hazelwood-Oakland Grouping 2019 Christmas Schedule

Decorating St. Paul Cathedral for Christmas

Monday, December 23 – 6:00 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE – Tuesday, December 24

4:00 pm – Saint Paul Cathedral (Father Stubna)

4:00 pm – Saint Rosalia (Father Walsh)

5:00 pm – Saint Stephen (Father Potter)

6:00 pm – Saint Paul Cathedral (Father Walsh)

10:00 pm – Saint Paul Cathedral (Bishop Zubik, Father Stubna and Cathedral Choir)

CHRISTMAS DAY– Wednesday, December 25

9:00 am – Saint Stephen (Father Potter)

10:00 am – Saint Paul Cathedral (Father Stubna)

10:00 am – Saint Regis - Bilingual (Father Walsh)

11:00 am – Saint Rosalia (Father Potter)

12:00 Noon – Saint Paul Cathedral (Father Stubna)

Sunday, December 29, 2019 – Feast of the Holy Family

Saint Paul Cathedral

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00 – 5:00 pm

Solemn Vespers and Benediction 5:00 – 5:30 pm

NEW YEAR'S DAY - Wednesday, January 1, 2020

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

(Holy Day of Obligation)

December 31 Vigil at 4:00 pm – Saint Rosalia

8:15 am – Saint Paul Cathedral

9:00 am – Saint Stephen

10:00 am – Saint Paul Cathedral

11:00 am – Saint Rosalia

NO 12:05 pm Mass on January 1, 2020

NO Novena on January 1, 2020

Rectory Office Hours for Christmas and New Year's

Wednesday, December 25 and Thursday, December 26 – CLOSED

Wednesday, January 1 – CLOSED



For unto you is born this day...

A Savior

Luke 2:11

Christmas 2019

Dear Members of the Greenfield-Hazelwood-Oakland Parish Grouping, Visitors and Friends,

Christmas is the season of joy, love, peace and hope. We celebrate the Incarnation of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Out of his tremendous love for us, God our Father sent his beloved Son into the world to save us from our sins and open for us the way to salvation. The Christ-child, born in the manger in Bethlehem more than 2,000 years ago, became the "light shining in the darkness" of human sin and evil that will never be extinguished. That first Christmas proclamation given by the angels to the shepherds in the fields is meant for us: "Fear not, this day I bring you tidings of great joy, a Savior has been born to you, who is Christ the Lord."

We welcome all who come to the four parishes in our Greenfield-Hazelwood-Oakland grouping in this season of Christmas to worship with us. Jesus is Emmanuel, God-with-us! This is the gift that God intends for every human heart. Christmas invites us to open our hearts more deeply to the gifts of the Christ-child who truly is our Savior, the Wonder-Counselor, the Prince of Peace! May the darkness of sin, the crosses we bear each day, along with the sadness and the struggles that so often can get the best of us, be made light by the gift of the Christ-child this Christmas season.

We are privileged to serve as your priests and deacon and to walk with you each day on this magnificent journey of faith. Know of our deepest prayers for you and your families throughout this Christmas season, especially as we celebrate our Masses on Christmas day and during the Christmas octave. We thank you for your prayers, kindness and love. It is a joy for us to be part of this community of faith that is so alive in God's love. We, along with the staff of our four parishes, wish you a blessed and happy Christmas celebration. May this New Year bring you a multitude of blessings and graces and be filled with health, happiness and peace.

Merry Christmas one and all! Happy New Year! May God bless you!

Very Rev. Kris D. Stubna

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Administrator and Rector

Daniel Walsh C.S.S.

Rev. Daniel Walsh, C.S.Sp.
Parochial Vicar

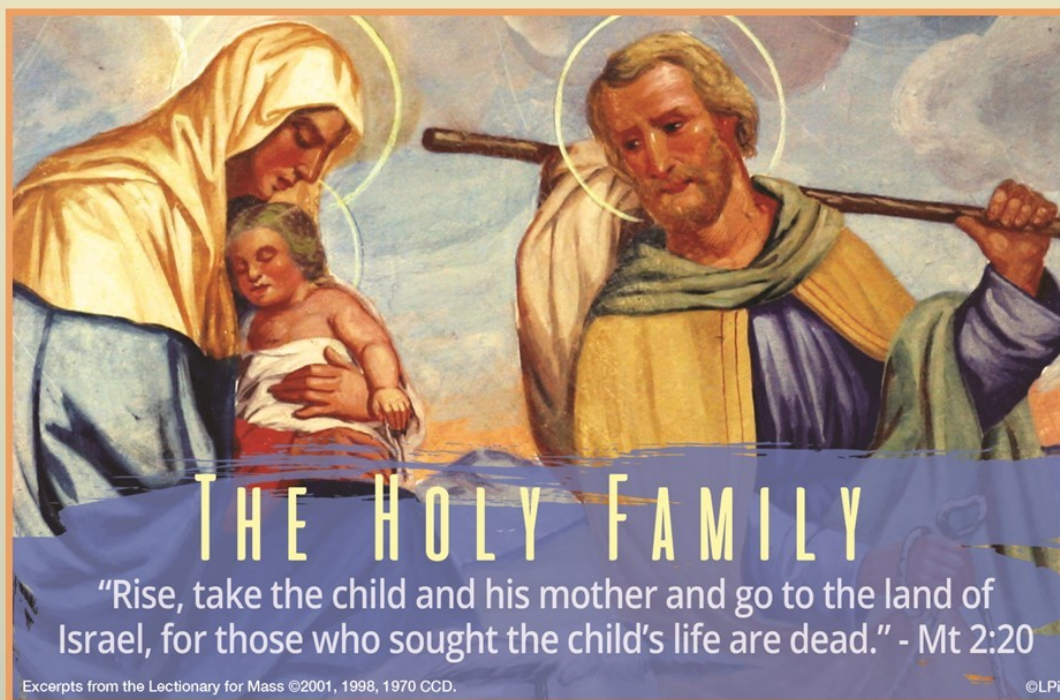
Rev. Adam C. Potter

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Parochial Vicar

Deacon Thomas Berna

Deacon Thomas Berna, Ph.D.
Deacon

SAINT PAUL CATHEDRAL
MONTHLY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2019



ADORATION BEGINS AT 1:00 PM
IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE 12:00 NOON MASS.
SOLEMN EVENING PRAYER AT 5:00 PM,
CONCLUDING WITH BENEDICTION OF THE
MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT.
ALL ARE WELCOME!

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Location	Intention
Monday, December 23, Saint John of Kanty, Priest <i>Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 * Lk 1:57-66</i>	8:15 AM	St. Paul Cathedral	Bertha Welker
	12:05 PM	St. Paul Cathedral	Mr. and Mrs. Patrick O'Malley
Tuesday, December 24, Weekday <i>Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 * Lk 1:67-79</i>	8:15 AM	St. Paul Cathedral	Mary and Bernard McCrory
	12:05 PM	St. Paul Cathedral	Lawrence Ellis and Family (Living and Deceased)
	4:00 PM	St. Paul Cathedral	Deceased Members of the Stubna and Welker Families
	4:00 PM	St. Rosalia	For the Living and Deceased Members of our Parish Family
	5:00 PM	St. Stephen	For the People
	6:00 PM	St. Paul Cathedral	Living and Deceased Benefactors of the Cathedral
	10:00 PM	St. Paul Cathedral	Stanley and Susan Zubik
Wednesday, December 25, The Nativity of the Lord <i>Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/ Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 * Night: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 * Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/ Lk 2:15-20 * Day Is 52:7-10/ Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14</i>	9:00 AM	St. Stephen	For the People
	10:00 AM	St. Paul Cathedral	Deceased Members of the Tommarello Family
	10:00 AM	St. Regis Spanish/English Mass	For the Parishioners / Por los Parroquianos
	11:00 AM	St. Rosalia	For the Living and Deceased Members of our Parish Family
	12:00 PM	St. Paul Cathedral	People of the Parish
	7:00 PM	St. Paul Cathedral	NO NOVENA
Thursday, December 26, Saint Stephen, The First Martyr <i>Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 * Mt 10:17-22</i>	8:15 AM	St. Paul Cathedral	Edward Spoonamore
	10:00 AM	St. Stephen	The People of the Parish
	12:05 PM	St. Paul Cathedral	Brendan McKenna
Friday, December 27, Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist <i>1 Jn 1:1-4 * Jn 20:1a, 2-8</i>	8:15 AM	St. Paul Cathedral	Guy Petrone
	10:00 AM	St. Rosalia	Victoria Brandt
	12:05 PM	St. Paul Cathedral	Lil and Joe Sciulli
Saturday, December 28, The Holy Innocents, Martyrs <i>1 Jn 1:5-2:2 * Mt 2:13-18</i>	8:15 AM	St. Paul Cathedral	Living Members of the Cavaliere Family
	12:05 PM	St. Paul Cathedral	All Sciulli Families
	4:00 PM	St. Rosalia	Eileen Kender
	6:00 PM	St. Paul Cathedral	Elizabeth Hrehocik
Sunday, December 29, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph <i>Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 * Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 * Mt 2:13-15, 19-23</i>	6:30 AM	St. Paul Cathedral	Mary Ellen Beres
	9:00 AM	St. Stephen	Tim Stillwell
	10:00 AM	St. Paul Cathedral	James P. McKinney
	10:00 AM	St. Regis	Antonio and Rose Anna Caruso
	11:00 AM	St. Rosalia	Dave Pegher
	12:00 PM	St. Paul Cathedral	James McKinney
	1:00 PM	St. Paul Cathedral	Eucharistic Adoration
	1:00 PM	St. Rosalia Spanish Mass	Astro Leon Jhong
	5:00 PM	St. Paul Cathedral	Vespers and Benediction
	6:00 PM	St. Paul Cathedral	People of the Parish

“The grace which was revealed in our world is Jesus...He has entered our history; he has shared our journey. He came to free us from darkness and to grant us light. In Him was revealed that grace, the mercy, and the tender love of the Father.” ~ **Pope Francis**

FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP

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

Saint Paul Cathedral

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Saint Regis

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Saint Rosalia

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Saint Stephen

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Spanish Mass

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