

# SAINT PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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# December 15, 2019 Third Sunday of Advent

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#### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please call the parish office for information. Arrangements must be made at least six (6) months prior to the wedding.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The third Sunday of each month at 1:30 p.m. Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** Saturday morning, following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

> BULLETIN NEWS DEADLINE Tuesday at noon - 12 days prior.

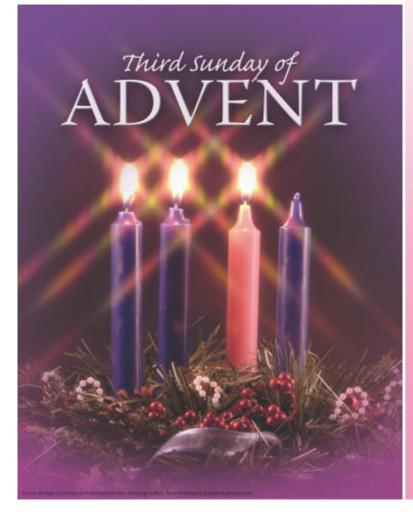
#### MASS SCHEDULE

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday ~ 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Closed to the public on Wednesdays.

ST. PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL • 330-494-0223

Principal: Amie Hale, Ext. 118 Secretary: Norma Payne, Ext. 119 Latchkey Director: Michele Kennedy, Ext. 120 Preschool: Jennifer Donnelly, 330-494-8793 jdonnelly@stpaulncanton.org





Sunday, Dece	ember 15
Donut Sun	day with Santa after all Masses
HELPINO	G HANDS GIFTS DUE BACK TODAY
9:00 a.m.	CCD - Mass & Class
1:30 p.m.	Baptism Ceremony, Church
Monday, Dec	ember 16
7:00 p.m.	Penance Service in Church
Wednesday, D	December 18
12:15 p.m.	Patriotic Rosary, Church
6:00 p.m.	Children's Choir, Church
7:00 p.m.	Parish Choir, Church
Thursday, De	cember 19
10:00 a.m.	Senior Luncheon/Card Party, Social Hall
11:30 a.m.	Sanctuary Cove Bible Study, North RmA
7:00 p.m.	RCIA, Social Hall

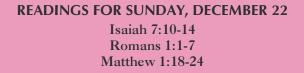


# PMASS INTENTIONS

December 14	/15 Th	ird Sunday of Advent
		Gerald Schroer
-		For Our Parishioners
		Marilyn Radalia
		Mary Bendetta
		Donna Pignatiello
		ay – Advent Weekday
		Roxanne Wachtel
		ay – Late Advent Weekday
	112000	John J. Casasanta
		Yvonne Thomas Ezzie - School
December 18	- Wedne	esday – Late Advent Weekday
7:15 a.m.	Mass	Al Costanzi
December 19	- Thurs	day – Late Advent Weekday
7:15 a.m.	Mass	Patricia Geis
December 20	- Friday	y – Late Advent Weekday
7:15 a.m.	Mass	Cheryl Caley
10:00 a.m.	Mass	Albert T. Mueser - at Windsor
December 21	- Satura	lay – Late Advent Weekday
8:00 a.m.	Mass	Leo & Elmer Harrison
5:00 p.m.	Mass	Riley Marrell
December 22	- Fourt	h Sunday of Advent
7:30 a.m.	Mass	Tom & Michelle Donnelly
9:00 a.m.	Mass	Norma Bergert
		Marilyn Radalia
		For Our Parishioners

		Liturgical Ministers
	Four	th Sunday - December 21/22
Eucharist		
Saturday		Sue Bertsch-Coordinator, Marianne D'Orazio, Mary Harlett, Judy Higgins,
		Paula Kane, Rick Laubacher, Ken
		Lauck, Judy Martinez, Gloria Mitchell,
		Donna Sayoc, Terry Stauffer, Anne VonLuhrte, Jeff Weber, 4 EMs needed
Sunday	7:30	Greg Haidet-Coordinator, Joan Andrews,
		Kathy & Phil Janecko, David Smith, Jo
		Swanson, Brad Tank, Roger Taylor, Jennifer Tessanne, Nancy Yakunich,
		1 EM needed
Sunday	9:00	Mike McDonald-Coordinator, Michael
		Avery, Tammy Boyea, Louis Doenges, Carol & Jeff Kohler, Jo Ann Kuntz, Steve
		Roberts, Lorraine Seibert, Pat & Phil
		Zepp, 5 EMs needed
Sunday	10:30	Kevin McCauley-Coordinator, Bobbi
		Bankovich, Barbara Bennett, Charlotte Bossart, Craig & Jennifer Schiro, Steve
		Schott, John Smithkey, Connie Teal,
		Theresa Wern, Jean Zaluski, 5 EMs
Sunday	Noon	needed Suzanne Keenan-Coordinator, Diane
Builday	1 10011	DeBarr, Linda DiRuzza, Carol Frient,
		Kitty Goodright, Alex Karolewski, Mary
		Jo Kintz, Judith Markijohn, Sue Voegeli, 4 EMs needed
Lectors		4 ENIS needed
Saturday	5:00	1 Kent Valin 2 Matthew Arnold
Sunday	7:30	1 Luann Boris 2 Paulette Wolfe
Sunday	9:00	1 Liz Heiser 2 Patrick Nudo
Sunday Sunday	10:30 Noon	1 Matt MacCaffrey 2 Sally Marrell 1 Richard Ruth 2 Caroline Suter-Conner
Altar Serv		T Kichard Kuth 2 Caroline Suter-Conner
Saturday	5:00	Abigail, Libby & Stephen Orcutt, Sam
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Sunday	7:30	Lucy & Sophia Hennessy, Luke & John Roshak
Sunday	9:00	Bella & Sam Neading, Isabella &
·		Angelina Fierro
Sunday	10:30	Julia Hoffman, Emma Curd, Lillie & Laila Cindric
Sunday	Noon	
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December	r 16 - 20	Lucy Hennessy Jenna Fetsko





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#### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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ADVENT SCHEDULE

Area Communal Penance Services:

December 16 at 7:00 pm, St. Paul

Additional confession times here at St. Paul's:

Saturday mornings following the 8 a.m. Mass

Monday, December 23 from 3 - 5 p.m and 6 - 8 p.m.

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED:

Christmas - December 24, 25 & 26

New Years - December 31 & January 1

In the event of a sacramental emergency, please call the parish

office at 330-499-2201. Leave a message in the emergency

mailbox. A staff member will return your call as soon as possible.

#### **DECEMBER 15, 2019**



### **Christmas Eve Mass Schedule Tuesday**, December 24

4:00 p.m. Church 6:00 p.m. Children's Mass in Church

8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

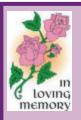
Christmas Day Mass Schedule Wednesday, December 25 8:00 a.m. And 10:00 a.m.





# New Years Day Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

January 1 is a Holy Day of Obligation. Vigil Mass: December 31 at 5 p.m. Holy Day Masses: January 1 at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.



#### "Eternal Rest Grant Unto Him, O Lord" NOVEMBER

**FUNERAL** Frank Chufar

#### ST. PAUL COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE Monday, December 16 at 7 p.m.

Join us for prayer, song, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation as we make our Advent journey toward the coming of Christ. May we welcome Him into our hearts as we prepare for Christmas.





# **GIVING TREE REMINDER! ALL GIFTS ARE TO BE RETURNED THIS WEEKEND!**

• Purchase the item listed on the tag you have selected from our giving trees. Wrap the gift and TAPE the gift tag to the top of the package.

• Return the gift to St. Paul's NO LATER than noon on Monday, December 16.



# New Hats, Mittens, Gloves, & Scarves

of all sizes and colors are again being collected during December. Collection boxes are in the Gathering Area. Items collected will be given to Stark County Social Work Network to help keep our neighbors in need warm this winter.



#### ELEVATE YM BLOOD DRIVE Tuesday, February 4, 2020



BLOOD DON'T GIVE BLOOD after December 5 if you want to help St. Paul's Blood Drive to benefit our **DRIVE** Youth Ministry. Please

mark your calendars. Remember that you can only give blood once every 56 days. Questions: Call Tracev at 330-499-0076.

#### **OPLATEK**

One of the most beautiful and revered Polish customs is the break-

ing of the Oplatek on Christmas Eve. Christmas Wafers are now available at the church entrances and at the parish office. A donation of \$3 is suggested per envelope.

#### **CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR** SHUT-INS

Eucharistic Ministers to our homebound and nursing homes are asked to pick up this

vear's Christmas gifts in the Sacristy. Please indicate on the sign-in sheet the number of packages you are taking and to whom. Thank you for your ministry to our St. Paul Parish Family.



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# ++PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS++

Almighty Father,

You have created us for some definite purpose.

Grant us the grace to know the path You have planned for us in this life and to respond with a generous

"Yes."

Make our diocese, parishes, homes and hearts fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations.

May our young people respond to Your call with courage and zeal.

Stir among our men a desire and the strength to be good and holy priests.

Bless us with consecrated religious men and women and those called to a chaste single life,

permanent deacons, and faithful husbands and wives, who are a sign of Christ's love for His Church. We commend our prayer for vocations to You, Father, through the intercession of Mary our Mother,

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in the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(adapted from a prayer by Dennis M. Schnurr, Archbishop of Cincinnati)

#### RCIA PRAYER & HOSPITALITY LINK RECLOCATED ON THE WEBSITE



If you are looking for the RCIA Hospitality Link on the parish website, it has been relocated from the front page to its own permanent tab. Once you are on the parish website, select ADULT FORMATION. On the drop down menu, you will see the second option is *RCIA Prayer and Hospitality*. You can find the link there. Thank you all for your generosity and welcome in praying for and feeding the newest members of our parish family.

#### Defend the Unborn! Join the March for Life on January 24, 2020

Buses are being organized in various locations throughout the Diocese of Youngstown to take pilgrims to the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. To find a bus near you contact the Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family



Life at <u>dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org</u> or 330-744- 8451, ext.272 or go to <u>www.doy.org</u>.

## ACME CASHBACK FUNDRAISER

Our Youth Ministry is collecting Acme cash register receipts to help raise funds for this year's activities. Please save Acme store register receipt tapes dated

> August 8, 2019 through December 28, 2019.



Envelopes for drop off are located *Fresh Market* in the church stairwells and on the kiosk in the gathering area. Thank you for your support!





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December 2019

Wednesday, December 18th Youth Gathering Friday, December 27 Bowling with Seminarians

# March for Life 2020 January 24

ElevateYM is going to the March for Life in Washington DC! This is a great opportunity to stand up for life! Spots are limited! We will leave late Thursday night and return late Friday night. For more details check out www.elevateym.com Deadline to sign up is Dec 30th

A collaborative High School Youth Ministry between Little Flower Parish and St. Paul Parish

# HIGH SCHOOL WINTER RETREAT 2020

ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH ARE INVITED TO THE WINTER RETREAT HELD JANUARY 10-12 AT ROUNDLAKE CAMP.

WE WILL BE JOURNEYING THROUGH THE PSALMS. THERE WILL BE GAMES, FOOD, MUSIC, AND SACRAMENTS!

EVEN IF YOU HAVE NEVER ATTENDED A YOUTH GROUP EVENT YOU ARE INVITED!

www.elevateym.com is the place to sign up!

Deadline to sign up is Dec 30th

#### Contact:

Joe Frangos, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry Email: elevateym17@gmail.com Office Hours: By Appt.



# SPOTLIGHT FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

If you are enjoying these little highlights of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, you may consider purchasing a set of Cardinal Schönbom's 2 volumes on Living the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Michele Blate, Director of Religious Education

# Living the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

A Brief Commentary on the Catechism for Every Week of the Year

Ignatius Press, 1995, By Christoph, Cardinal Schönborn

#### Week 3: Seeking and Finding God

We have a purpose; to know and love God. We have a soul that has two functions: knowing and loving. "Saint Thomas Aquinas holds that God is actually the "most knowable" reality, since nothing has more radiance, clarity, and truth than God himself (p.16)." Yet God can seem distant and unreal at times. Why? Although our soul has these two functions, they are crippled by original sin. Our intellect is weak (not lacking) in that we are preoccupied with what is before us and what impacts our senses. It is also lethargic in that we shirk the efforts and sacrifices involved in seeking the truth.

The magnificence of God is all around us in creation. We do not have to look far. As we delve more deeply into the reality of life and creation, the miraculous nature of our existence and the existence of this planet within this solar system just cries out to the glory power and majesty of our Creator.

# "the fool in his heart says there is no God."

Psalm 14:1

In this New Liturgical Year of the Church, lets make a spiritual resolution to exercise and strengthen our capacity to know and love God.

#### **ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH**

#### NORTH CANTON, OH

#### DECEMBER'S BUS TRIP

Fr. Marian and the St. Paul Seniors spent a day in Cleveland on December 3. The group enjoyed having Mass and a tour at St. Casimir Church, viewing the lights and Christmas displays at the Cleveland Botanical Gardens, and having lunch at the HofBrau House.



Fr. Marian traveled to Slovakia in November to visit family and friends. We are glad he recently received his Green Card which allows him to do so. He is pictured here with his niece and nephews, his sister-in-law and brother, his dog, and with his mom and dad.





My parents and I would like to say hello to St. Paul parish and thank you for your constant support. - Fr. Marian

St Michael Women's Retreat Day Saturday, January 18th, 2020 - Fannon Center 10:00am-3:30pm (Check in from 9:30-10:00am)

# Prayer: Experiencing God's Goodness



We have been gifted with many ways to pray and our preferences often change at different times in our lives. Journaling, music, Scripture, meditation, icons, art, your loved ones, and every day objects can be stepping stones for experiencing the presence of God. The day will be an exploration of the many possible ways to pray in our everyday lives.

#### Retreat Leader: Sister Roberta Doneth, OSF

Sr. Bobbie is a Sister of St. Francis of Tiffin, Ohio, with degrees in both Franciscan Spirituality and Administration. She was an educator and administrator for 26 years before serving on her community leadership team for eight years. She presently ministers as a retreat leader, spiritual director, and speaker on Franciscan Spirituality.



Cost: \$25, includes lunch Registration Deadline: Monday, January 13th In case of inclement weather, registrants will be contacted by e-mail and phone. The make-up day will be January 25th (with refunds available for those unavailable for the make-up date).

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