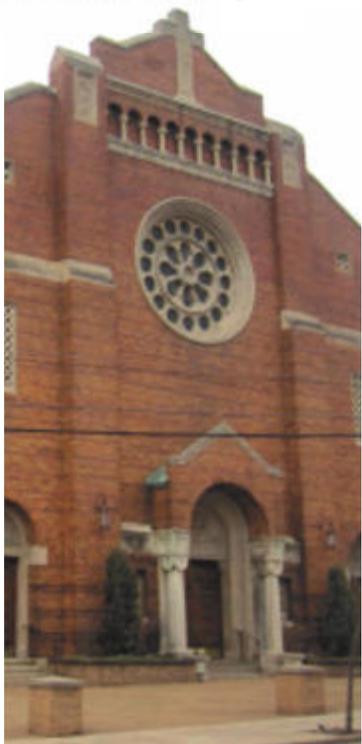


# St. Paul Cathedral, St. Regis, St. Rosalia & St. Stephen

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,

12noon (Spanish Mass)

Weekdays (Thursday)...10am

#### CONFESSIONS

Sundays.....9:30am

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#### MASSES

Saturday Anticipated.....4pm

Sunday.....11am

Weekdays (Tuesday & Friday):

10am

#### CONFESSIONS

Saturdays.....3:15pm

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#### MASSES

Sunday.....9:30am

Weekdays (Monday & Wednesday):

10am

#### CONFESSIONS

Sundays.....8:45am

### CLERGY TEAM

Very Reverend Kris D. Stubna, S.T.D.....	Administrator and Rector
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Reverend Daniel Walsh, C.S.Sp.....	Parochial Vicar
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### 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

It seems appropriate that the Feast of the Holy Family falls in the octave of Christmas. As the familiar carol reminds us: There is no place like home for the holidays! This is the time when families are reunited, and we celebrate the gift of family and the love that joins us together. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* speaks of the family as “the domestic Church,” a “community of faith, hope and charity; a communion of persons, a sign and image of the communion of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.” The family is a place of grace and blessing.

There are three things that we learn about the gift of family today. First, we do not find salvation alone; we need one another. Each of us is placed in some sort of family that can help us to become who we were meant to be – sons and daughters of God. The readings instruct us in how Christian families are to live. The great lesson here is that each member of the family has a responsibility for the others. The Church speaks of the family as “the first and most important school of learning.” The greatest lessons of life and faith are received in the home: respect for others, the ability to forgive, patience, compassion, kindness, understanding, and love. The Feast of the Holy Family speaks of the child Jesus going up to Nazareth where he grew in wisdom and grace. Families must always work to help each of its members grow in wisdom and grace. We are responsible to help each other achieve salvation.

Second, families are called to be places of holiness and faith. Families must be places, above all, where the faith is lived and taught. Parents assume a great responsibility before God for the spiritual welfare of their children. We can all too easily get caught in advancing their temporal well-being, but we neglect their souls. Families must make time to pray together, to read the Scriptures, to pray the rosary and most importantly to attend Mass together each Sunday. Our homes need to be places where the Catholic faith is experienced: holy water fonts, crucifixes, images of our Lord and our Blessed Mother and the saints. Visible reminders of our faith are good and important. It is true that families who pray together stay together. Saint Paul’s instruction in the Scripture today can cause some to bristle, but the meaning these words convey is profound. Husbands are called to love their wives completely, to be faithful in marriage, and to be selfless in love. Wives are called to love their husbands in the same ways as both work to create a marriage and a home that reflect the love

of God. Children must be obedient to their parents, respectful and patient, always working to give back the love that they have first received unconditionally.

Third, families must be connected to the Church. Mary and Joseph knew that they had to bring Jesus to the temple to be consecrated to God and to offer their prayer of thanksgiving to the Lord. The temple was the place where the importance of Jesus’ mission for the whole people of Israel and the Gentiles becomes manifest. It is no different for each of us. The Church helps us to remain faithful to God, to put the Lord above all else in our lives. This is no easy task as we navigate in a world that is so often secular and lacking in allegiance to the ways of God. Making sure your family gets to Mass and receives the sacraments is a duty and responsibility of the highest importance for every parent. There is no greater responsibility a parent has than to lead their children to the heart of Jesus Christ, to help them on their way to salvation, and to instill in them a love for the Body of Christ, the Church.

As we begin a new year, there could be no greater gift to celebrate than the gift of our family. Our New Year’s resolutions should focus on helping each other to be a better follower of Jesus Christ and on creating a family environment that will help each member to grow in holiness, and to deepen their love for each other, for God and for the Church. May the example of Joseph, Mary and the child Jesus be a source of inspiration and strength to each of our families as together we seek to build communities of faith and love in each of our homes. May God bless our parents and children!

## ON MISSION CORNER WITH FATHER KRIS

**STUBNA.** Prayer is at the heart of our efforts and nothing is more important to us than the celebration of the Eucharist. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* writes that the Eucharist is the “source and summit of the whole of the Christian life.” There is no place where we are joined most closely to our Head, Jesus Christ, and to the other members of our parish families, then when we come together for the celebration of the Mass. The reduction in the number of Masses has brought us together in larger numbers. This has been a good thing. The Mass times may not always be as convenient as some people would like and all of us have had to make some adjustments. But the liturgies have been joyous, inspiring, faith-filled celebrations. Thanks to all the ministers who have helped us over these past months. We will continue to

make some changes to the ways in which things may have been done but our goal is to be consistent in all four of our parishes. I can only ask for your continued patience, understanding and support as we seek ways to build up the unity of our four parish communities. Be sure to join us regularly for Mass. The Mass is where we encounter God most profoundly in Word and Sacrament; we receive the gift of Jesus' body and blood – the food and nourishment we need for our journey of faith. The Mass is the lifeline of our Catholic faith. Let your new year's resolution involve making time for Sunday Mass and if you can during the week. The fruits and blessings for you and for your family are rich.

**MAKE TIME FOR FAMILY PRAYER.** It is true that the family that prays together stays together. "Prayer needs to become a regular habit in the daily life of each family. Prayer is thanksgiving, praise of God, asking for forgiveness, supplication and invocation. In all of these forms the prayer of the family has much to say to God" (St. John Paul II, *Letter to Families*, §10). "For the People of God, Mary represents the model of every expression of their prayer life. In particular, she teaches Christians how to turn to God to ask for his help and support in the various circumstances of life. Her motherly intercession at the wedding in Cana and her presence in the Upper Room at the Apostles' side as they prayed in expectation of Pentecost suggest that the prayer of petition is an essential form of cooperation in furthering the work of salvation in the world. By following her model, the Church learns to be bold in her asking, to persevere in her intercessions and, above all, to implore the gift of the Holy Spirit" (St. John Paul II, *Audience*, Sept. 10, 1997, §4-5).

**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.

**THANK YOU ONE AND ALL** for the cards, food, and gifts that you brought to the rectory for the priests and staff at all of our parishes during this Christmas holiday. Your kindness and thoughtfulness to us is greatly appreciated. May God bless you.

**THE FAMILY CATECHETICAL PROGRAM** at Saint Paul Cathedral seeks to gather all families with children in pre-K through grade 8 to a program one Sunday each month from September through May. Regardless of whether your children are in Catholic school, parish religious education, or being homeschooled, this program invites all our families in our parish grouping 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 1:15 pm in the parish social hall. This year's remaining family faith formation program dates are **JANUARY 27, FEBRUARY 24, MARCH 24 and APRIL 28. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS; SHARE THE WORD WITH OTHER FAMILIES. MAKE A COMMITMENT TO JOIN US.** Read the bulletin for more information. Our second and eighth grade students preparing for Holy Communion and Confirmation are expected to participate along with their parents. All families from any parish in our grouping are welcome to join us. **The theme for January 27 will be respect for all human life as sacred and a gift from God, to be treasured, cherished and protected in all its forms.**

**WISHES FOR A HAPPY AND BLESSED NEW YEAR** are extended to all our parishioners and visitors. May 2019 bring health, happiness, and many graces and blessings from God to you and to your families. As you make some resolutions for the New Year, be sure that some of them focus on how you can deepen your life of prayer, grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ, help others around you especially those in need, and how you can use your gifts and talents to serve the Church. Happy New Year!

**AS WE BEGIN A NEW YEAR, EACH FAMILY IS INVITED TO BLESS THEIR HOME** and to use chalk to mark the main doorway(s) of your home. The home blessing can be done as follows. Use the blessed chalk to write:

20+C+M+B+19

above the main doorways of your home: 2019 for the year; C, M, B for the 3 Magi Casper, Melchior and Balthasar – and also for *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, Latin for "May Christ Bless this House." As you are writing, pray the following prayer:

*May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is Lord, forever and ever. Amen.*

You can also bless yourself with holy water and sprinkle holy water on each door.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 1 IS THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD.** We honor the Blessed Mother in her role as the Mother of God and the Mother of Jesus Christ. From antiquity, Mary has been called "*Theotokos*", or "God-Bearer" (Mother of God). The word in Greek is "*Theotokos*". The term was used as part of the popular piety of the early first millennium church. It is used throughout the Eastern Church's Liturgy, both Orthodox and Catholic. It lies at the heart of the Latin Rite's deep Marian piety and devotion. This title was a response to early threats to 'orthodoxy', the preservation of authentic Christian teaching. A pronouncement of an early Church Council, The Council of Ephesus in 431 A.D., insisted "If anyone does not confess that God is truly Emmanuel, and that on this account the holy virgin is the "*Theotokos*" (for according to the flesh she gave birth to the word of God become flesh by birth) let him be anathema." (The Council of Ephesus, 431 AD). The Council's insistence on the use of this title reflected the effort to insist on the Church's teaching that Jesus was both human and divine, that the two natures were united in his One Person.

**JANUARY 1 IS WORLD DAY OF PEACE**, a special dedicated to peace in our world and among all peoples. It is held on January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Blessed Pope Paul VI established it in 1967, being inspired by the encyclical *Pacem in Terris* of Pope St. John XXIII and with reference to his own encyclical *Populorum Progressio*. The day was first observed on 1 January 1968.

**ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!**

**THE HOLY FAMILY.** The bible tells us very little about the family life of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as they formed their home in Nazareth. We know that Jesus was presented in the temple in accordance with the custom of the law, that he grew strong and was filled with wisdom, and that he stayed behind at the temple in Jerusalem to discourse with the elders and scholars of the law. Much else is left to the tradition of our faith and to our imagination. The Holy Family was certainly unconventional, composed of a virgin mother, a child conceived by the Holy Spirit who is the Son of God, and a foster father who loved the child as if he was his own. Yet, we hold them up as the example of family life for us who seek to love those God has placed in our lives. The Holy Family also becomes our inspiration as we form a family of faith in our parishes and parish groupings. While our faith communities undergo change as part of the *On Mission for The Church Alive!* initiative, the work of building up the family of the Church continues in earnest. May the example and intercession of the Holy Family support us in this important work. Visit [onmissionchurchalive.org](http://onmissionchurchalive.org) to learn more and to stay informed.

**OUR WEEKLY WEDNESDAY EVENING NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP** will not be held at Saint Paul Cathedral on Wednesday, January 2. The novena will resume on Wednesday, January 9. 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 grouping will be enriched as we entrust ourselves to the loving care of Mary our Mother of Perpetual Help.

**JANUARY 1** is a holyday of obligation requiring Mass attendance for all Catholics. Masses will be celebrated in our grouping as follows:

**Monday, December 31 (Vigil):**

4:00 pm - St. Rosalia

**Tuesday, January 1:**

8:15 am - St. Paul Cathedral  
9:30 am - St. Stephen  
10:00 am - St. Paul Cathedral  
11:00 am - St. Regis  
11:00 am - St. Rosalia

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY:**

That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

**PROTECTING CHILDREN SCHEDULED FOR SAINT PAUL CATHEDRAL. GOD'S WORKSHOP FOR**

We will host a PGC Workshop on Saturday, January 19 from 9:00 am to Noon in Synod Hall (not the Social Hall). You can register online at <https://diopitt.org>; Protection of Children tab; Parish Volunteer; 4. Protecting God's Children Live Class. If you are unable to register online, you may email or call Mary Ann Hvizdos ([mahvizdos@verizon.net](mailto:mahvizdos@verizon.net); 412-807-1611). All volunteers are required to complete this workshop within 90 days of submitting their diocesan application to serve as a volunteer. Any potential volunteer, who is uncomfortable completing the PGC online, please register for the live session ASAP. We are in need of 10 registrants for the workshop to be held.



## SANCTUARY CANDLE FOR THIS WEEK,

from December 29 through January 4, is being offered in

memory of:

**THE LIVING AND DECEASED  
BENEFACTORS OF  
SAINT PAUL CATHEDRAL**

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## BANNS OF MARRIAGE.

Please remember to keep in your prayers the following couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage at Saint Paul Cathedral in the coming weeks:

I - Chuck McCullough and  
Adrianna Miele

III - Franklin Leach and  
Kathleen Petnuch

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**SAINTS OF THE WEEK.** On **January 4**, we celebrate the life of **SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON**, one of the keystones of the American Catholic Church. Elizabeth Ann, by birth and marriage, was connected to the first families of New York and enjoyed the fruits of high society. She was born in 1774, two years before the Declaration of Independence, and raised as an Episcopalian. At age 19, she married a wealthy businessman, William Seton. Together they had five children, but William died of tuberculosis and Elizabeth, at the age of 30 was left a widow and penniless. While in Italy with her dying husband, Elizabeth was exposed to the beauty and strength of the Catholic faith, and she converted. Many of her family and friends rejected her when she became a Catholic. She opened a school in Baltimore and founded the Sisters of Charity. She suffered great trials of sickness, misunderstanding, rejection and the death of loved ones. She had two great devotions: an ardent love for the Blessed Sacrament and an abandonment in trust to the will of God. Mother Seton told her sisters: "The first end I proposed in our daily work is to do the will of God; secondly, to do it in the manner he wills it; and thirdly to do it because it is his will." Mother Seton died on January 4, 1821 and was the first American-born citizen to be beatified in 1963 and then canonized in 1975. **January 5** marks the Feast of **SAINT JOHN NEUMANN**. Born in Bohemia, Saint John felt called to be missionary and was received by the bishop of New York in 1836. He was assigned to work in Buffalo and Rochester with the Native American and German born converts. But in 1840 Saint John Neumann was drawn to join the Redemptorists and even served at Saint Philomena parish in Squirrel Hill for a time. Because of his outstanding pastoral service and holiness was elected to the Vice-Provincial of that order in Baltimore. In 1852, Pope Pius X named him the Bishop of Philadelphia. He was a "bishop of the people," travelling great distances and facing many personal hardships so he could have contact with those he served. He had nearly 170,000 German, Irish and Italian Catholics and worked to learn both Italian and Gaelic so he could speak to everyone in their own language. He built schools, wrote catechisms, introduced the Eucharistic devotion of 40 hours and visited many parishes where he celebrated Mass, heard confessions and preached. John Neumann literally worked himself to death. He collapsed from physical exhaustion and died on January 5, 1860 and was canonized in 1977, the first American bishop to become a saint.

## POPE FRANCIS' MESSAGE FOR WORLD DAY OF PEACE 2019.

"The world will not have peace without people having mutual trust and respecting each other's word," the Vatican said as it announced Pope Francis' 2019 World Peace Day message would focus on "good politics." "Good politics is at the service of peace" will be the theme for the January 1 commemoration and for the message Pope Francis will write for the occasion. The Vatican said Pope Francis' message will underline how political responsibility belongs to all citizens, especially those given the mandate "to protect and to govern." "This mission consists in safeguarding law and in encouraging dialogue among stakeholders in society, between generations and among cultures," the Vatican said. "There is no peace without mutual trust. And the first condition for trust is respecting one's word," it said. Political involvement is one of the loftiest expressions of charity, it said, and it brings with it a concern for "the future of life and the planet, of the young and the least, in their thirst of fulfillment." When people's rights are respected, then they will start to feel their own "duty to respect the rights of others," the Vatican note said. The rights and responsibilities of each person help foster people's awareness of belonging to the same community with others and with God, it added. "We are thus called to bring and proclaim peace as the good news of a future where every living being will be respected in its dignity and rights."

**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 18 at 6:30 am and we will return to the Cathedral Parking Lot the same day at about 11:00 pm. We will offer a special Mass for all who are participating – and anyone who wishes to join us for Mass that morning – at 5:45 am in the Cathedral. The cost for the trip will be \$30 per person. This will only pay for half the cost of the bus – our parish grouping will cover the other half so we can make the trip affordable to those who are going. A special discounted price for college students will be \$15. Checks can be made payable to Saint Paul Cathedral and are non-refundable as you will be reserving a seat that will be unable to be filled if you back out. Father Adam Potter and Deacon Tom Berna will be leading this year's March for Life bus trip. If you are interested in going on the "March for Life," please contact the Cathedral rectory at 412-621-4951 or email the Cathedral office at [info@saintpaulcathedral.org](mailto:info@saintpaulcathedral.org) and in the email please include your name and your telephone number. You must be at least 18 years old to travel on our bus; anyone under 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult who will be your chaperone for the day. You will need to mail or bring your check to the Cathedral rectory office no later than January 7. First come, first served as the bus does fill up quickly. Please consider joining us.

**OUR MONTHLY AFTERNOON OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** will not be held today, Sunday, December 30 at Saint Paul Cathedral because of a conflict that we have with our schedule this month. But please note that we hold a monthly afternoon of Eucharistic Adoration on the last Sunday of each month. 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 Eucharistic. The next one is scheduled for Sunday, January 27.

### *Young Adult Ministry Corner*

**THIRST KERYGMA RETREAT (JANUARY 11-13, 2019).** The Oakland Young Adult Ministry is having its second annual weekend retreat! The theme is based on Jesus' words "I thirst" and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The purpose is to learn more about how Christ loves us (Hint: He thirsts for us.) and how to grow in union with Him. The retreat is Friday evening through Sunday afternoon and will be held in the Martina Spiritual Renewal Center in the North Hills. The cost is \$120, which includes all meals, activities, and two nights at the Martina center. To register, please contact Bridget Finnegan ([bridget.finnegan@gmail.com](mailto:bridget.finnegan@gmail.com)) to send a payment through PayPal. The PayPal link can also be found via the Oakland Young Adult Ministry Facebook page for the event. If you would like to come but require financial assistance, please contact Father Adam Potter ([apotter@diopitt.org](mailto:apotter@diopitt.org)) or Bridget Finnegan ([bridget.finnegan@gmail.com](mailto:bridget.finnegan@gmail.com)) directly. We hope you can be a part of this wonderful retreat!

### *Saint Paul Cathedral*

**MANY THANKS AGAIN FOR THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE CHRISTMAS FLOWERS.** They are beautiful again this year. We remember the names of everyone for whom the flower donations were made in the prayers and Masses we say throughout the Christmas season. This week we are including the names of those who were remembered with flower donations that have come in recently:

**In Memory of:**

Teresa Adams  
Richard Cosentino  
John Donauer  
Regis Hagan  
Mary Klimek  
Denis M. McGregor

Edward J. McGregor  
Anthony and Verna Nocito  
Arturo and Laura Rodriguez  
Gracie Signore

**In Honor of:**

Diane Faust  
Bishop Zubik and Diocese of Pittsburgh Clergy

**WHAT A MAGNIFICENT CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION** we are having this year at the Cathedral. It was wonderful to see so many people here for the Christmas Masses. It was a most holy and uplifting celebration of the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ! I extend a special word of thanks to everyone who helped to make the Christmas liturgies so beautiful. Thanks to our altar servers, lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, all those who helped in the sacristy and those who helped to clean the Church. I offer a special word of gratitude to Don Fellows, Ken Danchik, the choir members, handbell choir members and our cantors for a magnificent job with the music. We are very blessed at the Cathedral parish to have such dedicated, talented and faith-filled people in so many different ministries.

**FOR ALL THE LECTORS, EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION, ALTAR SERVERS, CANTORS, CHOIR AND HANDBELL CHOIR MEMBERS, USHERS, GREETERS AND TELEVISION MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS** who did not yet pick up your Christmas gift in the sacristy, please stop in this week. This is a small but important token of our appreciation for your service to the parish.

**A SPECIAL WORD OF THANKS** to all who helped to decorate the Church this year. We had a number of volunteers who gave of their time and talent in planning the Christmas decorations and actually doing the work. I thought the Church looked spectacular this year, and so many of those who came to Mass on Christmas expressed their appreciation for the beauty of the Cathedral. It was a source of immense pride for me as your pastor and I want to thank everyone who helped. I want to thank Dan's Floral Designs, in Pitcairn, for their great work with our flowers this year and thanks to all who contributed with flower donations in memory of loved ones as well. A very special word of thanks goes out to all those who worked behind the scenes and helped in so many ways to get the Church ready for Christmas. What a great work you did! God bless you.

**AS WE COME TO THE END OF THIS CALENDAR YEAR**, I want to thank every single person who has contributed financially to the support of the Cathedral parish over the course of this past year. I am so very grateful for your good and faithful stewardship. The Cathedral provides so many services and ministries that benefit our parishioners and others from around the diocese and the larger community. We could never accomplish all we do with the immense generosity of the faithful, particularly your support in the Sunday offertory collection. To all who contribute regularly I want to express my deepest appreciation. To all our benefactors and those who have helped to support a number of important projects over the past year at the Cathedral, I extend my deepest thanks and ask God's abundant blessings on you and your families. All of you are remembered in a special way at the celebration of Mass each day. May God bless you.

**THE WORD AMONG US** for January 2019 is available at the pamphlet racks near the two side entrances to the Church. These monthly worship aids contain the readings and meditations for the daily and Sunday Mass for the entire month. Complimentary copies are provided by the parish to those who can use them. We encourage our daily Mass attendees to take a copy, as well as anyone who might be homebound and watching the Mass on television. This can be a help to follow the readings and the Mass prayers. They are available at the end of each month for the next month until all the copies are taken.

**MANY THANKS TO THE FREYVOGEL FUNERAL HOME** for donating the 2019 calendars for the Cathedral again this year. They are available at the doors of the Church. We ask that you take one copy with you so that everyone has an opportunity to get a calendar for their home.

**CONSIDER REMEMBERING THE CATHEDRAL** in your own estate planning and will. It is a wonderful way of helping to use your resources long after you are gone for the many good works of the Church which touch the lives of so many people.

**THE CATHEDRAL ENROLLMENT SOCIETY** is a way of remembering those who have died or the special needs of those living with a monthly Mass that is offered for all who have been registered in the Cathedral Enrollment Society. A donation is made in honor of the person being enrolled; since a single Mass intention requires a \$10.00, we are asking for a minimum donation of \$25 but we ask that you make a donation that is fitting for someone to be remembered at 12 Masses throughout the year. This is a beautiful gift that can be given to a family on the loss of a loved one and provides the grace and fruits of 12 Masses throughout the year for that person (it seems a far more fruitful way of remembering someone who has died than sending flowers to the funeral home!). In addition, the donation being made in honor of this person will be used to help the many activities and programs of the Cathedral parish that help so many people who come to us each week.

*Saint Regis Parish*

**TODAY'S MASS** (December 30) is being offered for **NANCY & BILL & JOE & LEONARD STICKLES** as requested by the Stickles Family.

**PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS**

<b>Monday, December 31</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Tuesday, January 1</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>

**LITURGICAL CALENDARS FOR 2019** are available at the church entrance. There is a bilingual version in English and Spanish as well as an Italian version. Many thanks to the Elachko Funeral Home in Oakland for this kind donation!

**HAPPY NEW YEAR - FELIZ AÑO NUEVO - BUON ANNO - FELIZ ANO NOVO - SZCZĘŚLIWEGO NOWEGO ROKU!** May our Lord and His Mother shower upon you all abundant blessings! Che il Bambin Gesu' e la Madonna vi benedicano durante quest'anno di grazia!

**¡QUE TENGAN UN BENDITO AÑO NUEVO** y que nuestro Señor y Su Santísima Madre los llenen de bendiciones!

**CALENDARIOS LITURGICOS PARA EL 2019** se encuentran disponibles en las entradas de la iglesia. Tenemos una versión bilingüe, inglés y español as como una versión en italiano. ¡Muchas gracias a la Casa Funeraria Elachko en Oakland por esta amable donación!

**HORARIO DE LA OFICINA PARROQUIAL**

<b>Lunes, 31 de diciembre</b>	<b>CERRADA</b>
<b>Martes, 1ro de enero</b>	<b>CERRADA</b>

**¿QUE PASO CON ESOS PROPOSITOS DE AÑO NUEVO?** La experiencia común acerca de Los Propósitos de Año Nuevo es "hacerlas hoy y romperlas mañana" ¿De qué se trata? ¿Qué debe hacer uno para ser fiel a estos propósitos? Generalmente las resoluciones de Año Nuevo tiene defectos que les dan un mal comienzo y fallan al no tener lo que es necesario para cumplirlas. Para que una resolución de Año Nuevo pueda dar fruto, debe ser hecha con referencia a Dios. A menudo hacemos resoluciones para cumplir nuestras propias ideas de nosotros mismos, para hacer las cosas más como NOSOTROS pensamos que deberían ser. Lo que es necesario para un propósito fructuoso es consultar a Dios, buscar Su plan para nosotros suplicar la Sabiduría Divina para tener la gracia de hacer buenos propósitos. Segundo, si deseamos perseverar en nuestro propósito, debemos de ejercer la humildad y constantemente depender de Dios Si nuestra resolución es una constante búsqueda de Su Santa Voluntad, El ciertamente nos asistirá. ¿Podemos sugerir algunas resoluciones "espirituales" para el año 2019?

- Escoger un mal hábito de su vida cada mes y quitarlo.
- Rezar el Rosario diariamente
- Ayunar a pan y agua o absténgase de algo que le gusta cada miércoles y viernes en honor de Nuestra Señora
- Hacer un examen de conciencia todos los días y confesarse una vez al mes
- Leer la Biblia diariamente y medite en ella
- Hacer una Hora Santa al mes o visitar el Santísimo Sacramento cada semana

Cada uno de nosotros necesitamos honestamente examinar nuestras vidas y darnos cuenta en donde el Señor nos está llamando a la conversión.

**LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, December 30**  
**EEM:** Patricia Marino  
**Lector:** Theresa Riley

**Sunday, January 6**  
**EEM:** Yolanda Caruso

**THE SANCTUARY LAMPS BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** burn this week in thanksgiving (Antoinette Carcia) and for the special intentions of James and Jean Johnson.

**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.

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## THE COLLECTION FOR THE MAINTENANCE FUND

on the weekend of Sunday, December 16 totaled \$737.00. Many thanks to those who donate to this important fund.

## THE CRUCIFIX OF CHRIST THE HIGH PRIEST

is in the home of **GIL AND JEAN MALEK** this week. Sign up sheets for reservations for the traveling Crucifix will be along the altar railing this weekend, December 29-30. After this weekend please call the office to reserve the Crucifix. You are encouraged to sign up to take the Crucifix into your home for a week and use the accompanying prayer booklet to pray for vocations.

## CALENDARS FOR 2019

are distributed through the courtesy of the Edward P. Kanai Funeral Home.

## PROJECT CANDLE OF PEACE.

Years ago our parish began this tradition. It's simple to participate: take a single electric or battery-operated candle with a clear bulb and place it in a window, which is visible from the street. When these lights are seen throughout the parish, may we be reminded to say a prayer for our youth, for the safety of our neighborhoods, and for peace in our city as well as throughout the world. So, when taking down your Christmas decorations, don't forget to join us in our "Project Candle of Peace."

## WE WILL BE REVIEWING

the envelopes used in 2018 and cancelling any which were not utilized throughout the year.

## THE RESPECT LIFE

**COMMITTEE** will be collecting for the food bank after all of the Masses next weekend.

## Saint Rosalia Parish

### WISHING ALL OF YOU A HEALTHY, HAPPY NEW YEAR!

#### Prayer for the New Year

*Remember us, O God;  
From age to age be our comforter.  
You have given us the wonder of time,  
blessings in days and nights, seasons and years.  
Bless your people at the turning of the year  
and fill the months ahead with the bright hope  
that is ours in the coming of Christ.  
You are our God, living and reigning, forever and ever.  
Amen*

**JANUARY 1 IS THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**, a holyday of obligation. The Mass schedule for the holyday at Saint Rosalia is:

Monday, December 31 at 4:00 pm  
Tuesday, January 1 at 11:00 am

The rectory office will be closed on December 31 and January 1.

**ST. ROSALIA CHURCH PURSE BASH** featuring designer handbags from *Kate Spade, Coach, Vera Bradley* and *Michael Kors* on Saturday, February 2 from 7-11 pm (doors open at 6 at St. Rosalia Church Hall 411 Greenfield Avenue). Tickets are \$30 and include: 4 numbers for purse raffle (every 15 minutes starting at 7. Last purse raffle is at 10:30), food, and beverages. BYOB! Additional raffles and Chinese Auction will also be available. Winner need not be present to win raffle. For more information or tickets call Amy (412) 606-9341 or Christina (412) 596-5955. Hope to see you there!

### MEETING SCHEDULE

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

**MARY'S ROSALIAN ROSARY MINISTRY** meets to make rosaries the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the resource room in the new school building. Everyone is welcome to join us. All we need are willing hands and open hearts as we honor our Blessed Mother by making rosaries for different ministries as well as shut-ins, nursing homes, high schools, jail facilities and our Military. All supplies are provided. We pray the Rosary the last Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Church. All are welcome.

**PRE-BAPTISM CLASS** is required for parents and should be prior to child's birth. Classes are held on the last Sunday of the following months: January, March, May, July, September and November at 1:15 pm in Saint Rosalia Church. Call the rectory office to register for the class.

**RCIA** inquiries can be made by emailing Sister Ann Rosalia at [srannrosalia@yahoo.com](mailto:srannrosalia@yahoo.com).

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** inquiries can be made by emailing Terri Taormina at [faithformation@saintrosalia.org](mailto:faithformation@saintrosalia.org).

**YOUTH GROUP.** The St. Stephen / St. Rosalia Youth Group is for students in grades 8-12. The group meets from 6:30-8 pm every other Wednesday at either St. Rosalia School or at St. Stephen Pastoral Center (131 E. Elizabeth St.).

*Saint Stephen Parish***UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS for the week of December 30, 2018:**

**Monday, December 31:** Office Closed

**Tuesday, January 1:** 9:30 am New Year's Mass - Office Closed

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE for the week of January 6, 2019**

**Lector:** Chelle Pronko

**Server:** Colin Pronko

**EEM:** Pattie Duff  
Lupe Mangan  
Bob Jenkins  
Ruth Ann Stilwell

**Cross Bearer:** Aaron Nash

**THE COLLECTION TOTALS** from the week of Sunday, December 16 are as follows. Many thanks to those who donate to these important parish funds:

<b>Repairs:</b>	\$ 148.25
<b>Votives:</b>	\$ 32.00
<b>Catholic Paper:</b>	\$ 11.00
<b>Christmas:</b>	\$ 100.00
<b>Immaculate Conception:</b>	\$ 44.00
<b>Donations:</b>	\$ 600.00

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** The staff of Saint Stephen would like to wish everyone a Happy, Healthy & Prosperous New Year.

**NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS** will be celebrated at 9:30 am at Saint Stephen. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Please see the bulletin for Mass times for Saint Paul Cathedral, Saint Rosalia Parish and Saint Regis Parish.

**THE PARISH OFFICE** will close at on Monday, December 31, New Year's Eve and on Tuesday, January 1, New Year's Day.

**JANUARY MONTHLY TICKETS** are available after Mass this weekend, Sunday, December 30. Sellers please pick up your February tickets.

**SANCTUARY LIGHT MEMORIAL.** This week the Sanctuary Light burns in the memory of **TIMOTHY BERDAR** as requested by Karen Guiser.

**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.

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

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

**THANK YOU** to James and Isabelle Kelly, Jr for their donation to Saint Stephen Parish in memory of Bill O'Neil.

# *Kathedral Konfections*

## *Peanut Brittle*

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## *Kathedral Konfections Peanut Brittle*

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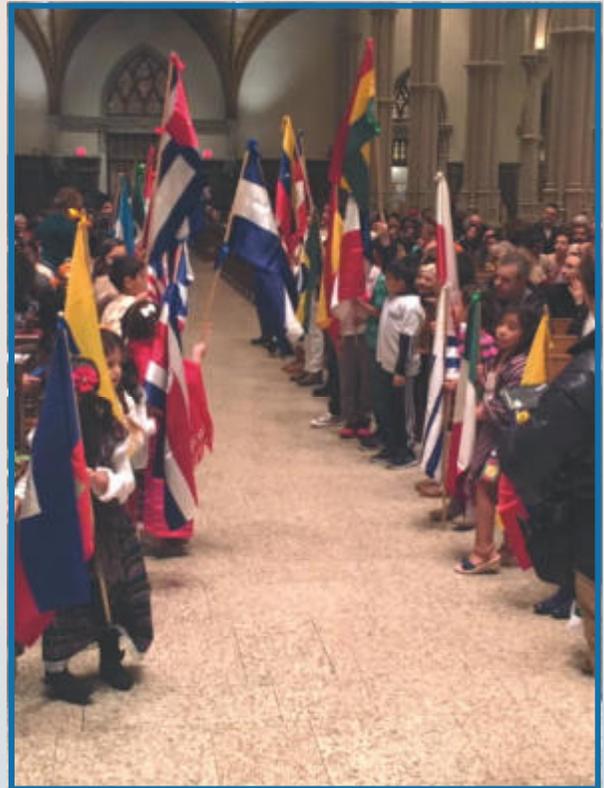
## *Gaudete Sunday*

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# *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

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## *Father Adam Potter's Advent Bible Study*

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## *Happy New Year!*

*May 2019 bring health, happiness, and many graces and blessings from God to you and to your families.*

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- **Application deadline:** January 7, 2019
- **Student Notification:** By end of January 2019
- **Trip Dates:** If selected, students can chose between the following trip dates:
  - June 14 – 24
  - June 28 – July 8

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Or contact Project Chair: Gary Slifkey @ [gslifkey@diopitt.org](mailto:gslifkey@diopitt.org) or 412.334.7804



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Location	Intention
<b>Monday, December 31, Saint Sylvester I, Pope</b> <i>1 Jn 2:18-21 * Jn 1:1-18</i>	8:15 AM	St. Paul Cathedral	Mary McCrory
	10:00 AM	St. Stephen	In Remembrance of the Tree of Life Victims
	12:05 PM	St. Paul Cathedral	Louis and Bertha Lamanna
	4:00 PM	St. Rosalia	Louis and Josephine Cava
<b>Tuesday, January 1, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</b> <i>Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21</i>	8:15 AM	St. Paul Cathedral	Cathedral Benefactors
	9:30 AM	St. Stephen	For the Parish
	10:00 AM	St. Paul Cathedral	People of the Parish
	11:00 AM	St. Regis	For the Parishioners / Por los Parroquianos
	11:00 AM	St. Rosalia	For World Peace
<b>Wednesday, January 2, Saints Basil the Great &amp; Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church</b> <i>1 Jn 2:22-28 * Jn 1:19-28</i>	8:15 AM	St. Paul Cathedral	Thomas Tunney
	10:00 AM	St. Stephen	Timothy Berdar
	12:05 PM	St. Paul Cathedral	William Fitzgerald
	7:00 PM	St. Paul Cathedral	NO NOVENA
<b>Thursday, January 3, The Most Holy Name of Jesus</b> <i>1 Jn 2:29-3:6 * Jn 1:29-34</i>	8:15 AM	St. Paul Cathedral	Alejo Alba
	10:00 AM	St. Regis	Nunzio Sciulli
	12:05 PM	St. Paul Cathedral	Joseph Stewart
<b>Friday, January 4, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious</b> <i>1 Jn 3:7-10 * Jn 1:35-42</i>	8:15 AM	St. Paul Cathedral	Clarence Shuker
	10:00 AM	St. Rosalia	Joan Demme
	12:05 PM	St. Paul Cathedral	Saint Paul Cathedral Ladies of Charity
<b>Saturday, January 5, Saint John Neumann, Bishop</b> <i>1 Jn 3:11-21 * Jn 1:43-51</i>	8:15 AM	St. Paul Cathedral	Mary Tunney
	12:05 PM	St. Paul Cathedral	The Living and Deceased Members of the Bliss Family
	4:00 PM	St. Rosalia	Bucky Skeels
	6:00 PM	St. Paul Cathedral	Gina Sciulli
<b>Sunday, January 6, The Epiphany of the Lord</b> <i>Is 60:1-6 * Eph 3:2-3a. 5-6 * Mt 2:1-12</i>	6:30 AM	St. Paul Cathedral	William Fisher
	9:30 AM	St. Stephen	Barbara and Brian Sullivan
	10:00 AM	St. Paul Cathedral	The Deceased Members of the Stubna and Welker Families
	10:00 AM	St. Regis	Diodoro and Teresina DiMatteo and Mary Palmer
	11:00 AM	St. Rosalia	Louis and Josephine Cava
	12:00 PM	St. Paul Cathedral	Willard Hoel
	12:00 PM	St. Regis Spanish Mass	For the Parishioners / Por los Parroquianos
	6:00 PM	St. Paul Cathedral	People of the Parish

FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP

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

<b>Saint Paul Cathedral</b>	<b>Saint Regis</b>	<b>Saint Rosalia</b>	<b>Saint Stephen</b>
The Sunday, Dec. 16 collection total will be posted in next week's bulletin	<b>Sunday, Dec. 16: \$ 1,571.00</b>	<b>Sunday, Dec. 16: \$ 3,872.00</b>	<b>Sunday, Dec. 16: \$ 3,585.61</b>

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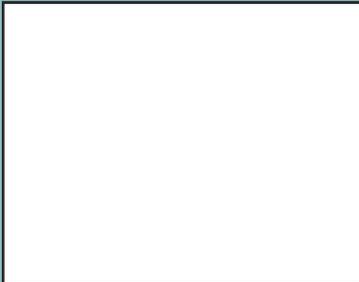


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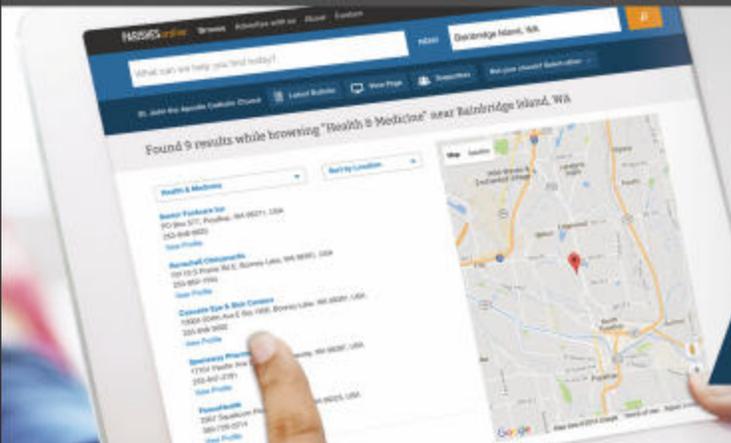
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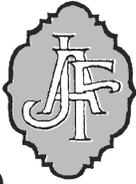
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