

# The Roman Catholic Community of **SAINT PASCHAL BAYLON**



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## **Our Mission**

**Saint Paschal Baylon is a joyful, welcoming community centered in the Eucharist. We are administered by the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament (SSS) in the Diocese of Cleveland. Through our liturgy and prayer, we are empowered to grow in faith, love and service.**

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## **Worship of the Eucharist**

**Saturday:** 4:30 pm *in church*  
**Sunday:** 8:30 am, 10:30 am, & 6:30 pm *in church*  
**Weekdays:** 9:00 am *in church*, 11:30 am *in Saint Ann Shrine*  
**Saturday:** 9:00 am *in church*

## **Confession**

**Saturday:** 3:30 – 4:15 pm *in church or by appointment*,  
Communal Services during Advent and Lent

## **Anointing of the Sick**

**First Sunday of the month:** after every Mass *in OLBS Chapel in church.*

## **Liturgy of the Hours**

**Morning Prayer:** 8:00 am *in church*  
**Evening Prayer:** 4:45 pm *OLBS Chapel in church (M–F only)*

## **The Rosary**

**Monday – Saturday:** 8:30 am *in church*  
**Wednesday:** 11 am *in Saint Ann Shrine*

## **Veneration of the Relic of Saint Ann**

**Tuesday:** 11:20 am *in Saint Ann Shrine or ask a priest before or after Mass to prepare for surgery or for other spiritual needs.*

## **Prayer in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament**

Our Community @ Prayer ministry continues the tradition of keeping vigil until the Lord Jesus Christ returns in glory. Our prayer extends the blessings of the Mass where we share in the Risen Christ's Body and Blood.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (a liturgical act) occurs Thursdays from 9:30 am until 8:00 pm with special exposition time throughout the year (i.e., Taizé Eucharistic Holy Hours, Saint Ann Triduum, Saint Peter Julian Eymard Triduum, etc.). See inside the bulletin for details.

The church is always open for prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle ("adoration"). Please make a visit to pray, as Saint Peter Julian Eymard would say, the "4-ends" of adoration, forgiveness, thanksgiving and petition. When the church is locked, see the pastor for the special parking area and code to enter the church to pray throughout the night in the tradition of nocturnal prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

## **Media**

**Bulletin Material:** email: Bulletin@SaintPaschal.com  
Join us on all major social media.

**YouTube Channel:** visit: Church.SaintPaschal.net to subscribe for our regular videos and worship events, broadcasted and archived.

## MASS INTENTIONS AND HAPPENINGS AT SAINT PASCHAL BAYLON December 22-28, 2025

*Thank you for your generosity to the Blessed Sacrament Community for the Mass Intentions and requests for prayers. We speak aloud all we pray for at Mass, as you hear at each Mass. We mention these names with our regular intentions. Here is who we will remember this week:*

<p><b>Monday, December 22</b> Advent Weekday [4] 1 Sm 1:24-28; (Ps) 1Sm 2:1, 4-8d; Lk 1:46-56</p>	<p>9:00 AM MASS: † Edward Rupena 11:30 AM MASS: <b>NO MASS</b> (Saint Ann Shrine)</p>	<p>3:00-4:30 PM: Organ Rehearsal – CH 6:30-8:00 PM: Annual Evening of Confession – CH</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, December 23</b> Saint John of Kanty, Priest Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5b, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66</p>	<p>9:00 AM MASS: Benefactors Supporting our Legacy 11:30 AM MASS: † Felix Strzelecki (Saint Ann Shrine)</p>	<p>9:30 AM-4:00 PM: Arts &amp; Environment – CH 1:30-3:30 PM: Tuesday Table Games – DK</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, December 24</b> Vigil of The Nativity of The Lord Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14</p>	<p>9:00 AM MASS: <b>NO MASS</b> 11:30 AM MASS: <b>NO MASS</b> (Saint Ann Shrine) 4:00 PM MASS: † Josie Mazza 8:00 PM MASS: John DiCionna</p>	
<p><b>Thursday, December 25</b> The Nativity of The Lord Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20</p>	<p>8:30 AM MASS: Benefactors Supporting our Legacy 10:30 AM MASS: † Mike Hart 11:30 AM MASS: <b>NO MASS</b> (Saint Ann Shrine)</p>	
<p><b>Friday, December 26</b> Saint Stephen, The First Martyr Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc-17; Mt 10:17-22</p>	<p>9:00 AM MASS: † Umberto &amp; Margarita Frate 11:30 AM MASS: <b>NO MASS</b> (Saint Ann Shrine)</p>	
<p><b>Saturday, December 27</b> Saint John, Apostle, Evangelist 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8</p>	<p>9:00 AM MASS: † Umberto &amp; Margarita Frate 4:30 PM MASS: † James Vojtek</p>	
<p><b>Sunday, December 28</b> The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21 Mt 2:13-15, 19-23</p>	<p>8:30 AM MASS: † Helen Hocevar (Birthday) 10:30 AM MASS: † Edward Kazimir (Birthday) 6:30 PM MASS: Benefactors Supporting our Legacy</p>	

Email [bulletin@saintpaschal.com](mailto:bulletin@saintpaschal.com) with your name and email requesting to be added to our weekly eNewsletter, *Paschal Life*.

### CAMPUS KEY FOR ROOM LOCATIONS

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| AR = Arkin’s Conference Rm | FLL = Family Life Library    |
| CC = Church Chapel         | JB = Saint Julie Billiard Rm |
| CN = Church Narthex        | JG = Jette Gym               |
| CH = Church                | MR = FLC Music Rm            |
| DK = Sr. Dorothy Kazel Rm  | PP = Parish Parlor           |
| EK = Eymard Kitchen        | OBH = O’Brien Hall           |
| ER = Eymard Rm             | SC = School                  |
| FLC = Family Life Center   | YG = Youth Group Rm          |

### YOUTH GROUP MEMBERS

*Questions? Contact Mrs. Cross, Director of Youth Ministry, at [ecross@saintpaschal.com](mailto:ecross@saintpaschal.com)*



Scan above to find our scheduled upcoming events, forms & more



Scan above to sign up for meetings, volunteer/service opportunities, trips & more

## A LETTER FROM FR. LANE



**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND WE CELEBRATE TODAY THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT:** As we prepare for Christmas on Thursday, this Sunday's readings prepare us for the historical story of our salvation. Our readings are filled with signs, wonders, and dreams that show how God enters into our world, even when we have our doubts or fears.

What is God's plan for you right now? Does it include bringing "Emmanuel" to others – that is, showing God to others? This is always our barometer in living our faith. As Paul says to the Romans, we are living the Gospel of Jesus Christ and called to belong to this family – a family of peace and grace. May this holy season of Advent end with a renewed sense of grace and trust in God's dreams for us.

**NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING:** Father Louis and the Verdone Family will be welcoming any young person who is able to hold a candle, from second grade on up, to become an altar server. The training sessions will be held after school at 2:30-3:30 PM in the church, on the following **WEDNESDAYS OF JANUARY: 7, 14, 21 and 28**, with the installation during the Catholic Schools Week Mass – PSR Edition – **Sunday, February 1, 10:30 AM**. Parents are welcome to also become altar servers with their students. (The photo with this column is the great team of servers we already have from last year's Confirmation Mass. Through this column you will see our servers with Father Louis and Father JK. Join the team!)

**WE ALSO NEED MORE ADULT FUNERAL SERVERS:** Please contact the Parish Office for details and to sign up. You are welcome to join with Father Louis and Anthony for the training on Wednesday afternoons, too.

**OUR NEXT BIG PROJECT:** While we are in the midst of our Capital Campaign, other maintenance issues always pop

up. As usual, SPB handles and juggles multiple projects at once, with different funds set aside to address our maintenance issues. Let's review!

- We have a low 3% interest rate; we have been slowly paying off our driveways and parking lots. (We have the funds to pay them off, but we use the maintenance account also for emergencies. While we hope for none, our Finance Council firmly believes in staying with the slow and steady pace of paying off our loan. We still have less than \$100,000.00 to go.



- The two halls are now in the beginning stages of their actual renovation; we thank all who have contributed, especially the 19 school families. Through the regular donations, the two halls are covered.
- Phase 3 of the Capital Campaign is for the bathrooms in the early childhood wing – the original 70-year-old bathrooms and kitchens. There is major **new** infrastructure that has to be put in. That's why the pricetag now for phase 3 is \$700,000.00.
- At the same time these items are being addressed, last week I shared what is a bigger concern that we can address: the 54-year-old church lighting system. Yes, the bulbs are dimmer, and we use breakers to turn the lights on and off, not regular light switches. These are deteriorating and being replaced little by little. Additionally, the bulbs are going as well as their fixtures. It's held up well for all these years, but it's now showing its age. (We have our maintenance team, John Margevicius, Jeff from the electrical world and Knights of Columbus looking into our next system. Thankfully, some gave us a starter gift for the project, annoyed about their area of darkness in the church. We will keep you posted. Meanwhile, if your section in church is darker and you cannot read the hymnal to sing or follow the readings, please sit in an area that has the lighting still working.

I hope that this column helps you in understanding our projects and also our regular daily staffing and campus care. We are so grateful for your generous first envelope for that. At Christmas time, we want you, as good stewards, to know what you support and why! It's part of our transparency goal as our church continues to evangelize the Good News, teaching our young people, those becoming Catholic and maintaining a 72-year-old, 26-acre campus. We are blessed with so much! You make that possible.



**PLAN YOUR HOLIDAY TRADITIONS:** As we look to our Christmas Masses this week, don't forget other things coming up too that are just as important:

- **Blessing of the Family** is during the weekend Masses **December 27 – 4:30 PM** (Vigil) or **Sunday, December 28** at 8:30 AM or 10:30 AM or 6:30 PM
- **Mass for Mary, Mother of God** is **Wednesday, December 31, 4:30 PM** (Vigil) or **Thursday, January 1, 8:30 or 10:30 AM** – a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION AND CELEBRATION! We will also celebrate our daily and church's traditional Morning Prayer at 8:00 AM
- **Blessing of the Home** – Epiphany Kits are available at the weekend Masses of **January 3-4, 2026**.

**ANNIVERSARY OF FATHER EYMARD'S CANONIZATION:**

I was remiss a few weeks back (and mostly because I write this column weeks in advance during this holiday production time – for I write this column on December 4 now) to mention our dear founder, Saint Peter Julian Eymard's anniversary of canonization. On December 9, 1962, Father Eymard became known as a saint. One of the reasons that he was proclaimed such was because he cured someone from cancer. Due to this, our order in India has been promoting a prayer, invoking more assistance from Saint Eymard to cure those with cancer. Here is that special prayer, adapted for our American readers:

**Prayer for the Cure of Cancer  
with Saint Peter Julian Eymard –  
Miracle Worker for Curing Cancer  
Anniversary of Canonization – December 9, 1962  
adapted by John Thomas Lane, SSS  
from the Indian SSS Province  
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*Dear Saint Peter Julian Eymard,*

*Behold your fellow child of God in prayer, for we have come to plead for a special favor through your powerful intercession.*

*We acknowledge that through your gift of self to the Eucharistic Christ, you sought God's will in all things by abandoning yourself to God and Christ in the Eucharist.*

*Father Eymard,*

*We plead you to present our petition to our Lord in the Eucharist with us in humble prayer in the presence of the Eucharist.*

*Dear Saint, we love you! We place our trust in you with our faith and through the gift of self, that your prayer for the healing grace of God is most powerful. We trust that your prayers for us will be answered.*

*Hear and grant our special need for ..... **(name of the person or one's self)***

*curing the malignant cells in their body of ..... **(naming the cancer organ/place in their body)***

*with the power from the Precious Body and Blood of the Eucharistic Christ.*

*Help them, dear Father Eymard, that they may also accept the will of God for their suffering.*

*We ask this also through the intercession of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, who together with you give God the glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

**OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE MATTERS:**

- **CHURCH IS OPEN 24/7:** Come be in the presence of God! We open from 6:00 AM-8:00 PM without a code; you may use the parking lot by the SSS Kitchen Lot and come in the special door to pray in the church or chapel after these hours. See me for the code.
- **JOIN IN MORNING PRAYER** every day at 8:00 AM for this twenty-minute prayer and praise to God. We also have Evening Prayer in church at 4:45 PM.  
**DAILY MASS:** Hopefully you know that this is important thing for us to participate in at either 9:00 AM or 11:30 AM.
- **EXPOSITION AND PRAYER IN THE PRESENCE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Also, for Advent, we are adding times of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament beside Thursdays:
  - **7:30-8:15 AM,** Monday-Friday with Morning Prayer
  - **9:30-10:30 AM,** Monday-Friday after Mass
  - You may come and pray in the chapel 24/7, just ask for the password.

- **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION – CONFESSION:** Now every Monday night 6:00-7:00 PM in the church's reconciliation chapel by the baptismal font.

**SPRING FLING 17 PLANNING BEGINS:** Assist Jon Detzel, Michelle Mazza and Stephanie Evans as they start our next major fundraiser for our parish's life. As you know, all the parishes in the area have gone to an in-house fun day to support the parish and not worry about harming our neighbors' properties. We need your help to make our advertising booklet spectacular, support the day with great food and fellowship. Assist the Ladies Guild, Knights of Columbus and staff with their support of this fundraiser also for the teachers' benefits and our school building improvements. We are always making things better for the future. **The celebration is Saturday, May 16, 2026.**

**ELSEWHERE IN THE BULLETIN:**

- See the Christmas schedule; help me with the lighting of the church during the three (one 8:00 PM is covered). You will also enjoy the ancient "Christmas Proclamation" at each of the Masses followed by the *Mass of the Blessed Sacrament* "Gloria."
- We also look forward to having families bringing up the baby Jesus in the opening procession of the Christmas Masses. Let me know if you wish to have your family participate.
- **Need to be confirmed?** Classes start this January for adults who missed the sacrament. Call the Parish Office to register for the six-week sessions after the 8:30 AM Mass on Sundays.

**THE JUBILEE YEAR IS ENDING SOON – HAVE YOU MADE A VISIT TO SAINT ANN? Have you made your visit to the Diocesan Shrine of Saint Ann?** You can also come, even after the Jubilee Year is over, however, it is important to note that Sunday, December 28 is the last day. Sadly, our Jubilee Year banner is over as we moved into Advent. **COME TO THE CATHEDRAL FOR THE FINAL MASS WITH BISHOP MALESIC – Sunday, December 28 at 5:30 PM.**

*On behalf of the Blessed Sacrament Community,* our Pastoral Staff, that is grateful for your support, and the Sisters of Notre Dame, have the best Christmas ever, especially in the context of our wonderful liturgies around the clock. May Christ renew your family in love, peace and joy! We love you and are so grateful. Let us continue to pray for each other and blessings to you as you begin the three weeks of Christmas Time.

In Christ our Eucharist,

Very Reverend John Thomas J. Lane, SSS, SPB Class of 1979  
Pastor & Provincial Superior

## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS



- **TONIGHT – SUNDAY, December 21** after the 6:30 PM Mass – **CAROLING, COCOA & COOKIES – Family Night sponsored by the Youth Group:** at the Blessed Sacrament Outdoor Manger
- **CONFESSION & PENANCE SERVICE:**
  - Mondays, 6:00-7:00 PM
  - Saturdays, 3:30-4:15 PM
  - TOMORROW: Monday, December 22: 6:30 PM with a special Liturgy of the Word – lots of priests.

### CHRISTMAS TIME MASSES:

- **Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)** – carols and music half-hour before the services:
  - **Wednesday, December 24:**
    - **4:00 PM** Vigil (Children’s Choir)
    - **8:00 PM** Night – formerly called “Midnight” (Adult Christmas Choir and String & Brass Quartets – **this is the BIG ONE – come at 7:30 PM for the concert and dance**)
  - **Thursday, December 25: 4:00 PM**
    - 8:00 AM Morning Prayer
    - **8:30 AM** (Mass at Dawn)
    - **10:30 AM** (Mass during the Day)
    - There is **no** 6:30 PM Mass this day
  - **Saturday, December 27:**
    - 8:00 AM Morning Prayer & 8:30 AM Rosary
    - 9:00 AM for the Christmas Octave
    - 4:30 PM for the Vigil of the Feast of the Holy Family

- **Sunday, December 28:**
  - 8:00 AM Morning Prayer
  - 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM & 6:30 PM Masses – Feast of the Holy Family
  - **THE JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE ENDS THIS DAY!** ☹️
- **Wednesday, December 31:**
  - 8:00 AM Morning Prayer and 8:30 AM Rosary
  - 9:00 AM for the Christmas Octave
  - 4:30 PM for the Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God
- **Thursday, January 1:**
  - 8:00 AM Morning Prayer
  - 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM Masses – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
  - There is **no** 6:30 PM Mass this day
- **January 3/4: Epiphany Masses: Home Blessing Kits distributed – Usual Weekend Schedule**
  - Saturday 4:30 PM, Sunday Morning Prayer 8:00 AM, Masses: 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM and 6:30 PM
- Christmas Time ends on Sunday, **January 11** with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord; Ordinary Time begins on Monday, **January 12.**

### JANUARY EVENTS:

- **LITURGY COMMISSION: Monday, January 5, 6:30 PM** in the Parish Office Parlor.
- **FINANCE KNIGHT: Tuesday, January 6, 6:30 PM** in Father O’Brien Hall – park in horseshoe lot on Wilson Mills Road
- **SAFETY FIRST:** Our Ushers will have a special meeting on **Wednesday, January 7, 6:30 PM in church** to go over some updated safety procedures to assist us. We found it not feasible to hire a security guard at this time, but with the addition of extra panic buttons, plus our own mobile phones, we, with the ushers, can help our church feel more secure. If you would like to be part of the team, please know you are welcome to come to the meeting. And, if you are unable to attend, but still wish to be an usher, let us know.
- **BAPTISM WEEKEND: January 3-4** – we look forward to our new infant Catholics
- **CONFIRMATION MASS AND CLASS: Sunday, January 11, 8:30 AM**
- **FATHER LANE LEAVES FOR UGANDA AND SSS PASTORAL VISIT: Monday, January 12**

- **MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY:** Monday, January 19:
  - 9:00 AM Mass with the office and Saint Ann Shrine closed
  - 6:30 PM Pastoral Council Meeting – planning the 2026 Pastoral Plan
- **FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS – MEET ABOUT RECONCILIATION:** Tuesday, January 20, 6:30 PM

## STEWARDSHIP SUPPORT

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR YEAR-END TITHING TO SUPPORT THE PARISH'S STAFF AND MANY MINISTRIES!** And also, for your chance to make history by transforming our two halls, but especially our student's cafeteria, O'Brien Hall, with a special Capital Campaign contribution. We are still looking for donors to support the renovation of our 70-year-old bathrooms and kitchen – a \$700,000.00 project that is phase three of the campaign.

- **Join us for our Annual Finance Knight – Tuesday, January 6, 6:30 PM.** We will focus on the School's finances with the Finance Council and School Advisory Council hosting.

We are grateful for how you build up the Body of Christ, our staff and ministries with your tithing, either with the Sunday envelope or online with MyEOffering. If you are not connected to us in this way, please contact Michelle Mazza, Business Manager at 440-442-3410, ext. 101. Here's this week's report:

- **FIRST COLLECTION FOR THE PARISH'S LIFE:** **\$9,416.40**
- **SECOND COLLECTION FOR RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT:** **\$2,686.00**

### OUR FAMILY. OUR HOME. OUR FUTURE – CAPITAL CAMPAIGN REPORT:

- **TOTAL PLEDGED ON CARDS:** \$1,904,925.03
  - *Pledge balance to yet be paid by our parishioners:* **\$720,438.88**
  - **REVENUE:**
    - Original Anonymous Donation to start the project (in 11/2023): \$100,000.00
    - Capital Campaign donations 2024: \$718,682.99
    - Capital Campaign donations 2025: \$708,672.01
    - Anonymous OBH pledge/donation Christmas 2025: \$600,000.00
- \$2,027,355.00**

- **EXPENSES:**
    - Fundraising Company, postage & printing: \$117,540.31
    - Studio TECHNE Architects \$59,928.27
    - Capital Campaign Dinners (most donated) \$93.91
    - Warren Roofing (FLC) – there will be one more final invoice \$563,300.00
    - Seal Tech \$9,765.00
    - Mechanical FLC Roof Issue & Repair after new roof \$2,800.00
- \$753,427.49**

### HAVE YOU PUT SAINT PASCHAL BAYLON IN YOUR WILL OR TRUST?

Last year, we were blessed with folks who did, and this July received a \$130,000.00 gift to continue the great legacy of the parish. As we age (as in the parish ☺), we need major repairs to buildings or concrete here or there. You have seen how we are reinvesting in projects that lead to other improvements necessary to make our campus current. THANK YOU!!

## PARISH LIFE

**OUR SUGGESTION BOX – MAY I SUGGEST?** As part of our Strategic Plan, our Saint Paschal Baylon Pastoral Staff and Pastoral Council are always interested in your ideas, suggestions, improvements and more! Look for the “new suggestion box” in the Fickel Narthex where you may add your written suggestions. Through our ombudsman, Tom Kelley, you can share your input by sending him an email at [tjk12@case.edu](mailto:tjk12@case.edu).

**COME PLAY!:** Tuesday Table games | When: Tuesdays, 1:30-3:30 PM | Where: Sr. Dorothy Kazel Room. Bring your favorite table game and a snack for yourself and join in the fun! For more information, please contact Mona at [monagrignbysuarez@yahoo.com](mailto:monagrignbysuarez@yahoo.com) or 505-239-1019.

**SPRING FLING 2026:** The committee is looking for volunteers to take over the sponsorship ads for the booklet. This person would work off an existing list and find new companies or individuals who would like to advertise in the booklet. The front office will help with the mailing of all the letters and forms. The volunteers would also need to follow up with emails and or phone calls to the letters that are sent. Please contact Jon Detzel at 440-442-3410, ext. 109 if you are interested.

**ANGEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND:** The Angel Scholarship Fund grew by \$8.1 million in 2024 which was a 27% increase from 2023. Saint Paschal Baylon had 109 parishioners donate to this fund while claiming a tax credit. The total amount from our parish donors was \$116,441.00; these dollars went to support families in 17 different schools in the Cleveland Diocese.

**Your state taxes can benefit our Catholic schools.** Make a charitable donation to the Angel Scholarship Fund and “turn tax dollars into tuition” through an Ohio income **TAX CREDIT** of up to \$750.00 (\$1,500.00 if married filing jointly) against your 2025 state tax liability. Donations can be designated to benefit **Saint Paschal Baylon School** or another school in the Diocese of Cleveland.

**SPB LADIES GUILD:** We’re excited to share that our ministry now has T-shirts available for purchase! This is not a fundraiser; it’s an opportunity to show your support and represent our mission wherever you go! To order, drop a \$13.00 check payable to “SPB Ladies Guild” at the Parish Office by Wednesday, December 31.

**ADULT CONFIRMATION PREPARATION:** If you or another adult you know is interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Anna Peko in the Parish Office, extension 108. Preparation sessions begin in January. Signing up now for Confirmation preparation is especially important if you would like to be a Confirmation sponsor or a godparent but have not been Confirmed. We look forward to working with you. God Bless.

## SOCIAL ACTION COMMISSION



The Pope Video: DECEMBER 2025  
For Christians in areas of conflict  
<https://thepopevideo.org/december-for-christians-in-areas-of-conflict/>

Let us “*become the seeds of reconciliation, builders of hope in ways both small and great, capable of forgiving and moving forward, of bridging divides, and of seeking justice with mercy. ... Do not let us fall into indifference and make us builders of unity.*”

**Merry Christmas from your Saint Paschal Baylon  
Social Action Commission**

The Christian challenge of Christmas is this:

justice is what happens when all receive a fair share of God’s world and only such distributive justice can establish peace on earth.

– John Dominic Crossan, “[The Challenge of Christmas](#)”

## OUR STEWARDSHIP



**JOIN IN USING MYEOFFERING:** See our website: [www.church.saintpaschal.com](http://www.church.saintpaschal.com). Call Michelle Mazza in the Business Office at 440-442-3410, ext. 101. **PLEASE REMEMBER TO UPDATE YOUR CREDIT CARD INFORMATION – MANY ACCOUNTS HAVE OR WILL EXPIRE SOON.**

*Thank you for placing SPB in your will or trust! We appreciate you leaving a legacy that will strengthen the ministries of our parish into the future!*

**We are so grateful** for you and your participation in the life of our parish! **Our collections:**

FIRST COLLECTION for our parish administration: \$9,416.40

SECOND COLLECTION for Religious Retirement: \$2,686.00

MyEoffering: November: \$25,618.00

**Loan balance for the new parking lots and driveways:**  
November \$98,506.82

**OUR MONTHLY EXPENSES:** We are so grateful for the many ways you choose to give your treasure: whether through the weekly envelope in the basket, dropped off at the Business Office, mailed in or your electronic giving; we are so appreciative of our common stewardship for the common good of our beloved parish SPB. We are so appreciative, too, for those who give special attention to our second collection and fill out the special form in MyEoffering. Second collections are assigned by the USCCB, the Diocese of Cleveland and the requests from our parish groups.

*We love having you here, and we are so grateful for your tithing to God through this your parish, faith family!*

**CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION:** As Christian stewards, we share the responsibility of making our Church a true community of faith and a vibrant source of service to the larger community. That includes providing financial support for today’s needs – and building a firm financial foundation for tomorrow. **Your IRA can be a tool to help you do this.** If you are 70½ years old or older, you can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution today for up to \$108,000.00 from your IRA directly to your parish. It will not count as taxable income, and it can satisfy your “required minimum distribution.” Looking to the future, consider naming our parish as a beneficiary IRA. Speak with your financial advisor, visit <https://www.catholiccommunity.org/ira>, or contact Moira Wopershall at 216-696-6525, ext. 8070 for more information.

The Catholic Community Foundation can help parishioners remember your parish in your estate plan: ***"It's Time to Create or Update your Will."*** Many of us have very busy lives. Be sure to block off 20 minutes of time to create or update your will. Head over to [www.catholiccommunity.org/freewill](http://www.catholiccommunity.org/freewill) to use the FREE online will-maker platform offered to our parishioners, compliments of the Catholic Community Foundation of our diocese.

**CREATE YOUR CATHOLIC LEGACY:** When you make plans to leave a gift to our church, you demonstrate your gratitude to God for all the gifts with which God has blessed you. You also give witness to family and friends as to the importance of your faith, and at the same time, blessing the lives of those who will benefit from your generosity. Whether you make a gift to continue a ministry at your parish to help sustain the good works of Catholic Charities, to provide a Catholic education to students, to ensure the formation of priests, or to help another ministry of the Diocese of Cleveland, or the Blessed Sacrament Community, you are passing along the tradition of our Catholic faith. Your gift is part of your legacy and builds on the faith of so many and the facilities we enjoy because of them. Questions? Contact Michelle Mazza in our Parish Office at 440-442-3410, ext. 101 or via email at [mmazza@saintpaschal.com](mailto:mmazza@saintpaschal.com). For the Blessed Sacrament Community, contact Scott Gongos at 440-442-2700 or at [sgongos@blessedsacrament.com](mailto:sgongos@blessedsacrament.com).

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## SPB SCHOOL NEWS

### SEEKING DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE AWARD NOMINATIONS

Do you know a "Distinguished Graduate" of Saint Paschal Baylon Catholic School? If so, please nominate him or her for the Distinguished Graduate Award to be announced at the Catholic Schools Week Mass. To be eligible, the nominee should have graduated from Saint Paschal Baylon Catholic School at least ten years ago. The award recipient will be selected based on his or her contributions to the community, society, and the Catholic Church. Our school will accept nominations until December 31, 2025. The nomination form can be found on our school website under Quick Links.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS & NEWS

**EPIPHANY BLESSING:** The Church has a custom of blessing homes during the week of the Solemnity of the Epiphany. Family and friends gather to ask God's blessing on their homes and those who live there or visit the home. The chalk markings over the door are an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows. Our Small Faith Sharing groups have again prepared Epiphany House Blessing kits, which will be blessed and distributed at all Masses on the weekend of **January 3-4, 2026**.

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Wednesday – March 18, 2026

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**BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS:** Thank you to all who took part in our recent Blood Drive. We collected a total of 35 units of blood at this drive, which will not only save lives but also bring in \$350.00 in grant money for our school! Saint Paschal's next Blood Drive is scheduled for **March 29**, and the appointment schedule is already available online ([www.redcrossblood.org/give](http://www.redcrossblood.org/give), sponsor code: stpaschal). Thanks a bunch to the three donors who have already signed up!

***Fourth Sunday of Advent****Jesus, Hope of the World*

December 21, 2025

**READINGS:** Gather 1000 – Cycle A***Mass of the Blessed Sacrament*** by Norman Joseph Schack**HOPE: The Prophecy Candle.** *We remember the Old Testament prophets who foretold of Jesus' coming with hope and anticipation.***PEACE: The Bethlehem Candle.** *We remember the journey Joseph and Mary took from Nazareth to Bethlehem.***JOY: The Shepherd's Candle.** *"Gaudete Sunday" We reflect on the joy the shepherds felt at the birth of Jesus.***LOVE: The Angel's Candle.** *We reflect on the good news of God's love brought to us from the angel Gabriel.***Choir Prelude: Let the King of Glory Come***Michael Joncas © 1979, OCP.***Gathering: Jesus, Hope of the World Gather 909***Deanna Light © 2001, WLP.***Psalm 24: We Long to See Your Face ref II Gather 37***Kevin Keil © 1993, GIA.***Preparation: This Holy Light***Refrain: Come follow the star this holy light! People, look East, look to the sky:  
Christ, our Savior, is born.*

1. In a world of suff'ring, in a world of pain,  
where do we seek answers to understand our faith.
2. In a world of conflict, in a world of war,  
Where do we seek answers to the violence we abhor?
3. In a world of hunger where all we want is more,  
Where do we seek answers to welcome in the poor?
4. In a world of bloodshed, in a world of hate,  
Where do we seek answers before it's all too late?

*Rickt Manalo, CSP © 2006, OCP.***Communion: One Love Released***Refrain: One bread, one body, one cup, one call,  
one faith, one Spirit present in us all.  
One prayer, one blessing, one hope, one peace,  
one Church, one people, one love released.**Frenzel/Keil O Waly Waly © 1999, OCP.***Sending: People, Look East Gather 409***Eleanor Farjean BESANCON Oxford Press, GIA**All music and words reprinted with permission: One License A-721444.**Use of any music during this service or any time at Saint Paschal Baylon, does not mean an endorsement of a composer, their background or issues that may not be with the values or standards of the Catholic Church. No funds were used to remit the composers used in this service.*

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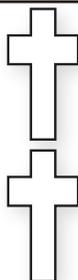
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