Saint Paul & Saint Patrick Catholic Parishes Mass Intentions, Prayer Opportunities & Stewardship

St. Jaul

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Sat. & Sun. - December 23 & 24

4:30 pm - Karl Rickman 8:00 am - Mass for Parishioners Noon - James A Rhodes, Jr., by Bill & Pauline McKarns

CHRISTMAS MASSES:



Sunday - DECEMBER 24TH

5:00 PM - Spanish Mass for **Parishioners** 10:00 PM - Mass for Parishioners

Mondav:

- DECEMBER 25TH 9:00 AM - Mass for Parishioners



Tuesday: December 26 -8:00 am - Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Wednesday: December 27 -

8:00 am - Peter Schweigert, by Erika & Ludwig Schweigert Figueroa

Thursday: December 28 -8:00 am - Katie Meissner, by Just Faith Group 3:00 pm - Rosary, followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet Eucharistic Adoration: (8:30 am until 7:45 am Friday)

Friday: December 29 – * 8:00 am - Donna Rhodes, by Family

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Sat. & Sun. - December 30 & 31

4:30 pm - Diane Leininger, by Family 8:00 am - Mass for Parishioners 12:00 noon - Mass for Parishioners

December 31st - New Year's Eve 5:00 pm - Mass for Parishioners (Bilingual)

Monday - January 1st - New Year's Day 9:00 am - Mass for Parishioners

St. Tatrick

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Sunday - December 24

10:00 am George Keagy, by Dave & Karen Ray

CHRISTMAS MASSES: - DECEMBER 24TH

6:00 PM - Mass for Parishioners

Monday: - DECEMBER 25TH

11:00 AM - Mass for Parishioners Wednesday, December 27 9:00 am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion Prayer Leader: Sister Joan

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Sunday - December 31 10:00 am Dorothy Roller, by Bob & Dorothy Snow & Family Monday - January 1st - New Year's Day

11:00 am Mass for Parishioners

ST. PAUL CHURCH MINISTRIES: Ministers of Holy Communion: Lectors:

Monday, January 1st - New Year's Day

9:00 am F. Schlueter

G. Toot, R. Markovich, M.C, Bixler, H. Huprich, D. McKinley

Altar Servers:

9:00 am Logan Blissenbach, Drew Malloy, Louden Stryffeler Ushers:

9:00 am B. Cody, M. Belaney, L. Markovich, C. Navarra



St. Paul Sunday/Holy Day Collections:

December 17th collections will be reflected in the December 31st bulletin

St. Patrick Sunday/Holy Day Collections: Attendance:

December 17th collections will be reflected in the December 31st bulletin

Bulletin announcements are technically due 10 days before the bulletin date. E-mail: agunning@stpaulsalem.org. Sometimes I can get it in later but can't always guarantee





Father Bob's Corner .

Dear Friends, to the only wise God,

through Jesus Christ

be glory forever and ever. Amen.

- Romans 16:27 Fourth Sunday of Advent

"Glory to God in the highest

and on earth peace

to those on whom his favor rests,"

- Luke 2:14 Christmas, Mass at Midnight

God is glorified in our waiting for the celebration of Christmas ("present") and in our waiting for our Savior, Jesus Christ to come in glory ("Christmas" yet to come). At the first Christmas ("past"), the angels first proclaimed "Glory to God" and secondly the message of peace - "to those on whom [God's] favor rests." Let's learn from the angels how to give glory to God. Let's learn from St. Paul, in Sunday's Second Reading, that we give glory to God, "through Jesus Christ." Then we can be at peace so that God's favor will rest on us.

When we come to Jesus, our Risen Lord, we have access for giving glory to God. Can we find Jesus in this way? Can we give ourselves the gift of stillness in the "silent night, holy night," and allow ourselves time with our Savior? As we spend time with Jesus, without expectations, we allow ourselves to be in his presence. The peace inebriates us and the glory flows in praise to God. That's when we have allowed the Father's gift of his Son to be renewed in us. That's when the Holy Spirit can inflame us with God's love for us and help us to allow that love to transform our lives. In the 12 Days of Christmas and the whole New Year that follows, we will have opportunities to practice this

practice this.



Practice will help us sort through the various mixed messages we hear in this "Holiday Season." For example, a parishioner recently shared the sentiments we often hear echoed at this time of year: "It just doesn't seem like Christmas." I know what she meant. I've been thinking about it quite a lot as I do my Christmas preparations. There are many ways to interpret this phrase, and there's a shared intuition about its various shades of meaning. One of the things that I think hovers around that phrase is how it seems that we need to remind ourselves that

Jesus is the reason for the Season!

It's not difficult to remember Jesus when we're in church. But outside, in the world, it seems we need a spiritual seatbelt to keep from being pulled into the craziness of the "Holiday Season." So let's try to pace ourselves during this last week of Advent. Then we can pace ourselves to celebrate the 12 Days of Christmas while the retailers get ready for Valentine's Day – which is on Ash Wednesday this year.

Pacing ourselves will get us through Lent and into the mystery of Easter – which is the real reason that Jesus came in the first place.

Congratulations to Father Steve Wassie and the Parishioners of St. Philip Neri Church in Dungannon. They are celebrating the parish's 200th Christmas this year. Bishop Murry will be the main celebrant at the Anniversary Midnight Mass. God has generously blessed the people of Northeast Ohio since that first Midnight Mass in Dungannon.

Thank you to all our Parishioners who participated in the Giving Tree projects. God bless all of you. Thank you for helping us to help others.

In case you would like to catch up with the diocesan celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12), you may view it online: <u>http://www.doy.org/index.php/news-media/ctny-gallery</u>. Bishop Murry presided and preached at the Mass in which Father Ernesto Rodriguez (in residence at St. Paul, Salem) was the main celebrant. St. Paul Salem parishioners were among those who attended and danced. Thank you for representing us.

With love and prayers, *Father Bob Edwards*

From the Staffs at our Parishes and School, *Merry Christmas!*



St. Paul's \$3,500+ Bingo Format <u>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26th</u> With Purchase of \$10 Master Set - Get 1 Free Early Bird Card <u>Free Master Set for your Birthday Week</u>

Saint Paul & Saint Patrick Announcements

The Sanctuary Candle Burns This Week In Memory of Gary & Beanie By Ray & Dee Stryzinski

In Mexico and parts of the US on the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, groups of dancers (called Matachines) dance in honor of Mary.

For the first time this year St. Paul has its own group. They were part of the entrance procession for Mass on December 10th and also danced at the Cathedral on December 12th. We hope to see more of them in future years.



"Be Peace. Build Peace. Preach Peace."

Make your Christmas list now! - Gift cards --are available at the back of church after the 4:30 pm & 8:00 am Masses & before the 12:00 noon Mass on



the 4th Sunday of Advent - not on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day Masses. The scrip seller will handle your purchase, future orders, plus any questions or comments about St. Paul's Church gift card program. Please

support this ongoing fundraiser! For further questions, call Beth at 330-332-8185.

<u>Remember ín Your Prayers</u>

Delania Kaiser......Who Died December 7th Mother-In-Law of Marie Kaiser

Lester Joe Cosgrove....Who Died December 13th

The Christmas Giving Tree

Thank you to all our Parishioners who participated in the Giving Tree projects. At St. Patrick Parish, members of the Food Pantry Group and Mission Society oversaw the efforts. At St. Paul, Sarah Tolson was assisted by Dee Stryzinski, Ginny Toot, the Heestand and Brown families.

In addition, my sincerest thanks to the St. Paul Parishioners & families who generously donated gifts.



We were able to collaborate with the Salvation Army to help 150 children have gifts for Christmas this year. May God bless you for your kindness this Christmas season.

Merry Christmas! Sarah Tolson

St. Patrick

Remember in Your Prayers

Kevin Rohrer.....Who Died November 28th

The Sanctuary Candle Burns this Wee<u>k</u> In Memory of Mary & Mike Dudick By Cheryl Newhouse



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ~ Youth Activities -----Reminder-----

You have supported and "can" continue to support youth projects. - Keep dropping your "aluminum" cans in the K of C designated hopper located at St Pat's, along the fence by the pavilion.

Today's youth, the leaders of tomorrow, are looking for a challenge, for responsibility, for faith, and trust. As Knights of Columbus, and parishioners of St. *Patrick's it is our responsibility to provide youth with* the means and the opportunities to become personally committed and involved in meeting the challenges of Thank You!

our times.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:



"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" - LUKE 1:28 Faith is a gift from God. Take time in

silence and thank Him for all the gifts He has given you. Try to set aside any anger

or resentment you have and really open your heart to receive the gift of God's mercy and forgiveness. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others.

Encountering Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration



I ask everyone to intensify in coming months, love and devotion to the Eucharistic Jesus.

-Pope Benedict XVI

Word of Life

"An unexpected pregnancy can be a difficult and frightening time, and it's important that your friend knows you are thinking of her and supporting her.

Your support might be the only support she receives. Even if we never know how, the smallest things we do can change someone's life."

-USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities





The fourth Sunday of Advent symbolizes Peace with the "Angel's Candle" reminding us of the of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

Our Savior is born!



Vocation Thoughts

"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be



done to me according to your word." Without question, Mary followed the way of God. Docile obedience to the Lord's will is the fruit of humble prayer. If God is inviting you to a

deeper consecration as a sister or brother, priest or deacon,

contact Father Christopher Luoni at (330) 744-8451, or email him at: cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org.

Vocation Thoughts Christmas -- December 25, 2017

"The Word became flesh and dwelt among us." Vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life are living in our midst. If you may be among them, contact Father Christopher Luoni at (330) 744-8451, or email him at: cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org.

> Have a Blessed and Merry Christmas!



Saint Paul & Saint Patrick Catholic Parishes Activities & Church Ministries



St. Paul Church Established 1881

Mission Statement

St. Paul Parish in Salem, OH is a Roman Catholic community in the Youngstown Diocese. We are called by baptism to continue Christ's mission through education, example and service. We are nourished by Word, Worship, and Sacrament. We dedicate ourselves to minister through the sharing of time, talent and treasure.

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St. Patrick Church Established 1861

Mission Statement

St. Patrick Parish in Leetonia in collaboration with St. Paul Church in Salem is part of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Youngstown, Ohio. We are called by baptism to live the Word of God as we celebrate Jesus' presence in our lives. In the Spirit of Jesus we serve our neighbors in the Church community and world using our time, talent and treasure.

Pastoral Ministry Staff – 330-427-6577Sr. Joan Franklin, OPPastoral AdministratorRev. Robert R. EdwardsCanonical AdministratorMr. Lawrence PaskoDeaconMr. Joe McKimMusic DirectorMrs. Judy KilianyPro-Life CoordinatorToni ManzettiCCD CoordinatorConcetta YeagerFinance Officer

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Holy Day & Weekday Masses: Consult Bulletin

Confessions: Saturdays, 3:30 - 4:00 pm, or by appointment

Baptisms: Make arrangements with Parish Office during pregnancy: Preference: 1st Sunday of the month at Masses Option: 1:15 pm, 3rd Sunday of month

Marriages: Make arrangements with Parish Priest, as soon as engaged, at least six months before desired wedding date **Communion to Shut-Ins**: Please inform Parish Office about the Sick or Aged who are unable to come to Church.

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