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Matthew 24:44

December 1, 2024

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Saturday, November 30, Vigil for Sunday

4:30 pm Mass at St. Paul

Barbara Collins by Joan Sokloski

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 am Mass at St. Paul

Goetz Family by Rosemary McClish

11:00 am Mass at St. Patrick

Alice DiPanfilo by Alvine & Cindy Peterson

5:00 pm Spanish Mass at St. Paul

Parishioners

Monday, December 2, Advent Weekday

9:00 am Mass at St. Paul

Glenn Cashdollar by Wife, Kathy

Tuesday, December 3, Saint Francis Xavier

9:00 am Mass at St. Patrick

Alfred Citino by Clorinda Rutzky

Wednesday, December 4, Advent Weekday

(Saint John Damascene)

9:00am Mass at St. Paul

Christine Huffman by Legion of Mary

Thursday, December 5, Advent Weekday

9:00am Mass at St. Paul

Michael Ficocelli by Marena Carmello

9:30 am to 4:00 pm Adoration at St. Paul

Friday, December 6, Advent Weekday (Saint Nicholas)

9:00 am Liturgy with Communion at St. Paul

Saturday, December 7, Vigil for Sunday

4:30 pm Mass at St. Paul

Mahlon & Betty Hippley by Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 am Mass at St. Paul

Karl Rickman by Wife, Rose Ann

11:00 am Mass at St. Patrick

**Bob Shinn** 

by Karen, Melanie & Michael Shinn

5:00 pm Spanish Mass at St. Paul

**Parishioners** 

**CONFESSION SCHEDULE** 

(Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation)

At St. Paul Parish, Saturday at 3:30 pm

At St. Patrick Parish, after Mass on Tuesday and Sunday

[Also available by appointment. Call the office.]

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## Parish Ministers

#### Saturday, December 7 4:30 pm

Lectors: John Staudt, Donna Dermotta

Ministers of the Eucharist: Rudy Markovich,

Dee Stryzinski, Heather Young

**Ushers:** Tom Englert, Terry Briceland, Ted Yuhaniak,

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Server: Caden Arcuri, Patti Schaff

Sunday, December 8 8:00 am

Lectors: Dan Mincks, Linda Cosgrove

Ministers of the Eucharist: Ginny Toot, Fritz Schlueter,

Rose Bedell

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Joe Moran

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11:00 am

Lectors: Patrick Ross, Celeste Baronzzi

Ministers of the Eucharist: Jeanette Watkins.

Mary Lou Smith

Greeters: Brad/ Mary Lou Smith

5:00 pm

Lectores: Juan Baten, Lupita Rizo

Ministros de Comunión: Isabel Leon, Maria Leon Monaguillos: Marthita Munoz, Esteban Gutierrez

Sacristanes: Isabel Leon, Juana Baltazar Músicos: Julio Gomez, Rosalina Mateo

- please add Parish308@youngstowndiocese.org to your address book/contacts to receive the service schedule-

## **Pray with the Scriptures** + Daily Readings +

**Sunday, December 1:** Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:4-14; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; ; Luke 21:25-36

Monday, December 2: Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122:1-9; Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 3: Isaiah 11:1-10;

Psalm 72:1-17; Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 4: Isaiah 25:6-10: Psalm 23:1-6; Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday, December 5: Isaiah 26:1-6; Psalm 118:1-27; Matthew 7:21-27

Friday, December 6: Isaiah 29:17-24; Psalm 28:1-14; Matthew 9:27-31

Saturday, December 7: Isaiah 30:19-26; Psalm 147:1-6; Matthew 9:35-10:6

Sunday, December 8: Baruch 5:1-9; Psalm 12:1-6; Philippians 1:4-11; Luke 3:1-6

The Sanctuary Candle Burns this Week.....

At St. Paul for Goetz Family By Rosemary McClish

**Our Parish Family Welcomes** Newly Baptized Member

Kenneth Rolando Lias Perez On November 17, 2024

#### **Retirement Fund for Religious**

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#### Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Monday, December 9

9:00am Mass at St. Paul Parish 5:00pm Mass at St. Patrick Parish

## St. Paul School

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St. Patrick Parish **Coffee and Donut Social** Sunday, December 1, 2024 after 11am Mass. All are welcome.



Our Parish Family Welcomes Corey & Alyssa Bloss and their children: Raeny, Briar, Shiloh & Twyla Bloss who were Initiated into the Catholic Church on November 10th

#### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

November 23-24

Will be reflected in December 8th bulletin



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#### CELEBRATE ADVENT BEFORE YOU CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

Each year retailers and malls force us to begin the Christmas Season earlier and earlier. Decorations and sales begin appearing shortly after the kids return to school in September!!! As Catholic Christians, it is imperative that we remember that Christmas is a *Religious* holiday, not a marketing ploy.

Our Church blessedly gives us an entire religious season to celebrate and prepare ourselves spiritually before we launch headlong into celebrating Christmas. That season is *Advent*. This year, *Advent* begins on Sunday, December 1, and ends on Tuesday, December 24. This is our season of preparation. This is the season in which we pray and reflect on what the coming of the Christ meant to the people of the world 2024 years ago, and what his coming means for each of us today. The Scriptures, especially from the Old Testament, tell us of the "long awaited Savior," the one who would restore the Kingship of David, and who would be the "light of the Gentiles and the glory of the people Israel."

Advent reminds us that for generations people awaited the coming of the Christ. Advent reminds us of all the preparations the Holy Family had to endure and they prepared to be the parents of the Christ. Advent reminds us that Christ will come again in glory and that we need to prepare for his coming every day of our lives. Christ comes to us at every Mass we celebrate and his coming calls us to action and to conversion.

So this year, as much time as we must spend decorating, baking, shopping and traveling, spend an equal amount of time in prayer and reflection with our families (both at home and at Church) on what Christmas really means. When December 25 arrives, may we be prepared to *BEGIN* our celebration of Christmas. May we be prepared to welcome Christ our Savior, not just as a little baby from 2024 years ago, but as our Savior today and as the answer to all our hopes and prayers.

#### Advent

Human beings cannot live without hope. Unlike the animals, we are blessed – or cursed – with the ability to think about the future and to fear our actions to shaping it. So essential is this to human life that human beings cannot live without hope, without something to live for, without something to look forward to. To be without hope, to have nothing to live for, is to surrender to death in despair. But we can find all sorts of things to live for and we can hope for almost anything: for some measure of success or security or for the realization of some more or less modest ambition; for our children, that they might be saved from our mistakes and sufferings and find a better life than we have known; for a better world, throwing ourselves into politics or medicine or technology so that future generations might be better off. Not all these forms of hope are selfish; indeed, they have given dignity and purpose to the lives of countless generations.

But one of the reasons why we read the Old Testament during Advent is to learn what to hope for. The people of the Old Testament had the courage to hope for big things: that the desert would be turned into fertile land; that their scattered and divided people would eventually be gathered again; that the blind would see, the deaf hear; the lame walk; that not only their own people, but all the peoples of the earth, would be united in the blessings of everlasting peace. Clearly, their hopes were no different from ours or from any human being's: lasting peace, tranquil lives, sufficiency of food, an end to suffering pain and misery.

Thus we hope for the same things as the Old Testament people, for their hopes are nor yet realized. But we differ from them in two ways. First, the coming of Jesus in history, as a partial fulfillment of God's promises, immeasurably confirms and strengthens our hope. Secondly, we differ from the Old Testament people because Jesus has revealed to us that God is not afar off, but is already in our midst. Hence the importance in the Advent liturgy of John the Baptist and of Mary: because they recognized the new situation, they serve as models for the Church in discerning tile presence of our Savior in the world.

[Taken from "The Spirit of Advent," Mark Searle, in Assembly, Volume 7:1. © Notre Dame Center for Liturgy, Notre Dame, IN]

#### ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULES

#### MARANATHA! "COME, LORD JESUS!"

#### Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(Holy Day of Obligation)

#### Monday, December 9

9:00am Mass at St. Paul Parish 5:00pm Mass at St. Patrick Parish

#### Jubilee Year 2025 - "Pilgrims of Hope"

As the Universal Church looks toward the Jubilee Year 2025 (the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord), the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is thrilled to support the Holy Father in this "event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church."

Pope Francis stated in his February 2022 letter announcing the Jubilee 2025: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire..."

The local celebration opening the Jubilee Year in the Diocese of Youngstown will take place on the Sunday after Christmas, on *Sunday*, *December 29*, *2024 at 4:00pm at Saint Columba Cathedral*. All the faithful are encouraged to attend and all clergy are invited to concelebrate.

Find more information on the 2025 Jubilee Year can be found at usccb.org/committees/jubilee-2025

#### COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation (i.e. "going to Confession"), is a wonderful way of receiving God's Mercy and preparing for Christmas. An Advent Reconciliation Service (with several additional priests) will be held at St. Paul Parish on Sunday, December 15, at 2:00pm.

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULES Tuesday, December 24 — Christmas Eve

St. Paul - 4:00pm and 10:00pm

St. Patrick — 6:00pm

#### Wednesday, December 25 — Christmas Day

St. Paul — 9:00am and 5:00pm (Spanish)

St. Patrick - 11:00am

#### Sunday, December 29 — Holy Family

Regular Mass Schedules [no confession on Saturday]

#### MASS SCHEDULES FOR JANUARY 1, 2025

January 1 is a multiple celebration. Besides being the day that the world marks the beginning of a new year, it is the day the Church celebrates the Octave (the eighth day) of the Christmas Season, plus the day of celebration in honor of Mary, the Mother of God, and also the Day of Prayer for World Peace. For all these reasons, January 1, is a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics.

#### Tuesday, December 31 - New Year's Eve

St. Paul - 4:30pm

#### Wednesday, January 1 — New Year's Day

St. Paul - 9:00am and 5:00pm (Spanish)

St. Patrick - 11:00am

#### Sunday, January 5 — Epiphany

Regular Mass Schedules

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# Saint Paul & Saint Patrick Catholic Parishes December 1, 2024 - First Sunday of Advent

#### **Upcoming Parish Events**

- First Monday each Month @ 6pm St Patrick SchoolRosary Prayer Group/ Mission Society
- •Mondays @ 12:30pm St Paul Rectory Meeting Room•Legion of Mary
- •Wednesdays @6:30pm St Paul Parish Center Living Room •Women's Bible Study
- Thursdays @ 6pm St Paul Parish Center Living RoomO.C.I.A.
- •December 1 9:15-10:40 St Paul School
  - •NO Religious Education Session
- •December 1 9:30-10:30 St Patrick
  - Advent Wreath Activity
- •December 1 after 11am Mass St Patrick
  - Coffee & Donut Social
- •December 2 @7pm St Paul rectory Meeting Room
  - •Knights of Columbus #1818 Meeting
- December 5 @6:30pm Salem Senior Housing Clubhouse
  LCBA #654 Meeting
- December 7 @9am St Paul ChurchK of C #1818 Rosary
- December 8 & 15 9:15-10:40 St Paul School
  Religious Education Sessions
- •December 9 @6:30pm St Patrick School •Pastoral Council Meeting
- December 14 & 15 St Paul School Cafeteria
  LCBA #654 Bake Sale
- December 15 9am-1pm St Paul School Cafeteria
  Knights of Columbus #1818 Pancake Breakfast
- December 15 @10am St Patrick Knights Room
  Knights of Columbus #1569 Meeting
- •December 15 @2pm St Paul Church
  - Communal Reconciliation Service
- December 16 @7pm St Paul Rectory Meeting RoomKnights of Columbus #1818 Meeting
- December 18 @7pm St Paul Rectory Meeting Room
  Security Council Meeting
- December 21- after 4:30pm Mass St Paul School Cafeteria
  Food & Fellowship
- •December 22 after 8am Mass St Paul School Cafeteria •Food & Fellowship
  - •Visit https://catholicecho.org/upcoming-events/ for more events in the Diocese of Youngstown

December 1, 2024

1st Sunday of Advent

"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." -Luke 21:28

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. What will you do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love with Jesus?

How will you inspire others to do the same? Start by sharing your God story with others, especially those that are closest to you. Invite and accompany them on their faith journey this Advent.

If you are interested in bringing up the gifts in the offertory procession, see the ushers before Mass

#### **Combined Pastoral Council Meeting**

Monday, December 9, 2024 @ 6:30 St Patrick School

#### St Patrick & St Paul Fellowship Chorale Dates

~Saturday, November 30 - 3:30pm

Sing at 4:30pm Mass at St Paul

~Sunday, December 1 - 7-8:30pm

Practice - St Paul Rectory Basement

~Saturday, December 7 - 3:30pm

Sing at 4:30pm Mass at St Paul

~Sunday, December 15 - 9:45am

Sing at 11am Mass at St Paul

~Sunday, December 15 - 7-8:30pm

Practice - St Paul Rectory Basement

~Saturday, December 21 - 3:30pm

Sing at 4:30pm Mass at St Paul

~Sunday, December 22 - 5-8pm

Special Christmas Practice in Rectory Basement

~Tuesday, December 24 - 9pm

Sing at 10am Mass at St Paul

~Saturday, December 28 - 6:30pm

Christmas Party/Gift Exchange at Zamarelli's House



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Confessions:

At St. Paul: Saturdays 3:30 pm or by appointment

At St. Patrick: Sundays and Tuesdays After Mass

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Communion to Shut-Ins:

Call the Parish Office

**Baptisms**: Call the Parish Office

Marriages: Call the Parish Office 6 months+ before

desired date

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** 

At St. Paul: Thursdays 9:30am-4:30pm

Holiday & Weekday Masses: Consult Bulletin

**Office Hours** 

Monday through Thursday

9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M

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