

"Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means "God is with us."

Matthew 1:23

December 22, 2024

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## Saint Paul & Saint Patrick Catholic Parishes December 22, 2024 - Fourth Sunday of Advent



Saturday, December 21, Vigil for Sunday

4:30 pm Mass at St. Paul

Ann Mika by Michael Cappuzzello

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 am Mass at St. Paul

Ralph Flanigan by Wife, Sally

11:00 am Mass at St. Patrick

Margaret & Gene Greier

by Deacon Lawrence Pasko

5:00 pm Spanish Mass at St. Paul

For The People of the Parish

Monday, December 23, Advent Weekday

St. John of Kanty

9:00 am Mass at St. Paul

Bill Delfavero by Family

Tuesday, December 24,

Vigil for The Nativity of The Lord

4:00 pm Mass at St. Paul

6:00 pm Mass at St. Patrick

10:00 pm Mass at St. Paul

For The Intention of Those Who Donated to The Christmas Flower Fund

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25,

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

9:00 am Mass at St. Paul

11:00 am Mass at St. Patrick

5:00 pm Spanish Mass at St. Paul

For The Intention of Those Who Donated to The Christmas Flower Fund

Thursday, December 26, Saint Stephen

NO Mass

Friday, December 27, Saint John

**NO** Liturgy

Saturday, December 28, Vigil for Sunday

4:30 pm Mass at St. Paul

Dianne Walla by Mother & Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29,

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

8:00 am Mass at St. Paul

Polly Shaffer by Kay DelFavero

11:00 am Mass at St. Patrick

George & Betty Bell by Kids

5:00 pm Spanish Mass at St. Paul

**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.]

#### Parish Ministers

## Saturday, December 28

Lectors: Donna Dermotta, John Staudt

Ministers of the Eucharist: Dee Stryzinski, Karen Sebo,

Rudy Markovich

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

Rob Clunen

Servers: Tessa & Trenton Clunen

#### Sunday, December 29 8:00 am

Lectors: Jason Makara, Ann Cooper

Ministers of the Eucharist: Rose Bedell, Rose Converse,

Ginny Toot

Ushers: Jerry Briceland, Joe Cappuzzello, Bruce Cody,

Joe Moran

Servers: Marthita & Anthony Munoz, Noah Kotel

#### 11:00 am

Lectors: Danny Fire, Mary Ann Greier

Ministers of the Eucharist: Sue DeJane, Mary Lou Smith

Greeters: Brad/ Mary Lou Smith

#### 5:00 pm

Lectores: Karla Gonzalez, Juan Baten

Ministros de Comunión: Isabel Leon, Juana Baltazar

Monaguillos: Esteban, Gutierrez, Gael Leon Sacristanes: Juan Baten, Felix Baten Músicos: Julio Gomez, Rosalina Mateo

## Pray with the Scriptures + Daily Readings +

Sunday, December 22: Micah 5:1-4;

Psalm 80:2-19; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

Monday, December 23: Malachi 3:1-24;

Psalm 25:4-14; Luke 1:57-66

Tuesday, December 24: 2 Samuel 7:1-16; Psalm 89:2-5, 27, 29; Luke 1:67-79

Wednesday, December 25: Isaiah 62:11-12:

Psalm 97:1, 6, 11-12; Titus 2:4-7; Luke 2:15-20

Thursday, December 26: Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59;

Psalm 31:3-4, 6-8, 17, 21; Matthew 10:17-22

Friday, December 27: 1 John 1:1-4;

Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; John 20:2-8

Saturday, December 28: 1 John 1:5-2:2;

Psalm 124:2-8: Matthew 2:13-18

**Sunday, December 29:** Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14;

Psalm 128:1-5; Colossians 2:12-21; Luke 2:41-52

## Saint Paul & Saint Patrick Catholic Parishes December 22, 2024 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Sanctuary Candle Burns this Week, ....

At St. Paul for Ann Mika By Great Grandchildren



Join us every month to socialize in the St. Paul School Cafeteria

December 21 & 22 theme is
'Christ is Born' and will
feature a display of Nativities.

Saturday after 4:30pm Mass - Themed appetizers & adult beverage Sunday after 8am Mass - Bakery items, fruit, & beverages To keep costs low, we are accepting donations.

We need help to prepare food, serve, and clean up.

If you can volunteer a few times a year, reach out to Ginger Grilli,

Chasney - Jim Miller, or the Parish Office.

#### St. Paul School

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#### **SAVE THE DATE**

The Pastoral Council of St. Paul Parish is planning a celebration dinner event for our Parish Feast Day.

The Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul is the weekend of January 25 & 26, 2025.

A buffet meal and fellowship will follow Saturday's 4:30 Mass in Scullion Hall.

Save this date as a time to honor our Patron Saint and grow our parish

community. More information will be

available after Christmas.

Tuesday, December 24
Vigil for The Nativity of The Lord
4:00 pm Mass at St. Paul
6:00 pm Mass at St. Patrick
10:00 pm Mass at St. Paul

Wednesday, December 25
The Nativity of the Lord
9:00 am Mass at St. Paul
11:00 am Mass at St. Patrick
5:00 pm Spanish Mass at St. Paul

#### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

December 14-15

St. Paul	St. Patrick
Needed weekly \$10,137	Needed weekly \$2,642
Regular\$5,307.15	Regular\$1,018.00
Online Giving\$768.32	Online Giving\$268.32
Improvement &	Restoration\$110.00
Development\$41.00 Education Angel \$595.00	Mass Attendance 4:30pm- 171 11:00- 98 8:00am- 136 5:00- 97

#### December 7-8

St. Paul	St. Patrick
Needed weekly \$10,137	Needed weekly \$2,642
Regular\$6,599.00	Regular\$4,497.00
Online Giving\$805.06	Online Giving\$48.32
Improvement &	Restoration\$210.00
Development\$265.00 Education Angel	Mass Attendance
\$150.00	4:30pm- 153 11:00- 108

#### **Bulletin submissions/announcements:**

Due by **Noon 10 days before** the bulletin date, after that it will be considered for a future bulletin Email: churchoffice@stpaulsalem.org

8:00am-161 5:00-75

# Saint Paul & Saint Patrick Catholic Parishes December 15, 2024 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Origin of the Tradition of the Blessing of the Bambinelli

The Blessing of the Bambinelli was first instituted by Pope St. John Paul II, as the children of Rome were encouraged to bring the baby Jesus (Bambinelli) from each of their Nativity sets to St. Peter's Square. Following the Sunday Angelus address, the Pope blessed the figurines.

Now celebrated in other churches around the world, this Advent tradition is a way for children to connect their Nativity scene at home to the celebration of Christmas at their church. In our parishes, this tradition will be observed on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 22.

At St. Paul, following the 4:30pm Mass on Saturday

At St. Patrick, following the 11:00am Mass on Sunday

Please bring your "Bambinelli" that weekend to be blessed.



# St. Paul Parish Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 15, 2024 at the 5pm Mass



# Saint Paul & Saint Patrick Catholic Parishes December 22, 2024 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Thank you to the following for cleaning St. Patrick Church in preparation for Christmas:

Nancy Fiest Theresa George
Monica Hoprich Tom Rodrick
Mary Selway Jim Scheetz
Mary Lou Smith Candy Steele

Jeanette Watkins

The Mission Society of St. Patrick would like to thank all who donated to the Mission Society in honor of Mary Ross. Father Joe has picked out new vestments for himself and Deacan Larry. Thank You!

## Reduce Your 2024 Tax Return with a Donation to the Good Samaritan Scholarship Fund

Did you know that you can potentially reduce the amount of your Ohio state tax return with a qualified charitable donation?

Donations to the Good Samaritan Scholarship Fund [the Diocese of Youngstown Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO)] can apply for a potential state tax credit up to \$750 (or \$1,500 married filing jointly).

You can donate online at doy.org/sgo or use the printable contribution form to mail in your donation, indicating the tax year to apply your credit. You can also indicate which school you wish to receive the donation or the donation will default to the area of greatest need. Your support directly impacts a family's ability to afford a Catholic education.

Consult your accountant for full details on tax implications. Thank you for your generosity!

Please contact St. Paul School at 330-337-3451 for more information about local scholarships and giving opportunities.

Thank you to the following for decorating St. Paul Church in preparation for Christmas: Marie Kaiser & Grandsons (Daniel & Eli)

Frank & Debbie Leslie Margaret Mackey Mary Beth Shivers Dee Stryzinski Shelly Thompson

## Catholic Charities Launches "Warm Hearts for Warm Homes" Campaign

CONTACT INFO: Jennifer Lucarelli, Catholic Charities Project Manager, (330) 744-8451, ext. 316 Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Youngstown is calling upon Catholics and others of good will to support a special collection to provide winter utility assistance to individuals and families in need. As January's "Poverty Awareness Month" concludes, Catholic Charities is sponsoring the annual "Warm Hearts for Warm Homes" campaign (formerly Keep the Kids Warm) January 11-12, 2025. Catholic Charities serves all people, as resources allow, regardless of their faith. Since its inception in 2008, the Warm Hearts for Warm Homes campaign has raised more than \$546,000 for utility assistance for individuals and families in crisis, impacting the lives of over 65,000 people. As the need for utility assistance continues to rise, Catholic Charities asks for your support.

Donations can be sent to Catholic Charities Warm Hearts for Warm Homes 144 West Wood Street, Youngstown, Ohio 44503.

Donations can also be made securely online at WWW.CCDOY.ORG.

## CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF YOUNGSTOWN SAFE ENVIRONMENT POLICY FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

#### **EDUCATION & SCREENING**

All clergy, religious, seminarians/persons in formation, and employees, as well as any volunteers who work with children, young people, or vulnerable adults, are required to complete a background check and safe environment training. For more information about our safe environment compliance requirements visit: doy.org/safe-environment/.

#### REPORTING & VICTIM ASSISTANCE

If you or someone you know has been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church, the Diocese encourages you to come forward and speak out by contacting Civil Authorities and Mr. Dominic Colucy, Victim Assistance Coordinator. Mr. Colucy is available to help. He will listen to your needs and support you. He will help you make a formal complaint.

#### **Contact Information**

Confidential Response Line: 330-718-1388 Email: dcolucy@youngstowndiocese.org

By Mail: Catholic Diocese of Youngstown, Attn: Dominic Colucy 144 W. Wood St., Youngstown, OH 44503

Contact information for Civil Authorities can be found at: doy.org/safe-environment/.

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## Saint Paul & Saint Patrick Catholic Parishes December 29, 2024 - Fourth 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 RoomLegion of Mary
- •Wednesdays @6:30pm St Paul Parish Center Living Room •Women's Bible Study
- •Thursdays @ 6pm St Paul Parish Center Living Room •O.C.I.A.
- December 21- after 4:30pm Mass St Paul School CafeteriaFood & Fellowship
- December 22 after 8am Mass St Paul School CafeteriaFood & Fellowship
- •December 22 & 29
  - •Religious Education Christmas Break
- •January 4 @9am St Paul Church
  - •K of C #1818 Rosary
- •January 5, 12, 19, 26 9:15-10:40 St Paul School •Religious Education Sessions
- January 5 after 11am Mass St PatrickCoffee & Donut Social
- January 6 @7pm St Paul rectory Meeting Room
  Knights of Columbus #1818 Meeting
- January 19 @10am St Patrick Knights Room
  Knights of Columbus #1569 Meeting
- January 20 @7pm St Paul Rectory Meeting Room
  Knights of Columbus #1818 Meeting
  - •Visit https://catholicecho.org/upcoming-events/ for more events in the Diocese of Youngstown

December 22, 2024 4th Sunday of Advent

"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy."

-Luke 1:44

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading at Mass, do you "leap for joy?"

If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself.

What are you doing to grow in friendship with Jesus?

How do you prepare for Mass each week?

Do you just show up and expect to be entertained?

As the Body of Christ, we are called to be active participants, not just passive observers.



The Parish Office will close at 3pm on Monday, December 23, 2024 and reopen at 9am on Monday, December 30, 2024

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

~Tuesday, December 24 - 9pm

Sing at 10am Mass at St Paul

~Saturday, December 28 - 6:30pm

Christmas Party/Gift Exchange at Zamarelli's House

#### 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



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Confessions:

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

At St. Patrick: Sundays and Tuesdays After Mass

or by appointment

**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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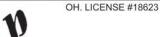


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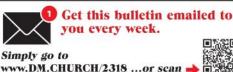
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