

2nd Sunday of Advent

Prepare the way of the Lord,

make straight his paths.

December 7, 2025

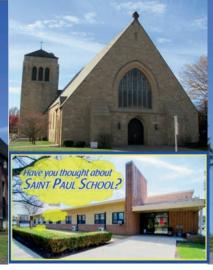
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2º Domingo de

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MASS SCHEDULES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 6, Vigil for Sunday

4:30 pm Mass at St. Paul

Deceased members of Skivolocki Family

by Ros Hardgrove

Mass at St Philip Neri 5:00 pm

Installation of Father Joe with the Bishop

Donald Burton by Kathy Burton

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30 am Mass at St. George

John L Smith by Patty Smith Family

11:00 am Mass at St. Paul

Karl Rickman by wife

5:00 pm Spanish Mass at St. Paul

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, THE IMMACULATE

CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9:00 am Mass at St. Paul

Matilda "Tillie" Tolson

by John Paul Tolson & Dorothy Stahl

12:00 pm Mass at St. George

Ruth Piechowski by Genny Schwartz

Mass at St. Paul 6:00 pm

Tuesday, December 9, Advent Weekday

Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

9:00 am Mass at St. George

Wednesday, December 10, Advent Weekday

Our Lady of Loreto

9:00 am Mass at St. Paul

Christopher Farmer by Mom, Rita Farmer

Thursday, December 11, Advent Weekday St. Damasus I

Mass at St. Paul 9:00 am

Mahlon & Betty Hippley by Family

[Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 4:00 pm]

Friday, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe

Liturgy with Communion at St. Paul 9:00 am

Saturday, December 13, Vigil for Sunday

4:30 pm Mass at St. Paul

Michael Corl by wife, Robyn

Mass at St. Philip Neri 5:00 pm

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30 am Mass at St. George

Janis Mundy by Nikol Mundy

11:00 am Mass at St. Paul

Michael Cosgrove

by Wendy Cosgrove & Family

Spanish Mass at St. Paul 5:00 pm

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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

At St. George Parish, 1st Saturday of each month at 1pm

At St. Philip Neri, 1st Saturday of each month at 4pm [Also available by appointment. Call the office.]

Parish Ministers

Saturday, December 13 4:30 pm

Lectors: Ros Hardgrove, Ginger Grilli

Ministers of the Eucharist: Dee Stryzinski,

Donna Dermotta, Patti Schaff, Rudy Markovich,

John Magyaros

Ushers: Terry Briceland, Tom Englert, Ted Yuhaniak,

Volunteer

Servers: Chaya Murray, Rudy Markovich, Trenton Clunen

Lectors: Denise Marcel

Minister of the Eucharist: Joe McKarns

Gifts: Deb Blazer

Sunday, December 14 8:30 am

Lector: Ernie West

Minister of the Eucharist: Betsy Williams

Offertory: DeCaria Family

11:00 am

Lectors: Jennifer Zamarelli, Albert Lewandowski

Ministers of the Eucharist: Frank Leslie, Ginny Toot,

Karen Lewandowski, Michele Thompson, Rosemary McClish

Ushers: Bob Kotel, John Staudt, Jerry Briceland,

Joe Moran

Servers: Logan Stratton, Lincoln Stratton, Abbey Kotel

5:00 pm

Lectore: Lupita Rizo

Ministros de Comunión: Maria Leon Monaguillos: Marthita, Kain, Anthony Sacristanes: Felix Baten, Juan Baten

Pray with the Scriptures +Daily Readings +

Sunday, December 7: Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm 72; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12

Monday, December 8: Genesis 3:-15; Psalm 98;

Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday, December 9: Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 96;

Matthew 18:12-14

Wednesday, December 10: Isaiah 40:25-31;

Psalm 103; Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday, December 11: Isaiah 41:13-20; Psalm 145

Matthew 11:11-15

Friday, December 12: Revelation 11:19a;

12:1-6a, 10ab; (Psalm) Judith 13; Luke 1:39-47

Saturday, December 13: Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11;

Psalm 80; Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday, December 14: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10;

Psalm 146; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

DOY County Celebrations for the Jubilee of Hope

Columbiana County Jubilee Mass Saturday, December 6th @ 5:00 pm Mass & Installation of Fr. Ruggieri Saint Philip Neri Parish 11297 Gavers Rd Hanoverton, OH 44423 *Refreshments to follow in the Hall

All are welcome!



HARRIET'S CUPBOARD

Need two people or a couple to take over the service of putting out the totes, then collecting the items and bringing them to Catholic Charities in Lisbon four times a year. That includes the months of January, April, July, and October. It's a great way to give of your Time, Talent and Treasure for St. Paul church and those in need. Call the Rose at 330-337-8353 if you have questions.

Please contact the Parish Office at 330-332-0336 if you or a family member are in the hospital and would like to receive Communion or to have a priest administer the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

FR. BOB LANTERMAN'S RESIDENCE

Bishop Bonnar has amended the assignment for Fr. Lanterman.

Fr. Lanterman began his new assignment as Sacramental Minister to the nursing homes in Trumbull and Mahoning Counties on November 24, however, he will remain in residence at St. Paul in Salem to provide weekend Mass help on Saturdays -- as he had been doing -until January 12, 2026.

Please note that this is only temporary, and it must be clear that Fr. Bob is **not** assigned to Columbiana County in any capacity, other than his place of residence.

I am grateful to Bishop Bonnar for this change and for his accommodation to the situation in our parishes.

In Christ, Fr. Joe Ruggieri

St. Paul Giving Tree

Please return unwrapped gift by Sunday, December 14th. Please be sure gift ID ticket is securely attached. Thank you for supporting local

families & children!



St George Tabernacle candle:

December 1-15th for the Piechowski and Blubaugh families by family

St. George Altar and Rosary Society's Christmas Dinner

December 8 at 6pm Pondi's, Lisbon

All ladies of St. George, St. Phillip, St. Paul are invited for food and fellowship. Please note that each guest will be responsible for their own meal and drinks.

Call Melanie Hiner at 330-692-3214 if you would like to attend or need a ride.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

November 22-23

Saturday Sunday

4:30-163 5:00-47 8:30-96 11:00-197 5:00-85

> St. Paul St. George

Regular.....\$1767.00 Regular.....\$7984.80

Online Giving...\$315.66 Repairs/

Improvement & Maintenance..\$365.00

Development..\$2220.00

Education Angel St. Philip Neri

.....\$155.00 Regular.....\$345.00

Retirement Fund for Religious

St. George\$609.00 St. Paul\$5,307.00

St. Philip Neri\$226.00

November 29-30

<u>Sat</u>urdav Sunday

8:30-92 11:00-150 5:00-85 4:30-163 5:00-38

> St. Paul St. George

Regular.....\$6,924.00 Regular.....\$1,360.00

Online Giving.\$1,140.06 Repairs/ Improvement & Maintenance....\$0

Development...\$82.00

St. Philip Neri **Education Angel**

Regular.....\$905.00\$80.00

Bulletin submission deadline- Holiday Schedule

December 21st due December 11th @ Noon December 28th due December 18 @ Noon January 4th due by December 22 @ Noon

Christmas flower envelopes cutoff for the Christmas bulletin December 21st



Saint Paul Parish is taking an important step toward creating a more welcoming and accessible place of worship for all. To better serve our parish community, we are planning a 50' x 58' addition to our church that will include handicap-accessible restrooms and improved facilities for parishioners and visitors with mobility challenges.

The total cost for this initial phase is \$19,000, with an additional \$2,500 contingency, for a total of \$21,500.

Every contribution—large or small—brings us closer to ensuring that Saint Paul Church remains a place of belonging, dignity, and inclusion for everyone who walks through our doors.

Thank you for considering donating towards this important cause for our parish!

Please scan the QR code, follow the URL below, or search - igivecatholic Diocese of Youngstown - to select your parish to give online.

https://www.igivecatholic.org/organization/St-Paul-Parish-7



ST. GEORGE CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWER DONATION

Donations will be accepted for the Christmas Memorial Flowers that will be placed in the Sanctuary for the Christmas Season. Please place money in an envelope and mark .. "CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL" ... Along with this form... place in collection basket....

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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, November 30, and ends on Wednesday, 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 2025 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 2025 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 8

9:00am Mass at St. Paul Parish 12 Noon Mass at St. George Parish 6:00pm Mass at St. Paul Parish

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 14, at 2:00pm.**

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULES

Wednesday, December 24 — Christmas Eve

St. Paul — 4:00pm

St. George — 6:00pm

St. Philip Neri-12 Midnight

St. Paul—12 Midnight (Spanish)

Thursday, December 25 — Christmas Day

St. Paul — 9:00am

Sunday, December 28 — Holy Family

Regular Mass Schedules [no confession on Saturday]

MASS SCHEDULES FOR JANUARY 1, 2026

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.

Wednesday, December 31 — New Year's Eve

St. Philip Neri — 5:00pm

Thursday, January 1 — New Year's Day

St. Paul — 10:00am and 5:00pm (Spanish)

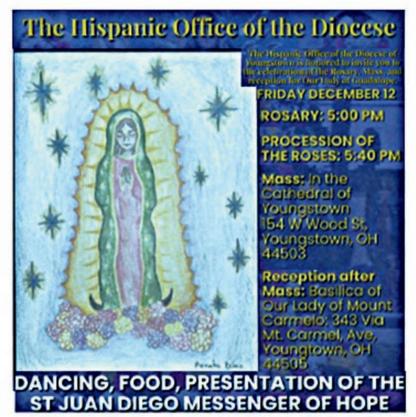
St. George — 12 Noon

Sunday, January 4 — Epiphany

Regular Mass Schedules

Upcoming Parish Events

- •Mondays @ 12:30pm St Paul Rectory Meeting Room•Legion of Mary
- Mondays @ 6:30pm St Paul Parish Center Living Room
 O.C.I.A.
- •Wednesdays @6:30pm St Paul Parish Center Living Room
 - •Women's Bible Study
- •Thursdays @9:30am St George
 - Praise the Lord Prayer Group
- •1st & 3rd Fridays after 9am Mass St George Hall
 - Men's Bible Study
- •December 6 @9am St Paul Church
 - •K of C #1818 Rosary
- •December 6 @5pm St Philip Neri
 - •5pm Father Joe installation St Philip
- •December 7 & 14 9:50-10:50am St Paul School
 - Religious Education Sessions
- •December 14 2pm @ St Paul
 - Advent Penance Service
- •December 15 @7pm St Paul Rectory Meeting Room
 - Knights of Columbus #1818 Meeting
- •December 17 @6pm St Paul Rectory Meeting Room
 - Security Council Meeting



December 7, 2025 2nd Sunday of Advent

"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

MATTHEW 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Jesus?

Do you spend time in prayer or do you waste it

with mindless activity?

Do you use your talent to help others or are you too busy?

Do you use your treasure to support the Church or do you buy more things that go unused.

Our time, talent, and treasure are gifts from God.

What we do with these gifts is our gift back to Him.

What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

December 7, 2025
Second Sunday of Advent
Are you called to be "A herald's voice in the desert" preparing the way of the Lord in the hearts of His people? If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, talk to your priest or reach out to the Diocese of Youngstown Office of Church Vocations

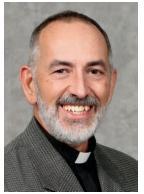
at vocations@youngstowndiocese.org.

Collection of non-perishable food items

Family and Community Services of Columbiana County, located in Lisbon, OH, provides assistance with utility bills and rent as well as maintaining a food bank for all county residents. We would like to extend a very special thank you to the parishioners of St. John, St. George, and St. Agatha parishes who have been very generous over the years with their donations. We would also like at this time to invite parishioners of the other Columbiana County parishes to join us with the collection of non-perishable food items. Not only are these items especially needed at this time of year, but following the recent food shortage situation, our food pantry is now quite low. Collection bins will soon be located at each of the church entrances.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.





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Confessions:

At St. George: First Saturday of month @ 1:00 pm At St. Paul: Saturdays 3:30 pm or by appointment At St. Philip Neri: First Saturday of month @ 4:00 pm

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 after 9:00am Mass -4:00pm (Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm)

Holiday & Weekday Masses: Consult Bulletin

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