

Welcome to

St. Paul's Catholic Church (St. Rita's Oratory)

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Deacon Candidates: **DAN LEROY and NOEL VOOS**

December 27, 2020

OFFICE HOURS

SP's: Monday & Friday, 12:30 – 4:00 PM

SM's: Monday & Friday, 8:30 AM – noon

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Sunday @ 10:30 AM

Also by Appointment

SACRAMENT OF

BAPTISM

Contact the Pastor.

SACRAMENT OF

MATRIMONY

Contact the Pastor.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Will be posted in next week's bulletin.

The Christmas Flower memorials will be posted at a later date.

Friday, January 1:

The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God is an obligatory holy day. You the faithful are obligated to participate in the Mass on this day; this is a wonderful way to begin a New Year. There will be a vigil Mass at 4:00 PM on Thursday, December 31 at St. Mary's and a 9:00 AM Mass at St. Paul's on January 1. All are welcome!

January 1: Fri SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD - The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord Solemnity [Holyday of Obligation]

Readings: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

This beautiful feast, although a holy day of obligation, is so often ignored buried by the New Year's celebrations around us. Yet, it is a time to reflect on the fact that Mary, as the mother of Christ. Today is the day that Jesus was named according to the Jewish tradition. God is no longer distant; we can see his face. The Lord has let his face shine upon us from the manger. Like the shepherds in the Gospel, let us glorify and praise God, and share his blessings with all we meet.

Ushers for this week (12/27/2020) are:

- Frances Dunbar
- William Flynn
- Dr. Newell
- Ken Blankenbush

Lector – Sheila Blankenbush

Ushers for 1/1/2021 are:

- Thomas Murphy
- William Flynn
- Ken & Sheila Blankenbush

Lector – Francis Dunbar

Ushers for next week (1/3/2021) are:

- Frances Dunbar
- William Flynn
- Dr. Newell
- Sheila Blankenbush

Lector – Patricia Newell

The Holy Family:

Saturday, 4:00 PM (SM)
December 26

Jim Bertrand
By The Wagoner Family

Sunday, 9:00 AM (SM)
December 27

Richard & Charlotte Hall
By Their Sons & Family
For the People of the Parishes

11:00 AM (SP)

Liturgical Schedule:

Monday, 8:00 AM (SM)
December 28

NO Mass
No Communion Service

Tuesday, 8:00 AM (SP)
December 29

NO MASS
No Communion Service

Wednesday, 8:00 AM (SM)
December 30

NO MASS
No Communion Service

Solemnity of Mary Vigil:

Thursday, 4:00 PM (SM)
December 31

Amelia Nuzzo
By Brigitte Schulz

Solemnity of Mary:

Friday, 9:00 AM (SP)
January 1

Michael Fulmer
By Francis Dunbar

The Epiphany of the Lord:

Saturday, 4:00 PM (SM)
January 2

For the People of the Parishes

Sunday, 9:00 AM (SM)
January 3

Sofia Sousa
By The Perkins Family

11:00 AM (SP)

Geno Martini
By Sharon & Stephen Maloney

THERE WILL NO DAILY MASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

WEEKLY MEMORIALS (this week)

St. Paul's: The SANCTUARY LAMP will burn, the

EUCCHARISTIC HOST will be offered, and the ALTAR CANDLES will be lit in loving memory of **BRYAN & ANN DUNBAR**. Requested by Francis Dunbar.

IN OUR PRAYERS: We ask God's help as we pray for our sick; for world peace; for Christian unity; for the victims of oppression and violence; for greater respect of all human life; and for all our departed.

PLEASE wear your masks, practice social distancing and don't linger in groups in the parking lot. Protect yourselves and others. Please leave the kneelers down in the pew you occupied when you leave so that we may know to clean it. Thank you

**Happy
New Year!**



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

- December 27 and January 3 - No Class
- January 10 - Class

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH: Gospel

Reading: Luke 2:22-40 Mary and Joseph present Jesus at the Temple in accordance with the Law of Moses.

(Family Connection) Today’s celebration of the Feast of the Holy Family highlights the importance of family in our religious life. We know that Mary and Joseph’s faithfulness to God enabled them to cooperate in God’s plan for our salvation by accepting the responsibility to raise God’s Son, Jesus. From his parents, Jesus learned how to be a faithful believer in his Jewish tradition. Simeon’s prophecy about Mary’s sorrow alerts us to the importance of a family’s commitment to one another, a commitment that is expressed in both good times and bad. Gather as a family and recall times when your family showed its commitment to one another in good times and in bad. Recall times when your immediate family was supported by members of your extended family. Note that today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, and we see in the family of Jesus an example for our own family life. Read together today’s Gospel, Luke 2:22-40. Joseph and Mary expressed their faithfulness to God through their observance of the Law of Moses. Simeon prophesied the grief that Mary would experience at the foot of Jesus’ cross. One of the blessings of family life is our commitment to one another, sharing good times and supporting one another through difficult times. Conclude in prayer together thanking God for the grace expressed in your family’s commitment to another. Write a prayer together, thanking God for your family life and asking God to strengthen your family’s commitment to one another. Pray this prayer together.

December 27: THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH Feast - Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40

Family life is a journey of faith, and a connection between what has been and was is to come. In our Gospel today we see the Holy Family observing the tradition of faith to have Jesus presented in the Temple. On the day of his circumcision which was the sign of old covenant, Simeon declares to Mary that Jesus will be sign that will be contradicted. Jesus will usher in the New Covenant of grace at the Resurrection. Together we pray our responsorial psalm: the Lord remembers his covenant forever. Through baptism each one of us enters into this New Covenant and we become children of God. We enter into the journey of faith and are called to build up the Kingdom of God by making Jesus known among the nations.

Feast of the Holy Family- December 27, 2020

Jesus was born into a Holy Family, not a storybook family. Today, pray for married couples and for parents, who strive to remain faithful to their commitments in a changing and challenging world. If you are considering a vocation to religious life, diaconate or priesthood, talk to Fr. Vicente or Fr. Christopher Carrara at (315) 393-2920, ext. 1340/ ccarrara@rcdonys.org or Cathy Russell, the Diocesan Vocation Coordinator at (315)393-2920, ext. 1450/crussell@rcdonys.org. See us at www.myvocation.net.

SCRIPTURE AND REFLECTION: Magnificat, Dec. 2020

“Today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord.” (Luke 2:11) A strange ruler, an unexpected judge: the WonderCounselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace, born as a child among the world’s unimportant people. From the beginning, the Savior upsets every standard by which the unredeemed world has ruled itself. To celebrate Christmas in truth is to allow our eyes to be opened to God’s view of reality

NEW YORK STATE DISCERNMENT RETREAT:

For young men ages 16-35 Have you felt the invitation to follow Jesus Christ as a Catholic priest? Gather with young men from across New York State who are considering the call to priesthood. Hear talks on priesthood delivered by Syracuse, Ogdensburg, and Buffalo Vocation Directors. This will be a virtual conference over Zoom. When: Saturday, January 2, 2021 Time: 9am - 2pm Registration: Please contact vocations@syrdio.org Registration deadline: Friday, January 1, 2021

PLAN AHEAD – 2020 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

- ✓ In order for your remaining 2020 envelope contributions to be included in the 2020 tax year, they must be received by the December 26-27 weekend collection.
- ✓ Any contributions received after the December 26-27 weekend collection will be included on next year’s (2021) financial statement. Church contribution statements will be mailed upon request – call 315-773-5672, or place a separate note in your collection envelope.

Please keep Father Vicente in your prayers as he recovers from the Coronavirus. We want to THANK Father Deluca for filling in for father while he is ill.



WORLD DAY OF PEACE: Did you know that January 1 celebrates the World Day of Peace, when the pope sends his message to all foreign ministers around the world?