

# Welcome to

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

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

**December 13, 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

Envelopes \$1,170.00; Plate \$72.00

21<sup>st</sup> Century: \$97.00, Christmas Flowers: \$157.00

Weekly cost to run Parish: \$1,627

### SECOND COLLECTION this weekend is for Retirement Fund for Religious Brothers, Sisters, and Religious Order Priests.

Please make a difference. "Every Dollar makes a difference in covering our expenses," says a Trappist abbot. Hundreds of US religious communities struggle to provide for aging members most senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests served for little pay. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps these communities bridge a gap, offering support for medications, nursing care and other necessities. Thank you for being generous.

### SCRIPTURE AND REFLECTION:

Magnificat, Dec.2020 "The one who obeys me dwells in security, in peace, without fear of harm." (Proverbs 1:33) What is so new about the promised "mountain of the Lord" is not that the wolf and the lamb are both there, but that the wolf remains a wolf and the lamb a lamb, and yet they dwell together without harm or hurt in God's kingdom. Under God's rule, conversion and obedience do not mean the loss of identity but the discovery of our true identity as one in Christ.

### Ushers for this week (12/13/2020) are:

- Thomas Murphy
- Charles (Andy) Rumschlag
- William Flynn
- Ken Blankenbush

Lector – Francis Dunbar

### Ushers for next week 12/20/2020) are:

- Frances Dunbar
- Charles (Andy) Rumschlag
- William Flynn
- Thomas Murphy

Lector – Ken Blankenbush

*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.*

### Third Sunday of Advent:

Saturday, 4:00 PM (SM)  
December 12

Sunday, 9:00 AM (SM)  
December 13

11:00 AM (SP)

### Liturgical Schedule:

Monday, 8:00 AM (SM)  
December 14

Tuesday, 8:00 AM (SP)  
December 15

(Followed by recitation of the Rosary)

Wednesday, 8:00 AM (SM)  
December 16

Thursday, 8:00 AM (SP)  
December 17

Friday, 8:00 AM (SM)  
December 18

### Fourth Sunday of Advent:

Saturday, 4:00 PM (SM)  
December 19

Sunday, 9:00 AM (SM)  
December 20

11:00 AM (SP)

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

December 24: 4:00 PM (SM)

6:00 PM (SP)

December 25: 9:00 AM (SP)

### WEEKLY MEMORIALS (this week)

St. Paul's: The SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in loving memory of CHARLES "MIKE" TUNSTALL, requested by The Franks.

The ALTAR CANDLES will burn in loving memory of GENO MARTINI, requested by Michael & Cecelia Gracey

IN OUR PRAYERS: In this Advent season of preparation, we pray for a deeper spiritual life with God and our Church; for the safety and security of our nation and those who protect us; for world peace; for the unemployed and the sick; and for all the faithful departed.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**

- December 13 - Class, Student Confessions for Grades 3 – 7
- December 20 - Faith at Home, FORMED – Pageant Practice 9:45 to 10:45 AM (for Grade 2 Students only)
- December 27 - No Class
- January 3 - No Class
- January 10 - Class



**Thursday, December 24: Christmas Eve Family Mass at 6:00 PM - for Grade 2 students please arrive at 5:30 PM**

CLASSES are held at St. Paul’s Church Parish Center on Sundays, 9:45 – 10:45 AM, for Grades Kindergarten through 7. PARENTS please drop off and pick up your child(ren) at the Parish Center doors.

**Confirmation CLASS** (Grades 8 -12): Class is being held at St. Mary’s Church.

**RCIA CLASSES** If you are interested in being a part of the RCIA, coming into full communion with the Catholic Church. If you are interested or have questions call Dennis Olshfski at 315-642-3757 or call Kareta at the church office at 315-629-4678.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT:** Gospel Reading: : John 1:6-8,19-28 John gives testimony that he is preaching and baptizing in order to prepare for the coming of another.

***(Family Connection)*** In family life, we learn to trust other people for protection and care. This experience of trust within the family enables children to believe us when we testify about our faith in Jesus. John the Baptist was believed by those who heard him because he helped them to recognize Jesus in their midst. In our family life, we hope and pray that we lead one another to recognize Jesus’ presence in our world. As you gather as a family, recall that during the Advent season we are invited to pay particular attention to the signs of Jesus’ presence in our world. Consider some of the signs of Jesus’ presence that you have experienced. During Advent, we remember how John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus. Read together today’s Gospel, John 1:6-8,19-28. Discuss the signs of Jesus’ presence in our world that you named and explain what these signs tell us about God and God’s love for us. Pray together that your family will be led to recognize that Jesus is present among us. Read and pray together the psalm for today’s Mass, the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55).

**December 13: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
***Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28***

Rejoice always, St. Paul exhorts us in today’s second reading. This is not some artificial joy, a grin and bear it type of sentiment. Despite all the suffering and sorrow, the hardships and the struggles of life, we are called to be a joy-filled people. Our joy comes because we trust the word of the Lord. Like the prophet Isaiah and John the Baptist, we trust that the Lord will come. We rejoice because we know that the Almighty has done great things for us. And while we wait for his return, we are encouraged by the Holy Spirit to share this joy and bring glad tidings to the poor. Let us be bearers of light by sharing our faith, by inviting others who may lack hope or who are lonely, and by reaching out.

**Third Sunday of Advent – December 13, 2020**

“The One who calls you is faithful.” Will you be faithful to His call? If God may be inviting you to be a priest, deacon or consecrated religious, talk to Fr. Vicente or Fr. Christopher Carrara at (315) 393-2920, ext. 1340/ [ccarrara@rcdony.org](mailto:ccarrara@rcdony.org) or Cathy Russell, the Diocesan Vocation Coordinator at (315)393-2920, ext. 1450/[crussell@rcdony.org](mailto:crussell@rcdony.org). See us at [www.myvocation.net](http://www.myvocation.net).

**PRAYER LINE:** If you wish to be a person who prays for the people on the Prayer Line, please call Virginia Martin at 315-773-5182; or to add someone to the Prayer Line, call Virginia and give the name and reason why the person should be on the Prayer Line (if permitted by the person). Also, if the petition has been granted, or if the person is deceased, or if you would like to give thanks for petitions received, please call Virginia.



**St. Cecelia Sings:**

If you would like to enjoy seeing musicians from various parishes around the Diocese go to the Diocese Website [www.rcdony.org](http://www.rcdony.org) and on the Home Page click on St. Cecilia Sings.

**THIS WEEKEND WE CELEBRATE GAUDETE SUNDAY, THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT** [Latin for “Rejoice”]. It is named after the opening antiphon of the Introit, Gaudete in Domino semper (Rejoice in the Lord always) as it signals the approaching joy of the Christmas celebration. Today’s scripture readings express the joy of the watcher who heralds the dawn while standing between darkness and light. On this day, rose-colored vestments may be worn in place of the traditional violet vesture of the Advent season.

**ONE MINUTE MEDITATION** - Holiday Advice: The holiday season is an important time in the Church but, in the midst of a pandemic, it can also be a time when health worries, money worries, family worries and every kind of worry intrudes. Instead, try to follow this advice from St. Paul, “Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.” (Philippians 4:8). Growing in Faith December 2020.