

JOY

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit





SATURDAY, December 13, 2025 Vigil of Sunday

5:00 p.m. (SP) +Marjorie Berg (Annv.)
Req. Bill & Sue
+Karl P. Arnold /Req. Family
+Robert Fehrman
/Req. Mary & Family

SUNDAY, December 14, 2025

7:30 a.m. (SMA) +Mario Tucci
/Req. Guido & Family
+ Bob Mion /Req. Carol Mion
+Linda Kocik
/Req. St. John's School
Community

9:00 a.m. (SP) +John Mackin /Req. A.O.H.

11:30 a.m. (SMA) +Antonette Chapola
/Req. Mary Ellen Allegrino
+Carmela DiPrinzio (Annv.)
/Req. M/M Camillo DiRado &
Family
*Special Intention for Lidia
Dure's Family
+Leonardo Joe Piccirilli (Annv.)
/Req. Wife & Family

2:00 p.m. (SMA) **LATIN MASS**

MONDAY, December 15, 2025 NO MASS

TUESDAY, December 16, 2025

12:10 p.m. (SP) *Parishioners' Intentions

WEDNESDAY, December 17, 2025

12:10 p.m. (SMA) +The Living & Deceased
Members of Our Ladies of
Charity

THURSDAY, December 18, 2025

12:10 p.m. (SP) +Holy Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, December 19, 2025

12:10 p.m. (SMA) *Parishioners' Intentions

SATURDAY, December 20, 2025, Vigil of Sunday

5:00 p.m. (SP) +Edward V. Mullins
/Req. John R. O'Neil

SUNDAY, December 21, 2025

7:30 a.m. (SMA) +Ron McKan /Req. Mom
+Stephen Blanding
/Req. Patricia & Eugene Calistri

9:00 a.m. (SP) *Healing for Irene Minauskas
/Req. Mary
+Holy Souls
+Sister Johanna O'Brien (2nd
Annv.) & O'Brien Family
/Req. Family

11:30 a.m. (SMA) +Antoinetti Piccirilli /Req.
Family
*Special Intention for Lidia
Dure's Family
+Marisa Tiesi
/Req. M/M Camillo DiRado

Parish Stewardship

Last Sunday's Offerings St. Mary's:

Ordinary Offering	\$9,523.00
Fuel	\$162.00
Electricity	\$117.00
Youth	\$21.00
Candles	\$138.00
On-Line	\$131.16
Immaculate Conception	\$178.00
Christmas Flowers	\$735.00
Total	\$11,005.16

We need \$6,500 weekly to meet our expenses.

Last Sunday's Offerings St. Paul's:

Ordinary Offering	\$5,720.00
Fuel	\$47.00
Electricity	\$32.00
Candles	\$70.00
Grounds & Maintenance	\$67.00
Flowers	\$630.00
On-Line	\$1,039.90
Immaculate Conception	\$248.00
Total	\$7,853.90

We need \$6,100 weekly to meet our expenses.



Christmas Schedule

CHRISTMAS EVE, WEDNESDAY 12/24:

4:00 PM - CHILDREN'S MASS @ SP
11:00 PM - VIGIL MASS @ SMA

CHRISTMAS DAY, THURSDAY 12/25:

9:00 AM - MASS @ SP
11:00 AM - MASS @ SMA

***** If you would like to request a Christmas Mass for a loved one, please call the rectory office*****

LORD, COME AND SAVE US!



St. Paul's Thanksgiving Basket give away was a tremendous success again this year!
Many thanks to ALL who donated gift cards!!

Thank you to the volunteers who helped in distributing our Thanksgiving goods to the many families in need.

As a parish, we came together and provided a full Thanksgiving meal to 125 families.

God Bless you all.



**THE TABERNACLE CANDLE
BURNS FOR THE GLORY OF
GOD AND FOR ...**

**St. Mary's: Mario, Anthony &
Mario D. Masciarelli
Req. Family**

St. Paul's: The Berg Family

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU....

**COME AND GIVE JESUS THE
GREATEST GIFT, YOURSELF,
FOR CHRISTMAS.**

**FR. ART WILL BE HEARING
CONFESSIONS ON MONDAY,
DECEMBER 15TH FROM 4-7 PM
AT
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.**



HOPE APPEAL

St. Paul's

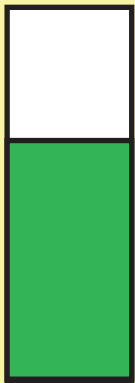
St. Mary's

Goal: \$34,808

Goal: \$36,554

\$20,082.92

\$15,679.33



Thank you to all the ladies who made *beautiful crocheted* scarves to go along with our Thanksgiving Baskets. What an added gift to go along with their Thanksgiving Basket!

We truly appreciate your busy hands making lives a bit warmer.



A big THANK YOU going out to everyone who helped make our 2025 Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway such a HUGE SUCCESS! From the monetary & gift card donations, along with the many baskets of food that were donated, we were able to feed over 150 local families and we could not have done it without your help!

Special thanks to ALL of our volunteers who stepped in to sort, pack, purchase, set-up and distribute our baskets. The love & compassion that was shown to each of our recipients was beyond measure.

It takes many hands to pull it all together and the people of St. Mary's always comes through for us. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your generosity and for helping to put JOY in the hearts of those we served. We are so blessed to belong to such a wonderful parish family. We look forward to doing it again next year!

Maria & Ken Klawiter



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers St. Paul's December 20 & 21, 2025		
Saturday	Time 5:00 PM	Lector/Ciborium: Corinne Crandell
Sunday	Time 9:00 AM	Lector/Ciborium: Patricia Newlan

Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers St. Mary's December 21, 2025		
Sunday	Time 7:30 AM	Ciborium: Steve Gardner, Sr. Lucia Lector: Carol Mion
Sunday	Time 11:30 AM	Ciborium: Maria Klawiter, Ken Klawiter Lector: Rocco Fortunato



Children's/Family Christmas Eve Mass

Fr. Art invites all children and families to celebrate the anticipation of the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ on Christmas Eve. If you would like to participate in the celebration, please come to Mass at 3:30PM on Wednesday, December 24th to receive a costume to wear during Mass.

Fr. Art will look upon the congregation and call out for all who are the shepherds, sheep, animals, angels, wise men, representative of all who came to Bethlehem on the Holy Night, to join him on the altar as he retells the story of Christ's birth.

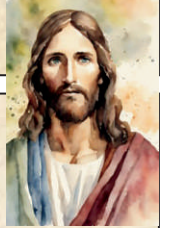
We look forward to full participation of our Faith Formation students as well as any other child (littlest to High School) who is with us. Costumes will be provided upon entrance to St. Paul's Church.

Any questions, please contact Donna DiStefano Director of Faith Formation for both parishes.
ddistefano@syrديو.وrg
or 607-727-7956



ST PAUL'S RCIA GROUP

Date: Wednesday, December 17, 2025
Time: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Place: Rectory Office, 15 Doubleday Street
Topic: Significance of Christmas for Catholics and all Christians



ST. MARY'S RCIA GROUP

Date: Sunday, December 14, 2025
Time: 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm
Place: St. Mary's
Topic: Journey of Life of Jesus
Where? When? Why?

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our parish communities would like to congratulate the following for receiving the 2025

Immaculata Award!

**Steve & Linda Gardner (SMA)
Kathy Blodgett (SP)**

These individuals were recognized for their *generous* service and *dedication* to our churches.

NEW PARISHIONER FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

_____ St. Mary's _____ St. Paul
_____ New Registration _____ Change of Address
_____ You may publish my name in the bulletin

Please cut out and drop in collection basket or mail to rectory

Meditation for Sunday, December 14, 2025

. . more than a prophet. (Matthew 11:9)

John the Baptist was a pivotal figure in the history of Israel. It had been five hundred long years since Malachi had issued his momentous prophecy concerning “the day of the Lord” (3:23). And when John came on the scene, many people recognized him as a prophet, a voice of hope—and perhaps even the fulfillment of that hope! They were so excited that they flocked to the desert to hear him and receive his baptism of repentance.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus makes it clear that John is even “more than a prophet” (Matthew 11:9). He is the final messenger, “Elijah,” the one who would return and prepare the way of the Lord (Malachi 3:1).

John’s appearance signaled a turning of the ages, the dawn of the long-awaited Messiah. We, too, are in our own turning of the ages as we await the coming of Jesus, our Messiah. So how can we make our hearts ready for him to come, both at Christmas and at the end of time?

One way, of course, is to confess our sins. But just as John was *more than a prophet*, God wants to do *more* for us than cleanse us of sin. He wants to go deeper into our hearts and heal our inner wounds and any attitudes that might be keeping us from fully welcoming Jesus.

For example, perhaps your life hasn’t turned out the way you envisioned, and you feel disappointed with God’s plan. Or you may blame the Lord for something bad that has happened in your life or for not answering a heartfelt prayer. Perhaps the burdens of life have weighed you down, and you’ve allowed yourself to become satisfied with superficial or rote prayer.

Whatever is burdening you, now is the time to cry out to the Lord for healing! He wants you to live in freedom, not under a cloud of grief or resentment or complacency. Remember John’s message: “The kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Matthew 3:2). God’s grace is at hand for you—today!

“Lord, search my heart and set me free!”

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