
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God



January 1, 2017

Sat. December 31, 2016

5:00 pm – Steve Olah, Josephine Scadura

Sun. January 1, 2017

9:00 am – Deceased Members Gowat Family
Deceased Members Lucido Family, John Gribbin
9:00 & 11:00 am – CTW & 3, 4, 5 year olds
11:00 am – John VanTassel, Linda Mastandrea

Mon. January 2, 2017

No Religious Education

Tues. January 3, 2017

6:30-8:00 p.m. - Religious Education
6:30 pm – Hospitality Comm. Mtg.

Wed. January 4, 2017

12:00 noon – Senior Luncheon
6:30-8:00 p.m. - Religious Education

Thurs. January 5, 2017

7:00 pm - RCIA
7:00 pm. – AA
7:15 pm – Choir Practice

Fri. January 6, 2017

6:30 pm – Catechist Meeting

Sat. January 7, 2017

5:00 pm – Steve Olah, Josephine Scadura

Sun. January 8, 2017

9:00 am – Deceased Members Gowat Family
Deceased Members Lucido Family, John Gribbin
9:00 & 11:00 am – CTW & 3, 4, 5 year olds
9:00 am - Teen Liturgy
10:00 am – Grade 1 and Parent Workshop
11:00 am – John VanTassel, Linda Mastandrea

THANKS

A big thank you to all those who decorated the Church...those who worked so hard to enhance and beautify our worship space. Likewise we'd also like to thank the music ministry for the wonderful Christmas Liturgies.

A word of gratitude to Debbe Garry and Rebecca Suchy who worked with our children who participated in our Christmas Vigil Mass and Pageant.

Thank you to all who contributed toward the purchase of the flowers and the Manza Family for the beautiful Christmas trees. The decorations helped to enrich the feel of the church.

Special thanks to all who donated the clothes, toys, food, hams to help make Christmas a bit brighter and merrier for others of our community along with our Carmelite parish of St. Simon Stock. We are grateful to all who bagged, tagged and made sure that the items got to the appropriate places. And thanks to Dominic Zigrossi whose generosity in purchasing turkeys and hams for both Thanksgiving and Christmas and then trucked all the dry goods to our church so that our wonderful volunteers (youngsters and oldsters) could pack the food baskets given out to those needing some help by yet another group of volunteers who spent the good part of a day here giving out the baskets.

Thank you all for your kindness, generosity of spirit and pocket, and the sharing of your time and talents.

POLISH DINNER



Come and join us on **Saturday, January 28th at 6:00 p.m.** for a Polish Dinner! Dinner will include kielbasa, pierogi, stuffed cabbage, kapusta and beer, wine and soda. Prices are; **\$10.00 per person, \$30.00 for immediate family and \$8.00 for seniors and children under 12.** **Signing up** and collecting of monies will begin the weekend of **January 14th and 15th after all the Masses.** For more information, or if you would like to bring a dessert, contact **Rick at 646-208-3552.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We will be starting to dismantle the Christmas decorations on **Sunday, January 8th at 12:00 p.m.** Many hands make light work. Please come and help.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dec. 24th & 25th Sun. Collection - \$5,079.99
Christmas Collection - \$9,792.79

Thank you!

NEW TO ST. PAUL'S?

New Parishioners are always welcome and are encouraged to join the Parish. Why Register?

- To facilitate communication with you
- So we can more accurately plan for parish needs
- Sacramental record keeping
- Active membership allows a person to be a godparent at Baptism or sponsor a child at Confirmation.

Young Adults should register whether they live with their parents or on their own. This makes it possible for you to demonstrate that you, your-self, are a registered active and participating individual member of St. Paul's Church, apart from your parents. We hope that you will find our church community a place where your life of faith will be nourished. Your prayers, your presence, and your talents are most welcome here.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Hospitality Comm. Tues. Jan. 3rd - 6:30 pm
Catechist Mtg. Fri. Jan. 6th - 6:30 pm
Parish Council Mtg. Mon. Jan. 9th - 7:00 pm

PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council meetings, generally held on the 2nd Monday of the month are announced in the church bulletin and on the website and are open to all parishioners. If you wish to address the Council at a meeting, contact the church office to request to have your topic added to the agenda. Minutes of each council meeting can be found on the website at stpaulsbullville.org/parish-council.

SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON

All Senior Citizens (Age 55+) are invited to our monthly Senior Citizen Luncheon, held on the first Wednesday of each month at **12 Noon**. The next luncheon will be on **Wednesday, January 4, 2017**. *A free-will offering is taken.* If you have any questions or would like to help in any way, please call **Helen Schwarting at 744-3026**.

WINTER WEATHER CLOSINGS

All closings for St. Paul's Religious Education and all other parish activities will be announced on:
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HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

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"The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger; once they saw, they understood what had been told them concerning this child. All who heard of it were astonished at the report... Mary treasured all these things and reflected on them in her heart."

Does it surprise me that the first to come and encounter Christ were lowly shepherds? They were certainly not the persons I would expect to greet a newborn baby. Obviously, they accepted the good news and then reported it to others. We who know the Bethlehem story so well, might not have even bothered to go to the cave where Christ was born. We might, like the shepherds, have just returned to the night watch guarding themselves and their flocks. Obviously their story moved others as well.

At the same time Mary both treasured and reflected, sometimes the scriptures say 'pondered' or weighed what she knew, saw and heard. How she felt may best be known by the mother of a newborn. It might be fitting to sit quietly like Mary and reflect upon the events. Christmas comes and goes so fast that we might overlook the great outpouring of the Father in giving us a needed Savior, and the role model of Mary treasuring and reflecting. May we treasure the coming of the Lord.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. Meetings are held at St. Paul's **every Thursday evening at 7:00 PM**. Beginners, Open Discussion and a Step Meeting is offered each week

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