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# *The Fourth Sunday of Advent*

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**December 24, 2017**

**Sat. December 23, 2017**

5:00 pm – Carmela LaTuso, Juan Martinez,  
Jose & Ramona Martinez

**Sun. December 24, 2017**

9:00 am – Harry J. Curley, Sr. Edwina Dunne  
11:00 am – Amado ‘Ding’ V. Gonzales,  
John Boyle

**Christmas Eve Masses**

**6:00 pm – Parishioners of St. Paul’s**  
**9:00 pm - Parishioners of St. Paul’s**

**Mon. December 25, 2017**

***Merry Christmas!***

**11:00 am – Parishioners of St. Paul’s**

**Tues. December 26, 2017**

6:30 – 8:00 pm – Religious Education

**Wed. December 27, 2017**

6:30 – 8:00 pm – Religious Education

**Thurs. December 28, 2017**

7:00 pm – AA

**7:15 pm – Choir Rehearsal**

**Sat. December 29, 2017**

5:00 pm – Dorner Geeze Family, John Townley,  
Danny Mullin

**Sun. December 30, 2017**

9:00 am – Dave Lewis, Sheila Hartman, Lou Valenta  
11:00 am – Fr. Pat, Linda Mastandrea

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Jesus came to this earth not only that we would have life, but that we would experience and know abundant life! I pray that you will experience this abundant life in the New Year just around the corner. Make it your goal to abide in Christ, and allow Him to abide in you and you will be amazed at the things He will do in your life as you place Him first.

On behalf of the entire staff here at St. Paul's Church, I wanted to take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas! Our prayer is that you are experiencing the freedom and life that comes as you walk in obedience and faith on this great journey to Heaven. We appreciate you, and pray that you and your loved ones will experience the Christ of Christmas in a way you've never known before.

Christmas Blessings,

*Fr. Sean*

## **TREASURER’S REPORT**

**December 16th & 17th – \$8,624.06**

**Collection \$6,469.71- Online - \$2,154.35**

**Thank you**

## WELCOME ALL

If this happens to be your first visit to our Church,  
“Welcome”!

The Faith-community of St. Paul’s wants you to know that no matter what your present status is in the Catholic Church; or your current family or marital situation; no matter what your past or present religious affiliation; no matter what your personal history, you are Invited, Welcomed and Respected, here, at St. Paul’s Church.

## LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

There will be a meeting for our **Eucharistic Ministers** with Fr. Sean on **Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>** in **Deacon John Hall** from **10:00 am-3:00pm**.

There will be a meeting for our **Lectors** with Fr. Sean on **Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>** in **Deacon John Hall** from **10:00 am- 3:00pm**.

## 2018 CHURCH ENVELOPES

If you haven’t done so, **PLEASE** pick up your **2018 Church Envelopes** in **Deacon John Hall**.

## 2018 CHURCH CALENDARS

The 2018 Church calendars are here and have been donated with the compliments of **Rich Lalli** of **William M. Gagen Funeral Home Inc**. They are available to be picked up and can be found at the doors of the church and in Deacon John Hall.

## MANY THANKS

Thank you for your support of our food pantry over the past two months. Due to your overwhelming generosity, we were able to distribute **Thanksgiving Food Baskets** and **Christmas Food Baskets** to many needy families.

In addition, the giving tree and Toys for Tots provided gifts given to children in our local area, as well as in the Bronx.

## WINTER WEATHER CLOSINGS

All closings for St. Paul’s Religious Education and all other parish activities will be announced on:  
101.5 WPDH / 106.1 WPDA 97.7 WCZX/ MIX 97  
92.7 WRRV / 96.9 WRRB 94.3 WKXP/ 97.3 WZAD  
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## AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! 122 Wreaths were sold raising \$948.00. for the American Heart Association.

## HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

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**“Do not fear, Mary. You have found favor with God. You shall conceive and bear a son, and give Him the name Jesus. Great will be His dignity and He will be called Son of the Most High.”**

The great moment in the history of salvation, began with the visit of the angel Gabriel and the invitation to be the mother of Jesus. It is not surprising that Mary hesitated, questioned and then consented. Wouldn’t you? Her response ‘I am the maidservant of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say’ redirected the course of human history.

The celebration of the Bethlehem event tonight, allows us not just to recall what happened, but to imitate Mary and permit the Lord to touch our lives in a truly special way. Our traditions and customs are rich as we relive Jesus’ entering our lives again. The Simbang Gabi celebration of Filipino Catholics or Las Posadas of Latin Catholics lead us to the stable cave to meet and adore the Lord of history, the Lord of today. We have been praying ‘Come Lord Jesus’ for the four weeks of advent. Today, we welcome Him with joy.

As we celebrate this special night, may we be ready to open our door not just to Joseph and Mary, but Christ who comes to us.



