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Sunday, December 29, 2024

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Mass Schedule:

Saint Anne Church

Every day: 8:00 AM

Tuesdays: 8:00 AM and 6:30 PM

Saturdays (Vigil): 4:00 PM

Sundays: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM,
and 6:00 PM

Saint Winifred Church

M, W, F : 8:45 AM

Saturdays (Vigil): 5:30 PM

Sundays: 11:30 AM

Confessions:

Saint Anne Church

Tuesdays: 5:15 - 6:15 PM

Saturdays: 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM

Saint Winifred Church

Saturdays: 4:45 PM - 5:15 PM

Eucharistic Adoration:

Saint Anne Church

Tuesdays, after the 8:00 AM mass,
with Benediction at 6:15 PM.

Divine Mercy Holy Hour:

Saint Anne Church

Tuesdays, at 3:00 PM



*He went down with them and
came to Nazareth, and was
obedient to them: and his mother
kept all these things in her heart.
And Jesus advanced in wisdom
and age and favor before God
and Man - Lk 2:51-52*

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 30, 2024

8:00 AM (St. A) Olin DePolo, requested by Brian & Linda Murphy

Tuesday, December 31, 2024

8:00 AM (St. A) Ray Varga Jr., requested by the 8 AM Mass attendees

4:00 PM (St. A) Marianne Ranalli Catarella, requested by The Harrison
Family

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

8:00 AM (St. A) Stephen Zeher, requested by Hank & Judy Freedy

10:00 AM (St. A) The Freedy Family, requested by Hank & Judy Freedy

11:30 AM (St. W) Marlea Gallagher on the occasion of her 70th birthday,
requested by Fr. Richard

Thursday, January 2, 2025

8:00 AM (St. A) Richard T. Catazaro, requested by Phyllis Feller

Friday, January 3, 2025

8:00 AM (St. A) Mike Leary, requested by Catherine & Bob Topoleski

Saturday, January 4, 2025

8:00 AM (St. A) Deceased members of the Ladies of Charity, requested by
current members

4:00 PM (St. A) Robert Geyer, requested by Pat Smith & family

5:30 PM (St. W) Victor Silva, requested by The Higgins Family

Sunday, January 5, 2025

8:00 AM (St. A) Betty Sypien, requested by the Welch Family

10:00 AM (St. A) Eleanor Conroy, requested by The Barnhart Family

11:30 AM (St. W) For the People of the Parish

6:00 PM (St. A) Carl Stone, requested by the Lecci Family

In your prayers please also remember to pray for **Robert A. Maloney,**
Patricia Sharek, Catherine Threnhauser and all the deceased
members of Saint Paul of the Cross Parish.

Parish News



From Fr. Mike

Good luck Johnna Mernick!

For the past 8 years Johnna has shared her beautiful voice with our parish as a cantor and member of the parish choir. For the past 6 years she has served as Chairperson of the Pastoral Council and was very helpful in guiding the process that led to the formulation of our long range Parish Plan that continues to unfold.

Recently Johnna accepted a new job in Boston and will be leaving us soon. Personally and on behalf of the parish I want to thank her for being such a good and active parishioner and leader. Good luck Johnna and please be assured of our prayers!

More Gratitude

Many thanks to everyone who worked very hard to make our parish's celebration of Christmas so beautiful. Thanks to the choir, servers, church cleaners and decorators for their time and commitment. To anyone and everyone who contributed to the celebration of Christ's birth...Thank You! Father Richard and I would also like to express our profound gratitude to everyone who presented us with cards, gifts and baked goods for Christmas. Your kindness really affirms us in our ministry and we want you to know of our deep appreciation.

Thank you to all of the parish members who delivered poinsettias and cheer to our homebound members last week. May God bless you and those receiving the flowers with a joyful new year.



Epiphany House Blessing Kits

20 + C + M + B + 25

Traditionally, on or around the Feast of the Epiphany, Catholics have their houses blessed. Please be sure to take home an Epiphany House Blessing Kit the weekend of January 5th. The kit contains directions, prayers, holy water and blessed chalk. This annual blessing is a powerful one and a sign to God that He is always welcome in our homes - and a sign to Satan that he is not!

Happy New Year

Parish Office Hours

December 30th, & 31st
visit the parish office
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

January 1st the office will be CLOSED

Other Scheduling Notes

There will not be Eucharistic Adoration or Divine Mercy Holy Hour on Tuesday, December 31st. Mass will be at 4:00 PM instead of 6:30 PM.

Baptisms

Last week,
Liam O'Brien Nath,
son of Joseph Nath and Christine
Rodriguez,
received the Sacrament of Baptism.
Please pray for Liam, his parents and
Godparents.

2024 Contributions

If you would like to make a contribution to the parish for 2024, there is still time! Please get your contribution to our parish office with a note detailing your preference to have the donation included in your 2024 tax forms no later than January 12. After this date, we will be unable to credit your contributions toward the 2024 tax year and your contribution will be designated to year 2025. Please contact our business manager, Beth Guzowski with questions at bguzowski@stpaulofthecross.com.

Parish Offertory December 15, 2024

Offertory: \$ 15,331.98
Utilities: \$ 143.10

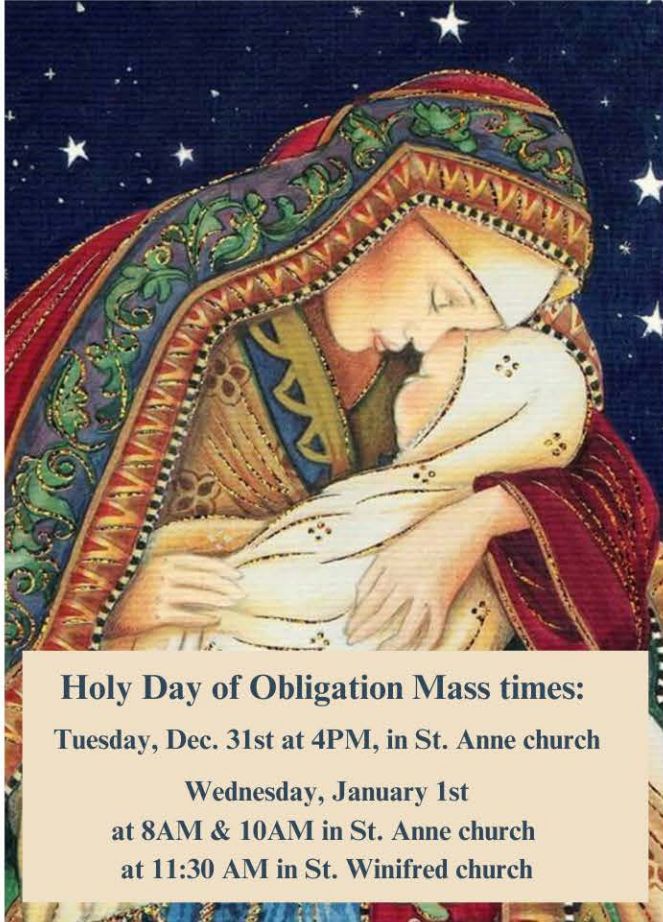
Parish Offertory December 22, 2024

Offertory: \$ 15,283.98
Utilities: \$ 98.10

The second collection this weekend will help the Society of Saint Vincent De Paul continue the great work they do in our community.

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

January 1st, New Year's Day is a special day when we celebrate the motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary with the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. This Holy Day helps us ring in the New Year in a special way.



The Angelus

The Angelus is a brief devotion in honor of the Incarnation that consists of short verses drawn from the Bible and a triple repetition of the Hail Mary. It probably began in imitation of the monastic tradition of saying particular prayers, known as the *tres orationes*, at the ringing of the bell following night prayer and the medieval practice of reciting three Hail Marys during the ringing of the evening bell at six o'clock. The devotion eventually included a recitation at six o'clock in the morning and at noon as well, making the Angelus a way for lay people to sanctify the hours of the day that echoed the monastic praying of the Liturgy of the Hours. Still later, the versicles and a concluding prayer were added, strengthening the connection between the devotion and the mystery of the Incarnation. The practice seems to have always been associated with the ringing of a bell. Whole villages and towns would literally come to halt when the Angelus bell rang. Laborers in the fields, workers in shops, and families at home set aside what they were doing and prayed the Angelus together.

The devotion derives its name from the opening phrase in Latin: *Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariae* (the Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary). The current text of the Angelus was standardized by the seventeenth century and today many churches and monasteries including St. Anne's—as well as a number of radio and television stations—ring the Angelus bell at six o'clock in the morning, at noon, and at six in the evening, inviting the faithful to pause at what they are doing and pray.

THE ANGELUS

The Angelus is traditionally prayed in a call and response format, with a leader announcing the versicle (V) and everyone present saying the response (R).

(V.) The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary. (R.) And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee! Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

(V.) Behold the handmaid of the Lord. (R.) Be it done unto me according to your word.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee! Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

(V.) And the Word was made Flesh. (R.) And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee! Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

(V.) Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. (R.) That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Pour forth we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His passion and cross be brought to the glory of His resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Ministry Announcements



St. Vincent DePaul 5th Sunday Collection Sunday, December 29th

Today is the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. We also celebrate that we all belong to a larger family, the Holy Family of God, which makes us brothers and sisters to each other.

During October and November 2024, your generous gifts enabled St. Paul of the Cross' St. Vincent de Paul Conference to assist 32 families (76 individuals) in our parish community, restoring hope in the form of \$5,477 for food and \$12,953 for utilities and rents, etc. The "Fifth Sunday" this weekend is an opportunity to give witness to Christ's Light, the light of loving compassion, mercy, and hope, to those suffering in our parish family community. Please remember all the families we serve in your prayers.

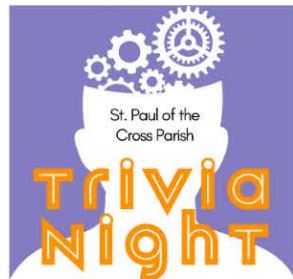
May God bless you and your family in the New Year!

From the members of St. Paul of the Cross' St. Vincent de Paul Society

Adult Trivia Night

Don't miss out on a great time! Test your practical and useless knowledge against other parishioners and friends on January 9th, at 7:00 PM, in the Convent Dining Room. Participants compete in teams of up to 4 players. Snacks and non-alcoholic drinks are provided, but you can also BYOB. To register on line for our next Trivia Night, find the link in the news section of our website or email Lynne Aber at laaber57@gmail.com.

The two time defending champions, pictured below, are anxious for more competition.



Adult Ed Upcoming Schedule:

The Tuesday Series - January 7, February 4, March 4 and May 6, all from 8:45-10:00 AM in the Convent Dining Rm. **Hope in the Lord** is an EWTN series hosted by Fr. Benedict Groeschel. Questions answered and topics discussed in this video presentation are those we turn over in our minds at least a dozen times a day. What is Hope? Why hope, in the face of disappointment and sorrow? Can we honestly replace pain of dashed hopes, with the Hope that never fades?

The Sunday Series - January 12, February 9, March 2 and May 4, all from 7:00-8:00 PM in the DePalma Room **From Nothing to Cosmos** is a FORMED presentation in which Fr. Robert Spitzer, S.J., PhD., dispenses with the contemporary statement, "Science has proven God does not exist," and then goes on to demonstrate God's existence from science, philosophy, medicine, the transcendentals, and metaphysical proofs. Fr. Spitzer is at once, entertaining and overflowing with pertinent information.

Book Club

The Saint Paul of the Cross Parish book discussion group will meet on Wednesday, January 8th in the Choir Room to discuss *Sign of Life: 20 Catholic Customs and Their Biblical Roots* by Scott Hahn at 7:00 PM. Everyone is invited to attend this lively group of page turners. For questions or more information, please contact Lynne Aber at 412-833-3578 or laaber57@gmail.com.



HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Thurs. January 2

7:00 PM Catholic Men's Fellowship meeting in the Convent Dining Rm

Fri. January 3

11:30 AM First Friday Confessions in St. Anne church

Sat. January 4

7:15 AM Five First Saturdays Devotion in St. Anne church

11:00 AM Confessions in St. Anne church

4:45 PM Confessions in St. Winifred church

9:30 PM NA in the Convent Dining Rm

Sun. January 5

3:00 PM Epiphany Concert in St. Anne church



Upcoming dates and Sacramental Information

Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays after the 10:00 AM Mass at Saint Anne church. Call the parish office at (412) 531-5964 to schedule. Completion of a Pre-Baptism class is required with your first child before scheduling. Our next Baptism class will be held on **January 7th** from 5:30-7:00 PM in the DePalma Room. If you have questions, or would like to register, contact Don Fontana at dfontana@stpaulofthecross.com.

Weddings are scheduled on Saturdays at 1:30 PM in Saint Anne church. Arrangements must be made with the parish priest at least six months in advance, and a Pre-Cana class is required. The class takes place on the first weekend of March (**February 28 & March 1, 2025**). Information about the class, as well as guidelines regarding wedding planning in our parish, is available on our website in the *Sacraments and Ceremonies* section.

If you or someone you know has recently become engaged to be married, they are invited to contact Fr. Mike to set up an appointment to meet with him. Call the parish office (412) 531-5964.

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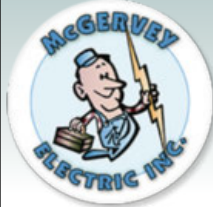
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