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Rev. Fr. Paul T. Hancko, Pastor

Rev. Deacon Stephen Palmer



*We saw his star in the East
and have come to worship Him*

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

SUTTON

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Mon.	Jan 6	8:30am: +Norah Craig req. Rose Sheppard
Tues.	Jan 7	8:30am: +Angela Kalichak req. Pat Vermette
Wed.	Jan 8	6:45pm: <u>Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help</u> 7:00pm: +William & Leah Fahey req. Mr. & Mrs. Fahey
Sat.	Jan 11	5:30pm: +Angela Kalichak req. Pat Vermette
Sun.	Jan 12	8:30am: +John Dzamba req. Ethel Dzamba

Thank you from Fr. Paul, Deacon Steve, and the parish staff for the gifts, cards and prayers received over the Christmas Season. Father appreciates the requests made from families for the Holy Sacraments for their elderly and the homebound during the Christmas Season.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Keep in your prayers: Erica Barry, Helen Bromley, Tyler Clements, Ed Davis, Michael D'Paul, Ligia Gallego, Marika Gilligan, Sebastian Henriques, John Hopkins, Grant Madill, Linda Martignani, Mary Meade, Michelle O'Reilly, Mary Rice, Janis Scully.

A CHRISTMAS POEM From the Shaker tradition

"When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings are back home,
When the shepherds are once more with their flocks,
When Simeon and Anna have gone to their Master in peace,
Then the work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost, to heal the broken,
To release the prisoners, to rebuild the nations,
To bring peace to all people,
To make music in the heart. Amen."

CATHOLIC MAGAZINES TO CONSIDER

Messenger of Saint Anthony: Saint Anthony of Padua Mission Aid, 1320 Leslie St. Suite 100, Toronto, Ontario L3C 2K9 Tel: 416-690-9904 email: st.anthony@bellnet.ca

The Voice of Padre Pio Magazine: 111 Barto Road, Barto PA, 19504
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MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Thurs.	Jan 9.	8:30am: +Angela Kalichak req. Pat Vermette
Fri.	Jan 10	8:30am: +Julius & Elizabeth Hancko 10:30am: <u>Cedarvale Nursing Home</u> - +Angela Kalichak req. The Estate
Sat.	Jan 11	4:00pm: +Giulia & Francesco Mancuso req. Rosa Turano
Sun.	Jan 12	10:30am: +Ronald Lascelles req. Victoria Kremer

Collection: Christmas Collection: \$ 5,900.00
Repairs Debt: To-date: \$370,000.00
Interest to be paid: \$ 3,726.00

Confirmation Candidates should hand in their letters on "Why I want to be Confirmed" to the Catechist. The letter should be dated and have your signature.

EVENT CALENDAR

Tues Jan. 7: Confirmation - Class #4 7pm
Thurs. Jan. 9: Confirmation - Class #4, 7pm
Sun. Jan 19: Confirmation Make-up Class #4 after the 10:30 Mass

HOLD THE DATE!

The Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Women's League are planning a fun and affordable celebration on **Saturday, February 15, 2020** to be held at **the Ice Palace in Keswick**. More details to follow soon.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten Registration begins January 6 for the 2020/2021 school year in all York Catholic elementary schools. To register, visit your child's local Catholic elementary school or register online at www.ycbsb.ca/admissions.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

CWL Breakfast on Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 9:00am in the Father Christopher Room in Keswick. All Women of the parish are welcome.

"The devil is afraid of us when we pray and make sacrifices. He is also afraid when we are humble and good. He is especially afraid when we love Jesus very much. He runs away when we make the Sign of the Cross." - *St. Anthony of Padua*

St. AGNES – January 21st

St. Agnes of Rome was born in 291 AD and raised in a Christian family. Agnes was very beautiful and belonged to a wealthy family. Her hand in marriage was highly sought after, and she had many high ranking men chasing after her. However, Agnes made a promise to God never to stain her purity. Her love for the Lord was great and she hated sin even more than death!

Whenever a man wished to marry Agnes, she would always say, "Jesus Christ is my only Spouse."

According to legend, the young men she turned away became so angry and insulted by her devotion to God and purity that they began to submit her name to authorities as a Christian follower.

In one incident, Procop, the Governor's son, became very angry when she refused him. He tried to win her for his wife with rich gifts and promises, but the beautiful young girl kept saying, "I am already promised to the Lord of the Universe. He is more splendid than the sun and the stars, and He has said He will never leave me!"

In great anger, Procop accused her of being a Christian and brought her to his father, the Governor. The Governor promised Agnes wonderful gifts if she would only deny God, but Agnes refused. He tried to change her mind by putting her in chains, but her lovely face shone with joy.

Next he sent her to a place of sin, but an Angel protected her. At last, she was condemned to death. Even the pagans cried to see such a young and beautiful girl going to death. Yet, Agnes was as happy as a bride on her wedding day. She did not pay attention to those who begged her to save herself. "I would offend my Spouse," she said, "if I were to try to please you. He chose me first and He shall have me!" Then she prayed and bowed her head for the death-stroke of the sword.

Other accounts of Agnes' life hold the Prefect Sempronius responsible for her martyrdom. It is said he condemned the young girl to be dragged through the streets naked. Some versions of the legend state that Agnes' hair grew instantly to cover her entire body and all the men who attempted to rape the beautiful virgin were immediately struck blind.

The stories go on to explain that another man presided over Agnes' trial after Sempronius excused himself. The new man sentenced Agnes to death. At first, Agnes was tied to a stake, but either the wood would not burn or the flames parted away from her.

This prompted an officer to draw his sword and behead the girl. It is believed that her blood, which poured out to the stadium, was soaked up with cloths by Christians.

Agnes was buried beside the Via Nomentana in Rome. Her bones are currently conserved beneath the high altar in the church of Sant'Angese fuori le mura in Rome, which was built over the catacomb that held her tomb. Her skull is preserved in the church of Sant'Agnese in Agone in Rome's Piazza Navona.

In 1858, Father Caspar Rehl, an Austrian missionary founded the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes.

St. Agnes is widely known as the patron saint of young girls. She is also the patron saint of chastity, rape survivors and the Children of Mary. She is often represented with a lamb, the symbol of her virgin innocence, and a palm branch, like other martyrs. She is shown as a young girl in robes holding a palm branch with the lamb either at her feet or in her arms.

Her feast day is celebrated on January 21. On her feast day, it is customary for two lambs to be brought in to be blessed by the pope. On Holy Thursday the lambs' wool is removed and woven into the pallium the pope gives to a newly consecrated archbishop as a sign of his power and union with the pope.

St. Januarius

Little is known about the life of Januarius. He is believed to have been martyred in the Emperor Diocletian's persecution of 305. Legend has it that Januarius and his companions were thrown to the bears in the amphitheater of Pozzuoli, but the animals failed to attack them. They were then beheaded, and Januarius' blood ultimately brought to Naples.

Saint Januarius is famous for the miracle of the annual liquefaction of his blood, which, according to legend, was saved by a woman called Eusebia just after the saint's death. The first certain date is 1389, when it was found to have melted. Then, over the following two and a half centuries official reports began to appear declaring that the blood spontaneously melted, at first once a year, then twice, and finally three times a year.

Thousands of people assemble to witness this event in Naples Cathedral three times a year: on September 19 (Saint Januarius's Day, commemorating his martyrdom), on December 16 (celebrating his patronage of Naples and its archdiocese), and on the Saturday before the first Sunday of May (commemorating the reunification of his relics).

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