

St. Paul the Apostle and Immaculate Conception Churches



Graced by the constant, loving presence of God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - in our lives, energized by the intercession of Mary and the great Communion of Saints, and grounded in the Sacred Scripture, Tradition, Catholic Teaching, Sacrament and Prayer, we, parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle Parish, reach out to embrace all of God's children, encouraging them to receive the gift of eternal salvation, accept Jesus Christ as their Lord, and follow in his footsteps. We declare our solidarity with the poor of the world, and pledge to help them by sharing our love and bounty.

Sunday Liturgies

Saturday:

5:00 p.m. at St. Paul the Apostle (LIFE TEEN Mass)

Sunday:

9:00 a.m. at Immaculate Conception

10:30 a.m. at St. Paul the Apostle

Marian Cenacle: Tuesday - 5:30 p.m.

Life in the Spirit Prayer Group:

7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

(On the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month)

YOUTH MINISTRY:

Edge Night (Gr. 6-8) every 2nd Friday 7-9 p.m.

Life Teen (Gr. 9-12) every 2nd Saturday 6-9 p.m.

Reconciliation(Confessions):

Saturday 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. or by appointment

Tuesday 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Marriage:

Couples planning to be married must contact the parish priest one year in advance. No wedding date is to be set before consulting the parish priest. At least one of the parties should be a registered parishioner and both parties must attend a mandatory Marriage Preparation Course.

Pastoral Ministries:

Life Teen and The Edge Youth Ministry for students in grade six through to high school; Altar Servers; Lectors; Ushers; Eucharistic Ministers; Music Ministry; Pastoral Care Ministers to the sick and shut-ins; Children's Liturgy; Pastoral Council; R.C.I.A.; and Sacramental Preparation

Organizations:

The Catholic Women's League of Canada; Knights of Columbus; Columbian Squires (boys 10 - 18 yrs) St. Vincent de Paul Society

Stewardship:

Welcome to new parishioners! To be a member of our parish is to have a sense of belonging to a Community of Faith. Registration forms and envelopes are available in the foyer of the church.

NOTE: PICTURES & VIDEOS ARE NOT PERMITTED DURING OUR LITURGIES

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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 12 February 2017

“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you: Do not swear at all. Let your word be ‘Yes,’ if ‘Yes,’ or ‘No,’ if ‘No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.” Mt 5:33-34a, 17

First Reading + Sirach 15:15-20
Second Reading + 1 Corinthians 2:6-10
Gospel + Matthew 5:17-37

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, February 13

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, February 14 ♥

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

7:00pm+Sjouke SMIT-VAN DE HOOP, RIP – M Whelton

Wednesday, February 15

8:00am+Ray MCNAMARA, RIP – P Murray

Thursday, February 16

8:00am+Dario DEFEND, RIP – P Murray

10:30am+Mass at Good Samaritan Home

Friday, February 17

12:10pm+Mary/Leo JOYCE, 65th Ann. – A/J Pendergast

Saturday, February 18

(Sat. daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Rita CRUMP, RIP – Crump Family

5:00pm+ Sjouke SMIT-VAN DE HOOP, - B Murray

Sunday, February 19

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+Joe & Helen SMUG, RIP – S Smug

CWL NEWS.....

The winner of the draw for free CWL membership for 2017 is Marion Pickett. All members who paid their membership by the due date of December 31st were eligible. The draw took place at the general meeting January 19th. Congratulations Marion!

Last Week's Collection:

Sunday Offering \$4,017.10

Thank you for your support!

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Septuagesima Sunday

According to the traditional calendar, today is the first of three specially designated Sundays leading up to the start of Lent. Traditionally this pre-Lent season had a semi-penitential character: the liturgical color was purple; the *Gloria* and *Alleluia* were not sung; fasting, however, did not begin until Ash Wednesday. The revised calendar, which came into use after the Second Vatican Council, jumps abruptly from Ordinary Time to Lent without any transition. However, if we are going to benefit spiritually from our observances of Lent, it is absolutely essential that we be properly prepared.

The season of Lent is especially a time of prayer, fasting and alms-giving. The Gospel reading for Ash Wednesday is from Matthew, chapter 6, where Jesus' teaching is clear: "When you give alms ... When you pray ... When you fast ..." Jesus does not say "If"; he says "When." These practices are not optional. These are things we should be doing throughout the year, but *especially* during the upcoming season of Lent.

Lent is a time when God generously wants to pour his graces upon us in abundance. We need to open our hearts to receive them. As St Augustine says: "Suppose you are going to fill some container, and you know you will be given a large amount, then you set about enlarging the container. Why? Because you know the quantity you will have to put in it and your eyes tell you there is not enough room. By expanding it, therefore, you increase the capacity of the container." Lent is a time for expanding our capacity.

Above all, let us make this coming Lent a time of more frequent and fervent prayer. Pope John Paul II said: "The Christian life is distinguished above all in the art of prayer. Prayer cannot be taken for granted. We have to learn to pray. Prayer develops that conversation with Christ which makes us his intimate friends."

Every Friday evening during Lent we pray the Stations of the Cross. I cannot imagine Lent without the Stations, and yet most families have *never* come to Church to pray the Stations! God has an abundance of graces to give but few are showing up to receive them. If you are not able to pray the Stations with the parish, you can still pray them at home — the family is the "domestic church."

If you are not praying the Rosary, Lent is the time to start and to establish this good habit. This year marks the 100th anniversary of Fatima. Our Lady implores us to "pray the Rosary daily." If you have not made a Consecration to Jesus through Mary, consider doing that now, beginning on February 20th — see the notice in this bulletin.

Carefully consider your program for Lent. It should be difficult, a real challenge, but possible and practical. Work it out now and write it down. Make a firm resolution. Make it your promise to God. Be generous. God will not be outdone in generosity.

Development and Peace – 50th Anniversary

Did You know that Development and Peace was founded in 1967 by the Canadian Catholic Bishops after their participation in Vatican II where they listened to the concern of the Bishops from the Global South about poverty, hunger, etc.? To find out more about the work of Development and Peace or to become a member or donor, visit the website at: <http://www.devp.org/en/get-involved>

Celebrate Your Marriage

with a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!

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Encounter is a weekend getaway that helps married couples rediscover themselves as individuals and as a couple. The Weekend helps couples communicate openly and honestly without group sharing, therapy or marriage counselling.

Upcoming Weekend: March 17-19, 2017 (Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga) For information and application, please go to:

www.wwme.org or contact: Gerard & Marge at gerard.marge@rogers.com or (905) 792-1925.



July 21 – 23, 2017

Steubenville OHIO Registration

INFO/REGISTRATION - Contact: Dave McKendrick
705-435-6325 ext 24 or email: allistonlifeteen@gmail.com
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We wish to congratulate the families of the following children who entered into the Roman Catholic Community through the holy sacrament of Baptism: Nyah Marie deMELO; Tessa Maria Monroe GUILHERME; Alora June MacKENZIE and Maxim Alexander McMEEKIN.

Ash Wednesday

Mass will be celebrated at St. Paul's
March 1st at 8:00a.m. & 7:00p.m.



Catholic Ministry to Grades 6-8

EDGE Night Social **Friday, February 17 at 7:00pm** **Bright Lights Dance**

An opportunity for youth to learn group dances with a mix of clean secular & Christian hits.



Next Life Night

Saturday, February 25 ~ 6:00 – 9:00pm **Eternal Crown**

A night for Teens to understand Heaven and Hell through the lens of Mary, Queen of Heaven and to teach that our eternal end is our choice.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Couples contemplating marriage this year, a 'marriage preparation course' is mandatory. Our Lady of Grace in Angus is offering a weekend course March 24-26. Call OLG: 705-424-1551

FIRST CONFESSIONS - February 24 at 6:00pm

For students from St Paul's School and non-Catholic Schools. If you were unable to attend with your school last week, please be sure to attend this night. Attendance will be taken.

St. Louis de Montfort Consecration **To Jesus through Mary** **February 20 to March 25**

St. Louis de Montfort left a wonderful gift to Catholics who wish to better serve Jesus and the Holy Trinity. His gift is the Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary because it is giving oneself, fully and completely to God, without conditions, without strings, without reservation. This Consecration or Entrustment is accomplished through a 33-day exercise of prayer (about 5-10 minutes per day) under His Mother's care. Prayer booklets will be available.

If you wish to know more about this Entrustment visit website: www.childrenofthefather.org/ , or to register, please contact Debbie Tardif at 705-424-0500 or email: d.tardif13@gmail.com



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