

# 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.*

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## **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)

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **NOTE: PICTURES & VIDEOS ARE NOT PERMITTED DURING OUR LITURGIES**

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### **St. Paul the Apostle**

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### **Immaculate Conception**

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Secretary: Deborah Donnelly, Ext. 21

### **Pastoral Team: Pastor:** Fr. Alan Glass

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**Deacon:** Desmond Carroll

**Youth Minister:** Dave McKendrick, EXT. 24

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Text Dave @ 647-237-1347



**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 15 January 2017**

John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God." — Jn 1:32-34

Excerpt from the Liturgy for Palm 2008, 1998, 1975 CCD.

**First Reading + Isaiah 49:3, 5-6**  
**Second Reading + 1 Corinthians 1:1-3**  
**Gospel + John 1:14, 12**

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Monday, January 16**

NO MASS SCHEDULED

**Tuesday, January 17**

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+**HOLY HOUR**

6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+Ernie DEAN, RIP – M Jankovich

**Wednesday, January 18**

8:00am+Liberato VALENTINI, RIP – J/F Gallant

**Thursday, January 19**

8:00am+Ernie DEAN, RIP – S/S Basso

10:30am+Mass at Good Samaritan

**Friday, January 20**

12:10pm+Rita CRUMP, RIP – Crump Family

**Saturday, January 21**

*(Daily mass at Immaculate Conception)*

9:00am+Kathleen WONG – M Whelton

5:00pm+Letitia McARDLE, RIP – E Durkan

**Sunday, January 22**

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+Pradraig FITZGERALD, RIP – M/J Neilson

**FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:**

*Matter and spirit; nature and grace.*

Around the year 250 B.C. a Greek geographer named Eratosthenes correctly calculated the earth's diameter. The scientists of his day knew that the earth was a sphere. If you travel in a perfectly straight line, veering neither left nor right, you do not fall off the edge of the world but, rather, you come right back to the place where you started. The earth has no edge; it is a continuous curved surface.

Albert Einstein, a couple millennia later, discovered that the universe also has no edge; it is a continuous curved space. If you travel through space in a perfectly straight line, veering neither left nor right, up nor down, you arrive back at your starting point. To put it another way: if you had a powerful enough telescope, you would see the back of your own head. Strange but true.

We can easily visualize a curved surface. We cannot visualize curved space even though we can describe it mathematically and prove it scientifically. We live *in it* without being naturally aware *of it*, just as we do not normally notice that we are living on the surface of a ball.

But there is much more to reality than just physical matter and spatial dimensions. The natural sciences investigate only one aspect of reality. The intellect of Albert Einstein can encompass the entire physical universe, but that intellect does not have its origin in physical matter.

St. Thomas Aquinas was one of the greatest intellects of all time. He said that science is the knowledge of causes. He further noted that physical things have physical causes, intellectual things have intellectual causes, and spiritual things have spiritual causes. We human beings are body and soul — matter and spirit.

Just as the intellect is superior to physical matter not only in degree but in kind, so the spiritual is not only vastly above the intellect but it is in a completely different category. The intellect is ordered to understanding the physical universe and to interaction with other intellectual beings. The spiritual brings us into contact with the source of all reality — physical, intellectual and spiritual — which is God himself.

Reality is more than matter. Matter is in fact the least part of reality. "The grace even of one man is a greater good than the whole universe of nature."

Ask the common person of this modern age what lies beyond the life of the physical body and they can give no definite answer. When the trajectory of their lives brings them to the edge of their physical existence, do they then just fall off?

We do not live in a purely material, three-dimensional world. Reality is infinitely greater than that. As the poet Gerard Manley Hopkins put it: "The world is charged with the grandeur of God." As beings created in God's image and likeness, we know that the earth is not flat — we are intimately aware of the spiritual dimension of life.

**Saint of the Week:**

It is by the path of love, which is charity, that God draws near to man, and man to God. But where charity is not found, God cannot dwell. If, then, we possess charity, we possess God, for 'God is Charity' (1 John 4:8)."

*St. Albert the Great (1200-1280), Bishop, Feast Day January 15*

**Last Week's Collection:**

Thank you for your continued Support!

Sunday Offering: \$ 4,546.20

St. Vincent de Paul: \$ 1,056.00



Catholic Ministry to Grades 6-8



Catholic Ministry to Grades 9-12

## Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> Snow Tubing, Barrie

Parents Welcome with family

Cost \$25/person ~ meet 6:30pm at church

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An opportunity for Edgers & Life Teen's to enjoy a winter activity outside the group.

Email: [allistonlifeteen@gmail.com](mailto:allistonlifeteen@gmail.com)

Or text Dave: 647-237-1348

### Calendar of Parish Events

- Jan 16 – Parish Council Mtg. Rm. 5 at 7 pm
- Jan 17 – St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. Rm. 5 at 7:30 pm
- Jan 18 – 3<sup>rd</sup> of 4 Baptism Classes Rm. 5 at 7:30 pm
- Jan 19 – Blood Donor Clinic 2:30 – 7:30 pm
- Jan 19 – CWL General Mtg. Rm. 5 at 7:00 pm
- Jan 23 – Confirmation Class, Winter session at 7 pm
- Jan 25 – Baptism Rehearsal Class at 7:30 pm
- Jan 27 – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Family Gathering before Reconciliation at 6 pm
- Jan 30 – CWL Public Speaking Contest at 7 pm

Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>

MASS At 8:00 a.m.

And 7:00 p.m.

Parish Solemnity

### *The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle*

Patron Saint of our Parish



## Steubenville OHIO Registration

INFO/REGISTRATION - Contact: Dave McKendrick  
705-435-6325 ext 24 or email: [allistonlifeteen@gmail.com](mailto:allistonlifeteen@gmail.com)  
Text: 647-237-1348

### CATHOLICISM: THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS Bishop Robert Barron

Come Join us here at St. Paul's  
**On Tuesday, January 17 at 7:30pm**  
(after the 7 pm Mass)

For 10 weeks we are viewing a video series that illumines a handful of saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church but changed the course of civilization.



### SPiritual BOUQUET FOR 2017 ORDINANDI

A SPIRITUAL BOUQUET is an offering of:  
Masses - Communions - Rosaries - Stations of the Cross -  
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of prayers offered by a person for an intention.

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This intention is for the seminarians studying at St. Augustine's Seminary who will be ordained priests in 2017.

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These are personal prayers and devotions (not paid for) but offered by individuals for the intentions requested. The Ordinandi have always expressed that receiving this Spiritual Bouquet Plaque of Prayers is one of the best gifts they could receive knowing how much they are prayed for.

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\*\*Please sign-up now on the board in the foyer of the church

### 2016 Offertory Envelopes

For those of you participating in the *Pre-Authorized Giving Plan... (P.A.G.)* you still need to pick up your regular offertory box of envelopes as you will need them for Special Collections such as Christmas, Easter, and special scheduled archdiocesan collections. Please drop in your regular Sunday envelope in the collection basket with the letters **P.A.G. checked off on the front.** By doing this you show others you are still supporting your parish and it also takes away the discomfort of the basket passing by you without making a contribution. We thank you for your generous support over the year!



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