



In loving memory of those who remain forever present in our hearts.....

In loving memory of JOHN HARUSKA & HARUSKA FAMILY MEMBERS

In memory of ANTON & ANNA SMOLKA, daughters FRANCES & HELEN; sons ANDREW, JOHN, JOSEPH, and TONY

In memory of JOSEPH & ROSE STEHLIK & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE STEHLIK & BARTA FAMILIES

In loving memory of LOUIS, BERTHA, & DONOVAN DZIURKA, BALWINSKI & NETZLEY FAMILIES & FRIENDS

In loving memory of LAMEY, WAGNER & DAMASKO FAMILIES

In loving memory of RAYNOLD & RITA MILLER & BETTIE HILLABRANDT

In loving memory of BURTIS BLAIR, LOUIS & MARY KUPRES

In loving memory of the members of THE BOWEN, DIONISE, FORTINO & TOWN FAMILIES

In loving memory of EDWIN R OLSZEWSKI & GRANDSON MARK GREENING

In loving memory of GAVENDA, CASNOVSKY & SPIECE FAMILIES

In loving memory of JOHN, JOHANNA, & JAMES RADUCHA

In loving memory of THOMAS, ANGELA, & JEROME SAGER and DONNA & JERRY HICKEY

In loving memory of TOM ZAMARRON AND SONS, TOM & LARRY, ARTHUR & CLARA ST PIERRE,

AMELIA & TRINIDAD ZAMARRON & SZYBOWICZ FAMILY

In loving memory of STUART & MARY SNIDER & SON AUGUST

In loving memory of GEORGE & MARTHAJEAN FRANICH, RONALD & MARY LOCKE

In loving memory of JOSEPH & PHYLLIS TREFIL, DEANNA AND DJ TREFIL

In loving memory of LOUISE (LOU) GOOSEN, LOUIS & ROSE GOOSEN, ART & BETTY KLEIN

In loving memory of ROBERT A KRISTIN

In loving memory of BILL & MILLIE LAFRENIERE

In loving memory of BETTY FINCH

In loving memory of GEORGE & KATHY VOJTAS

Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2020

ST PAUL THE APOSTLE PARISH

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St Paul the Apostle Mission Statement

We the Parish of St Paul the Apostle, including the churches of St Martin de Porres and St Paul the Apostle as Disciples of Jesus Christ, accept the call of our Savior, to proclaim God's Word, through worship, prayers, and actions in our respective communities.

We take seriously the responsibility of God's call to serve others, live out His word and support His church here on earth.

St. Paul the Apostle Church (Ithaca)	St Martin de Porres Church (Perrinton)
121 N Union St Ithaca, MI 48847	4101 W Cleveland Rd Perrinton, MI 48871
Mass Schedule: Monday: 12:15 - 40 p.m. Wednesday: 6 p.m. (5:30pm Confession) Thursday: Lay-Led Adoration 10 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Saturday: 6 p.m. (5 p.m. Confession) Sunday: 11 a.m.	Mass Schedule: Friday: 9 a.m. Sunday: 9 a.m.
Office Hours:	Contact Us:
Monday 1 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Tuesday 9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Wednesday 1 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. * Friday 9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Phone (989) 875-2852 Fax (989) 875-7027 E-mail stpaultheapostle.secretary@gmail.com Website https://stpaulparishmi.org/
* Please submit announcements by 3:00 pm on Wednesday. Thank you!	

LITURGY SCHEDULE		
MON	DEC 7	
12:15 PM	IT	MASS
<i>Mass intention is for Stanley Lanczyński</i>		
6:00 PM	IT	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION VIGIL MASS
TUES	DEC 8	
12:15 PM	IT	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION VIGIL MASS
<i>Mass intention is pro populo</i>		
6:30 PM	PE	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION VIGIL MASS
<i>Mass intention is for Melvin Wieber</i>		
WED	DEC 9	
5:30	IT	CONFESSION
6:00	IT	MASS
<i>Mass intention for Fr. Andrzej Boroch</i>		
THURS	DEC 10	
10AM - 8PM	IT	ADORATION
FRI	DEC 11	
9:00 AM	PE	MASS
SAT	DEC 12	
6:00 PM	IT	MASS
<i>Mass intention for +Stuart Snider</i>		
SUN	DEC 13	
9:00 AM	PE	2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT
<i>Mass intention is pro populo</i>		
11:00 am	IT	2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT
<i>Mass intention for +Dianne Martinez</i>		

ST PAUL'S ASSIGNMENTS

SATURDAY, DEC 12	SUNDAY, DEC 13
LECTORS	
Maureen Murphy	Chuck Wieferich Josh Mikulka
ALTAR SERVERS	
Tom & Faustina Quinlan	Jack Raducha Mark Barrows
USHERS	
Larry Stehlik Maureen Murphy	Al Ramereiz Rich Ramereiz Dane Longanbach Chuck Wieferich

ST MARTIN'S ASSIGNMENTS

LECTORS	Cliff Thelen
ALTAR SERVERS	Parker Hungerford Rylan Huyck
USHERS	Terry & JoAnn Donohue

The Ithaca Knights of Columbus will host Coffee & Rolls on Sunday, December 13 after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please plan to attend

Dear Parish Family,

"I have no idea to this day what those two Italian ladies were singing about. Truth is, I don't want to know. Some things are best left unsaid. I'd like to think they were singing about something so beautiful, it can't be expressed in words, and makes your heart ache because of it. I tell you, those voices soared higher and farther than anybody in a gray place dares to dream. It was like some beautiful bird flapped into our drab little cage and made those walls dissolve away, and for the briefest of moments, every last man in Shawshank felt free."

- Red from *Shashank Redemption*, 1994 film.

Many of you might remember this scene from the classic film. Andy Dufrane, the wrongfully convicted inmate of Shawshank Penitentiary, took an opportunity to play Italian opera over the prison loudspeaker much to the disapproval of the warden and his staff. Every inmate came to a halt to experience this transcendence, and for a brief moment felt free from their imprisonment, and free from their sins. Red, and the others did not need to know what the words actually meant; the mystery added to the beauty.

Some of you may have noticed that we have employed a bit more of Latin in our liturgies as of recent. This came about when Mary Weeber and I wanted to have reflective music when we were still distributing Communion after the conclusion of Mass. It has since continued because, well, our young musicians have been asking to employ it more. This is pretty common among younger Catholics these days. They find the mystery, and ancientness of the Church's mother tongue to be of great spiritual benefit. Its use connects them to their faithful ancestors. Like Red, the beauty and mystery of the unknown Romance Language lifts their spirits. As a pastor of souls I must keep this in mind as we must evangelize the youth of our towns.

Furthermore, employing the use of Latin is a requirement of Vatican II (*SACROSANCTUM CONCILIIUM*, 36.1, 54). The General Instruction of the Roman Missal states that the faithful should know how to recite some parts of the Mass in Latin for unity when folks from different countries gather (GIRM, 41). In Italy, Mexico, Israel and Australia I have been at Masses attended by faithful of many languages, but we were all united when we responded in Latin. Because it is nobody's language, it is everybody's language.

I have no intention of offering Mass entirely, or even mostly in Latin at this parish, but the youthfulness of our music team has brought this ancient language into more use at the parish. If you are struggling to understand why, I hope this article helps. If you'd like to better know what the translations are, I am happy to accommodate. If you have questions, or concerns, please let me know. In the meantime, perhaps rewatch the scene mentioned above. The unseen spiritual realities of the Mass are so beautiful, it cannot be described in words. A little mystery in our participation of it helps us realize this.

May God bless and keep you.

prayers,

Fr. Edwin C. Dwyer, JCL

NO GIFT IS TOO SMALL OR TOO GREAT WHEN GIVEN FROM THE HEART

ST PAUL PARISH: 11/29/2020 \$4,823.17

CMA 2020-21 launched October 24, 2020	
Contribution total through October 2020: \$4,975.00	Target: \$34,517.00
Our parish needs: \$29,542.00	

Thank you all for your tithes, pledges and payments!

LET US PRAY FOR ... THE SICK

David Sager | Keith Peters | Stephen Zamarron | Theresa Olszewski

... THE RECENTLY DECEASED

Ron Coe | Roxanne Anderson | Julius Remenar | Ruth Diebold
Mary Gabrión | Eileen Proko | Melvin Wieber

... THE MILITARY :

Major Matthew Cary | Tony Bellinger | Lt. Col. Tom Sager

Remember those who have no one to pray for them.

Please contact the office with any names that you would like to add to a Prayer List.

***NOTICE* FOR CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

Starting this year, we will be holding a **Midnight Mass in Ithaca, and will hold Christmas Morning Mass in Ithaca on even years and in Perrinton on odd years.** Christmas Eve Mass times remain the same.

Christmas Eve	Thurs, 12/24	4:00pm	Ithaca
		7:00pm	Perrinton
Christmas	Fri, 12/25	12:01am*	Ithaca
		11:00am*	Ithaca

*Please note that the Christmas Masses on Christmas Day in Ithaca incense will be used.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP!! There will be praise and worship on Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 7 p.m.. Please join us during Adoration for this time of reflection and worship.

LIVING ROSARY

Please remember that this Saturday, December 6, is the First Saturday of the month and is the time when we pray the next mystery of the Living Rosary. If you have any questions, please check the chart in the vestibule.

Scripture Readings for the Week (12/7-12/13)			
<u>M</u>	Isiah 35:1-10	Ps 85:9-14	Luke 5:17-26
<u>TU</u>	Genesys 3:9-15,20 Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12	Ps 98:1-4	Luke 1:26-38
<u>W</u>	Isiah 40:25-31	Ps 103:1-4,8,10	Matthew 11:28-30
<u>TH</u>	Isiah 41:13-20	Ps 145:1,9-13B	Matthew 11:11-15
<u>FR</u>	Isiah 48:17-19	Ps 1:1-6	Matthew 11:16-19
<u>ST</u>	Zechariah 2:14-17	Judith 13:18bcde,19	Luke 1:26-38
<u>SN</u>	Isiah 61:1-2a, 10-11 Thessalonians 5:16-24	Luke 1:46-50,53-54	John 1:6-8,19-28

[READ TODAY'S DAILY READING HERE](#)

CCW DECEMBER POTLUCK

Our St. Paul CCW December potluck will be Tues., Dec. 15, 6:00 p.m. at St. Paul Parish Hall. Bring a dish to pass and a \$10 gift if you wish to participate in the gift exchange. **All women of the parish are invited but please RSVP before Mon., Dec. 14.** We would like to plan for the correct number of place settings. You may call Jean Raducha, 875-2879 or Joyce Raducha, 875-2650.

CHRISTMAS DINNERS

Please help provide a CHRISTMAS DINNER for needy families. Baskets are in our St. Paul vestibule. The items needed for this CHRISTMAS DINNER are: canned corn, canned green beans, cream of mushroom soup, cans of French fried onions, and cans, jars, or packets of gravy to go with ham. **Please bring food donations BY SUNDAY, DEC. 20, because baskets will be distributed that week.** Cash donations will help purchase the perishables. Please place cash in the collection at Mass, in an envelope labeled, CHRISTMAS DINNERS. Please make checks payable to St. Paul CCW.

ST. PAUL GIVING TREE

You probably noticed the Giving Tree in the vestibule. If you would like to make Christmas happier for some child, just take a tag from the tree. **Please return the wrapped gift with the tag taped on it.** All gifts must be returned **BY SUNDAY, DEC. 20, because gifts will be distributed that week.**

NEW TIMES for confession at Perrinton for the Advent Season will be Tuesdays 5:30-7:00 p.m.. The church will be open for prayer during this time.

THANK YOU to the Ithaca KofC members who put up our new handrails, Christmas sign, and Nativity. It was a beautiful act of service on such a cold winter day!

PERRINTON/ST MARTIN – there will be a clear box in the office at the church that will be dropped off each Friday and checked each Monday for communication. If you have any notes or items that you need to get to the office in Ithaca, please leave them in that box with a note and we will be sure to get back with you. Thank you!!!