

WEEKLY LITURGY SCHEDULE

Monday 11/8	32nd Monday in Ordinary Time Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1-10; Lk 17:1-6 6:00 pm MASS (IT): <i>+Judith Ann McIntyre</i>
Tuesday 11/9	Dedication of Lateran Basilica, Rome Ez 47:1,2,8,9,12; Ps 46:2,3,5,6,8,9; 1Cor 3:9c-11, 16,17; John 2:13-22
Wednesday 11/10	St. Leo the Great Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3,4,6,7; Lk 17:11-19 5:30 pm CONFESSIONS (IT) 6:00 pm MASS (IT): <i>+Mary Agnes Murphy</i>
Thursday 11/11	St. Martin of Tours, Bishop Veterans Day Wis 7:22b-8:1; Ps 119:89,90,91, 130,135,175; Lk 17:20-25 10 am – 8 pm ADORATION (IT)
Friday 11/12	St. Josaphat Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:26-37 9:00 am MASS (PE): <i>+Melvin Wieber</i>
Saturday 11/13	St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Wis 18:14-16;19:6-9; Ps 105:2,3, 36,37,42,43; Lk 18:1-8 11:00 am REQUIEM MASS: <i>Fr. Ederer</i> 5:00 pm CONFESSIONS (IT) 6:00 pm MASS (IT): <i>pro populo</i>
Sunday 11/14	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5,8,9-11; Heb 10:11-14,18; Mk 13:24-32 9:00 am MASS (PE): <i>+Barb Donohue</i> 11:00 am MASS (IT): <i>+Larry Rychlick</i>

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Sat., November 13, 6:00 pm Mass (IT): Mares Vanderploeg
Sun., November 14, 9:00 am Mass (PE): Cliff Thelen
Sun., November 14, 11:00 am Mass (IT): Tony Huntoon John Raducha

USHERS

Sat., November 13, 6:00 pm Mass (IT): John & Ann Franich
Sun., November 14, 9:00 am Mass (PE): Paul Goerge
Sun., November 14, 11:00 am Mass (IT): Mark Barrows Paul Hornak

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Dear Parish Family,

The month of November is especially dedicated by the Church to pray for all souls in Purgatory. There are many misconceptions about the Church's belief in Purgatory, and I will briefly address them here.

1. The Church stopped believing in Purgatory after Vatican II. False. I have no idea how anybody could come to that conclusion after reading the V2 documents. It's an absurd claim.

2. The Church made up Purgatory to raise money. False. This idea stems from the nefarious men and women who would sell indulgences (time out of Purgatory) to naive Christians in order to raise money for themselves, or even for Church projects. This abuse angered many, including Martin Luther who used it as a springboard for his division of the Body of Christ. The belief in Purgatory, however, has always been with the Church. Simple logic would teach us that just because a doctrine is exploited for profit, does not necessitate that that doctrine is false. Many faithful Catholics worked for the abolishment of these abuses within the Church.

3. Purgatory is an "average" place between Heaven and Hell. False. Purgatory is a place where we are purged of any venial sin, or any attachment to sin before we may enter Heaven. This purgation is a period of suffering.

Western theologians usually describe it as suffering through the physical pain of fire, while the Eastern theologians describe it more as a psychological pain of coming to realize the full effects our sins had on others. However that suffering may occur we gradually lose all our desire for sinful things and are then brought to heaven.

4. Purgatory is a permanent destination. False. If you find yourself in purgatory, rejoice for you will someday be in Heaven. Souls in purgatory only move up into Heaven, and never down into Hell.

5. We have no connection to the souls in purgatory. False. Souls in purgatory are souls in the Church. We pray for their duration to be lessened. The greatest way to love our dead is to pray for their eternal rest. I fully understand why we say things like "He's in a better place," in the wake of a death, but never let that sentiment prevent you from offering prayers for the departed. Keep loving your beloved dead by keeping up the prayers for their souls. Remembering death, and the dead may seem morbid to the world, but it is quite the Catholic thing to do. By remembering our own mortality and praying for those who have died our faith in eternal life will actually be strengthened, and our pain comforted. So, pray daily for the dead.

prayers,
Rev. Edwin C. Dwyer, JCL

**NO GIFT IS TOO SMALL OR TOO GREAT
WHEN GIVEN FROM THE HEART
ST PAUL PARISH: 10/17/2021: \$2,933.00
LET US PRAY FOR ... THE SICK OF OUR PARISH
... THE RECENTLY DECEASED**

Rob Quinlan | David Wright | Barbara Donohue
... **THE MILITARY:**
Major Matthew Cary | Tony Bellinger | Lt. Col. Tom Sager
Remember those who have no one to pray for them.

PARISH SCHEDULE

Mon 11/8	St. Martin Altar Society 7:00 pm at the home of Joann Donohue
Tues 11/9	Consecration to St. Joseph 9:00 am Perrinton lower level
Sun 11/14	Coffee and Rolls at both churches Consecration to St. Joseph 2:30 pm Mt. St. Joseph 6:00 pm Ithaca Room 4
Tues 11/16	Consecration to St. Joseph 9:00 am Ithaca Room 4
Thurs 11/18	First Reconciliation Class 6:00 p.m. Ithaca Room 5
Sun 11/21	Consecration to St. Joseph 2:30 pm Mt. St. Joseph 6:00 pm Ithaca Room 4
Tues 11/23	Consecration to St. Joseph 9:00 am Ithaca Room 4



Our goal this year is **\$33,686.00**. Please send your pledges and contributions directly to the Diocese of Saginaw in the envelopes provided. Since the launch in October, we have received \$3,070.00. **Our current balance is \$30,616.00.**

ANNOUNCEMENT

If you know of a person (family, friend) that has been homebound or recently homebound, please contact the office. If Fr. Dwyer is unable to visit due to restrictions or travel, he can get a priest to distribute the sacraments in his place. Please contact the office and we will be sure to set something up for you.

THANK YOU

To all the people who came and celebrated with us. The dinner that **Diana's Catering** donated was delicious as was the drinks and desserts provided by the **St. Martin Altar Society**. We are so blessed to have so many help us celebrate this important feast day.

WHOLE FAMILY CATECHESIS

Please remember to keep Christ in Christmas! Add those sacrifices, no matter how small, or how big, to Christ's manger. Make a special place for Jesus to lay on Christmas morning. Discuss the symbolism and help your children recognize those sacrifices!

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Prayers of Petition In the "domestic church" or ecclesia domestica we are called to pray prayers of blessing and adoration, petition, intercession, thanksgiving, and praise. When we pray prayers of petition, we are asking God for the things we need, the things we want, the things we desire, always keeping in mind that He knows best! We can acknowledge this important truth by ending our prayers of petition with, "Not mine, but your will be done." One way your family can pray a prayer of petition together is with a prayer you already know, the Our Father. All of the fundamental elements of prayers of petition are right there! Try praying a family Our Father every morning before leaving the house or every evening before bedtime. You can even say it together in the car on the way to school!
Mark Your Calendars!
Thur, Nov. 18 - First Reconciliation Class 6pm - St. Paul
Thur, Dec. 8 - First Reconciliation Retreat and Sacrament - St. Paul

EVENING BY CANDLELIGHT

This event is for ladies of Nativity of the Lord and St. Paul the Apostle parishes will be Tues., Nov. 30, at St. Paul, Ithaca beginning with Mass at 6:30 p.m. Invite a friend to host a table with you and join in this special evening. Sign-up sheets for hostesses will be in the church beginning Nov. 6/7.

THANKSGIVING DINNERS

Please help provide a **Thanksgiving Dinner** for needy families. The items needed are: cranberry sauce, cream of mushroom soup, stuffing mix, canned green beans, and gravy. Baskets for donations will be in the entry in Ithaca beginning Nov. 6/7. Cash donations will help purchase the perishables – please mark the envelope as such and put in the collection basket. Please bring donations BY SUNDAY, NOV. 21, because baskets will be distributed that week.

REQUIEM MASSES FOR FORMER PRIESTS

The special Mass for Fr. Ederer has been rescheduled for November 13th at 11:00 a.m., and the Mass for Fr. Harry is set for November 22 at 6:00 p.m..