

WEEKLY LITURGY SCHEDULE	
Monday 1/2	St. Basil the Great/St. Gregory Nazianzen 1Jn2:22-28;Ps98:1-4;Jn1:19-28 12:15 MASS (IT): <i>Private Intention</i>
Tuesday 1/3	Tuesday the Week of Christmas 1Jn2:29-3:6;Ps98:1,3-6;Jn1:29-34
Wednesday 1/4	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 1Jn3:7-10;Ps98:1,7-9;Jn1:35-42 5:30 p.m. CONFESSION 6:00 p.m. MASS (IT): <i>Crystal J. Dwyer</i>
Thursday 1/5	St. John Neumann 1Jn3:11-21;Ps100:1-5;Jn1:43-51 10:00 a.m. MASS (IT): <i>Parish Staff</i> ADORATION UNTIL 8 p.m.
Friday 1/6	Friday in the Week of Christmas 1Jn5:5-13;Ps147:12-15,19,20;M1:7-11 9:00 a.m. MASS (PE): <i>Tom Miller</i>
Saturday 1/7	Saturday in the Week of Christmas 1Jn5:14-21;Ps149:1-6a,9b;Jn2:1-11 5:00 p.m. CONFESSIONS 5:30 p.m. FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY 6:00 p.m. MASS (IT): <i>pro populo</i>
Sunday 1/8	The Epiphany of the Lord Is60:1-6;Ps72:1,2,7,8,10-13; Eph3:2-6;Mt2:1-12 8:30 a.m. ROSARY 9:00 a.m. MASS (PE): <i>The Pullman Family</i> 10:30 a.m. ROSARY 11:00 a.m. MASS (IT): <i>Edwin T & Crystal J. Dwyer</i>
MINISTERS OF THE WORD	
Sat., Jan. 7	6:00 pm Mass (IT): Ann Franich
Sun., Jan. 8	9:00 am Mass (PE): Bob Stone
Sun., Jan. 8	11:00 am Mass (IT): Chuck Wieferich Tony Huntoon
USHERS	
Sat., Jan. 7	6:00 pm Mass (IT): John Franich
Sun., Jan. 8	9:00 am Mass (PE): Daryl Trefil
Sun., Jan. 8	11:00 am Mass (IT): Dane Longanbach Todd Crawford
GREETERS	
Sat., Jan. 7	6:00 pm Mass (IT): Gary and Marty McDaid
Sun., Jan. 8	9:00 am Mass (PE): Daryl Trefil
Sun., Jan. 8	11:00 am Mass (IT): Dane & Stacy Longanbach

Dear Parish Family,
A Merry Christmas to you and yours throughout the entire season of the Lord's Nativity. May the Good Lord bring you wisdom, peace, and joy in 2023 through the prayers of his Blessed Mother.

I want to take the time here to tell you about something I noticed this year in a more profound way than I have in the two previous Christmases I have had the honor of celebrating at this parish. I was amazed at how generous our community is when it came to providing for the underprivileged through our giving trees. I knew we were, but this year I really noticed just how many presents were wrapped and placed under these trees. I know that that is only a sliver of the generosity this congregation exercises as many more gifts were given through other entities in our community and beyond. The Church is the Mystical Body of Christ on earth which means our parish is the Mystical Body of Christ in Ithaca/Perrinton. His mystical hands and feet were well at work this Christmas in bringing tidings of comfort on joy.

It's good for us to be reminded of this generosity that is part of the culture of Christianity: a big part. It is good for us to encourage one another in this, and to give praise to God for giving us the grace to be so generous to one another. The world wants us to be ashamed of Catholicism by pointing out every historical instance of Christians not acting as Christians ought and forgetting just how much the Christ changed human attitudes about tending to the needy. That could be an entire field of study, but in short, it is indisputable that where Christianity thrives so does charity, and where it does not, charity does not.

May the God who became man for our sake continue to bless us with a spirit of generosity to one another. May he open our hearts and minds in 2023 to all his plans for our salvation. May we be pleasing to him by being fully alive in his Holy Church.

prayers,

Rev. Edwin C. Dwyer, JCL

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

ST PAUL PARISH STEWARDSHIP:
12/4 - \$4,996.00
12/11 - \$5,111.00
12/18 - \$4,941.00

**LET US PRAY FOR ... THE SICK OF OUR PARISH
... THE RECENTLY DECEASED**

... THE MILITARY:
Major Matthew Cary | Tony Bellinger
Remember those who have no one to pray for them.

PARISH SCHEDULE	
Sat 1/7	Living Rosary Check the chart in the vestibule
Sun 1/8	WFC 10:00 Parent/Child Meeting Both church locations
Thurs 1/12	Sacramental Preparation 6:00 p.m. Room 5 Ithaca
Sun 1/22	Community Meeting WFC 10:00 Both Church Halls
Tues 1/24	CCW Meeting 2:00 p.m. Room 4
Wed 1/25	Feast of St. Paul the Apostle 6:00 p.m. Mass in Ithaca Followed by catered dinner

FUND A NEED

A few of you may be considering giving a larger gift to the parish this year. We do have a few needs on our Christmas list for your consideration. 1) **Internet** set up in Perrinton will cost roughly \$3,000. This will help us teach religious ed. & opens the door to staffed hours there. 2) **A good projector for religious ed.** in Perrinton will cost roughly \$500. We use images of sacred art to teach our children, and a solid projector enhances details. 3) **New sound equipment for both locations** will cost roughly \$500. Our current equipment is far from the latest. I'd like to start livestreaming Masses for our homebound, and we would need newer technology to do so. If you'd like to be Santa or an elf in helping with these costs, please contact Fr. Dwyer at the parish office. Thank you!

WHOLE FAMILY CATECHESIS

This month our WFC meetings are delayed one week to account for New Years celebrations. Next month, we will be back to the first and third Sundays.

As we begin the new year, we will be studying the sacrament of the Eucharist. Next weekend, we will have our parent/child meeting and a few snacks for the kiddos!

Mark your calendars!
Parent/Child Meeting – January 8th at 10 a.m.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Please pray for Jackson, Alaina, Aliyah, Aiden, Brooks, Gracyn, and Shayla as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist. May God bless them on their journey of faith!

Mark your Calendars!
Next Meeting – January 12th at 6:00 p.m. Ithaca Rm 5

THANK YOU

Thank you to all parishioners who contributed food or money for the Christmas baskets. Thank you to all who contributed money or bought gifts for children from the Giving Tree. Thank you to the K. of C. who provided hams for the Christmas baskets. Thank you to the CCW for purchasing the perishables and organizing the baskets. With this outpouring of Christian love and kindness from our parishioners, we served 16 families with food baskets at Christmas. Seven of those families had a total of 19 children who received gifts from the Giving Tree. We also delivered 9 fruit baskets to our homebound. **GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER!!**

APPROACHING THE PASTOR

Father Eddie likes to meet with parishioners and seeking souls. The best way to approach him is to email him directly or call the office for an appointment. Such information can be found on the front of this bulletin.

