

WEEKLY LITURGY SCHEDULE	
Monday 12/12	Our Lady of Guadalupe Zec2:14-17;Jud13:18,19;Lk1:26-38 12:15 p.m. MASS (IT): Naomi Rose Pokorski
Tuesday 12/13	Saint Lucy Zep3:1,2,9-13;Ps2,3,,7,17-19,23; Mt21:28-32
Wednesday 12/14	Saint John of the Cross Is45:c-8,18,21c-25; Ps85:9-14;Lk7:18-23 5:30 p.m. CONFESSION 6:00 p.m. MASS (IT): Dillan Abel
Thursday 12/15	3rd Thursday in Advent Is54:1-10;Ps30:2,4-6,11-13b;Lk7:24-30 10:00 a.m. MASS, ADORATION (IT):Priv. Int. 5:30-6:30 p.m. HOLY HOUR/CONFESSION(PE) 8:00 p.m. BENEDICTION (IT)
Friday 12/16	3rd Friday in Advent Is56:1-3,6-8;Ps67:2,3,5,7,8;Jn5:33-36 9:00 a.m. MASS (PE): +Elgin & Mable Smith
Saturday 12/17	3rd Saturday in Advent Gn49:2,8-10;Ps72:1-4,7,8,17;Mt1:1-17 5:00 p.m. CONFESSIONS 6:00 p.m. MASS (IT): +Shirley Czape
Sunday 12/18	4th Sunday in Advent Is7:10-14;Ps24:1-6;Rom1:1-7;Mt1:18-24 9:00 a.m. MASS (PE): The Thelen Family 11:00 am MASS (IT): Pro populo
MINISTERS OF THE WORD	
Sat., Dec. 17	6:00 pm Mass (IT): Sarah Mikulka
Sun., Dec. 18	9:00 am Mass (PE): Joanne Donohue
Sun., Dec. 18	11:00 am Mass (IT): Dan Drolett Dora Gaitan
USHERS	
Sat., Dec. 17	6:00 pm Mass (IT): John Franich
Sun., Dec. 18	9:00 am Mass (PE): Chuck Tamulis
Sun., Dec. 18	11:00 am Mass (IT): Drew Endter Dane Longanbach
GREETERS	
Sat., Dec. 17	6:00 pm Mass (IT): Marita & Doug Harkness
Sun., Dec. 18	9:00 am Mass (PE): Chuck Tamulis
Sun., Dec. 18	11:00 am Mass (IT): The Bellinger Family

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 24th – 4:00 p.m. in Ithaca
 Saturday, December 24th – 7:00 p.m. in Perrinton
 Sunday, December 25th – 12:01 a.m. in Ithaca
 Sunday, December 25th – 11:00 a.m. in Ithaca

Dear Parish Family,

This past Tuesday (Dec. 6) the Church celebrated the feast of St. Nicholas. Many stories exist about this man of God. I find this one to be particularly inspirational that I found at www.stnicholascenter.org/who-is-st-nicholas.

Once upon a time, there was a poor man with three daughters. In those days a young woman's father had to offer prospective husbands something of value—a dowry. The larger the dowry, the better the chance that a young woman would find a good husband. Without a dowry, a woman was unlikely to marry. This poor man's daughters, without dowries, were therefore destined to be sold into slavery. Mysteriously, on three different occasions, a bag of gold appeared in their home-providing the needed dowries. The bags of gold, tossed through an open window, are said to have landed in stockings or shoes left before the fire to dry. This led to the custom of children hanging stockings or putting out shoes, eagerly awaiting gifts from Saint Nicholas. Sometimes the story is told with gold balls instead of bags of gold. That is why three gold balls, sometimes represented as oranges, are one of the symbols for St. Nicholas. And so St. Nicholas is a gift-giver.

Prayers,

Rev. Edwin C. Dwyer, JCL

CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

The office will be closing on December 22nd at 2:00 p.m. and will remain closed on December 23rd. We will also have the office closed the week of the 26th of December. It will re-open on January 4th at 2:00 p.m.. **If there is a Sacramental emergency, please call Sacred Heart Parish in Mt. Pleasant. If there is an urgent matter, not life and death, you may leave a message or an email and those will be checked periodically.**

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

ST PAUL PARISH: 11/27/2022: \$ 2,463.01

LET US PRAY FOR ... THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

... THE RECENTLY DECEASED

Joan McRoberts | Robert Anderson

... THE MILITARY:

Major Matthew Cary | Tony Bellinger

Remember those who have no one to pray for them.

PARISH SCHEDULE	
Sun 12/11	Perrinton Christmas Breakfast Lower level Coffee & Donuts K of C sponsored After 11 a.m. in Ithaca K of C Business Meeting 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall
Tues 12/13	CCW Christmas Potluck Room 2 Ithaca
Sun 12/18	WFC Community Meeting Pancake Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Both Churches

ITHACA GIVING TREE & MORE

Please help provide a CHRISTMAS DINNER for needy families. Baskets are in the 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. 18.** Please place cash donations for perishables in the collection at Mass labeled CHRISTMAS DINNERS.

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. 18.**

HOLY HOUR/CONFESSION IN PE:

Dec. 15, 22 from 5:30-6:30pm with a holy hour.

PENANCE SERVICE

Nativity of the Lord will be having a Penance Service on Tuesday December 20th starting at 6pm. This is not general absolution.

CHRISTMAS INCENSE

Incense will be used at all Christmas Masses EXCEPT 11:00 a.m. in Ithaca on Christmas Day.

WHOLE FAMILY CATECHESIS

The next WFC will be December 18th and we will celebrate the coming Christmas season and talk a bit more about Confirmation. This is the Community Meeting, which means the whole family is invited. **Mark your calendars!**
Community Meeting – December 18th 10:00 a.m.
Pancake Breakfast at each church location during meeting time.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

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

Mark your Calendars!

Next Meeting – This Thursday, 7:00 p.m. Ithaca Rm 5 – then moving to church for Sacrament.

PERRINTON GIVING TREE & MORE

The Giving Tree will go up this weekend. Thank you for helping these families! **The presents for St. Martin's Giving Tree and the food items need to be brought to the church on or before December 18th. Thank you!**

We will also have a Food Box for nonperishable food items and household paper products. This is starting this Sunday and the food will be given to the Giving Tree families.

VALENTINES PARTY

New Venue! New Music! Save the date for our annual Valentines Dance that is being held at Pins in Ithaca. Saturday, February 11th, 2023 – Mass will be said at the venue site.

CCW DECEMBER POTLUCK

Our CCW December potluck will be Tues., Dec. 13, 6:00 p.m. in room 2. 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. Please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule.**

JOB OPENING

There is a job opportunity listed on the diocesan website for a Musician/Office Assistant. Please go to www.saginaw.org and click on "jobs".