

WEEKLY LITURGY SCHEDULE

Monday 12/19	Fourth Monday of Advent JGS13:2-7,24,25;Ps71:3-6,16,17;Lk1:5-25 12:15 p.m. MASS (IT): <i>Private Intention</i>
Tuesday 12/20	Fourth Tuesday of Advent Is7:10-14;Ps24:1-6;Lk1:26-38
Wednesday 12/21	St. Peter Canisius, Priest Sg2:8-14;Ps33:2,3,11,12,20,21;Lk1:39-45 5:30 p.m. CONFESSION 6:00 p.m. MASS (IT): <i>Holy Souls in Purgatory</i>
Thursday 12/22	Fourth Thursday in Advent 1Sm1:24-28;1Sam2:1,4-8;Lk1:46-56 10:00 a.m. MASS, ADORATION (IT): <i>Priv. Int.</i> 5:30-6:30 p.m. HOLY HOUR/CONFESSION(PE) 8:00 p.m. BENEDICTION (IT)
Friday 12/23	St. John of Kanty, Priest Mal3:1-4,23,24;Ps25:4,5,8-10,14;Lk1:57-66 9:00 a.m. MASS (PE): <i>Fr. Raj</i> 5:30 p.m. -7:00 p.m. CONFESSIONS (IT)
Saturday 12/24	CHRISTMAS EVE 2Sm7:1-5,8-12,14,16; Ps89:2-5,27,29;Lk1:67-79 4:00 p.m. MASS (IT): <i>+Fred Czape</i> 7:00 p.m. MASS (PE): <i>+Barb Donohue</i>
Sunday 12/25	CHRISTMAS DAY Is52:7-10;Ps98:1-6;Heb1:1-6;Jn1:1-18 12:01 am MASS (IT): <i>Dr. Robert Fury</i> 11:00 am MASS (IT): <i>Pro populo</i>

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Sat., Dec. 24	4:00 pm Mass (IT): Drew Endter Courtney Patrick
Sat., Dec. 24	7:00 pm Mass (PE): Cliff Thelen
Sun., Dec. 25	12:01 am Mass (IT): Edwin T. Dwyer
Sun., Dec. 25	11:00 am Mass (IT): Sarah Mikulka

USHERS

Sat., Dec. 24	4:00 pm Mass (IT): John Franich
Sat., Dec. 24	7:00 am Mass (PE): Daryl Trefil
Sun., Dec. 25	12:01 am Mass (IT):
Sun., Dec. 25	11:00 am Mass (IT): Chuck Wieferich Chris Barancik

GREETERS

Sat., Dec. 24	4:00 pm Mass (IT): Gary & Marty McDaid
Sat., Dec. 24	7:00 am Mass (PE): Daryl Trefil
Sun., Dec. 25	12:01 am Mass (IT): Sarah Mikulka
Sun., Dec. 25	11:00 am Mass (IT): Brad & Diane Harkness

Dear Parish Family,

Next weekend we will celebrate the Christmas liturgies. Many of the unchurched and lapsed of our area will give us a try, and it is a most opportune time for us to witness the hope, faith, joy, and peace that comes from Christ alone.

Below are some practical ways we can make the Church experience more positive for our visitors. Last year we did this and did this well. Let's do so again this Christmas!

- If, and only if, you are able, park far away from the main doors. This leaves our prime spots open for visitors and makes one fewer "hassle" during the holidays.

- Sit in the middle of the pews, if possible. Finding a seat at a new church can be stressful, especially with little kids. Leaving the ends of the pews open makes seating easier.

- If able, offer your seats to newcomers, especially those with children. That's a big gesture that goes a long way.

- Be friendly, warm, and patient with newcomers, but don't be smothering.

- If you meet someone new, let them know our hospitality team has more information about our community, and that Father Eddie would love to meet them.

- Be conscience of blocking aisles and exits. This may seem trivial, but many today have social anxieties, and coming to a crowded building is a huge cross for them to carry. Clear paths to clear exits can set their minds at ease.

- Bring a missionary attitude. It's tempting to think "oh, haven't seen you since Easter," but that is not Christ-like. God loves our guests, and wants them at Mass. Let's be sure we do too!

Rev. Edwin C. Dwyer, JCL

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

ST PAUL PARISH: 12/11/2022: \$.00

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 12/18 WFC Community Meeting
Pancake Breakfast
10:00 a.m. Both Churches**

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 via phone or email, or the parish office. Thank you!

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.

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.**

WHOLE FAMILY CATECHESIS

This weekend, we closed our WFC year with a pancake breakfast, we did an activity on Confirmation and also a Christmas activity that puts the focus on Christ for our Christmas season. Please note the date change for WFC in January

Mark your calendars!

****FOR THIS MONTH ONLY** Our meeting will be on the SECOND Sunday. This is due to the Holiday.**

Parent/Child Meeting – January 8th- 10:00 a.m. at each church location

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

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

May God bless all our youngsters who received their Sacrament of Reconciliation this month.

Mark your Calendars!

January 12th, 6 p.m. in Room 5 we begin our preparation for First Eucharist!

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.

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".

AREA CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULES

St. Joseph in St. Johns: Dec 24 – 4 & 7 p.m.
Dec 25 – 10 am

St Cyril, Bannister: Dec 24- 4 pm
Dec 25 – 9 am

Nativity of the Lord, Alma: Dec 24 – 4:30 & 7 pm
Dec 25 – 10 am

Holy Family, Ovid: Dec 24 – 4 pm
Dec 25 – 11 am

ADDED CONFESSION TIMES THIS FRIDAY

This Friday, 12/23, Father Dwyer will be hearing Confessions from 5:30-7 pm in Ithaca for your convenience.