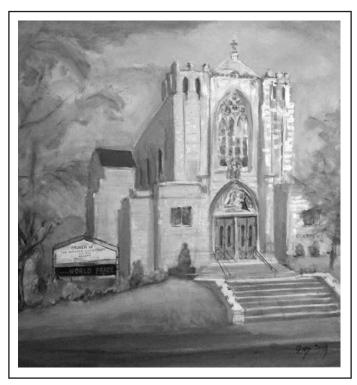
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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30 pm

Sunday Masses: 8:30 am, 10:00 am & 11:30 am (Children's Liturgy October – May 10:00 am Mass)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday: 8:30 am

Public Holiday Mass: 10:00 am

First Friday Adoration: 11:00 am Mass: 12 Noon

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Saturday 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm (Loretto Room) Sunday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm (Loretto Room)

Registration forms for the parish and all sacraments, as well as mass cards and religious items, are available in the Loretto Room after all weekend Masses. We also have a DVD lending library.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

All Parishioners are encouraged to register in our community. Registration forms are available in the Loretto Room on the weekends.

PASTORAL TEAM

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Fr. Larry Marcille - Pastor

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Sr. Johanna D'Agostino, IBVM

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday—3:45 pm—4:25 pm

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism Request Forms are available in the Loretto Room. Baptisms are on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Marriage Request Forms are available in the Loretto Room after Mass.

The form must be completed one year in advance of the wedding date.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

If you need a priest to visit someone who is ill at home please call the office to notify the Parish Priests.

PARISH MINISTRIES

* Lectors

- * Altar Servers
- * Eucharistic Ministers
- * Sacristans
- * Ministers of Hospitality
- * Marriage Preparation
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- * BSC Youth Group
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- Joan McGivney
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- * R.C.I.C. Rite of Christian Initiation for Children
- * Catechetic Program for Public & Private School Children * Outreach Programs (Out of the Cold, Good Shepherd)
- * Knights of Columbus (1388 Council)
- * Eucharistic Marian Prayer Group
- * Children's Liturgy (10 am must register)

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3 rd Sunday of Advent

Communion Reflection

Joy and pleasure.....



There is a world of difference between joy and pleasure. Pleasure can be planned. Joy can't be planned; it comes unexpectedly, and is all the sweeter for that. Pleasure is immediate. Joy often comes later, and the sweetest joy of all is that which follows pain. Pleasure comes from saying 'yes' to ourselves. Joy comes from saying 'no' to ourselves. Pleasure is like a flare in the night: It brightens things up for a while, but when its over, we feel darker and emptier than ever. Joy, on the other hand, is like a bright fire in the hearth; even when it dies down, it leaves a warm glow behind.

Children's Liturgy will resume on Sunday, January 14th

St. Joseph Vigil Lamp Burns for the intentions of Vibert Perreira

St John the Evangelist Vigil Lamp burns in memory of Paul French

Masses of Intentions

Monday – Jean Watson (INT) / Kit Melamed (INT) **Tuesday** – Maria Szucs (INT) / Dr. Michael Gerald O'Dwyer +

Wednesday – Sylvia Bragagnolo + / Derick English +

Thursday - Fred, Gertrude & Gerry Byrne + / Celine McGinley +

Friday - Cosimo Puseteri + / Jack Fennell + / Tony Ercolani (INT) / Sheelagh Creaghan + / Eleanor O'Dwyer + / Marnie Harper + / Jennifer Merry +

Please keep in your prayers the sick:

Rosemarie Chapeskie, Michael Chiarotto, Robin Noel Ennevor, Evelyn Ferreira, Kathryn Horgan, Simon Jimenez, Vince Pellettier, Allan Smart, Maria Thomas

First Reconciliation, First Communion Classes

Sundays 11:00-12:00 pm or Tuesdays 4:30-5:30 pm. Classes are held in the Parish Hall. Sunday Class dates are: Oct. 15, Nov. 5, Dec. 3, Jan. 14, Feb. 4, Mar. 4, Apr. 8 & May 6. Tuesday Class dates are: Oct. 17, Nov. 7, Dec. 5, Jan. 16, Feb. 6, Mar. 6, Apr. 10 & May 8.

First Reconciliation to be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, February 10, 2018
First Communion on Sunday, May 27, 2018 at 2:00 pm for the Sunday Class & 4:00 pm for the Tuesday Class

Confirmation Classes

Classes are held on Wednesday's 4:30 – 5:30 pm in the parish hall. Classes are: Oct. 25, Nov. 29, Dec. 13, Jan. 31, Feb. 28 & Mar. 28.

Confirmation Retreat date is Saturday, April 28, 2018 from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. 4 4 4 4

Confirmation date is Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at 7:00 pm. Students are required to attend all classes and the Confirmation Retreat.

Blessed Sacrament Catholic School Sacrament Dates

www.blessedsacramentcs.com
First Communion will be on Sunday, April 22, 2018 at 2:30 pm
Confirmation will be on Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 7:00 pm

2018 ENVELOPES - Please pick up your 2018 envelopes at the back of the church. PLEASE ADVISE THE OFFICE IF THERE IS AN ERROR WITH YOUR BOX NUMBER. Please DO NOT use any leftover envelopes from 2017 or any other year!

Recycle your outdated envelopes. If you did not pick up your 2016 envelopes, your name was removed from the envelope list so please pick a new box up in the Loretto Room. If you would like to be an envelope user, please pick up a new box in the Loretto Room as well. Please write your name and address on the first few envelopes used so we can update the parish data for 2018. Thank you for your generosity to our parish.

Also pick up your 2018 parish calendar.

<u>CROSSROADS YOUTH GROUP</u> – Meet every second Sunday from 4.30-6.30 pm in our parish hall. Everyone in grades 7 and up are welcome. Our next meeting is will be in the new year. Watch here for updates.

Scripture: Isaiah 61.1-2a, 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24, John 1.6-8, 19-28

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December 17, 2017

The virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. (Isaiah 7.14)

The Christmas Mass on TV

For those who cannot make it to church, please join the Catholic Community this Christmas. Watch the Daily TV Mass: Christmas Eve on VisionTV at 9:00 pm ET vesTV at 10:00 pm ET

> Christmas Day at 8:00 am and 12:00 pm ET on VisionTV 11:00 pm ET on Salt + Light. 1:00 pm on yesTV You can also watch on the web at www.dailvtvmass.com

OUT OF THE COLD - has begun - The Out of the Cold dinner program serving a hot dinner to those in need in our community is sponsored by Glenview Presbyterian, St. Leonard's Anglican and Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. The program runs every Sunday from the first Sunday in November to last Sunday in March at the Glenview Presbyterian Church at 1 Glenview Avenue. The Blessed Sacrament Church is responsible for the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of each month. Volunteers are needed to prepare NUT FREE desserts that are easy to carry away like muffins, cookies, brownies, squares, etc. Desserts can be dropped off at Glenview Presbyterian Church on Sundays at 4pm during this period. In addition, donations for NEW socks, mittens, gloves, and undergarments are always welcome as well. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to this year's Out of the Cold leaders. 2nd Sunday: Sandra Girard and Nina Spinosa at ootc.secondsunday@gmail.com,3rd Sunday: Ann Marie and Bill Rosenitsch at annmarieroz@gmail.com.

Advent is a time of waiting...

During the Sundays of Advent our Presider and Ministers will take their positions 5 minutes before Mass begins, to symbolize our wait for the Lord. Also, the church moves from darkness to light during the opening hymn.

The Angel Tree-Our special tree is adorned with angels, each representing families less fortunate living in St. Paul's Parish with a wish for Christmas. This year they have over 600 families. You are invited to select an angel from the Tree beginning next weekend and purchase gift certificates. Please leave them in the box under the tree by Sunday Dec 17th or bring to the parish office. For more information please call the parish office.



On Monday, December 18th at 7:30 pm the Victoria Scholars will perform a Christmas concert here at Blessed Sacrament. Tickets will be available in the Loretto Room or the parish officer or at the door or on-line at www.victoriascholars.ca

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Advent Day of Confession

Tuesday, December 19th 9:00 am - 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm For all other times please come to the parish office

**4th Sunday of Advent- Dec. 23/24 all regular Masses will be celebrated in addition to:

Christmas Eve Sunday, December 24th

Children's Liturgy 4:30 pm

Masses: 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm & 12 Midnight Christmas Day Monday, December 25th Masses:

8:30 am, 10:00 am & 11:30 am Tuesday, December 26th

Mass: 10:00 am

**Holy Family - Dec. 30/31 all regular Masses will be celebrated in addition to:

Solemnity of Mary New Years Eve, Sunday, December 31st Vigil Mass - 4:30 pm

New Year's Day, Monday, January 1st

Masses: 10:00 am & 11:30 am (NO 8:30 am Mass)

Parish Office Christmas Hours Wednesday, December 20st - Closed from noon to 2:30 pm

Closed Monday, December 25th , Tuesday, December 26th & Monday, January 1st

ATTN: Altar Servers - please sign up for the Mass that you will be serving at on Christmas and New Year's Day in the Loretto Room.





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