

# CHURCH OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE

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## MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Evening:** 4:00 PM

**Sunday:** 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 AM

**Weekday:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday  
and Friday 8:00 AM

**First Saturday :** 9:00AM

**Holy Day:** As Announced

## PRAYER

**NOVENAS AFTER 8:00AM MASS**

**MONDAY** MIRACULOUS MEDAL

**TUESDAY** MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

**WEDNESDAY** ST. JOSEPH

**FRIDAY** SACRED HEART

**FIRST SATURDAY** after 9:00AM Mass

**ROSARY IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA**

**ROSARY:** Daily after 8:00AM Mass

**ADORATION:** 1st Friday 12:00-8:00PM

## SACRAMENTS

**CONFESSION:** Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 PM

**BAPTISM:**

1st & 3rd Sunday 1:00PM / 2nd & 4th Saturday 12 Noon

**MARRIAGE:** Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance by calling the Parish Office for an appointment with the Pastor or Pastoral Associate, Deacon Ray D'Alessio. At least one of the two people being married must be a parishioner of St. Paul's. Weddings are celebrated on Friday afternoons/evenings and on Saturday between the hours of 11:00AM and 2:00PM and on Sundays between 2:00PM and 4:00PM. All Sunday weddings are ceremonies.

**ANointing OF THE SICK:**

First Saturday of every month 9:00AM in chapel  
Prior arrangements must be made with the Pastor.

## PASTOR

**Rev. Msgr. James F. Pereda, J.C.D.**

## PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

**Deacon Raymond P. D'Alessio**

## PARISH OFFICE

**Office: (516) 935-1880**

Monday: 1:00-4:00PM

Tuesday-Thursday: 9:00AM to 12:00PM & 1:00 to 4:00 PM

Friday, Saturday, Sunday by appointment only

Mrs. Deb Cosentino, *Parish Assistant/Business Manager*

## OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

**Red Barn: (516) 938-4530**

**Msgr. Mario C. Costa (Lower) Hall: (516) 935-4127**

Br. Joseph Bellizzi, S.M., *DRE*

Mrs. Louise Shannon, *Faith Formation Administrator*

## BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

**Commercial Service**

## DIRECTOR OF LITURGICAL MUSIC

Mr. Gary Ducoing **(516) 935-1880**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**DECEMBER 22, 2019**

## ADVISORY COUNCILS TO THE PASTOR

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

*Paula Maturo, Chair*  
*Paula Dawson, Vice Chair*  
*Ann Kissell, Recording Secretary*

Peter Boyle	Jesmel John
Gina Cinelli	Anne Maione
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Michael D'Costa	Toni Romas
Jay Coronel	

### FINANCE COUNCIL

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 Joseph Palumbo  
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 Antony Kozhipatt

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TRUSTEES EMERITI ARE  
EX OFFICIO MEMBERS OF PASTORAL  
AND FINANCE COUNCILS

## MINISTRIES and ORGANIZATIONS

**ALTAR GUILD** contact: Ursula Coughlin (516) 433-2450

**ALTAR SERVERS** contact: Louise Shannon (516) 935-1880 ext. 110 or  
 email: [louise.stpauls@optimum.net](mailto:louise.stpauls@optimum.net)

**CENTERSTAGE** contact: Chris Black (516) 528-0294 or email [centerstageministry@gmail.com](mailto:centerstageministry@gmail.com)

**CHOIR** meets Tuesdays at 7:30PM in Church - contact: Gary Ducoing (516) 935-1880

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION** moderator:

Deacon Raymond D'Alessio (516) 935-1880 x112 or [deaconraydalessio@stpaulsbrookville.org](mailto:deaconraydalessio@stpaulsbrookville.org)

**JOB SEARCH** contact: Gerard Wendelken for an appointment (516) 364-0640

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** meets 3rd Thursday of each month 7:30PM

contact: Don Cavanaugh, Grand Knight, (917) 769-5128 or email: [doncavanaugh@ymail.com](mailto:doncavanaugh@ymail.com)

**SQUIRES** meet 4th Wednesday of each month 7PM

contact: Peter Boyle (516) 937-6516 or email: [repeter\\_65@hotmail.com](mailto:repeter_65@hotmail.com)

**LECTORS** moderator: Deacon Raymond D'Alessio (516) 935-1880 x112 or  
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**MARIAN GUILD** meets 3rd Wednesday of each month 7PM - contact: Giovanna (516) 459-4225

**MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION** contact: Gina Cinelli (516) 333-5611

**OUTREACH** contact: Rectory (516) 935-1880

**PRAYER GROUP** meets Thursday 11:00AM in Chapel - contact: Elise LeVaillant  
 (516) 433-3503

**PRE CANA** contact: Deacon Raymond P. D'Alessio (516) 935-1880 ext. 112 or  
[deaconraydalessio@stpaulsbrookville.org](mailto:deaconraydalessio@stpaulsbrookville.org)

**RCIA** contact: Jesmel & Sachi B. (516) 396-4505

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL / FOOD PANTRY** - contact: Joe Curro through rectory  
 (516) 935-1880

**YOUTH GROUP** contact: Grace Lynch (516) 626-7533

TO CONTACT THE PASTOR IN AN EMERGENCY WHEN A PRIEST IS NEEDED FOR  
THE SERIOUSLY SICK OR DYING,  
 CALL (516) 935-1880.

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS:  
 JERICHO FIRE DEPARTMENT (516) 931-0898  
 OLD BROOKVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT (516) 626-1300



## **From the Pastor December 22, 2019 The Fourth Sunday in Advent**

### **CHRISTMAS CONFESSION**

For much of our history, the frequent reception of the Eucharist was not something everybody did. There was a keen awareness that one should not receive the Body and Blood of Christ unworthily(1). Since there was, and still is, no obligation to receive the Eucharist at every Mass (one's obligation to attend Mass is satisfied simply by being there), many people did not in fact receive the Eucharist very often. Some did so out of an arguably over-abundance of piety, and others just figured they'd put off confession as long as they could - years even - and would simply do without.

Well, the Church eventually said that since the Eucharist is so integral to the Christian life, a Catholic must receive the Eucharist at least once a year, ideally at Easter(2), and it is this command that was and still is the "Easter Duty." Naturally, since everyone racks up at least some sins throughout the year, it naturally followed that going to confession would normally precede that, hence the confusion that the Easter Duty concerned going to confession.

In fact, according to canon law, a person is only strictly required to go to confession for mortal sins(3), although it is highly recommended to go to tidy up all those other smaller or venial sins as well. The reason it is highly recommended is that few other things, except for the reception of Christ's Body and Blood, fill us with such profound grace as the sacrament of confession. Hearing confessions is truly one of the most humbling and awesome things I do as a priest.

Alas, many do not make use of the sacrament. Maybe people don't commit serious sins anymore (highly dubious). Maybe it is because people don't realize some of the things they do are serious (closer, I think). Or maybe some just have not been in such a long time that they are nervous about the process and/or think they have nothing to say (more likely still).

If that is the case, fear not! What follows is what I call the 90% confession. It contains 90% of the things that 90% of people can confess 90% of the time. A typical confession need not be any more complicated than what follows. In fact, most things that are often added to a confession, like a list of your virtues (good to know, but not what we are there to discuss), lists of struggles in your life (while worth talking about to a priest, the confessional is generally not the place for that either), lists of other people's sins against you (this comes up often, but the focus should stay on you), and lengthy explanations or details tend only to distract from the business at hand. The fewer details the better. Names should never be mentioned in confession. If the priest has any questions, he will ask.

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(1) Cor 11:27 - Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy way will be guilty of sin against the body and blood of the Lord.

(2) Can. 920 §1. After being initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. §2. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season unless it is fulfilled for a just cause at another time during the year.

(3) In short, "mortal" sins are those that are of serious matter (sexual relations outside of marriage, murder, abortion, missing Mass, viewing pornography, etc.) and freely (not coerced) committed by someone who knows at the time that they are indeed serious.

So, without further ado, here is a sample confession that you can use to guide your own confession (bring it with you if that helps). Recite the sins applicable to you, and of course mention any other serious sins not on the list (I presume you already know what those might be).

You begin simply by saying, "Bless me Father for I have sinned. It's been (*state how long*) since my last confession. Here are my sins...

I have not loved God with all my heart, and all my soul.

I have placed people or things in my life as taking priority over God.

I have been disrespectful to my parents or legitimate authorities.

I have used the name of God carelessly.

I have brought scandal upon God or the Church through my bad example as a Christian.

I have missed Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.

I have been prideful.

I have not been kind to everyone in my life.

I have been impatient with people in my life.

I have let anger get the best of me.

I have judged others.

I have dwelled on impure thoughts.

I have been impure with myself or with another person.

I have artificially frustrated God's desire to create life.

I have dwelled on impure images that objectify men or women.

I have overindulged in food or drink.

I have abused drugs.

I have told lies.

I have been envious of what others have.

I have not been thankful for all the gifts I have been given.

I am sorry for these, and all my other sins that I have failed to remember."

The priest may say a few words of counsel, give you a simple penance to say later, and ask you to make an act of contrition. There are many forms, but the short and simple one is: "Lord Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner."

At this point the priest says the prayer of absolution: "God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit."

You answer "amen" and the priest dismisses you.

That's it! All done. Clean as a whistle, and all in a few minutes. Interestingly the two greatest saint confessors in the history of the Church, St. Jean Vianney, the Cure of Ars, and Padre Pio, never gave more than 90 seconds to each penitent. Usually more time than that is superfluous and is often the fruit of the imagination of the heart. Believe me, a priest who has heard confessions for 39 years, in confession the more concise we are, the more contrite we are.

So if you haven't been to confession in a while, I sincerely hope you will decide to break that streak at some point during this holy time. There are scant few things in life that I can guarantee, but I can guarantee you will not regret going to confession and receiving the Lord's mercy and forgiveness.

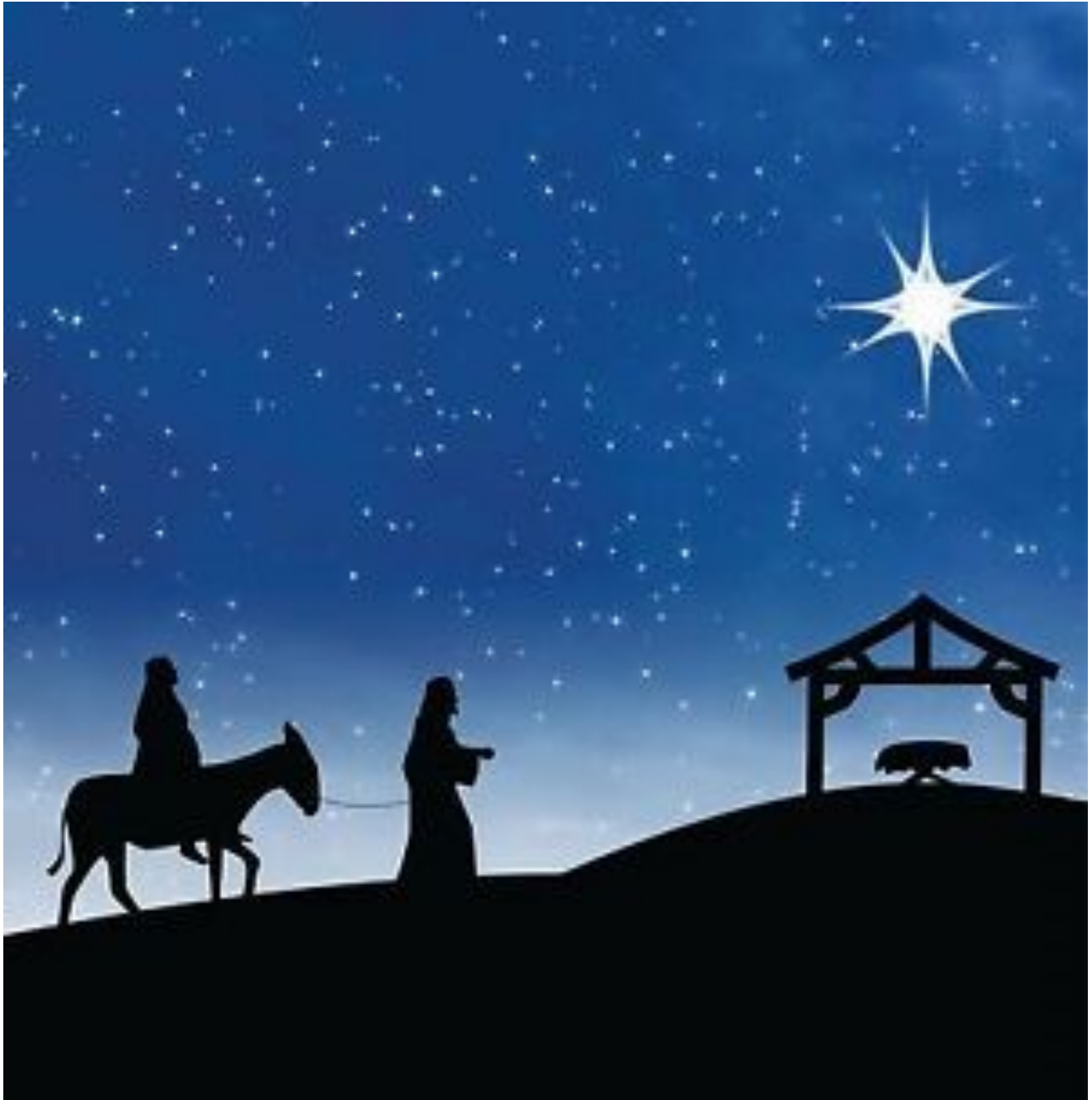
So, what do you have to lose other than your sins? I'll see you there(4)!

In Jesus and Mary,  
*Monsignor James F. Pereda*



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(4) Actually, the normal mode is for the priest and the penitent to be separated by a screen, so the priest really won't be seeing you. In fact, even in the absence of a screen, the priest will try to avoid that. Trust me, he doesn't want to know! The screen is required by Law and has been a great safety net throughout the centuries. Now more than ever, with false accusations brought against priests, we see the wisdom of the screen. Here at St. Paul we may either sit or kneel. But the screen is always there. All of our visiting priests prefer not to allow this exception which is fully their right to do. It is at the discretion of the priest, according to Canon Law, to allow confession without the screen. When Bishop Barres saw our confessionals in the newly renovated Church, he was pleased with the arrangement that there is always a fixed grille between priest and penitent.



*Have a Blessed  
Christmas!*

## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

### *CHRISTMAS EVE MASS*

*Tuesday, December 24th*

*4:00 PM      6:00 PM      10:00 PM*

*(Orchestra at 4pm & 6pm;  
Schola & Timpani at 10pm)*

### *CHRISTMAS DAY MASS*

*Wednesday, December 25th*

*9:00 AM    11:00 AM*

*(Organ & Cantor)*

### *CONFESSIONS:*

*Every Saturday in Advent*

*3:00 - 3:45 PM*

*JANUARY 1, 2020*

*THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY*

*THE MOTHER OF GOD*

*(Holy Day of Obligation)*

*Tuesday, December 31st*

*4:00 PM*

*Wednesday, January 1st*

*10:00 AM*



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.



**Knights of Columbus  
SQUIRES**  
Youth Organization.

### **Knights and Squires - Future events**

**Knights Super Bowl Raffle** - Large Flat Screen Smart TV (additional info forthcoming)

**St. Patrick's & St. Joseph Day Pot Luck** - Sunday, March 22, after 11 am Mass. Parish is invited April 30, 2020 - Squires **Scholarship** forms are due

**Communion Breakfast** - Sunday, May 3 after 9:30 Mass

Monday, May 4, 2020 - **Annual Golf Outing and Parish Awards Dinner**

**Mothers Day Plant Sale** - TBA

Saturday, May 16, 2020 - **Field of Honor Dedication** and Reception after 5 pm Mass.



### **MARIAN GUILD CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Calendar for 2019 – 2020 (events subject to change)**

Wednesday, February 19, 2020, 6:30 pm – Pizza and Painting

Wednesday, March 18, 2020, 7 pm – Lenten Speaker

Wednesday, April 15, 2020 7 pm – To be announced

Sunday, **May 3, 2020**, after 9:30 am Mass - **Communion breakfast**

Wednesday, May 20, 2020, 7 pm - Chair yoga class

Wednesday, June 17, 2020, 6:30 pm – Night at the Races / End of year gathering

**MARIAN GUILD MEMBERSHIP FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT MEETINGS.**

### **USHERS CHRISTMAS POTLUCK PARTY**

Ushers and their families are invited to a  
Christmas Potluck Party on January 12th  
after the 11am Mass.

Please RSVP to Peter Boyle at  
repeter\_65@hotmail.com or 516 937-6516 to  
let him know what you would like to bring.



### ***2020 Calendars Have Arrived***

Please feel free to take one of these beautifully  
illustrated calendars provided to us courtesy of  
Dalton Funeral Homes. Each month features a  
Catholic prayer to enrich our prayer life.

The calendars are in the Church narthex.





## ***Our Weekly Masses***

### **Monday, December 23, 2019**

8:00 AM Alice & Domenick Lufrano  
(requested by N. Lufrano)

### **Tuesday, December 24, 2019-Christmas Eve**

4:00 PM Christmas Novena

6:00 PM Christmas Novena

Vincenzo Greco

(requested by A. Greco)

10:00 PM Christmas Novena

### **Wednesday, December 25, 2019-Christmas Day**

9:00 AM Christmas Novena

11:00 AM Christmas Novena

### **Friday, December 27, 2019**

8:00 AM Christmas Novena

Ruth Lawn

(requested by P. Lawn)

### **Saturday, December 28, 2019**

4:00 PM Christmas Novena

Susan Vitale-Birthday

(requested by M. Vitale)

### **Sunday, December 29, 2019**

8:00 AM Christmas Novena

9:30 AM Christmas Novena

Parishioners

11:00 AM Mario Marussich

(requested by Z. DeIngeniis)



## ***MEMORIALS***

**ALTAR BREAD, WINE &  
CANDLES**

*In Memory of  
Persecuted Christians*

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

*In Memory of the  
Lonely and Recluse*

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

*In Memory of the  
Souls in Purgatory*

**DEVOTIONAL CANDLE**

*In Memory of the Unborn*

**AMERICAN & PAPAL FLAGS**

September 1, 2019-February 28, 2020

*In Memory of Gina Tarantini*

Donated by A. Tarantini



## **CELEBRANT OF HOLY MASS**

**Saturday, December 28, 2019**

**4:00 PM Msgr. Pereda**

**Sunday, December 29, 2019**

**8:00 AM Fr. Cameron**

**9:30 AM Msgr. Pereda**

**11:00 AM Msgr. Pereda**



## **REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES**

Mass Intention	\$ 20
Bread Wine & Candles for the week	\$ 50
Altar Flowers	\$ 125
Sanctuary Light for the week	\$ 25
Devotional Candles before Our Lady & St. Joseph	\$ 50

### Collection:

December 15, 2019 Not available at publication

Budget \$7,560

Difference to Budget (+/-)

*Thank you for your continued Parish Support!*

## **Religious Education Calendar**



December 23-24 No Classes  
December 30-31 No Classes

### **PRAYERS FOR OUR ARMED SERVICE**

*Please pray for our parishioners in the military:*

*Keith Wilkins, Lt. Cmdr. USCG  
Francis Son, Pfc. US Army  
Michael F. Wendelken, Lt. Col., USAF  
David J. Munafo, 1st Lt. US Army  
John P. Orr, Lt.jg, US Navy CEC  
Steven Paniccia, Pfc. US Army  
Robert Simon Jr., MS US Army*

### **PRAY FOR THE SICK**

*Please pray for those whose names are on the parish sick list.*



Peter Boyle Jr., Catherine Black, Benny D'Aquila, Agostino Ragusin, Raffaele D'Onofrio, Benjamin Lagumen, George Jung, Jean (Elizabeth) Connolly, Joseph LaRosa, Julia D., Maria P. Scopa, Carol Hammel, Karen Keener, Linda DiBenetto, Matthew DiLascio, Christopher Louie, Anthony Ambrosio, Christine DiBari, Kelly Ann Crovello, Teresa Bencardino, Mary Grace Spotter, Nellie Ambrosio, Robert Simone, Vincent Meade, Linda Malone, Guido Penafiel, Jeremiah McCarthy, Santiago Alvarez, Gabriella Fiorillo, Lorraine and Matthew Masiello, Linda LeVaillant, Giovanna Vizzari, Mildred McCarthy, Baby Sergio DeVincent.

*Please call the office at 516-935-1880 x100 to add or*



**Congratulations to the families of the newly baptized:**

*Kacey Lynn Giannusa  
Mackenzie Eva Marowitz  
Zoey Rae Tuft  
Leah Grace Blaszkiewicz  
Daniel Blaszkiewicz  
Gabriella Francesca Maimone*

**If you are planning to have your baby baptized, please contact the religious education office at 516 938-4530.**



### **Merry Christmas**

**and a special thank you to everyone who keeps the Food Pantry thriving and serving those in need during these blessed holidays and throughout the year!**

### **We are in need of the following:**

Coffee (we're out)  
Cleaning Supplies  
Laundry Detergent  
Quick Oats (plain)  
Cake Mix/Brownie Mix  
Dog Food  
Soup (winter is upon us!)  
Paper Towels  
Shampoo & Conditioner  
No salt snacks  
No-Sugar or Low-Sugar cereals  
Baby wipes (packaged)

**Thanks to your generosity our pantry is currently FULLY STOCKED with canned vegetables, tuna and pasta!**

**Kindly check expiration dates on All foods, canned, boxed and packaged. We cannot distribute expired food items to our families.**

### **Also Needed for Holidays**



**FOOD CARDS for those who are on health related diets.**

**KOHL'S CARDS, TARGET CARDS (receipts MUST be attached).**

**You may also consider making a monetary donation so that our volunteers can do the shopping!**

**Come and visit us on Saturday mornings. We open at 10:00am and are located behind the red barn. For assistance please call the rectory at 516 935-1880 or email [paulsapostle@verizon.net](mailto:paulsapostle@verizon.net)**