MEETINGS/GROUPS
Parish Council 354-4525
Altar/Rosary 552-3375
1st Tuesday April—December
Parish Life Commission 354-4337
Finance Committee 354-4525
Music Ministry/Choir/Cantors 251-6820
Building/Maintenance 354-4525
Spiritual Blessing Card Ministry 354-3769
Good Samaritan Fund/Food Bank 357-6714
Aluminum Recycling/Paper Recycling/furniture/clothes for the needy -
All items can be placed by the garage or call 354-4525
Education Commission 354-4525
Spiritual/Liturgical Commission/Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers/Acolytes/Ushers 354-4525
Bereavement 354-4525
Prayer Line Requests 352-7703
Jail Ministry / Dee Trepal 382-1889
AA Meetings Wednesday 8:00 p.m.

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS
Nominated Members
Chair - Andrew Bernardo,
Tim Manross, Emily Siebert,
Appointed Members
Stephen Kristoff, Jennifer Takaes

FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS
Chair—Rick Gurley, Trevor Theobald, Don Rochon,
Joe Hawkins, Linda Hlebak, Tom Langer,
Kevin Hanzak (parish accountant)

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Pastoral Ministry 350-9954

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Retired, but still active in Jail Ministry and Homebound Visits

Mr. John Siracusa, Grounds Manager and Ecumenical Food Bank 357-6714

Mr. John Richards
Bulletin Editor, Minister Schedule
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PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR) September-May
Steve Biro, Parish Catechetical Leader
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Grades K-6 on Sundays 11:00a.m.-12:00 noon
Steve Biro, Director of Junior High & High School Ministry
Pre-Confirmation grade 7+ Sundays 9:00-10:00a.m.
Confirmation grade 8+ scheduled Sundays 6:00-8:00p.m.

BAPTISMS
Please call the rectory to set up an appointment.

WEDDINGS
Six months notice is required.
Please call the rectory to set up an appointment.
May God Bless You This Holiday Season!

**January 5 / January 6**

**ALTAR SERVERS**
- 4:00PM  Mike Bonelli / Tristan Simko
- 8:00AM  Lou & Jim Balog
- 10:00AM Mary Todd / Nora Urban

**LECTORS**
- 4:00PM  Renee Simko / Volunteer
- 8:00AM  Joe Vayo / Bob Donovan
- 10:00AM Laura Urban / Joe Wilkes

**Eucharistic Ministers**
- 4:00PM  Bobbie McArthur / Lisa Simodi
  Joe Hawkins
- 8:00AM  Dan Parker
- 10:00AM Natalie Urban / Sherry Maruschak
  Judy Oberstar / Marty Makela

**CROSS**
- 4:00PM  Rick Gurley
- 8:00AM  Bill McCabe
- 10:00AM Linda Grisez

**January 12 / January 13**

**ALTAR SERVERS**
- 4:00PM  Steve Kristoff / Andrew Zarbo
- 8:00AM  Brianna Manross / Bill McCabe
- 10:00AM Logan Salkiewicz / Sarah Bernardo

**LECTORS**
- 4:00PM  Kathie Kristoff / Melissa Zarbo
- 8:00AM  Tim Manross / Bob Smith
- 10:00AM Traci Salkiewicz / Pat Korenko

**Eucharistic Ministers**
- 4:00PM  Phil Young / Joe Tomasik
  Bud Williams
- 8:00AM  Bill & Lynn Marut / Kathy Johnson
- 10:00AM Barb & Ben Bagdonas
  Melissa Faranda / Andrew Bernardo

**CROSS**
- 4:00PM  Lisa Simodi
- 8:00AM  Steve Biro
- 10:00AM Walter Blare

Ministers are asked to sign-in at least
10 minutes before Mass begins or a sub will
be found for you. Thank you!

We are in need of volunteers for Altar Serving,
Girls & boys (3rd grade and older), women & men
(any age!) who have made 1st Communion and are
regular Mass attendees! Please contact Fr. Peter.

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**Mass Intentions**

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The Offertory Collection Information for
December 30th will be published in the
January 13th Bulletin.

**Offertory Collection: December 23, 2018**

- Regular Collection $3972
- Diocesan Assessment $655
- Balance for Parish $3317
- Building/Maintenance $455
- Youth Ministry $368
- Food Bank $25
- Past Assessment $20
- Christmas $635
- Immaculate Conception $36
- Christmas Lantern Raffle $89
- Religious Retirement Fund $530
- Solemnity of Mary $50

**Offertory Collection: December 25, 2018**

- Building/Maintenance $985
- Youth Ministry $75
- Christmas $8197

Thank You!
“I painted peace.” This poem was written by Tali Sorek, an Israeli girl of 13 years old. She won a prize and she became very famous all over the world. Using simple images, Tali makes us think about the real meaning of the word peace, especially in an area like Middle East, a theatre of many terrible wars. This poem wants to be a denunciation of war and a hymn to peace.

“I had a box of paints brilliant, intense, bright. I had a box of paints some warm, others very cold. I hadn’t red for the blood of the wounded. I hadn’t black for the tears of the orphans. I hadn’t white for the hands and the face of the dying. I hadn’t yellow for the burning sands. But I had orange for the joy of life, and green for shoots and nests, and blue for bright shining skies, and pink for dreams and rest. So, I sat down and I painted peace.”

As the new year begins we invite our students in grades 6-12 to consider becoming involved in Youth Ministry. This month they will be meeting on January 6th and 20th at 6:00pm for their Sunday evening sessions. Please contact Steve Biro in the parish office or by email steve@stafh.org

Starting in January we will be offering 50/50 tickets each weekend in the foyer as an ongoing fundraiser. The winning ticket will be drawn on the last Sunday of each month. Please try to bring in some funds from outside the parish in this effort, buying tickets for family and friends who can also participate. Thanks to all who have increased their contributions. KEEP IT UP to support our future.

Please give us your tax form requests as soon as possible. We will have them available in the foyer by the end of January.

Holiday Helps for the Divorced and Separated. Sessions will be held January 8th & 15th: Tuesday evenings from 7pm -9pm at St. Noel’s Church in Willoughby Hills, route 91 and 6. Come to one or all of the sessions. This program is intended to offer practical advice, support, and the skills to get through the holidays and move forward. To register or for more info call Karen at 440-352-8282 or email: kjubeck@st-gabriel.org

Electronic giving is available on our website www.stafh.org. The total online giving collection for Dec. 23rd was $459. The total online giving collection for Dec. 30th will be posted in the Jan 13 bulletin. Thank you to all who use the online giving option.

Josephine Margaret Bakhita was born in Africa in the Darfur region of the Sudan. Her uncle was a tribal chief. She lived a happy childhood in her village, but when she was about 8 years old she was captured by the same Muslim slave traders that had abducted her elder sister two years earlier. She was forced to walk barefoot for about 600 miles to a Muslim town. Over the course of 12 years she was bought and sold repeatedly. She was beaten and maltreated. She was so traumatized over this time that she even forgot her given name. The slave traders simply called her “Bakhita”, which in Arabic means “lucky”. She eventually was purchased by an Italian man who took her to Italy. There she was introduced to Christianity. She was baptized, eventually won her freedom and entered religious life. She lived the rest of her life in convents in northern Italy. Freed from her harsh experience of slavery, she exhibited a spirit of joy and appreciation and was filled with compassion and charity for others. She spoke of forgiveness for those who captured and tortured her. She celebrated in her life the goodness of God and the privilege of having faith. Her feast day is February 8th.

Many cleaning products have ingredients that are very hazardous. Try “green cleaning” alternatives such as using distilled vinegar to clean. A one-to-one solution of vinegar and water makes an effective, economical multipurpose cleaner. The nontoxic mixture disinfects floors and bathrooms and cleans glass without leaving streaks. It’s distinctive odor disappears as soon as the liquid dries.