

ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Welcome Visitors and Guests

We thank you for celebrating the Holy Eucharist with us this weekend. If you are passing through town, we pray that you travel safely. If you are new to the area and are considering St. Paul Catholic Church as your Parish family, please stop by the office between 8:30AM and 4:00PM and pick up the registration form.

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 11, 2011– December 17, 2011

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am, 11:00 am & 1:00 pm (Misa en Español)

First Sunday of the month Mass at 5:00pm

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday8:00 am

Wednesday9:00 am & 5:00 pm

Friday8:00 am at Old St. Paul

Saturday8:00 am

Holy Days will be announced in bulletin

SACRAMENTS

ReconciliationThursdays 10:30AM-11:30AM

Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm or by appointment

Baptism2nd and 4th weekend of the month. First time parents must attend Baptismal Preparatory classes. Parents may schedule Baptisms early and even during pregnancy.

First Communion/Confirmation . .Please call 633-3030

Marriage Contact Parish Office as early as possible. At least 6 months in advance is required

Anointing of the Sick Call the Parish Office

Funeral Parish Office

MASS INTENTIONS & PARISH EVENTS

Reindeer Lane/Open House open for everyone in the Parish after all Masses

SATURDAY, December 10th

7:00AM Men's Group (Conference Room)

3:30PM Reconciliation (Reconciliation Room)

5:00PM MASS Mary Leland+

SUNDAY, December 11th

8:00AM MASS For our St. Paul Parish Family

9:15AM RCIA (FLC2)

9:30AM Faith Formation (school)

9:30AM Chancel Choir Practice (choir area)

10:30AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy

11:00AM Nursery (FLC3)

11:00AM MASS Salvatore Salvati+

1:00PM SPANISH MASS Thomas Murphy+

2:00PM Dia de La Fiesta De La Virgin (Feast of the Lady of Guadeloupe)

3:45PM Children's choir (church)

5:30PM Music Ministry (church)

6:30PM Middle School & High School Confirmation

MONDAY, December 12th

4:30AM Happy Birthday "Las Manaitas" to Our Lady of Guadeloupe

5:30AM MASS Our Lady of Guadeloupe

8:00AM MASS Gregory Lloyd Moore+

9:00AM church Christmas tree set up

9:00AM Spanish Women's Prayer Group (FLC2)

6:30PM Christmas school concert (Family Life Center)

7:00PM St. Paul One In Spirit Prayer Group (FLC2)

Tuesday, December 13th

8:00AM MASS David & Daphne Foley +

9:00AM Advent Series (Conf. Room)

10:00AM Pastoral staff meeting (Conf. Rm.)

12:00PM Mary's People (church)

1:00PM Shawl Ministry (Conf. Room)

6:00PM Gospel Choir (church)

7:00PM Advent Series (FLC2)

Wednesday, December 14th

9:00AM MASS Elizabeth Corey+

11:00AM ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE (church)

5:00PM MASS Charles & Beatrice Neumeister+

7:00PM 4th Degree Knights mtg. (Knights of Columbus Hall)

7:00PM Baptism class (Conference Room)

Thursday, December 15th

8:00AM MASS Robert Polo+

8:35AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament (church)

10:30AM Reconciliation (Reconciliation Room)

12:00PM Benediction (church)

12:30PM Finance Committee mtg. (Conf. Rm.)

6:00PM Liturgy meeting (Conf. Rm.)

7:30PM Folk Choir (church)

Friday, December 16th

8:00AM MASS (OSP) Keith Warren+

7:00PM Spanish Ministry /Spanish Catechism Meeting (Conf. Rm. & FLC)

Saturday, December 17th

3:30PM Reconciliation (Reconciliation Room)

5:00PM MASS Pat Detloff+

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Saturday, December 17th

Readers: Jonathan Simon & Carolyn Jensen

Eucharistic Ministers: Anne Harmon, Linda Richardson, Dotti Dunham, Dorothy & Leo Minervini, Susie Sydow, Donna & Louis Simon & Noah Fisher

Servers: Jacob, Ben, Luke Fisher, Patrick Lloyd & Guy Beatty

Sunday, December 18th 8:00AM

Readers: Chick Natella & Rita Casem

Eucharistic Ministers: Cynthia White, Marlene & Bernie Fitzpatrick, Cindy & Danny Gennantonio, Mary Spano, Nancy & Rich Tomasik & Sue Schrenk

Servers: Shane or Patrick Murphy, Grady Johnson, Neiva Felix, Anna Donato & Brendan Carman

Sunday, December 18th 11:00AM

Readers: Sharon Wright & Tiffany Dove

Eucharistic Ministers: Dorothy Salvati, Hannah & Clark French, Kate LaPointe, Sharon Warren, Mary Ann Harper, Mary Ann Clay, John LaPointe & Dan Doban

Servers: Andrew Ferree, Gabi or Grazie Boccia, David & Eric Lynch & Nathan Gallman

Sunday, December 18th 1:00PM

Servers: Nathanel, Cristobal, Sebastian Mora, Pablo & Erik Estrada

Family Chalice: Juanita y Cresencio Martinez

PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL

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*The members of the St. Paul Ministry staff are ex officio members of the Advisory Council.

Retirement Fund For Religious Sisters and Brothers

Please give generously this weekend to the second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

THE PASTOR JOTS IT DOWN

Friday, December 2nd, the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary of Scranton celebrated 85 years of service in the Diocese of Raleigh with Bishop Burbidge in the Chapel of the Catholic Center. "In remarks at the luncheon, Sr. Carol (Loughney) explained that the IHM Sisters began their ministry in 1926 at the invitation of Most Reverend William J. Hafey, First Bishop of Raleigh, who asked them to serve the African American community in New Bern. Sister Carol said the religious women were referred to at that time as the "Black Sisters," because they cared for African American children at what was St. Joseph Elementary School. From that first call to ministry, Sisters from the Order have served in 22 parishes and schools in the Diocese of Raleigh." St Joseph School was started in 1887 by Father Thomas Frederick Price and was taught by lay teachers until the sisters arrived.

St. Paul school was also founded in 1926 and the two schools continue under the name of St. Paul Catholic School. St. Paul is the only parish in the Diocese where the IHM Sisters have served continuously for these 85 years. We are blessed to have Sisters Monique, Grace and Maria Goretti ministering in our midst. CONGRATULATIONS SISTERS!

I ask you to plan now for the Living Nativity scene and pre-Christmas celebration next Sunday afternoon. Luminaries will be lighted in honor and in memory of your loved ones. As our teen-agers present the Living Nativity we have the chance to meditate on the true meaning of Christmas and to have fellowship with our fellow parishioners. We are a family in the Lord and every opportunity to know each other better is a moment of Grace for all of us. Please take the time to come out and celebrate with your PARISH FAMILY.

Love and blessings to all
Monsignor Lewis

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Thursday 8:00AM to 12:00NOON
Sacrament of Reconciliation 10:30AM-11:30AM
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament-12:00NOON



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH
@ 11:00AM

There will be five priests to hear
Confessions.

What a wonderful opportunity to truly
prepare for the Christ Child.

WE URGE YOU TO ATTEND!

OUR ADVENT JOURNEY

Read the DAYBREAK Reflections each day
Tuesday: THE SCRIPTURE OF ADVENT
9:00AM (Conf. Rm.) Sister Grace Campbell,
IHM
7:00PM (FLC2) Deacon Michael Mahoney

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES 7:00PM

Dec. 13 Infant of Prague Jacksonville

11:00AM

Dec. 14 **St. Paul** **New Bern**
*December 14th at 11:00AM will be
for Seniors

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

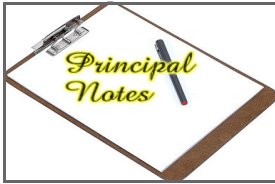


DUE TO THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS HOLIDAY, ALL BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE DECEMBER 18TH AND DECEMBER 25TH BULLETIN, MUST BE SUBMITTED BY NO LATER THAN **9AM DECEMBER 12TH.**

ALL BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE JANUARY 1, 2012 BULLETIN MUST BE SUBMITTED BY **MONDAY, DECEMBER 19TH AT 9AM.**

PLEASE SUBMIT ANNOUNCEMENTS TO
stpaulsecretary@suddenlinkmail.com.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.



Many of us will be singing Christmas carols on Monday, December 12th at 9:45AM at the airport. In the evening, we will have our Christmas concert in the Family Life Center. Everyone is invited to attend.

The students, parents, and I will be enjoying a fun evening at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Friday, December 16th. If you are going to attend, please bring a unisex Christmas gift for a child.

The 8th grade will be distributing Moore's Barbeque dinners at the school on December 15th. If anyone wishes to purchase a ticket, please call the school office.

Our last day of school for the Christmas will be on Friday, December 16th at 3PM. There will be no after-care on this day.

We hope that everyone has a Merry Christmas. We will resume classes on January 3, 2012.

May God Bless You during this season,

Miss Warwick

School Principal

St. Paul Catholic School 8th grade students will be selling tickets for a Moore's BBQ carry out dinner, to be held on Thursday, December 15th from 4-6 pm at the school. For only \$6 you have a choice of pork BBQ **or** fried chicken, with beans, cole slaw and hush puppies. Just drive up and your dinner will be brought to you. You may buy your tickets at the school or from any 8th grade student. We will also sell tickets after all the Masses, this weekend December 10th and 11th. Proceeds will be used to help with the cost of their end of the year school trip. **Deadline** for ticket sales is **Monday, December 12th**. No tickets will be sold the day of the dinner. Please support these students. For more information please call the school at 633-0100.

Reindeer Lane at St. Paul School will be open for shopping again this year. This will provide an opportunity to shop for your loved ones for Christmas. On December 10th and 11th, **everyone** in the parish is invited to an "**Open House**" at the school. On that weekend, Reindeer Lane will be open, for everyone, after **all** of the Masses, 5 pm, 8 am, 11 am and 1 pm. We will be offering an expanded selection of gift items this year. Please come over, shop and enjoy light refreshments. For information please call Sarah Corey 636-0981.

St. Paul Catholic School

St. Paul continues to participate in the **SCRIP** program. There seems to still be questions about how this program works. It is simple, for example, you purchase a card just like a gift card for \$25. You then may use that card for the same amount you paid for it. The school receives a "commission" for selling the card. This is not deducted from the value of the card. We have a limited number of cards on hand for immediate purchase. For those we do not have on hand, you place an order and pay the amount due. The following Sunday you may pick them up at Mass. The school is making a great effort to raise money and your continued support is appreciated. Most people spend money at Wal-Mart or buy gas every week so please buy a SCRIP card to make your purchases with. **We have now added Target as one of our stores.** Any questions please call the school office at 633-0100.

MOVIE OF THE MONTH

Christmas With a Capital C. Christmas has always been a time of love and tradition in small town Trapper Falls. Mayor Dan Reed, with his brother Greg, drape the town in Christmas cheer, concentrating on the nativity scene. When Dan's high school rival, Mitch Bright, returns home after 20 years, he takes offense to seeing the town's Nativity scene –saying it's in violation of separation of church and state. He wants the scene removed and the word "Christmas" switched to "Happy Holidays". Dan's wife and daughter show the true meaning of Christmas by launching a "Christmas with a Capital C" campaign to keep the town together. Trapper Falls learns the Christmas lesson of *good will to all*. **Join us on December 18 at 2:30 in St. Joseph Chapel.**

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Grades Kindergarten through 5th Grade

*ALL SESSIONS ARE HELD IN ST. PAUL SCHOOL ON SUNDAYS FROM 9:30AM-10:45AM
December 11 Regular session
December 18 Regular session w/ Advent Christmas Prayer service

OUR JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM Join us from 4PM to 6PM This starts outside then into the Church and FLC.

December 25 No CLASS-Christmas Celebration

Middle School Grades (6th –8th)

*MUSIC MINISTRY 5:30PM-6:30PM (church)
*ALL SESSIONS ARE HELD IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER FROM 6:30PM-7:30PM

December 11 Regular session & Music Ministry
December 18 Regular session & Music Ministry
December 25 No CLASS-Christmas Celebration

Confirmation Preparation Grades 9 & 10 and Senior Group Grades 11 & 12

*ALL SESSIONS TAKE PLACE IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER FROM 6:30PM-7:30PM

December 11 Regular session & Music Ministry
December 18 4:00PM-6:00pm Live Nativity and luminaries
December 25 No CLASS-Christmas celebration

St. Paul Youth Group invites everyone to visit their annual “Journey to Bethlehem.” The live Nativity and luminary display will be on Sunday, December 18th, from 4 to 6 pm. Enjoy walking outside, through the beautiful luminary display surrounding St. Joseph Cemetery, and see the live Nativity presented by the St. Paul Youth Group. Following this, you are invited to enjoy a prayer service and listen to beautiful Christmas carols. This wonderful presentation will end with light refreshments being served in the FLC. We hope you will join us.

LUMINARIES

The first year and second year Confirmands will be selling luminaries after all Masses for their annual “Journey to Bethlehem” on December 18th. Luminaries can be purchased for \$2.00 a luminary, or 3 for \$5.00. The luminaries can be purchased for deceased loved ones, or “In Honor Of” someone special. The proceeds from the sales of these luminaries will help defray the cost for the youth attending Youth Convention in May. You may also purchase luminaries in the Church office Mon.-Fri. from 8:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Readings for the Week

December 11, 2011 through December 18, 2011

Sunday	Is 61:1-2a,10-11 (Ps) Lk 1:46-50, 53-54 1 Thes 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8,19-28
Monday	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a;12:1-6a, 10ab Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47
Tuesday	Zep 3:1-2,9-13 Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday	Is 45:6b-8,18,21b-25 Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday	Is 54:1-10 Lk 7:24-30
Friday	Is 56:1-3a,6-8 Jn 5:33-36
Saturday	Gn 49:2,8-10 Mt 1:1-17
Sunday	2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16 Ps 89:2-5



CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY –The transforming of our hearts and lives increases with Beatitude #7, “*Blessed Are the Peacemakers.*” St. Augustine said peacemakers are not only peaceful but they are *active makers of peace*. They bring peace around them by healing discord and bringing forgiveness and reconciliation. It begins within each as they conform themselves to the image of God. Col. 3:15, John 14:27, and John 16: 32-33 say this is the peace of Christ Jesus! In all Masses, the priest asks Jesus to grant us his peace (a gift of grace, mercy and fruit of the Holy Spirit) The promise is found in Matt. 5:9 -“*for they will be called children of God*”. As we soon welcome Jesus, the Prince of Peace, ask the Spirit to give all this peace. Let us be active in Safeguarding Peace! (CCC, 2302-2306) Join us for the Chaplet of Divine Mercy each Sunday in the Chapel at 10:30.

Anyone that wishes to contact Father Paul Mizener can do so by calling St. Peter The Fisherman at 252-249-3687 or by mail at 1149 White Farm Rd., Oriental NC 28571.

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

Come next Sunday afternoon from 4PM TO 6PM to pray and prepare for Christmas with our teenagers at the Live Nativity Scene and the luminaries.



Stewardship is a way of life that we choose to live, using the gifts entrusted to us by God, based on the teachings of Jesus Christ.

December 4th

Offertory	\$24,777.89
Debt	\$5,836.00
Christmas Flowers	\$2,503.00
RCS Poor	\$125.00

As always, your generosity is greatly appreciated!

DONATE YOUR CAR HELP

REDUCE OUR CHURCH AND SCHOOL DEBT

Are you thinking of selling or trading your old vehicle? Why not avoid the hassle and donate it instead to St. Paul Church? We will do all the paperwork for you and provide you with a charitable receipt for your taxes. Donate autos, trucks, motorcycles, vans, commercial vehicles, jet skis, snowmobiles, motor homes, buses, and yes, even boats. It does not have to run, only a clear title required to donate. We take care of everything else. Please call Jerry Tetreault 252-638-4184 or 252-497-5919 or by email at gtetreault@suddenlink.net.



OLIVE BRANCH STORE & LENDING LIBRARY

***GOODNESS GRACIOUS!
ONLY 4 Sundays and Wednesdays that we are
open until Christmas.***

Almost unbelievable but, yes, it's true! Only 4 shopping days remain for your Christmas purchases and gifts at the Olive Branch. Loads of stocking stuffers and great items for teens and tweens.

We pray that you won't forget about us when making your shopping list and checking it twice! And, remember "Jesus is the Reason for the Season".

NEW ITEM: Guardian Angel Prayer Book for children only \$5.00!

We are located in the Family Life Center and are open Sundays 9 am - 1 pm and Wednesdays 9am-12 noon.

The Knights of Columbus cordially invites St. Paul families to a "Family Christmas Gathering" to be held on December 16, 2001 starting at 6PM at the Knight's Hall located at 1125 Pine Tree Drive. We will serve "Fish and Chips" plus coleslaw, ice cream and drinks. Hot dogs and "chips" will be available for the kids who don't want the "fish". We will have games, caroling and a Christmas Story. Kids are encouraged to bring a stuffed animal or a wrapped game (with the age written on the outside of the wrapping) for the less fortunate in our community. Tickets are \$8.00 for single, \$15.00 for a couple and \$20.00 for a family. Tickets will be on sale after Mass this weekend December 10th & 11th. Please join us for an evening of fun and celebration. For further questions, please contact Dick Dodson at 638-5318.

The Hispanic-Latino Community would like to invite you to celebrate the Feast of the Lady of Guadalupe this Sunday, December 11th 2011 beginning at 2:30 pm in the Family Life Center. Food will be served from 2:30 to 3:30 then at 4 we will have different events including a short narrated play, dances, and more. Come Join Us!

On the 12 of December we will sing Happy Birthday, "Las Manaitas", to Our Lady of Guadalupe - Starting at 4:30 am to 5:30am. Following will be a special mass. There will be Mariachi Band for the Manaitas in the morning at 4:30 am.

MEN'S GROUP

St. Paul Men's Group will meet this Saturday, December 10th at 7AM in the conference room. The topic of discussion will be Genesis, Chapters 12-50. New members are welcome! For more information please contact Andy Early at 252-288-4385.

ALUMINUM CAN PROJECT

Our total remains the same \$2,628.60 due to the price of aluminum having dropped recently. In order to get the best return, the donated cans and other aluminum products are being held until the price rises to a higher level. The rate of the donations has been increasing over the last few months, and it is hoped that this will be continuing while we wait to maximize our profits. There should be a very nice increase to report at that time.



Mary's People Rosary will meet December 13th at 12:00PM in the church.

