

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.

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 18, 2011– December 24, 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

Saturday (First Saturday of month only)8:00 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

SATURDAY, December 17th

3:30PM Reconciliation (Reconciliation Room)

5:00PM MASS Pat Detloff+

SUNDAY, December 18th

8:00AM MASS Kenneth Trommer+

9:00AM AAMEN Group (FLC3)

9:15AM RCIA (FLC2)

9:30AM Faith Formation (school)

9:30AM Chancel Choir Practice (choir area)

10:30AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy (SJC)

11:00AM Nursery (FLC3)

11:00AM MASS Jack Hawkins+

1:00PM SPANISH MASS For Our St. Paul Parish Family+

2:30PM Movie of the month (SJC)

4:00PM Luminaries & Journey to Bethlehem (church/FLC)

MONDAY, December 19th

8:00AM MASS Ralph Detloff+/John Engeman+/Francis Allen+

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

12:30PM St. Paul Pride (FCL3) *Left Right, Center*

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

Tuesday, December 20th

8:00AM MASS Messina Family

9:00AM Advent Series (Conf. Room)

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

1:00PM Shawl Ministry (Conf. Room)

6:00PM Gospel Choir (church)

7:00PM Advent Series (FLC2)

Wednesday, December 21st

9:00AM MASS Thomas D. Stanton+

5:00PM MASS John & Janet Meade+

Thursday, December 22nd

8:00AM MASS Thomas Suchan+

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

10:30AM Reconciliation (Reconciliation Room)

12:00PM Benediction (church)

7:30PM Folk Choir (church)

Friday, December 23rd

8:00AM MASS (OSP) Thomas J. Weiss+

Saturday, December 24th

3:30PM Reconciliation (Reconciliation Room)

4:00PM MASS All the children of St. Paul Parish family

6:00PM MASS Bill Winfield+

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

10:00PM MASS St. Paul Parish Family

MINISTRY OF THE LITURGY

ALL ALTAR SERVERS

Please see your altar server schedule.

LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC

MINISTERS:

Please sign up for Christmas Vigil and Christmas Day Masses. The sign up sheets are in the atrium.

1:00PM MASS

FAMILY CHALICE: Isela y Julio Hernandez

PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL

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PARISH OFFICE

Parish Office will be close at 12:00Noon on Friday, December 23rd.

We will be closed on Monday, December 26th and Tuesday, December 27th for Christmas holiday.

We will reopen on Wednesday, December 28th.

The office staff wishes everyone a Merry Christmas!

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PLEASE SUBMIT ANNOUNCEMENTS TO stpaulsecretary@suddenlinkmail.com.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

THE PASTOR JOTS IT DOWN

I am looking forward to the **JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM** this afternoon with our St. Paul Youth. Our youth will have a live nativity scene and the luminaries will be aglow around St. Joseph Cemetery. After the prayer service, and singing of carols, we will go to the Family Life Center for refreshments. It is a special time to remember the loved ones of our life, both living and dead, and I hope that many of you will be here to anticipate the Nativity celebration and to experience "Our Family Together."

My heart is filled with gratitude for your continued generosity. St. Joseph Chapel was overflowing with the gifts you brought –Look at the pictures on our web site and see the multitude of presents, and this was before last Sunday's returns. I know that all the people you have helped will be grateful and you will be blessed.

At the same time you gave generously to the **RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT FUND**. Your acknowledgement of the love you have especially for the Sisters is wonderful. Most of the 80 and 90 year old Sisters living in retirement now spend a life time in ministry, making only 300 to 900 dollars a year; this didn't leave much for a retirement fund. In 1961 when I was ordained the Sisters received a stipend of \$50.00 per month, but only for nine months and there were no benefits accept, of course, the convent. The Sisters did this out of love for God and His people; now it is our turn to help them. Last Sunday you were most generous. Thank you.

Finally I thank all of you who were in Raleigh to support Mary Ellen Fraser as she received the Papal **BENE MERENTI** medal that Pope Benedict XVI bestowed on her late husband and our dear friend and fellow parishioner Bill Fraser.

A blessed and Happy Christmas to all of you who will be traveling and away on Christmas Day!

Monsignor Lewis

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Thursday 8:00AM to 12:00 NOON

Sacrament of Reconciliation 10:30AM-11:30AM

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament-12:00NOON

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Mass

4:00PM Children's Mass

6:00PM Vigil Mass

8:00PM Spanish Mass

10:00PM Mass during the night. (This Mass replaces the Midnight Mass)

Christmas Day Mass

8:00AM

10:00AM

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

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

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



PRINCIPAL NOTES FROM MISS WARWICK

We have had a very busy time doing fun filled events in December. Our students took part in the Trent Woods Christmas parade. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Gear for providing the nice float for our students to ride on. The children looked so festive with their Santa hats and smiling faces.

We had a successful "Open House" with our Reindeer Lane Shop. I hope everyone that came over enjoyed seeing the improvements that have been made at our school. The decorations were superb and we appreciated all of you that helped us to judge our door contest. The 6th grade door won first place, 8th grade came in second and the third place was won by the 5th grade. I would like to thank Mrs. Sarah Corey and Mrs. Robyn Johnston who went above and beyond what was expected at the Reindeer Lane Shop. These ladies did a fantastic job of transforming our school into a "winter fantasy land."

The middle school students represented our school very well, at the luncheon for the Veterans that had been on the Honor Flights. The students were honored to have the privilege of escorting these dedicated veterans to their tables. They publicly commended and thanked our students for their participation.

Mrs. Patricia Liddy, our Music teacher, did an outstanding job preparing and leading our students in singing Christmas carols and songs, at Craven Regional Airport. It was arranged for them to perform for an arriving flight as well as a departing flight.

During this past week, we had almost one hundred students doing community service hours. Everyone should be very much aware of how community minded our students are. They truly are deserving of great praise for what they continue to do. A large thanks to the parents that helped make this possible by making sure the students were at these events.

To conclude our celebrations, we all enjoyed our Christmas Concert. I think everyone is ready for a "break." Have a very Blessed Christmas. Enjoy your time with your family and friends.

Miss Warwick
School Principal

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. **We have now added Target as one of our stores.** Any questions please call the school office at 633-0100.

OLIVE BRANCH STORE & LENDING LIBRARY

*DON'T WAIT - DON'T HESITATE!
JUST 2 SUNDAYS & WEDNESDAYS
THAT WE ARE OPEN UNTIL CHRISTMAS!*

Almost unbelievable but, yes, it's true! Only 2 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 ITEMS: Guardian Angel Prayer Book for children only \$5.00 and pretty pierced earrings only \$6.00!

PLEASE NOTE: We will be closed on Christmas and will reopen on Wednesday, Dec. 28 on our regular schedule.

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

The Nursery will NOT be available on December 25th and January 1st. We look forward to seeing your little ones when we reopen on Sunday, January 8th at 10:45am in the Family Life Center.



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Christmas 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the Gospel of Luke proclaimed on Christmas at Midnight, the angel's words to the shepherds were "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy...a Savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord." This truth is proclaimed anew to each one of us and is the source of our great joy!

Perhaps more than ever in the midst of the turmoil of our world, and maybe even within our lives, the Lord invites us to embrace the words: "Do not be afraid." Our Savior is born and is with us always. God has sent His Son who forgives us of our sins, guides us on our way and sustains us through the crosses and sufferings we endure. In Christ, we find lasting peace. "Do not be afraid."

The words of the angels led the shepherds to search out the infant Jesus and to encounter Him in the presence of Mary and Joseph. As you celebrate Christmas, promise to seek the Lord daily through your fidelity to prayer, by faithfulness to His commands and in the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy. It is at Mass each and every week that we are enlightened by God's Word, nourished with the gift of the Eucharist and strengthened as the Body of Christ.

It is also our sacred duty to make known the message of Christ's birth to all people. We do so, most especially, by our love for one another and through our outreach and generous service to those in most need. May the spirit of giving so prevalent during this sacred season continue to be reflected in our lives throughout the coming year.

May Our Lord Jesus abundantly bless you and your families this Christmas, and may Mary Our Mother and Saint Joseph watch over you always.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Raleigh

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 11th

Offertory	\$22,196.98
Debt	\$6,064.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$6,073.00
Immaculate Conception	\$3,169.00
Christmas Flowers	\$1,113.00

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.



FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Grades Kindergarten through 5th Grade

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)

December 18 Regular session & Music Ministry

December 25 No CLASS-Christmas Celebration

Confirmation Preparation Grades 9 & 10 and

Senior Group Grades 11 & 12

Please pray for the repose soul of Herbert R. Pagano who died this past week.



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 are *active makers of peace.* They bring peace by healing discord and bringing forgiveness and reconciliation. It begins within each as they conform to the image of God. This is the peace of Christ Jesus! In all Masses, the priest asks Jesus to grant us his peace The promise is in Matt. 5: 9 -“*for they will be called children of God.*” Welcome Jesus, the Prince of Peace; ask for his peace. Join us for the Chaplet of Divine Mercy each Sunday in the Chapel at 10:30.

GRIEVING GROUP

Sessions for the grieving group will begin on January 11th. We will meet every WEDNESDAY for six weeks and run through February 15. We will meet from 10:00AM to 11:30AM in St. Joseph Chapel. Sister Monique Dissen and Bev Redding will be the group facilitators. If you are interested in walking this journey of mourning to morning, please call Irene Swantenson 638-9306.

Wounded Warriors Leave Program

We would like to thank the Parish for your generous contribution of \$4,104.00. This combined with what the Knights and the Elks made from the BBQ lunch, a donation from the Knights of Columbus 4th degree, we were able to present them with a check for \$11,500. This will be of great use to our Wounded Warriors. Thank you again for supporting them.

GIVING TREE

We would like to thank all who took the “ornaments” from the “Share the Spirit” trees over the past few weeks. We had placed over 1400 ornaments on the trees and almost every one of them was taken. To see the tremendous number of gifts in St. Joseph Chapel just fills us all with awe every year! This Parish is truly the “Family” of St. Paul.” The many, many people that you purchased gifts for are blessed by your generosity.