

ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

3005 Country Club Rd. New Bern, North Carolina 28562

Office Hours: 8:30a.m. - 4:00p.m. Monday -Friday

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THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH

A Blessed and Happy Christmas to all!

PARISH STAFF

**Reverend Monsignor Gerald L. Lewis,
Administrator**

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- Rev. Victor Gournas, Parochial Vicar
 - Rev. Paul Mizener, Assisting Priest
 - Dcn. Michael Mahoney, Parish Deacon
 - Dcn. Rick Fisher, Parish Deacon 252-649-1400
 - Sr. Monique Dissen, IHM, Pastoral Associate
 - Sr. Grace Campbell, IHM, Pastoral Associate
 - Sr. Maria Goretti Timperio, IHM, Sacramental Catechist
 - Miss Catherine Warwick, School Principal
 - Belinda Swager, School Secretary
 - Joy Harsen, Director Religious Education 637-9693
 - Marcelene McLure, RCIA Coordinator 633-2539
 - Lynette Kelly, Parish Secretary
 - Donna Simon, Parish/School Bookkeeper
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 - John Spier, Facilities Maintenance 259-3851
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| Convent | 252-637-3726 |
| Faith Formation Office | 252-638-1984 |

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.

Our second collection next weekend is our Monthly Debt Reduction offering. As always, your generosity is greatly appreciated!

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, Thursday 8:00 am
- Wednesday 9:00 am & 5:00 pm
- Friday 8:00 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
- FuneralParish Office

THE PASTOR JOTS IT DOWN

“For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten son that whosoever believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life.” (Jn.3:16). This is the gift we celebrate today, all the gifts we give and receive find there meaning in the gift of God and without God they have no meaning.

May the Blessings of the Christ Child be yours in abundance today and throughout the year. May we gather around the Altar of God each week to give thanks for the abundant gifts of God; may our celebration of the Eucharist keep the love of Jesus in our hearts all the days of our life.

On behalf of Fathers Gournas and Mizener; of Deacons Fisher and Mahoney; of Sisters Monique, Grace and Maria Goretti and Joy Harsen, I thank you for all the prayers and greetings and gifts we have received.

Love and the blessings and a Merry Christmas to all
Monsignor Lewis

MASS INTENTIONS & PARISH EVENTS

Saturday, December 24th

3:30PM Reconciliation (Reconciliation Room)
5:00PM 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

Sunday, December 25th

8:00AM MASS For St. Paul Parish Family
10:00AM MASS Bill Winfield+

Monday, December 26th OFFICE CLOSED

NO MASS TODAY at 8:00AM

Tuesday, December 27th OFFICE CLOSED

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

Wednesday, December 28th

9:00AM MASS Bobby Natella+

NO MASS AT 5:00PM

Thursday, December 29th

8:00AM MASS Keith Warren+
8:35AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament (church)
10:30AM Reconciliation (Reconciliation Room)
12:00PM Benediction (church)
7:30PM Folk Choir (church)

Friday, December 30th

8:00AM MASS (OSP) John McGurk+
7:00PM Spanish Ministry Mtg. (Conf. Rm.)

Saturday, December 31st

3:30PM Reconciliation (Reconciliation Room)
5:00PM MASS Joe McCaffrey+

Please bring healthy non-perishable food items next weekend December 31st and January 1st to all Masses to distribute to the less fortunate of New Bern and surrounding areas. Non-perishable food items may be left at all of the church exits. Baskets have been placed at the exits for monetary donations. Thank you for your kindness and generosity to those most in need.



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 FAMILY CHALICE:

Elida Corona y Familia

PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Joan Fisher, Chair 288-5440

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| Teresa Baugher | 637-7248 | Pat Johnson | 638-8930 |
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*The members of the St. Paul Ministry staff are ex officio members of the Advisory Council.

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!

All meetings are cancelled for on Monday, December 26th and Tuesday, December 27th.

Please pray for repose souls of **Herbert Pagano, Robert Lawrence and Edward James Lower** who died last week.



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



Thanks to Mike and Karen Moore for wondrously shepherding the “Share the Spirit Tree” along with the great help of Mike and Cheryl Fries and their assistants:

Thanks to: Lily Krcmar, Marelene Fitzpatrick, Theresa Kunneman, Larry & Vicki Feldhaus, Carol Longhorn, Marie Henry, Jean Edwards, Joyce Boker, Edie Romaine.



And thanks to: Dave & Dottie Terhune, Lesly Martinez & Mary Ellen Crisp.



Thanks to all of our Parish family who gave so generously to over 1,500 families!



THE BENE MERENTI MEDAL



The Bene Merenti Medal is given in the name of the Holy Father to outstanding Catholics who have distinguished themselves in the service of the Church and the community.

It is an honor to St. Paul Parish that Bill Fraser was named a recipient of the medal for all the work he did at St. Paul both in the Folk Choir and on the Parish Building and Finance committees, as well as the Diocesan Building and Real Estate Commission. Bill was an active member of the Knights of Columbus and gave generously of his time to the works of the Knights, both the 3rd and 4th degrees.

Bishop Michael Burbidge, in the name of Pope Benedict XVI, presented the medal to Bill's widow, Mary Ellen in a beautiful ceremony on December 6 at St. Michael Church in Cary. Let us pray for Bill who has earned his true reward in heaven and for Mary Ellen and her family that the Lord will comfort them in their time of need.

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.

We will publicize December 18th and 25th offerings next weekend.

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

There will be No Faith Formation classes or Middle and High School classes on Dec. 25th.

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.

The Nursery will NOT be available 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.

Catholic Charities wishes you all a very safe and joyous Christmas. We encourage you to continue calling upon your faith for support in facing the daily stressors of life. We hope that you will contact our office at (252) 638-2188 if you have information or counseling needs.

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.

Readings for the Week

December 25, 2011 through January 1, 2012

Sunday Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1-6 Heb 1:1-6
Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5,9-14
Monday Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59 Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday 1 Jn 1:1-4 Jn 20:1a,2-8
Wednesday 1 Jn 1:5-2:2 Mt 2:13-18
Thursday 1 Jn 2:3-11 Lk 2:22-35
Friday Sir 3:2-7,12-14 or Col 3:12-21
or 3:12-17 Ps 128:1-5 Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22,39-40
Saturday 1 Jn 2:18-21 Jn 1:1-18

Please pray for the members of our parish who are hospitalized and for those who are homebound. We also ask for prayers for our relatives, friends and neighbors serving in the Military. May God bless them all.