

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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT November 27, 2011-December 3, 2011

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass

1st Saturday of month 8:00 am

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm

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

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8:00 am

Wednesday 9:00 am & 5:00 pm

Friday 8:00 am at Old St. Paul

Holy Days will be announced in bulletin

SACRAMENTS

ReconciliationThursdays 10:30AM-11:30AM
Saturday 3:30PM-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

MASS INTENTIONS & PARISH EVENTS

SATURDAY, November 26th

*Knights of Columbus Christmas card sale after all Masses this weekend

3:30PM Reconciliation (Reconciliation Room)

5:00PM MASS For our St. Paul Parish Family

SUNDAY, November 27th FIRST SUNDAY

OF ADVENT

8:00AM MASS For all the Faithful Departed

9:15AM RCIA (FLC2)

9:30AM Chancel Choir Practice (choir area)

10:30AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy (SJC)

11:00AM MASS For all the Faithful Departed

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

2:30PM Spanish Ultreya (FLC)

3:45PM Children's choir (church)

6:00PM Dance practice for Virgin of Guadalupe(FLC3)

MONDAY, November 28th

8:00AM MASS For all the Faithful Departed

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

12:30PM St. Paul Pride **BUNCO** (FLC3)

5:30PM Core Mtg. One In Spirit Prayer Group (Conf. Rm.)

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

Tuesday, November 29th

8:00AM MASS For all the Faithful Departed

9:00AM Advent Bible Series- Sister Grace (FLC2)

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

1:00PM Shawl Ministry (church atrium)

6:00PM Gospel Choir (church)

7:00PM Advent Bible Series-Deacon Mahoney (FLC2)

Wednesday, November 30th

9:00AM MASS For all the Faithful Departed

5:00PM MASS For all the Faithful Departed

Thursday, December 1st

8:00AM MASS Billy Benner+

8:30AM Adoration (church)

10:30AM Reconciliation (Reconciliation Room)

12:00PM Benediction (church)

7:30PM Folk choir (church)

Friday, December 2nd

8:00AM MASS (OSP) Edmund Perun+

8:30AM Old St. Paul Committee mtg. (OSP)

6:00PM Holy Hour For Vocations (church)

7:00PM Spanish Ministry meeting (Conf. Rm.)

Saturday, December 3rd

7:00AM Mexican Consul (FLC)

8:00AM MASS (church) Patrick Dunne+

3:30PM Reconciliation (Reconciliation Room)

5:00PM MASS William Thomas Means+

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Saturday, December 3rd 5:00PM

Readers: Joan Cote & Pat Johnson

Eucharistic Ministers: Jack Betler, Gretta Anderson, Helene Conklin, Dotti Dunham, Linda Donahue, Claude Cote, Noah Fisher, Cynthia White & Fletcher Walsh

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

Sunday, December 4th 8:00AM

Readers: Mary Spano & Emily Smith

Eucharistic Ministers: Dena Sierocki, Gladys Frankson, Walter Bock, Paula & Tom Hartman, Shirley Perun, Gwen Smallwood, Ann Baker & Cal Weatherley

Servers: Cason or Victoria, Elizabeth Snapp, Addy Pritulsky, Marissa & Madalynn Smith

Sunday, December 5th 11:00AM

Readers: Cheryl Fries & Mary Wallen

Eucharistic Ministers: Linda Winfield, Scott Heitert, Georgea & Martin Culpepper, Pauline Humphrey, Janice Whitley, Irene & Tim Dakin

Servers: Ian & Montgomery Sprague, Paul & Olivia Blain & Hanna LaPointe

Sunday, December 5th 1:00PM

Servers: Jackie & Jorge Ardon, Lupe Hernandez, Giovanna Blancas & Isaac Alveraz

Family Chalice: Jesus Sanchez

OUR ADVENT JOURNEY

Read the DAYBREAK Reflections each day

Tuesday: THE SCRIPTURE OF ADVENT

Family Life Center, Room 2

9:00AM Sister Grace Campbell, IHM

7:00PM Deacon Michael Mahoney

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

7:00PM

Nov. 30 Annunciation Havelock

Dec. 1 Mother of Mercy Washington

Dec. 3 St. Mildred Swansboro

*December 3rd at 10:00AM

Dec. 5 **St. Paul** New Bern

Dec. 6 St. Egbert Morehead City

Dec. 13 Infant of Prague Jacksonville

Dec. 14 **St. Paul** New Bern

**December 14th at 11:00AM will be for Seniors.

Please join us on Friday, December 2nd at 6:00PM in the church for Holy Hour for Vocations.



THE PASTOR JOTS IT DOWN

Today we begin the new Liturgical Year with the newly revised third edition of the Roman Missal. Perhaps this ADVENT we can be more aware of our call to holiness because of the special attention we need to give to our Prayers. Advent is a time of prayerful preparation for the celebration of the birth of Our Savior. We have prepared two aids for you. One is the special Advent Folder enclosed in today's bulletin and the second and more important is the Advent Booklet entitled "DAYBREAKS" that is available at each entrance. DAYBREAKS is a book of daily family reflections for Advent and Christmas. You can pray them as you light your family Advent Wreath. Please take only one copy for your family.

Hopefully, we will be finished with the repairs to the Church ceiling and the heating and air conditioning system by the time you read this. Workers have been proceeding diligently on both. It took a while to get the insurance adjusters to look at Old St. Paul, but that work will be done as soon as possible. Another problem has been the outdoor lights on the drives and in the parking lots here at the Church. Our maintenance staff has been working on these and a number have been fixed; others required rewiring and these have taken a little longer, but our goal is to have all the outside lights working as soon as possible.

Some of the unsung heroes of our parish are the ladies of the Altar Guild. I was able to attend a luncheon meeting with these ladies recently and learned first hand of all the work that they do. They keep the Altar and the Altar linens and the candlesticks and all the sacred vessels clean and in good repair. It is an on-going work that is never over. I am most grateful to them. When you see a member of our Altar Guild thank them for making our Church more beautiful and our worship meaningful by their good stewardship.

Love and Blessings to all
Monsignor Lewis

The second collection next weekend is our monthly debt reduction. Your generosity is always appreciated. Next weekend, December 3rd and 4th please bring non-perishable healthy food items to all Masses for distribution to the less fortunate of New Bern and surrounding areas. Non perishable items may be left at all the church exits. Baskets placed are placed at the exits for monetary donations. Thank you for your kindness and generosity to those most in need.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered each Thursday during the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM.

Mass in honor of Our Blessed Mother will be offered the First Saturday of each month at the Church. The First such Mass will be this coming Saturday, December 3rd at 8:00AM.

Give Thanks this Thanksgiving by Giving to Others

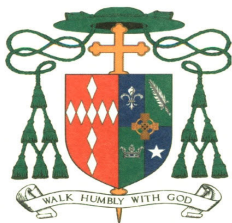
At this time of Thanksgiving, we pause to thank God for all He has given us. Why not really thank Him by giving to those less fortunate than ourselves. The annual "Share the Spirit" trees have been placed in the Atrium and by the two side entrances to the Church.

As in years past, they are adorned with many, many "ornaments" each one identifying gifts that those less fortunate would enjoy receiving this Christmas. The numbers are many, the ages varying from tiny infants whose mothers' chose life over abortion, to small children hoping that Santa will not forget them, to older children hoping for just anything under the tree, to adults seeking food for their Christmas meal, to elderly in nursing homes. Surely, there is someone who touches your heart.

Please take one or more ornaments from the tree, purchase the gift indicated, place it in a gift bag with the ornament attached and return the gift to Church by **December 11th** (at least one nursing home has their party on the 12th) and place it under one of the trees. Simple, yes! Needed, yes! Rewarding, absolutely yes! For further information, please call Mike and Karen Moore at 672-0490 or Mike and Cheryl Fries at 637-6965.

Parish Auditor

The Catholic Diocese of Raleigh seeks highly motivated candidates for the position of Parish Auditor to plan, organize and manage the Diocesan internal audit program for our 96 parishes and 31 schools. For detailed information about the position and instructions on how to apply, please visit the Employment Opportunities section of the Diocesan website at <http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org/offices/hr/employment.aspx>



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Advent 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On this First Sunday of Advent, the *Roman Missal, Third Edition*, will be implemented in the Church in the United States. This blessed time provides us with the opportunity to expand our understanding of the Sacred Liturgy and to renew our appreciation for its meaning and importance in our lives. As we embrace this moment, we seek to further deepen, nurture and celebrate our Catholic faith through the renewal of our prayer and worship. To that end, I am edified to know that many of you have taken advantage of the various formation opportunities offered by the Diocese.

During Advent, as we prepare to celebrate anew the birth of our Savior, we must keep our focus on this renewal of our prayer and worship which can so easily be consumed by tasks and commitments that are added to our schedule, especially at this time of year. Thus, we heed the words of Jesus who tells us in the Gospel “to be watchful” and “to stay alert.” The Preface of Advent also reminds us that “It is by His gift that already we rejoice at the Mystery of His Nativity, so that He may find us watchful in prayer and exultant in praise.” The Lord is inviting us to accept personal responsibility for ensuring that our priority is always our spiritual preparation.

In order to respond to this invitation, we must take specific and concrete steps. Make the decision to “slow down” and allow time for sacred silence in your life. Try to attend Mass during the week. Meditate upon God’s word. Offer a daily rosary. Celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and God’s infinite mercy. Mindful of those in most need, share your resources and time with those who require your assistance and support.

It is my sincere hope that this sacred Season of Advent will be a time when you are watchful, alert and prayerful as well as a blessed moment in which you celebrate your faith through the renewal of prayer and worship. Through the intercession of Mary Our Mother, may Her Son abundantly bless you with the gift of His peace.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Raleigh

2012 MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions for 2012 will be available beginning Monday, December 5th at 9AM during Parish office hours.

Intentions can be scheduled for the months of January through June at that time.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Grades Kindergarten through 5th Grade

****ALL SESSIONS ARE HELD IN ST. PAUL SCHOOL ON SUNDAYS FROM 9:30AM-10:45AM**

November 27 NO CLASS-Thanksgiving Holiday

December 4 Regular session

December 11 Regular session

December 18 Regular session w/ Advent Christmas Prayer service

December 25 No CLASS-Christmas Celebration

Middle School Grades (6th –8th)

****ALL SESSIONS ARE HELD IN THE FAMILY**

LIFE CENTER FROM 4:30PM-5:30PM

MUSIC MINISTRY 5:30PM-6:30PM

November 20 Regular session & Music Ministry

November 27 NO CLASS-Thanksgiving Holiday

December 4 Family Youth Mass @5PM, Supper at

6PM, Service Project at 6:30PM

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

November 27 NO CLASS-Thanksgiving Holiday

December 4 Family Youth Mass @5PM, Supper at

6PM, Service Project at 6:30PM

December 11 Regular session & Music Ministry

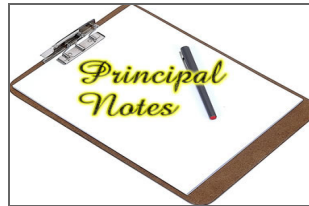
December 18 4:00PM-6:00pm Live Nativity and luminaries

December 25 No CLASS-Christmas celebration

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.

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.



I hope that everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving break and enjoyed spending time with friends and family. This Friday, December 2nd the Home and School Association will be sponsoring dinner and a movie with Santa beginning at 6:30

PM in the school. We are delighted to say that St. Paul Catholic School has been invited to sing at the Christmas tree lighting downtown at 6:00PM on December 2nd. Please come down and join us as we welcome the Christmas Season.

We will also be participating in the Trent Woods Christmas parade at 3PM on Sunday, December 4th. Come out and cheer us on! The parade begins and ends at Garber United Methodist Church, traveling down Country Club Drive and turning onto Chelsea Road on its journey. Again, motorists will likely see delays in the area of the parade. Reindeer Lane will begin on Sunday, December 4th for our Faith Formation students before and after all of the Faith Formation classes. Reindeer Lane will be open for our students, from December 5th through the 9th, to shop for their loved ones during the school day. Then Reindeer Lane will be open to everyone after the Masses on December 10th and 11th.

Have a great week!

Miss Catherine Warwick

Principal

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. Our Faith Formation students may shop on Sunday, December 4, before and after all of the Faith Formation classes. It will be open for the St. Paul School students from December 5th to the 9th during the school days.

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.

Tutors and After School Help Needed-We have started the tutoring and after school program. **However, we still need more tutors. It is very rewarding to see the students make progress as you help them.** The tutoring program would involve being available after school at least one day per week from Monday thru Thursday. The time would be from 2:45 to 4 pm. We need to know what subject or subjects you feel confident to tutor and in which grades. We need help with all grades and subjects. For assisting with the after school program, you would need to be at school at 2:45 until 4 pm, to help the after school care director. If you are interested in either program or have any questions please call Nancy Stewart 633-9419 or e-mail stewsn@coastalnet.com.

All persons involved in ministry with children can expect to be screened and take the Safe Child Training Class which will be held when we have 5 or more.

Readings for the Week

November 27, 2011 through December 4, 2011

Sunday Is 63:16b-17,19b;64:2-7 Ps 80:2-3,
15-16,18-19 1 Cor 1:3-9
Mk 13:33-37

Monday Is 2:1-5 (first choice) Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday Is 11:1-10 Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday Rom 10:9-18 Mt 4:18-22

Thursday Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:21,24-27

Friday Is 29:17-24 Mt 9:27-31

Saturday Is 30:19-21,23-26
Mt 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8

Sunday Is 40:1-5,9-11 Ps 85:9-14
2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8



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Candles, wreaths, calendars - we have them!
Also Nativity magnet sets for just \$2 - dress up your refrigerator for the season with these cute manger magnets. Kids of all ages will love them! We also have a nice selection of ornaments from just \$2. Some are very unique and made in Bethlehem of olive wood. Don't hesitate to get your 2012 Sunday Missal. Now available and going fast!

We are located inside the Family Life Center and are open Sundays 9am - 1pm & Wednesdays 9am - 12pm. We thank you for your support and look forward to your visit.

Please note: We will be closed Wednesday, November 23rd for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

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

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.

November 27th offerings will be put in the December 4th bulletin.

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 atgtetreault@suddenlink.net.



The Catholic Daughters thanks all the parishioners and friends who supported our Annual Boutique and made it such a success!

JCDA will hold next meeting on Monday, Dec. 5, at 3:05 pm, in the Family Life Center in Room 2. All girls 6 through 18 are invited to attend. We will be preparing cards and gifts for Good Shepherd Home for the Aged. The Christmas Party at Good Shepherd will be on Sat., Dec. 17, at 2:00pm.

Wounded Warriors Leave Program- The Kenneth I. Parker Assembly of the Knights of Columbus will be accepting donations after all Masses on December 3 and 4th.

Last year, on December 16th, we were able to write a check to send 303 wounded warriors home. On December 19th, another flight came in with 60 wounded warriors and 17 deceased service personnel on it. All funds collected go for the leave program, to provide transportation for the wounded warriors, at Camp LeJeune and Ft. Bragg to go home for the Holidays. There are no administrative costs. If they have a spouse that can drive them home, they are reimbursed for mileage. If not they are provided air fare. You may make a check payable to The Kenneth I. Parker Assembly and it is tax deductible. In the memo please put Wounded Warriors Fund.

This is the least we can do for them after they have done so much to help maintain our freedom here at home. Any questions please call Sandy Stewart (252) 633-9419.