

ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

*We, though
many, are one
body in Christ*
–St. Paul



MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm

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

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8:00 am & 12:00 pm

Wednesday 9:00 am & 5 pm

Friday 8:00 am & 12:00 pm at Old St. Paul's

Holy Days will be announced in bulletin

SACRAMENTS

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

Baptism 2nd 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 Church Office

Funeral Parish Office

Church Office (252) 638-1984
Church Office Fax (252) 638-2144
School (252) 633-0100
Rectory (252) 638-4436
Convent (252) 637-3726
Faith Formation Office (252) 638-1984
Parish Website www.stpaulccnewbern.org

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

**3005 Country Club Road
New Bern, NC 28562.**

November 28th –December 4th

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS & PARISH EVENTS

SATURDAY, November 27th

3:30PM Confessions (Reconciliation Room)

5:00PM MASS Teresa Hughes+

Knights of Columbus Christmas card sale after all Masses

Pancake ticket sales & script cards after all Masses

SUNDAY, November 28th

8:00AM MASS (SJC) Mary Lee Steele+

9:15AM RCIA (FLC 2)

10:30AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy (SJC)

11:00AM MASS Beverly Meyer+

1:00PM SPANISH MASS People of St. Paul

2:00PM Spanish Adult Bible Study

2:30PM Ultreyas

5:00PM Spanish Youth Group

MONDAY, November 29th

8:00AM MASS (SJC) The Faithful Departed

8:30AM Begin Novena

9:00AM SP Women's Prayer Grp (SJC)

12:00PM MASS (SJC) The Faithful Departed

7:00PM Prayer Grp (SJC)

TUESDAY, November 30th

8:00AM MASS(SJC) Michael Patrick Feeney+

9:00AM Prayer Shawl Ministry (Atrium)

12:00PM MASS(SJC) Dorothy Richmond+

WEDNESDAY, December 1st

9:00AM MASS (church) Mary & Francis T. Allen

1:00PM Pastor's Advent Bible Study (FLC2)

5:00PM MASS (church) Harry Wild+

7:00PM Pastor's Advent Bible Study (FLC2)

8:00PM Women's BBall

THURSDAY, December 2nd

8:00AM MASS (SJC) Edmund Kutsko+

12:00PM MASS (SJC)Anna Gil+

1:00PM Deacon's Advent Bible Study (FLC2)

3:30PM Children's Choir Practice (church)

7:00PM Parish Men's BBall (FLC)

7:30PM Folk Choir (church)

FRIDAY, December 3rd

8:00AM MASS (OSP) Ed Perun+

8:30AM Volunteer Mtg. (OSP)

11:45AM Benediction (OSP)

12:00PM MASS(OSP) Caroline Ferri+

6:00PM Holy Hour For Vocations (church)

6:00PM Dinner and movie with Santa

7:00PM SP Ministry Mtg. (FLC2 & 3)

SATURDAY, December 4th

3:30PM Reconciliation (Reconciliation Room)

5:00PM MASS Frank Williams+

5:00PM Collection for Wounded Warriors

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions are now being accepted for January-June 2011. Please see DeLesa Conway at the Parish office. Mass Intentions can be requested between 8:30AM-3PM Monday-Friday in the Parish office.

Ministers of the Liturgy

Saturday, December 4th

5:00 PM MASS

Readers: Marilu Morse & Stan Andersen

Eucharistic Ministers: Jan Conaty, Cynthia White, Paul Stack, Linda Donahue, Fletcher Walsh, Joan & Claude Cote, Donna & Louis Simon and Jack Betler

Servers: Ryan Miller, Jacob & Luke Fisher, and Hailey & Madison Ford

Sunday, December 5th

8:00 AM Mass

Readers: Rita Casem & Nellie Messina

Eucharistic Ministers: Peter Driscoll, Barbara Vezina, Mary Spano, Shirley Perun, Walter Bock, Cindy & Danny Gennantonio, Chick Natella, and Anne Baker

Servers: Cason & Victoria White, Elizabeth Snapp, Eric Storniolo, Patrick Murphy and Neiva Felix

11:00AM MASS

Readers: Michael Archin & Julia Smith

Eucharistic Ministers: Hugh McHugh, Suzanne & Bert Linkonis, Irene & Tim Dakin, Janice Whitley, Georgea & Martin Culpepper and Scott Heitert

Servers: Andrew Ferree, Harrison & Sam Cho, Gabi & Grazie Boccia

1:00PM SPANISH MASS

Family Chalice: Sandra Linares

PARISH STAFF

Reverend Monsignor Gerald L. Lewis, Administrator

Rev. Victor Gournas, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Paul Mizener, Parochial Vicar

Dcn. Michael Mahoney, Parish Deacon

Dcn. Rick Fisher, Parish Deacon 649-1400

Sr. Monique Dissen, IHM, Pastoral Associate

Sr. Grace Campbell IHM, Pastoral Associate

Sr. Maria Goretti Timpiero, I.H.M., Sacramental Catechist

Mrs. Monette Mahoney, School Principal

Joy Harsen, Dir. Religious Ed. . .637-9693

Karin Coll, Youth Minister..638-1984

Marcelene McLure, RCIA Coordinator . . .633-2539

Lynette Kelly, Parish Secretary

Donna Simon, Bookkeeper

DeLesa Conway, Parish Receptionist/Scheduler

Belinda Swager, School Secretary

John Spier, Facilities Maintenance

Danny Gennantonio, Cemetery Coordinator 637-2322

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November 28th –December 4th

The Pastor jots it down

One of the very good things our country has done was to establish a national day of Thanksgiving.

We all know the history of the first Thanksgiving with its facts and its lore. It was finally established as a National Holiday. This Holiday has become a great 'family event'. It is a time when we want to gather together to feast, to relax, and to enjoy. The day itself has become a long weekend of Thanksgiving.

But I can't help but wonder if we have gotten so involved in the family feasting, the travel and the many pursuits of the Thanksgiving period that we are no longer truly aware of its meaning. Do we understand that the day has been set aside to Thank God for his many gifts to us? These gifts are many and varied. Each of us has to sit down and make our own list and for each of us that list will be long.

WE thank God for our life and family and friends. Then we need pray for forgiveness for in our country where we proclaim the right to life, liberty and justice for all and then proceed to take the life of millions of unborn children every year. Perhaps when we really learn to respect, to cherish, to protect human life from conception to natural death we will truly become the nation we are called to be. When we cease to value life we cease also to value marriage and family and sexual morality and the dignity of each person and the property of each and the welfare of each. I can't help but believe that the general breakdown of morality in our country and in our world goes back to the day we decided not to value human life.

But we are better than this; we are a God-fearing people; we are a people dedicated to the good. Perhaps this Thanksgiving period is the time to pledge allegiance to our God and to our Church and to stand as witnesses to the truth as taught by Christ Jesus. These are my Thanksgiving thoughts.

Love and blessings to all
Monsignor Lewis

Religious Retirement Fund (RFR)

Today's Second Collection is for the RFR.

The Retirement for Religious Fund provides restricted grants to any religious institute in the U.S. that is listed in the religious institute section of the Official Catholic Directory with an identifying OCD number, and that has an unfunded past service liability. It distributes basic, supplemental and special assistance retirement grants from the fund to religious institutes, based on a formula and criteria approved by the conferences of major superiors and bishops. Annual Appeal began in 1988 and is approved to run through 2017.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ADVENT BIBLE STUDIES

- ◆ In order to prepare for Christmas more fully through the Advent season, please join us in one of our Bible studies on Advent Themes.
- ◆ All sessions will be held in the Family Life Center, Room 2.
- ◆ Sessions are as follows:
- ◆ Father Paul 12/7, 12/14 and 12/21 @ 9AM
- ◆ Deacon Mahoney 12/2, 12/6 and 12/16 @ 7PM
- ◆ Father Gournas 12/1 @ 1PM, 12/8 @ 8pm and 12/15 @ 7PM
- ◆ Sister Grace 12/7 @ 8PM, 12/14 and 12/21 @ 7PM

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Date	Time	Location
12/1	7PM	Annunciation (Havelock)
12/2	7PM	Mother of Mercy (Washington)
12/6	11AM	St. Paul's for Seniors
12/9	7PM	St. Paul's
12/14	7PM	Infant of Prague (Jacksonville)

ADVENT HERE AND NOW

A booklet of Daily Reflections for everyday of Advent. These booklets are available at each entrance. Please take one per family.



2011 MISSALS

2011 are now available for purchase in the Parish Office and in the Olive Branch. They sell for \$4.00 each.

THE HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Friday is the first Friday in December. The Holy Hour For Vocations will be held at 6PM at the church.





ST. PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Notes from Mrs. Marilu Morse

As we enter into the season of Advent, I look forward each day with our students and faculty as we come together in prayer and seek to prepare our hearts once again for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. Hearing the children sing, "Come, Lord Jesus, come and be born in our hearts." awakens a sense of anticipation in me as we await the celebration of our Savior's birth on Christmas day.

The school is having a pancake breakfast for the parish and school communities on Sunday, Dec. 5th, from 9:00AM to 11:00AM in the Family Life Center. Tickets will be on sale in the atrium after this weekend's Masses. We hope you will take a break from cooking and be able to "sit and rest awhile" with us.

Christmas Eve Children's Choir

All children who can read are invited to join the Children's Choir for Christmas Eve. Practices will be on Thursdays in December at 3:30PM and last until 4:15PM in the choir Area of the church. All parents are asked to drop-off and pick up in the church. The dates for practices are Dec. 2, 9, and 16th. We will not practice on Dec. 23 as I realize this will be a very busy day. If your child is singing, they will be expected to be in church on Christmas Eve ready to sing by 3:15pm and dressed in their Christmas best! We look forward to a wonderful group of children raising their voices as the angels did on the first Christmas!

WHEN A LOVED ONE IS SICK

Please be sure to call the church office when your loved one is in the hospital or homebound. Individuals admitted to the hospital through the emergency room do not appear on the Catholic visitation list. The only way we have of knowing a loved one is sick is when a family member notifies the church office.



CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION
K-8
November 28th-NO SESSION

TOTAL YOUTH MINISTRY
November 28th No Session

St. Paul's Youth will continue to have flamingos migrate to peoples' yards all this month. If you wish to have some fun with neighbors or family, please call Karin Coll 638-1984 or 259-4398. Flocking will take place at 7:15PM.

Reflection Book,
Something Beautiful from God
(for Advent and Christmas)

A limited number of Reflection Books written by our IHM Sisters and Associates are available in the Parish Office or through Sister Grace. The liturgical readings of the Advent and Christmas seasons are with God's promises. They touch our longings and lead us to encounter God's coming into our lives-into the struggles and joys, hopes and needs, choices and decisions. May our journey through Advent and Christmas inspire each of us in our daily lives. Let us wait with hope for God's coming into our hearts and may we notice, today, something beautiful from God. The books will be available after the weekend liturgies on Nov. 20th and 21st and Nov. 27th and 28th. Donation for the book is \$5.00.

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Have you had the chance to view our website? Please visit www.stpaulcc.newbern.org to get informed about all our upcoming events.



BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please submit or drop off any announcements by no later than 4PM on Fridays for that following weekend. Announcements can emailed to stpaulsecretary@suddenlinkmail.com.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

November 28 through December 5, 2010

Sunday: Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-9 Rom 13:11-14
Mt 24:37-44
Monday: Is 4:2-6 Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Rom 10:9-18 Mt 4:18-22
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a Mt 15:29-37
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 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17
Rom 15:4-9 Mt 3:1-12

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.

Sunday Offertory, November 21st \$21,524.84
(includes ACH transactions)
Debt Reduction Fund: \$3,028.25

Thank you!

Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially the families of Edward Courtamanche and William Sellhorn.



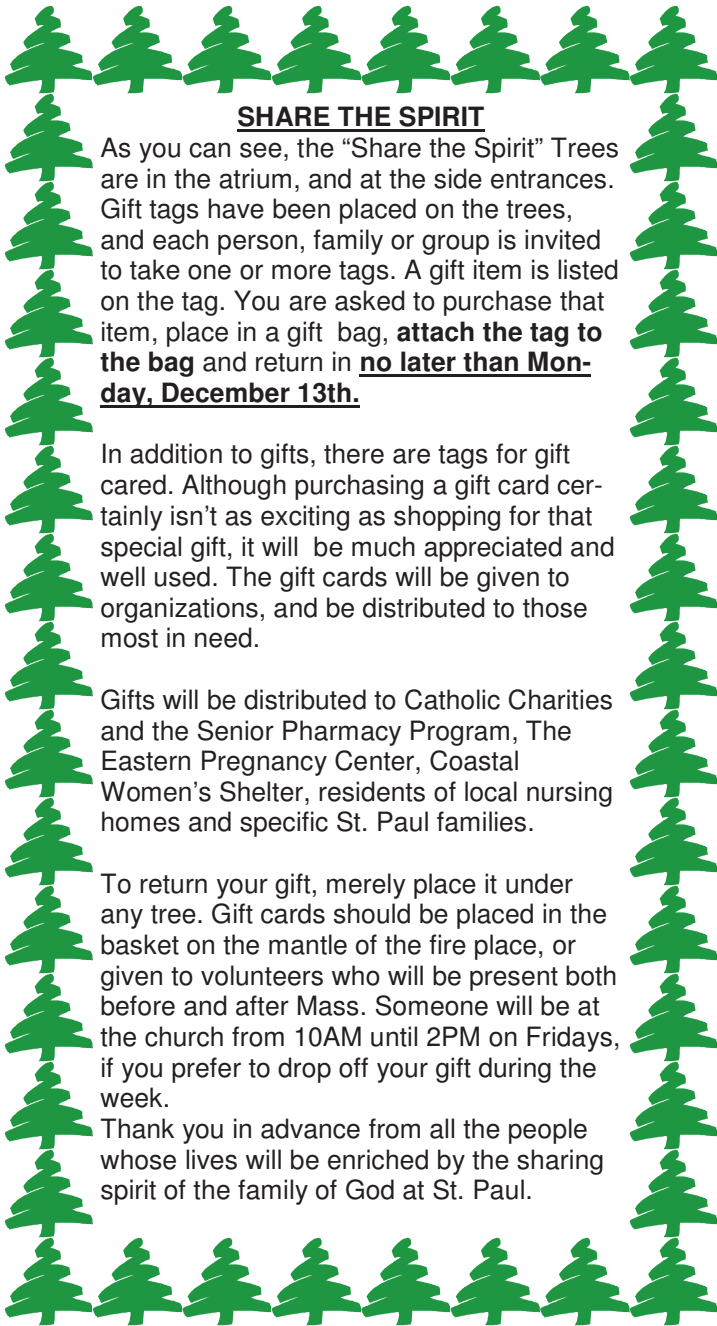
THE CHANCEL CHOIR

(11:00MASS) is asking for choir members, from teens on up who love to sing to the Lord for Sunday Mass-Thanksgiving-Advent-Midnight Mass to come on down and join. Rehearsals are Sunday morning 9:30 in the sanctuary. See Betty Tracy at the organ after Mass or come to rehearsal. You can also call her at 637-3431. All voices are welcome.

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.

Parish Council Members

Joan	Fisher, Chairperson	288-5440	Thomas	Hartman	636-0101
Marcie	McLure, Secretary	633-2539	Pat	Johnson	638-8930
Teresa	Baugher	637-7248	Kathy	Manzene	633-5928
Bill	Campbell	288-5129	Chick	Natella	633-4370
Maria	Cho	633-5048	Dena	Sierocki	638-9327
Claude	Cote	514-0032	Gerald	Stallings	633-1096
Hannah	French	638-2195	Richard	Tomasik	633-9014
Mary Ann	Harper	633-3473	Elena	Turner	637-2852



SHARE THE SPIRIT

As you can see, the “Share the Spirit” Trees are in the atrium, and at the side entrances. Gift tags have been placed on the trees, and each person, family or group is invited to take one or more tags. A gift item is listed on the tag. You are asked to purchase that item, place in a gift bag, **attach the tag to the bag** and return in **no later than Monday, December 13th.**

In addition to gifts, there are tags for gift cared. Although purchasing a gift card certainly isn't as exciting as shopping for that special gift, it will be much appreciated and well used. The gift cards will be given to organizations, and be distributed to those most in need.

Gifts will be distributed to Catholic Charities and the Senior Pharmacy Program, The Eastern Pregnancy Center, Coastal Women's Shelter, residents of local nursing homes and specific St. Paul families.

To return your gift, merely place it under any tree. Gift cards should be placed in the basket on the mantle of the fire place, or given to volunteers who will be present both before and after Mass. Someone will be at the church from 10AM until 2PM on Fridays, if you prefer to drop off your gift during the week.

Thank you in advance from all the people whose lives will be enriched by the sharing spirit of the family of God at St. Paul.

Coats for Kids needs your help!

Greetings!

Every holiday season, thoughts here at Flemming Chiropractic turn out Coats for Kids Drive. This is a project we have been doing for 15 years (this year will be #16!) and we are so proud of all the good things we have accomplished with your help. Over 1000 new winter coats and accessories and over \$5,500 in cash has been donated to the Craven County Foster Care program since we began in 1994. This is a project we hope to continue for many years and many children to come.

A good reason to give!

Last year we collected over 150 new coats. This year we are aiming high and seeing our goal for 150 coats once again. Many children come in to foster care with only the clothes on their back, and have never received anything brand new like a winter coat. There have been recent reports in the media regarding a decrease in charitable giving because of our poor economy, and we are afraid this will be true of our “Coats” drive as well. So please, when you see a nice coat of any size on sale this season, pick up and make Coats for Kids your charitable contribution this year. Thanks for all your support!

Sincerely,
Dr. Lois Flemming
Flemming Chiropractic Health and Wellness Center



**DONATE YOUR CAR
HELP REDUCE OUR 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 at St. Paul Church at 638-1984.

WOUNDED WARRIORS

Thanks to Msgr. Lewis the 4th Degree of the Knights of Columbus will have an exit collection at all Masses on Sat. Dec. 4th and 5th. This collection is for the year round Wounded Warriors Leave Program. This is a state wide program in which the Knights play a major part. There are approximately 130 service personnel that are wounded warriors at Camp Lejune and Ft. Brag. Not only are the funds used to get them home for Christmas, but also in cases of emergency leave for funerals, etc. Checks may be made out to Knights of Columbus and all funds collected will be sent to the Military Order of the Purple Heart of N.C. Thank you for your continued generosity. For more information go to Wounded Warriors Leave Program for N.C. Any questions please call Sandy Stewart 633-9419.



ARRANGEMENTS, CHANGES AND CANCELLATION OF EVENTS USING ANY OF THE PARISH FACILITIES need to be arranged with DeLesa Conway at the church office at 638-1984 or by email to stpauvents@gmail.com.