

Mass Intentions and Parish Events

SATURDAY, December 5th

5:00 PM Mass (Church) People of St. Paul's

7:00 PM Mass (Church) James T. Turner+

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - December 6th

8:00 AM Mass (Church) Susan & Rex Harwood+

8:30 AM Hispanic Ministry Meeting (FLC3)

9:15 AM RCIA (FLC2)

9:30 AM Faith Formation (School)

10:30 AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy (St. Joseph Chapel)

11:00 AM Mass (Church) M/M Euclid D Armstrong, Sr

5:00 PM Spanish Bible Study (Conference RM)

5:00 PM Youth Spanish Bible Study (FLC3)

5:00 PM Confirmation/SPY (FLC/FLC2)

MONDAY December 7th

8:00 AM Mass (Church) Armistead Family+

8:30 AM Counting Ministry Meeting (Conference RM)

3:00 PM Basketball Practice (FLC)

3:30 PM JCDA Meeting (FLC2)

6:00 PM Vigil Mass (Church) James Gibbons+

7:00 PM Prayer Group (St. Joseph Chapel)

7:00 PM Hispanic Ministry Meeting (FLC2)

7:00 PM Safe Child Class (Library)

7:00 PM Altar Server Training - Spanish Mass (Church)

TUESDAY, December 8th Immaculate Conception

Office Closed

8:30 AM Mass (Church) Thomas Chider+

12:00 PM Mass (OSP) Mrs. Michael Sombers+

6:00 PM Mass (Church) People of St. Paul's

7:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study (Chapel)

WEDNESDAY, December 9th

8:30 AM Mass (Church) Charles P. Sloan+

11:00 AM Senior Penance Service & Soup (Church/FLC)

3:00 PM Basketball Practice

6:00 PM Gospel Choir Practice (Church)

7:00 PM Bible Study

THURSDAY, December 10th

8:00 AM Mass (Church) John & Frances Monahan+

3:00 PM Basketball Practice (FLC)

3:00 PM Strings Band (FLC2)

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

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

7:00 PM Advent Penance Service (Church)

FRIDAY, December 11th

8:00 AM Mass (OSP) Frances J. Lacey+

8:30 AM Adoration (OSP)

8:30 AM Our Lady of Guadalupe School Mass

12:00 PM Benediction (OSP)

5:00 PM Holiday Dance (FLC)

SATURDAY, December 12th Feast of Our Lady of

Guadalupe

5:00 AM Feast Day Mass

10:00 AM Youth Group Gift Wrapping (FLC)

3:30-4:30 PM Confessions (Church)

5:00 PM Mass (Church) James Mastronardo+

7:00 PM Mass (Church) Fr. Bill Lesak

Ministers of the Liturgy

Saturday, December 12th

5:00 PM Mass

Reader:

Carolyn Jensen and Dorothy Stallings

Eucharistic Ministers:

Fletcher Walsh, Linda Richardson, JoAn & Jack Betler and Helene Conklin

Servers:

Parker Conway, Hailey & Madison Ford and Jennifer & Jonathon Simon

7:00 PM Mass (Hispanic)

Sunday, December 13th

8:00 AM Mass

Reader:

Nellie Messina & Janice Pearsall

Eucharistic Ministers:

Lud & Beverly Hartung, Mary Spano, Dena Sierocki and Barbara Savage

Servers:

Patrick Murphy, Addy Pritulsky, Tyler & Xavier Thompkins and Cason & Victoria White

11:00 AM Mass

Reader:

Mary Wallen and Julia Smith

Eucharistic Ministers:

Harry Killian, Mary Anne Harper, Scott Heitert, Eugene Whitley and Sharon Warren

Servers:

Anthony Doban, Eric & Laurie Howard, Alejandra O'Malley, Ian Sprague and Hailey Willis

ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS

Please sign up to serve a Christmas Mass. The sign-up sheet is in the priests' vesting room.

Daily Readings

Week December 6 to December 13

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15,20/Eph 1:2-6,11-12/
Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:11-15

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Zec 2:14-17/Lk 1:26-38

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

**The Pastor
Jots it Down**

Yesterday, in Mount Olive, North Carolina our Parishioner, Rick Fisher, received the Ministry of Acolyte from Bishop Burbidge. This is the last step toward Ordination to the Order of Deacon next June. We are proud of Rick

and look forward to him joining us at the Altar in June. The Ordination will take place in Pinehurst and I hope to charter a bus (or two) so that a large delegation of St. Paul Parishioners will be on hand to show our support of Rick and the order of Deacon.

It is humbling to me to pastor in the footsteps of Servant of God, Father Thomas Frederick Price who pastored here from 1887 to 1895. The 'Tar Heel Apostle' served much of eastern North Carolina traveling by horse and buggy or train or on foot as far north as Edenton and west as Greenville. There was a priest in Raleigh and in Wilmington at the time; they each had to cover a vast territory with very few Catholics. Father Price was the first native North Carolinian to be ordained (1886) a Catholic Priest. I hope that many of you young people will live to see the Canonization of Father Price, who died in 1921 as Superior of the first Maryknoll Missioner in China.

This week we have two great feasts of Our Blessed Mother: The Immaculate Conception on Tuesday and Our Lady of Guadalupe on Saturday. Our Hispanic Community has a great celebration planned for Saturday. Many will begin with prayer early in the morning and then a festive Mass at 5:00 AM. I invite all of our community to join in this celebration.

Love and Blessings to all
Monsignor Lewis, Administrator

Debt Reduction Fund Collection

A second collection is being taken up this weekend for the parish debt reduction fund. Extra "Debt Reduction Fund" envelopes have been placed at the church entrances. Thank you for your generosity.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPE REMINDER

Please remember as you fill out your Christmas Flower envelopes to print clearly the names in whose memory you are making your donation. Thank you!

**SUNDAY OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF
November 29, 2009**

Sunday Collection: \$11,352.27

North Carolina Home Mission Collection: \$3,626.25

Thank you for your generosity!

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

A Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Schedule:

Monday, December 7

Vigil 6:00 PM

Tuesday, December 8

8:30 AM (Please note time change)

12:00 PM at Old St. Paul Church

6:00 PM

The Church Office will be closed on the holyday.

Advent Penance Services

Wednesday, December 9, 11:00 AM

*Soup luncheon to follow in the Family Life Center
and*

Thursday, December 10, 7:00 PM

Surrounding Parishes

St. Egbert, Morehead City

December 9, 7:00 PM

Annunciation, Havelock

December 14, 7:00 PM

Infant of Prague, Jacksonville

December 15, 7:00 PM

Retirement Fund for Religious

Retirement Fund helps senior religious. "As expenses continue to increase and economic difficulties tighten our income, we appreciate more and more the help of the Retirement Fund," notes a woman religious. Your tax-deductible donation supports the care of elderly and frail religious and helps to provide such basic necessities as prescription drugs and medical services. Please give generously to next week's second collection for the Retirement fund for Religious. www.retiredreligious.org

FOOD COLLECTION

Food will be collected **this weekend** December 5th & 6th at all Masses for distribution 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.



SAINT PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Notes from Mrs. Mahoney

It is not too late to join the choir for the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Mass. Please join us this Thursday and next Thursday from 3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. in the choir area of church for practice. Children must be able to read in order to join.

Mark your calendars for our school's Advent/Christmas Concert on Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 6:30 p.m. in church. Everyone is invited.

Please join us after the 11:00 a.m. Advent Penance Service on Wednesday, Dec. 9 for a Soup and Salad luncheon. The cost is \$5.00. We will serve from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Proceeds go to the school.

Don't forget the Catholic Daughters' Bake Sale on Dec. 12 and 13. The Catholic Daughters are being very gracious and helping our school by sponsoring this Bake Sale for the school. Thank you.

ON THE ROAD TO BETHLEHEM

Come join us... ON THE ROAD TO BETHLEHEM on Sunday, December 20th, 6:00pm to 7:30pm. We will have Live nativity in front of the church, Advent /Christmas Carols and Scripture Stories in Church and Refreshments in the Family Life Center! Bring your family and friends and enjoy the beauty of the true meaning of the Holy Season. For more information, please call Joy Harsen, 229-2394.

SAFE CHILD PROTECTION CLASS

A Safe Child Protection Class is scheduled for December 7th, 7:00-9:30 PM in the St. Paul School Library. If you are working with children or youth in **ANY** capacity here at St. Paul or in the name of St. Paul parish/school, you **MUST** take this course and complete a Volunteer information form. Due to the nature of this class, only those over the age of 18 should be in attendance. **NO** children, please. Any questions, please call Dena Sierocki at 638-9327.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

All new parents and soon-to-be new parents are invited to attend a Baptism Preparation Class to be held in the Family Life Center Room 2 on Sunday, January 10 from 2:00-4:00 PM. Preparing for your first child's baptism is not only a requirement of our diocese but a great beginning to your child's faith journey. Please call the church office to make a reservation, 638-1984.

FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION

December 6 - Regular Class
December 13 - Regular Class
December 20 - Regular Class
December 27 - Christmas Holiday *No Class*
January 3 - New Years Holiday *No Class*

YOUTH NEWS

Wrap up your Christmas!! On December 12 let Saint Paul Youth help you from 10 until 3 in the afternoon! We are having a morning/afternoon of child care available to all parents. We are asking you to pack lunch and or snack for your child and we will provide fun and entertainment for your child. We will be at the library in our Parish school. We are charging 10 for a half day or 20 for a full day...per family. What we need is **reservations** so we know how much help to have available. This is a fundraiser for our youth to provide help with the cost of retreats and convention. Sign-up sheets are in the atrium or call Karin Coll at 638.8582 to make your reservation.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY LITURGY

Children's Sunday Liturgy held during the 11:00 AM Mass will follow the same schedule as the Faith Formation schedule during the holiday season.

Some Christmas parties have Santa but only WE have Sister Grace!

Mark your calendars! We will be hosting a **Christmas Party** on Wednesday, December 16th at 1:00. Our special guest will be **Sister Grace Campbell!** She is looking forward to getting to know us all a little better.

We will have refreshments, games and fellowship. It's your time and your space so let's party! We will meet in the FLC, Room #2. Or if you have your own game and small group just bring them and join the fun!

So...let's get together for some fun and get reacquainted with some old friends and meet some new people, too. Bring a friend or neighbor who might enjoy getting out for the afternoon-everyone is welcome! **Pride of St. Paul's** is open to adults of all ages, but especially those who are young at heart. Each month we will meet in Room #2 of the FLC at 1:00. If you have any questions please call the office.

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.

SHARE THE SPIRIT

This is the second weekend for the "Share the Spirit" Trees. Thanks to all who have already taken gift tags from one of the trees. For those who don't know about the trees, gifts tags hang from 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 it in a gift bag, attach the tag to the bag and return it **no later than Sunday, December 13th**. Yes, that is early... but the gifts are able to be given to the nursing homes, agencies and families in time for distribution. The nursing homes have parties the week before Christmas, and families are able to enjoy the joy of the Season knowing there will be something under the tree on Christmas morning.

In addition to gifts, there are tags for gift cards. 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.

Remember to obtain gift cards from St. Paul Education Center to both purchase the items on the gift tag, or as a donation. Share the spirit of giving with the school as well!!!

To return your gift, place it under any tree. There is a basket on the mantle of the fireplace for gift cards. Volunteers will be at the tree in the atrium, both before and after Mass, to accept gift bags and gift cards. Also, someone will be at the church from 10 am to 2 pm 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.



Managing Money According to God's Principles

Do you want God's wisdom for handling your financial situation? Beginning on Jan.9, 2010 we will have a Saturday morning course (10AM until Noon) on managing money according to God's principles. You will find peace and confidence in handling your finances based on scriptural principles. Topics covered: God's Part/Our Part; Debt; Honesty; Giving; Working; Investing; Eternity. The fee is for the purchase of the books, Single \$45, Married Couple \$55. Sign-up forms will be in the atrium.

Counseling Ministry

As many of you know, Deacon Mike often travels to bring the Lord's healing love to people throughout the Midwest and Northeastern part of the United States. After many discussions, and much prayer, I've asked him to locate his ministry to us here in a full time way. Thankfully, he has agreed. Effective Monday, January 4th, our deacon will be working out of our Family Life Center. His presence there will not increase our financial obligations in any way. The ministry at the Family Life Center will be supported by those served, and through grants and special donations. The ministry at the Family Life Center is for the entire parish, but especially for those who have no insurance, inadequate resources for the care they need, or for those who wish to keep the Lord at the center of their care. The center will provide individual, marriage, and family counseling. In time, it will also provide various workshops and retreats to strengthen individuals, marriages, and families. Please offer prayers for the success of this ministry, so desperately needed today. If you have any questions regarding his ministry at the Family Life Center, please contact him at 571-1597. Msgr. Lewis

THANKS

The Altar Servers Thank You!

Many thanks to Kris Rudzik for her donation of beautiful new kneeling pads for the sanctuary steps. The altar servers are most grateful!

Congratulations to Our Newly Baptized

*Lauren Elizabeth Ackerson
Hunter Aris Brown
Sherlin Hedit Cupil
Jeylor Zuniga*

Please Help, Long Arm Quilter Needed!

The St. Paul's Quilt group has now finished the top of the quilt! This is the quilt that is dedicated to Monsignor Jones that will hang next to his portrait in the FLC. We are hoping that someone with a long arm quilting machine would donate their heart, time and energy to help us finish this project. This wall hanging measures approximately 70" x 60". If you can help, please contact Sandy Kelley at 633-0692 or Debbie Tuttle at 419-305-2241.

**Knights of Columbus
New Years Dinner/Dance**

Come Ring in the New Year at the Knights of Columbus Hall on 1125 Pine Tree Dr. Doors will open at 6PM on 31 December with hors d'oeuvres and drinks (beer, wine & soda). BYOB if you like. A Prime Rib dinner will be served at 6:45 by our very own Chef Jack Webb. Music will start at 8PM. Champaign toast at 12. Tickets are now on sale from Patrick Rocco at 514-0405, Danny Gennantonio at 637-2322, Bill Camp at 626-1789 and William Campbell at 288-5129 and will be sold after all Masses the weekends of 5 & 6 Dec. and again on 12 & 13 Dec. Only 120 tickets will be sold so please get your tickets early. Singles \$23.00, Couples \$45.00.

BAKE SALE

The CDA and the School Children will be hosting a Christmas Bake Sale, after all masses on December 12 & 13 in the FLC Atrium. This is a Parish event and we hope that all of the Parishioners will support the School by bringing a baked good, or volunteering to help in whatever way you can. Please contact Jan Conaty at 633-4090. Yes, you are needed!!! Thank you.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to transmission requirements for the our Sunday bulletins and the time necessary to properly proof the finished product, you are being asked to send bulletin announcements no later than 4:00 PM on Friday afternoon. Please email your announcements to Debi at stpaulsecretary@suddenlinkmail.com

To schedule a function in parish space or activities in the atrium, please contact DEDDRA HICKS at 638-1984. Facilities setup should be submitted 3 weeks in advance of your event.

St. Paul Refugee Committee

We are in need of public school uniforms for children in grades K-5. Please consider donating the uniforms your children have outgrown for the newly arrived refugee children in our community. Items may be dropped off with Debi in the church office during regular business hours or by making arrangements with Lilly Krcmar at 633-9486. If you have any questions, please call 638-1984. Thank you for your generosity.

Mary's People

Over ninety years ago Our Lady of Fatima appeared to three children telling them that there would be an end to all wars if the Rosary would be prayed. We will meet on Sunday, December the 13th, in St. Joseph's Chapel at 12:30 to recite the rosary. Please join us.

JCDA

**Junior Catholic Daughters
of the Americas**

The next meeting will be held Monday, December 7 at 3:30 in the Family Life Center Room 2. Please call Mrs. Paula Hartman with any questions (636-0101).

2010 WEEKEND MISSAL

The 2010 weekend missal is now available for purchase in the office, Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM-5:00 PM or after Sunday Mass in the Olive Branch for \$4.00 each. A limited number of copies are available so don't delay.

2010 MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions for 2010 will be available beginning Wednesday, December 2nd during regular business hours. Intentions will be scheduled for the months of January through June at that time. Due to the limited number of weekend Masses available, only one weekend Mass may be scheduled.

Parish Council Members

Mary Spano, Chairperson	633-4768	Thomas Hartman	636-0101
Marcie McLure, Secretary	633-2539	Pat Johnson	638-8930
Claude Cote	514-0032	Chick Natella	633-4370
Jim Dunham	638-9034	Dena Sierocki	638-9327
Joan Fisher	288-5440	Gerald Stallings	633-1096
Hannah French	638-2195	Richard Tomasik	633-9014
Mary Ann Harper	633-3473	Elena Turner	637-2852