

Mass Intentions and Parish Events

SATURDAY, December 12th

- 3:30-4:30 PM Confessions (Church)
- 5:00 PM Mass (Church) James Mastronardo+**
- 7:00 PM Mass (Church) Fr. Bill Lesak**

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - December 13th

- 8:00 AM Mass (Church) People of St. Paul's**
- 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) Euclid D. Armstrong, Jr.**
- 12:30 PM Mary's People Rosary (Church)
- 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 14th

- 8:00 AM Mass (Church) Rosemary Light+**
- 3:00 PM Basketball Practice (FLC)
- 7:00 PM Parish Council Meeting (Conference Rm)
- 7:00 PM Prayer Group

TUESDAY, December 15th

- 8:00 AM Mass (Church) Charles & Beatrice Neumeister+**
- 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry (Atrium)
- 10:30 AM Pastoral Staff Meeting (Conference Rm)

WEDNESDAY, December 16th

- 8:30 AM Mass (Church) Keith Warren+**
- 1:00 PM Pride of St. Paul (FLC2)
- 3:00 PM Basketball Practice
- 6:30 PM St. Paul School Christmas Concert (Church)

THURSDAY, December 17th

- 8:00 AM Mass (Church) Marie Dougherty+**
- 12:00 PM Finance Council Meeting (Conference Rm)
- 3:00 PM Basketball Practice (FLC)
- 3:00 PM Strings Band (FLC2)
- 3:30 PM Children's Choir Practice (Church)
- 6:00 PM Liturgy Committee Meeting (Conference Rm)
- 7:00 PM Parish Men's Basketball (FLC)
- 7:30 PM Contemporary Choir Practice (Church)

FRIDAY, December 18th

- 8:00 AM Mass (OSP) Karen Smith**
- 8:30 AM Adoration (OSP)
- 12:00 PM Benediction (OSP)
- 5:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal (Church)
- 6:30 PM Wedding (OSP)

SATURDAY, December 19th

- 11:00 AM Wedding (Church)
- 3:30-4:30 PM Confessions (Church)
- 5:00 PM Mass (Church) Potenciana T. Dayrit+**
- 7:00 PM Mass (Church) Perseveranda Vergara Reyno+**

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.

Ministers of the Liturgy

Saturday, December 19th

5:00 PM Mass

Reader:

Warren Murray and Helene Conklin

Eucharistic Ministers:

Linda Donahue, Gretta Anderson, Joan Cote and Leo & Dorothy Minervini

Servers:

Guy Beatty, Logan Desmarais, Ben & Noah Fisher, Kristina Genovese and Shannon Lloyd

7:00 PM Mass (Hispanic)

Sunday, December 20th

8:00 AM Mass

Reader:

Peter Driscoll and Deborah Munford

Eucharistic Ministers:

Nellie Messina, Marlene & Bernie Fitzpatrick, Pauline Hilton and Cynthia White

Servers:

Katherine & Patrick Driscoll, Emily & Joy Hagstrom and Emily Smith

11:00 AM Mass

Reader:

Maura McHugh and Ceil Wasserman

Eucharistic Ministers:

Irene & Tim Dakin, Tina Allen, Hugh McHugh and Melissa Turner

Servers:

Gracey Borneman, Katie Cauley, Andrew Ferree, Dana & Kenny Hoffman and Andrea Torres

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 13th to December 20th

- Sunday: Zep 3:14-18/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
- Monday: Nm 24:2-7/15-17/Mt 21:28-32
- Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2,9:13/Mt 21:28-32
- Wednesday: Is 45:6-8, 18,21-25/Lk 7:18-23
- Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
- Friday: Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
- Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25/Lk 1:5-25
- Sunday: Mi 5:1-4/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

*The Pastor
Jots it Down*

I know that we all have friends and family members who no longer worship with us at Mass. Why not invite them to 'Come Home For Christmas'. Christmas for us has evolved into a time of love, a time of forgiveness, a time of family joy. We are a family bound together by the love of Jesus whose birth we celebrate. How wonderful it would be for all of us to be gathered together around the Manger, the Altar and the Cross and experience together the love of Jesus, the love of The Father. The greatest gift of all is the one from the Father of us all. "For God so loved the world that he sent his only begotten son, so that whosoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life". Jn.3:16.

Between now and January 4th we make many extra calls on all of our ministers at the Altar, i.e., lectors, Special Ministers of the Eucharist, Altar Servers and Sacristans as well as our Ushers and Collection Counters. A great big thanks to all of you for your special and dedicated service.

I doubt that we think enough about the time and effort given to the Parish by the Ushers whom we usually take for granted at the door and to the collection counters whom we never even see. You know the work of the ushers and you can thank them. The collection counters are invisible. They are three groups of eight people each who count and bank our offerings every third Sunday. This is a time consuming and intense work. Our offerings have to be counted correctly and credited to the proper account according to your instructions and then credited to you. These women and men are most generous and I thank them for their dedication.

My prayers are with all of you in these intense days before Christmas!
Love and blessings,
Monsignor Lewis, Administrator

UPCOMING BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINES

Due to the upcoming Christmas holiday production schedule of our bulletin provider, please note the following bulletin announcement deadlines:

December 20th bulletin announcements are due no later than 4:00 PM, **December 11th**

December 27th bulletin announcements due by 4:00 PM Tuesday, **December 15th**

January 3rd bulletin announcements due by 4:00 PM on **December 21st**

Please email your announcements to Debi at stpaulsecretary@suddenlinkmail.com

Advent Penance Services

In Surrounding Parishes

Annunciation, Havelock

December 14, 7:00 PM

Infant of Prague, Jacksonville

December 15, 7:00 PM

Mother of Mercy, Washington

December 16, 7:00 PM

Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24 Vigil Mass

4:00 PM Children's Mass

6:00 PM

8:00 PM in Spanish

December 25, Christmas Day

12:00 Midnight

10:00 AM

Retirement Fund for Religious

Religious face rising costs. Data submitted to the National Religious Retirement Office reveals that the average annual cost of care for women and men religious age 70 and over has more than doubled since 1989. Current statistics put this figure at \$35,077 per person annually, with skilled care reaching nearly \$55,000. Your donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides critical support to religious institutes in meeting the escalating costs of elder care. Please pray for all religious and give generously to today's second collection. www.retiredreligious.org

Feeding the Hungry

Our next **St. Paul Food Collection** to assist our Latino brothers and sisters will be held **next** weekend December 19th & 20th. Some great items to consider are powdered milk, juice boxes, fruit snacks, beans, rice, sugar, peanut butter, canned meats, spaghetti, oil, instant potatoes, masa for tortillas and toilet paper. Please make note that this special food collection is taken up the 3rd weekend of each month. Thank you all for your kindness, generosity and openness in helping to continue our mission to put an end to hunger!



SAINT PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Notes from Mrs. Mahoney

This weekend will be the last weekend for taking orders for Scrip before Christmas. We will sell the Walmart, Food Lion and Gas Cards in addition to delivering ordered Scrip on Dec. 19 and 20. Our Scrip program will resume January 10 and 11.

Please join us for our concert on Dec. 16 at 6:30 p.m. in Church. Come and enjoy a prayerful evening and let our wonderful children lead you in the Christmas Spirit.

We will be on Christmas vacation from the 19th through January 3. Our 2010 first day will be on Monday January 4.

Don't forget the Baby Jesus Mass on Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m. Our Children's Choir and our Gospel Choir will be singing together at this special mass.

If you have children visiting from out-of-town, please remember to come early and enjoy the singing from 3:30 to 4:00.



St. Paul School

Let's Help Build A School Together!

Earlier this year an invitation was extended to the young adults in our diocese who may have a desire to share their time and talent in Honduras to help build a school. Our parish has been blessed with a parishioner, Tony Lackey, who has responded to this call. **Now our help is needed!** The school cannot be built without resources so the Knights of Columbus will be accepting **our** donations at the church entrances next weekend, December 19th and 20th. Thank you for your generosity.

FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION

December 13 - Regular Class

December 20 - Regular Class

December 27 - Christmas Holiday *No Class*

January 3 - New Years Holiday *No Class*

YOUTH NEWS

Confirmation and SPY are meeting tonight at Target here in New Bern at 5:00 to shop for our Christmas family. We will meet just inside the doors to organize some groups. Remember to bring your Scavenger items in too! Parents are to pick up their children at Target at 7:00 p.m.

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.

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.

CHRISTMAS CHURCH DECORATING

Come join the joy of the season and help decorate our church for Christmas on Monday, December 21st beginning at 9:30 AM. We are in need of bow makers, ornament hangers. This is always a fun time as we watch the transformation of our Church! If you can spare some time, please join us! Students in grades 3 and above are welcome and earn service hours. The festivities generally wrap up around 2:00 PM.

Congratulations to Our

Newly Baptized

Ava Rian Alt

John Anden Alt

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.

11th Annual Rally, Breakfast and March for Life 2010

Prayer Breakfast for Life

January 16, 2010
Holiday Inn Brownstone Hotel
1707 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh, NC
\$25/clergy, student or senior 65+, \$30/person, \$50/married couple
9:30 AM Buffet/ 10:00 AM Program

Rally and March

Nash Square - Hargett and McDowell Streets
January 16, 2009 at 1:00 PM

Featured Speakers:

Angela Franks, Ph. D., author of *Margaret Sanger's Eugenic Legacy: The Control of Female Fertility*
Deanna Jones, author of *To Be a Mother... Adopting God's Heart*

Vocalist

Alyse Player
www.alyseplayer.com

Registration Forms available in the Atrium

For travel assistance, please contact the church office

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 the church at 12:30 to recite the rosary. Please join us.

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.

Movie of the Month

"Mary's House"

In July 2006, Pope Benedict XVI celebrated Mass in Ephesus, near Selcuk, Turkey to declare a certain place as a shrine of Virgin Mary and a place of pilgrimage for Christians and Muslims, who also revere Mary. Every August 15 a ceremony is held there to commemorate the Assumption of Mary into Heaven. Where is this place? It is Mary's House to which it is believed the Apostle John took Mary to live and be cared for as his "mother" after the death of her Son, Jesus until her own death some years later. Join us on **Dec. 20, at 2:00 p.m. in the Chapel** to watch this film. All are welcome!

You're Invited...

The newly renovated Maternity Home on 409 Metcalf St., in the heart of New Bern, renovated with the assistance of volunteers from the community including members of St. Paul's Parish, will hold an Open House on Sunday, December 13th from 2-5 PM. The Home offers housing, counseling support and education to expectant mothers to insure the health and safety of both mother and child in need. Please come and be impressed not only with the documented program and facility but with the warmth and caring of the staff as well

Offertory for:
 December 6, 2009
 Sunday Offering: **\$21,328.78**
 Debt Reduction Fund: **\$6,735.31**
 Thank you for your generosity.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3303
WINS SUPREME AWARD**

At the Dec. 1 Monthly Business Meeting, Past State Deputy John Gouldie presented Council 3303 the K of C Supreme's Star Council Award for the 2008 – 2009 fraternal year from Supreme Grand Knight Carl Anderson. This is the highest honor that the Order's Supreme Council in New Haven, CT. bestows on a Council. The accolade officially recognizes that the Council met or exceeded all of its activity and service goals set by Supreme. Specifically, this means Council 303 met or exceeded requirements in new membership quotas, insurance, and activity planning and implementation in each of the Council's five Service Programs: Church, Council, Membership, Youth and Community. The award was presented to last year's Grand Knight Mikie Casem who accepted it on behalf of the entire membership.

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.

**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 PM by our very own Chef Jack Webb. Music will start at 8:00 PM. Champaign toast at 12:00 Midnight. Tickets are now on sale from Patrick Rocco at 514-0405, Danny Gennantonia at 637-2322, Bill Camp at 626-1789 and William Campbell at 288-5129 and will be sold after all Masses this weekend, December 12th & 13th. Only 120 tickets will be sold so please get your tickets early. Singles \$23.00, Couples \$45.00.

2010 MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions for 2010 are now available. Intentions are being scheduled for the months of January through June in the church office during regular business hours. Due to the limited number of weekend Masses available, only one weekend Mass may be scheduled.

BAKE SALE REMINDER
December 12 & 13

All of the baked goods will be sold in the FLC Atrium.

If you are bringing something to be sold, please take it to the FLC BEFORE Mass if possible. Any questions please call Jan Conaty at 633-4090 and thanks to everyone who is contributing both time, baked goods or both as well as buying these items this weekend.

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.

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

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
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