

**Mass Intentions and Parish Events**

**SATURDAY, March 27th**

- 3:30-4:30 PM Confessions (Church)
- 5:00 PM Mass (Church) *James M. Doyle+*
- 7:00 PM Mass (Church) *Patricia & Philip Mulligan+*

**PALM SUNDAY OF LENT - March 28th**

- 8:00 AM Mass (Church) *People of St. Paul's*
- 9:00 AM K of C Founders Day Breakfast (FLC)
- 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) *Carol Leigh Boyle+*
- 1:30 PM Parent/Student Basketball Games (FLC)
- 5:00 PM Youth Bible Study (FLC3)
- 5:00 PM Adult Bible Study (Conference Room)

**MONDAY, March 29th**

- 8:00 AM Mass (Church) *Ed Rudzik+*
- 9:00 AM Cursillo Friendship Group (Chapel)
- 2:00 PM Friends for Peace (FLC2)
- 7:00 PM Prayer Group (St. Joseph Chapel)

**TUESDAY, March 30th**

- 8:00 AM **NO Mass**
- 9:00 AM Shawl Ministry (Atrium)
- 7:00 PM Parish Women's Basketball (FLC)

**WEDNESDAY, March 31st**

- 8:30 AM Mass (Church) *Anna & Stephen Leskody+*
- 12:00 PM Mass (Church) *John Haskins+*
- 6:00 PM Gospel Choir (Church)

**HOLY THURSDAY, April 1st**

- 8:00 AM **NO Mass**
- 7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration until Midnight  
*Special Intention - Janet Bamar Family*

**GOOD FRIDAY, April 2nd**

- 8:00 AM **NO Mass**
- 3:00 PM Liturgy of the Passion & Death  
Of our Lord Jesus Christ
- 5:00 PM Stations of the Cross in Spanish (Outdoors)

**HOLY SATURDAY, April 3rd**

- 9:00 AM Decorating (Church)
- 10:00 AM RCIA Rehearsal
- 2:00 PM Easter Egg Hunt
- 8:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass

**PRIEST RETIREMENT AND WELFARE FUND**

Our parish is assessed \$57,000 by the diocese for the Diocesan Priest Retirement and Welfare Fund. At Christmas, you generously gave \$7,000 toward this assessment. You are asked to please be generous toward helping us meet this with our *second* Easter Collection. This is a parish obligation and any funds not collected through the special collections will have to come from our regular Sunday offertory. Your donations toward helping us meet this obligation are greatly appreciated.



**Ministers of the Liturgy**

**Saturday, April 3rd**

**8:00 PM Mass**  
**Readers and Eucharistic Ministers:**

Please check bulletin board

**Servers:**

Noah & Jacob Fisher, Cason & Victoria White, Jonathan Simon, and Andrew Ferree

**Sunday, April 4th**

**6:30 AM Mass**  
**Readers and Eucharistic Ministers:**

Please check bulletin board

**Servers:**

Noah & Ben Fisher and Parker Conway

**8:00 AM Mass**  
**Readers and Eucharistic Ministers:**

Please check bulletin board

**Servers:**

Xavier & Tyler Thompkins, Katlyn, Robert, & Ginnie Mae Montedonico

**11:00 AM Mass**  
**Readers and Eucharistic Ministers:**

Please check bulletin board

**Servers:**

Ian Sprague, Eric & Laurie Howard, Anthony Doban, and Andrea Torres

**1:30 PM Spanish Mass**

**USHERS NEEDED**

We are in need of two ushers to help at the 5:00 PM Vigil Mass on Saturdays to serve alternate months. If you would like to become part of this ministry, please call Jim Dunham at 638-9034 or the church office during regular business hours.

**MASS CELEBRANT SCHEDULE**

**Saturday** Confessions and 5:00 PM  
Monsignor Lewis weeks 1,3 & 5  
Fr. Paul weeks 2 & 4  
7:00 PM - Monsignor Lewis weeks 2 & 4  
Fr. Paul weeks 1,3 & 5

**Sunday** 8:00 AM - Monsignor Lewis weeks 2 & 4  
Fr. Paul weeks 1,3 & 5  
11:00 AM - Monsignor Lewis weeks 1,3 & 5  
Fr. Paul weeks 2 & 4

*The Pastor  
Jots it Down*



With the blessing and procession of Palms and the reading of the Passion we enter today into the GREAT WEEK. Dame Ameliana Loire called HOLY WEEK in her excellent book on the Liturgy and the Mystery of this wonderful week in which we relive the Passion,

Death and Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus.

I invite all of us to live this week in special prayer and to participate in the great liturgies of the Sacred Triduum. On **Holy Thursday** we celebrate the institution of the Sacrament of the Eucharist. During this Mass we will wash the feet of 12 members of the Congregation modeling the humility of Jesus and at the end of the Mass we will go in procession to the Altar of Repose where the Blessed Sacrament will remain in public adoration until Midnight. The Blessed Sacrament will not return into the Church until the Easter Vigil.

On **Good Friday** we celebrate the Passion and death of Jesus in the Sacred Liturgy consisting of the reading of the Passion, the Adoration of the Cross, Prayers for the universal Church and all peoples of the world and a simple Communion Service. The Church will now remain bare until the Easter Vigil.

**Holy Saturday** has no liturgy of its own – the Church is silent until the Easter Vigil begins at 8:00 PM. **NOTE: THERE IS NO 5:00 PM OR 7:00 PM** Mass on this day. At the Vigil of Easter we light the new fire and bless the new Paschal Candle and then go in procession into the Church. In the scripture readings we hear anew of God's dealings with his world, from Creation to the Resurrection. We bless the waters of the Baptismal Font and seven people will enter the Church through Baptism and 5 more by a profession of Faith. Most of these will receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion. This is the first Mass of Easter! And this concludes the Sacred Triduum.

Let us come together as a Parish Family to celebrate the love of God, the great mystery of Salvation.

Love and Blessings to all

Monsignor Lewis, Administrator

**THANK YOU!**

Thank you all for your kind generosity in helping St. Paul's to collect over 200 pairs of "croc" shoes for the people of Haiti.



**HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASS SCHEDULE**

**Palm Sunday**, March 28th

Vigil 5:00 & 7:00 PM

8:00 & 11:00 AM

**Monday**, March 29th at 8:00 AM

**Tuesday**, March 30th Chrism Mass in Cary

No Morning Mass

**Wednesday**, March 31st at 8:30 AM & 12:00 Noon

**Holy Thursday**, April 1st

No Morning Mass

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration at the Altar of Repose

St. Joseph Chapel after Mass until 12:00 Midnight

**Good Friday**, April 2nd

No Morning Mass

3:00 PM Liturgy of the Passion & Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ

5:00 PM Live Outdoor Stations of the Cross in Spanish

**Holy Saturday**, April 3rd

8:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass

**Easter Sunday**, April 4th

6:30 AM Sunrise Mass

8:00 & 11:00 AM and 1:30 PM (Spanish)

**NEW HYMNALS**

New **Lead Me Guide Me Hymnals** may now be found in each pew thanks to the proceeds from this year's Mardi Gras Dinner/Dance and those who have generously donated their cars and other vehicles to the church. Thanks to your generosity, we may sing even more joyously to the Lord during Liturgy!

**2010 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL  
SAINT PAUL PARISH**

We are deeply grateful to those who have pledged to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. With the response last week, 38% of our families have pledged and 92% of our goal has been reached. If you have not responded, please do. Everyone's participation is needed. Thank you for your generosity!

**2010 TOTALS AS OF MARCH 21, 2010:**

Amount Pledged:	\$135,626.50
Amount Paid:	\$85,925.25
# Parishioners Pledged:	737

Thank you for your generosity!

**SAINT PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

Notes from Mrs. Mahoney

Last weekend, our Science Olympiad Team competed at the Region 10 event. We won 19 medals in 8 different events. Our school placed Second in the Region!!! St. Paul has been attending the Science Olympiad for 7 years and this is the best we have done. We thank Mrs. Marilu Morse for all her time and talent coaching our team to this huge success!!!

We congratulate all the students for their hard work. All 18 students will be going to the State Competition April 23 and 24. We thank all their parents for their help and support as this event takes countless hours of preparation. Please keep us in your prayers as we prepare for the State Competition in April.

Our students will be in prayer and retreat on Wednesday morning this week as part of our Holy Week preparation for Easter. We have a noon dismissal this Wednesday with our Easter break beginning and lasting through April 11. We return to school and the 4th Quarter on Monday, April 12.

**FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION**

March 28 - Regular Session & Prayer Service

**No** Confirmation Class

April 4 - **No** Faith Formation or Children's Liturgy of the Word

April 11 - Regular Session

**ST. PAUL'S 14th ANNUAL MARRIAGE CELEBRATION**

The 14th Annual Marriage Celebration Sunday will be held on April 18th. As in the past years, this special day event will include a renewal of wedding vows at the 11:00 AM Mass, followed by a buffet-style reception in the Family Life Center featuring heavy hors d' oeuvres, and wedding cake cutting. Couples celebrating five-year multiple anniversaries in 2010 are once again no-cost special honorees. Honorees please fill out the form and place it in the decorated wedding gift box located in the atrium next to the Parish Office.

Tickets will be available for the guests/family in the atrium after the Masses on March 27th and 28th, and April 10th and 11th. They can also be purchased during the week in the Parish office until April 9th.



**DECORATORS NEEDED!**

Please join us Holy Saturday, April 3rd beginning at 9:00 AM in the church to decorate for the Celebration of the Resurrection. In addition, a couple of volunteers who are not afraid of heights would be most appreciated.

**Easter Egg Hunt**

Grab your baskets! We will be holding an Easter Egg Hunt for the children of St. Paul ages toddler - 8 years on Saturday April 3 at 2:00.

Join us out on the field for a "hopping" good time!

*also*

We are in need of bags of individually wrapped candy for our Easter Egg Hunt. A basket will be placed in the church atrium for your donations.

Thank you!



**MERCY SUNDAY**

Devotions for Mercy Sunday, April 11, will be held in the **Church** 2:00 - 3:00 P.M Adoration & Benediction  
 3:00 - 3:10 P.M. Blessing of the Image  
 3:10 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy  
 3:30 P.M. Film – "Jesus, I Trust in You"

The Church offers its highest mark of approval by granting a plenary indulgence (remission of all temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven), under the usual conditions of sacramental confession, Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the Pope, to those, in a spirit of detachment for sin, even venial, take part in Mercy Sunday devotions, or to those who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a prayer, "Merciful Jesus, I trust in you." A partial indulgence (part of punishment) is granted to one who, at least with a contrite heart, prays, "Lord Jesus, have mercy on me a sinner." Is God giving urgent messages to the world today to turn us back to him while there is still time for his mercy? Literature on tables in atrium.

**Private novenas begin on Good Friday.**

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT**

Were you active in the Charismatic Renewal in the 70's? Would you like to renew that experience? Have you ever been curious about the Charismatic Renewal, but never investigated? Are you at a time in your life when you would like to find out if there is something you've been missing? If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, please join us!!

Beginning on Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, the One in the Spirit Prayer Group (of St. Paul) will be sponsoring a Life in the Spirit Seminar. It will be held in the Family Life Center, and starts at 7:00 pm. We invite you to set aside a few hours in your hectic life to join us. The Lenten journey that ends at Easter will continue on .....experience a true Pentecost.

**2009 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

2009 contribution statements are available for pickup in the church office during regular business hours, Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM. The office is closed for lunch between 1:00 and 2:00 PM.

**OPERATION RICE BOWL CONTAINERS**

Containers for your Operation Rice Bowl boxes will be located in the Church atrium beginning Holy Thursday. Your sacrifice during the Lenten season helps so many in times of crisis. Recently Catholic Relief Services who was one organization instrumental in helping to bring aide to the victims of Haiti. 25% of this collection will be donated back to help feed the people of our immediate area.

**WHEN DID WE SEE YOU HUNGRY, LORD!**

Often the way someone is dressed or what they appear to own, may hide the truth about hunger especially that of a child's. Please bring healthy non-perishable food items **next weekend**, April 3rd & 4th to all Masses as we continue to help feed the hungry in our area. Baskets have been placed at the exits for monetary donations. Thank you for your kindness and generosity to those most in 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.*

**Combined Offertory & Building Income  
July 1, 2009 to Friday, March 21, 2010**

Total budgeted amount:	\$1,255,013.00
Average weekly total needed to meet budget (includes Holy Days):	\$ 24,134.87
Actual average weekly total to date (includes Holy Days):	\$ 22,778.03
Weekly average <b>deficit</b> :	<b>\$ 1,356.84</b>
Monthly Mortgage Interest	\$ 18,386.99
Mortgage Principal	\$ 16,740.57
Total Payment	<b>\$ 35,127.56</b>
Total Mortgage debt:	\$3,377,780.83

Sunday Offertory, March 21, 2010: **\$16,118.82**  
 Debt Reduction, March 21, 2010: **\$1,802.49**  
 Priest Retirement & Welfare Fund: **\$227.00**  
 Thank You.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

March 28 through April 4, 2010

Sunday:	Is 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9,17-18,19-20,23-24 Phil 2:6-11 Lk 22:14-23:56
Monday:	Is 42:1-7 Ps 27:1-3,13-14 Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday:	Is 49:1-6 Ps71:1-4a,5ab-6b,15,17 Jn 13:21-33,36-38
Wednesday:	Is 50:4-9a Ps 69:8-10,21-22,31,33-34 Mt 26:14-25
Thursday:	Ex 12:1-8,11-14 Ps 116:12-13,15-16bc,17-18 1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15
Friday:	Is 52:13-53:12 Ps 31:2,6,12-13,15-17,25 Heb 4:14-16;5:7-9 Jn 18:1-19:42
Saturday:	Gn 1:1-2:2 Rom 6:3-11 Ps 118:1-2,16-17,22-23 Lk 24:1-12

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

### PROJECT RACHEL

If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the love of Jesus Christ at a Project Rachel weekend retreat May 14-16. The weekend retreat, for both women and men, will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, the sacrament of reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of the Resurrection. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. For more information or to register for the retreat, contact Project Rachel at [projectrachel@nc.rr.com](mailto:projectrachel@nc.rr.com) or call (919) 852-1021. Brochures are located on the tables. The cost is \$125 for lodging, meals and all retreat materials. If you have a financial burden, assistance is available. Registration deadline is May 7, 2010.

### THE ST. PAUL CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS GAME DAY

**Place:** Family Life Center, St. Paul Catholic Church, 3005 Country Club Road, New Bern  
**Date:** April 17, 2010, 1 pm – 4 pm  
**Tickets:** Table for 4 - \$20 or \$5 p/p (Homemade desserts, coffee, tea and lots of door prizes included)

**COME ONE, COME ALL** and join us for our CDA State Project Fundraiser to raise money for the **Victory Junction Gang Camp**. Nascar driver Kyle Petty and wife founded the VJGC honoring their late son Adam. It is a fantastic camp for children ages 7-15 with chronic/serious medical illnesses. For tickets call Peggy Oliver at **252-514-0104** or via e-mail: [pegnwoliver@embarqmail.com](mailto:pegnwoliver@embarqmail.com). You may purchase them after all Masses the weekend of **March 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>**.

Donations are greatly appreciated. Kindly send your check made payable to CDA to PEGGY OLIVER, 2003 Earl's Court, Bern NC 28562. Detailed information on the camp can be found at: ([www.victoryjunction.org](http://www.victoryjunction.org)).

### HAVE A SEAT!

On **April 10<sup>th</sup>**, Habitat for Humanity hosts their first **Chair Fair**. Local artists have designed, crafted, sewed and painted 50 of these one of a kind collector pieces for a silent and live auction. The artists range from high school students to ASID designers. The silent action runs from 8:00 to 2:00 and the live auction runs from 1:00 to 2:00. at the ReStore, 930 Pollock St. As well, *local churches including St. Paul's* have donated and will serve pulled pork plates with all the fixings for \$6.00 **from noon until 2:00pm**. Eat in or take out. **Tickets are available at the Restore starting March 1st**. Visit [www.newbernhabitat.org](http://www.newbernhabitat.org) to see the chairs or call 633-9599 for more information!

### SECOND ANNUAL EASTER DINNER

Knights of Columbus, Msgr. Jones R. Jones Council 3303 is sponsoring its 2nd Annual Easter Dinner in the Family Life Center on 4 April (Easter Sunday). There will be two seating, 11:30AM and 1:30 PM. A traditional Ham dinner will be served. **This event is opened to Everyone.** Proceeds will help support our parish. Tickets are on sale after all Masses this weekend, March 27-28. Tickets can also be purchased from Danny Gennantonio (637-2322), Patrick Rocco (514-0405) or Bill Camp (626-1789). Cut off for ticket sales will be Monday, 29 March. Thank you in advance for your continued support and see you there.

### Wedding Anniversary Mass

To pay tribute to the sacred vocation of marriage, Bishop Michael Burbidge will celebrate a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday May 2 at 3:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, 300 Dundee Road, Pinehurst, NC honoring couples married 25, 50 or more than 50 years. Family members are welcome to attend. Please register through your parish office by Friday, April 23.

### HELP REDUCE THE CHURCH & SCHOOL DEBT

Are you thinking of selling or trading in 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 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 (252-638-1984) or e-mail [churchauto@suddenlinkmail.com](mailto:churchauto@suddenlinkmail.com).



Thank you to the Catholic Daughters of the Americas for their kind gift to the parish of \$1,000 and to the daughters of Mary Gray for their gift of Liturgical Appointments to Old St. Paul's Church in her memory.

*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.*