

Mass Intentions and Parish Events

**SATURDAY, November 28th**

- 2:00 PM Wedding (Church)
- 3:30-4:30 PM Confessions (Church)
- 5:00 PM Mass (Church) Euclid D. Armstrong, Jr.**
- 7:00 PM Mass (Church) Perseveranda Vergara Reyno+**
- 8:00 PM Hispanic Ministry Movie Night (FLC)

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - November 29th**

- 8:00 AM Mass (Church) James Reilly+**
- 10:30 AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy (St. Joseph Chapel)
- 11:00 AM Mass (Church) People of St. Paul's**
- 5:00 PM Spanish Bible Study (Conference RM)

**MONDAY November 30th**

- 8:00 AM Mass (Church) Bernadette Riordan+**
- 3:00 PM Basketball Practice (FLC)
- 7:00 PM Prayer Group (St. Joseph Chapel)
- 7:00 PM Hispanic Ministry Meeting (FLC2)

**TUESDAY, December 1st**

- 8:00 AM Mass (Church) Joan Reagan+**
- 9:00 AM Shawl Ministry (Atrium)
- 10:30 AM Pastoral Staff Meeting (Conference RM)
- 3:00 PM Basketball Practice (FLC)
- 7:00 PM Pastoral Bible Study (Chapel)

**WEDNESDAY, December 2nd**

- 8:30 AM Mass (Church) Mr & Mrs Euclid D. Armstrong, Sr.**
- 10:00 AM Senior Aging Mini Retreat (Chapel)
- 6:00 PM Gospel Choir Practice (Church)
- 7:00 PM Women of Grace (FLC2)

**THURSDAY, December 3rd**

- 8:00 AM Mass (Church) Ed Kutsko+**
- 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)
- 7:30 PM Guitar Choir (Church)

**FIRST FRIDAY, December 4th**

- 8:00 AM Mass (OSP) George Schaefer+**
- 8:30 AM OSP Volunteer Meeting (OSP)
- 6:00 PM Holy Hour for Vocations (Church)

**SATURDAY, December 5th**

- 3:30-4:30 PM Confessions (Church)
- 5:00 PM Mass (Church) People of St. Paul's**
- 7:00 PM Mass (Church) James T. Turner+**

*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.*

**Holy Hour for Vocations**

Come join us in a Holy Hour of Prayer for Vocations on December 4, 6:00 - 7:00 PM at St. Paul Church



**Ministers of the Liturgy**

Saturday, December 5th

**5:00 PM Mass**

**Reader:**

Leo Minervini and Mary Connor

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Ginnie Cotter, Cynthia White, Anne Harmon and Louis & Donna Simon

**Servers:**

Kyle & Sabrina Dupas, Jacob Fisher, Anthony Rossi and Eric Storniolo

**7:00 PM Mass (Hispanic)**

Sunday, December 6th

**8:00 AM Mass**

**Reader:**

Chick Natella and Mary Spano

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Cal Weatherly, Sue Schrenk, Walter Bock, Anne Baker and Shirley Perun

**Servers:**

Ryan Miller, Ginnie, Katlyn & Robert Montedonico, Shane Murphy and Elizabeth Snapp

**11:00 AM Mass**

**Reader:**

Clark French and Cheryl Fries

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Martin & Georgea Culpepper, Pauline Humphrey, Sandy Stewart and Janice Whitley

**Servers:**

Harrison & Sam Cho, Alexandra Fravor, Danielle Hunter, Chelsea Lashgari and Megan McLaughlin

**FAMILY CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS**

Due to the number of families who travel during the holiday season, this will be the last weekend the Chalice will be distributed until after the new year. Thank you to all of the families who have participated this year.

Daily Readings

Week November 29 to December 6, 2009

- Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1Thes 3:12-4:2/  
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
- Monday: Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22
- Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
- Wednesday: Is 25:6-10/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 9:35-10:1,5,6-8
- Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

*The Pastor  
Jots it Down*



A special welcome to our visitors and former St. Paul Parishioners who are here this holiday weekend to visit family and friends. We are blessed to have you with us.

During this time of year when we are buying gifts I remind you of the St. Paul SCRIPT program. Each time you purchase Script from our school, you are helping our children in their quest for a good and Christ-centered education. Each purchase gives very little to our school, but when we add it all up, it can be a goodly sum that will be of much help. The Script is available after Mass every week and daily in the St. Paul School office.

I am speaking at all the Masses this weekend asking you too assist the HOME MISSION SOCIETY of the Diocese or Raleigh. Prior to coming to St. Paul, I was Director of the Society and after this Sunday I have only one more appeal to make. I strongly believe in the work of the Home Mission Society and I ask you to be generous. At the same time, I am glad to be relieved of this responsibility.

Our St. Paul Hispanic Community is actively sponsoring events to raise money for our parish. These events are open to the entire parish and I hope many of you will avail yourselves of their offerings. I hope you get to see the movie, "A Conversation with God" which is being shown after the 7:00 PM Mass tonight (Saturday). My thanks to all our Hispanic brothers and sisters for all they are doing for the parish.

As we celebrate this First Sunday of Advent, I remind you that it is Jesus whom we are celebrating. Christmas only has meaning in the birth of the Savior. Take time to pray and prepare yourselves for the renewal of His coming.

Love and Blessings to all  
Monsignor Lewis, Administrator

**THE HOME MISSION SOCIETY**

Are you aware that much of eastern North Carolina is still MISSION COUNTRY. We have counties without priests and counties without churches. The Home Mission Society was established by Bishop Burbidge to bring the Church to the most rural areas of eastern Carolina. The second collection this Sunday is for the Home Missions. Please make checks payable to St. Paul Church.

**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!

**St. Paul Church Scripture Studies**

Over the past several months, our parishioners have had the opportunity to join various Scripture Study programs. Among the classes offered were a nine week program especially for women entitled *Women of Grace*, the Fairfield Harbor community Bible study, Senior Spirituality offered by Sr. Grace and a Tuesday Night Bible Study with Deacon Michael. Please consider joining Msgr. Lewis beginning this Tuesday, 7:00 PM in the St. Joseph Chapel for a Pastoral Bible study where he will discuss the Advent Sunday readings.

**Debt Reduction Fund Collection**

Next weekend a second collection will be taken up for parish debt reduction fund. Please use the "Building Fund" envelope in your packet or the "Debt Reduction Fund" envelopes at the church entrances. Thank you for your generosity.

**Due to the holiday and early bulletin transfer, the Sunday Collection for November 22nd is not included in this weekends bulletin.**

**FOOD COLLECTION**

Food will be collected *next 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.

**2010 WEEKEND MISSAL**

The 2010 weekend missal is now available for purchase in the office, Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM-5:00 PM 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.

**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 after-noon.** Please email your announcements to Debi at [stpaulsecretary@suddenlinkmail.com](mailto:stpaulsecretary@suddenlinkmail.com)

**SAINT PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**Notes from Mrs. Mahoney**

We pray that everyone in our parish had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We thank God for each and every person in our parish and keep you in our prayers.

This Friday evening, we will have a Movies with Santa evening for 3 year olds through the 4th grade. It will be in the school from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. The cost is \$5.00 per child for the evening. All Parishioners and Catholic School children are invited. You must pre-register by Wednesday, Dec. 2 so that we have enough food and crafts plus volunteers to assure fun and safety for all. If you have any questions or to register, please call Belinda in the school office.

Our 5th through 8th graders are invited to a dance on Friday, Dec.11 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. The cost is \$5.00 per person and it is a Semi-Formal Winter Dance. All students from the Catholic School, Faith Formation classes and Home School Parish Families are invited to attend. No jeans are allowed and girls are encouraged to wear dresses or skirts and boys, a collared shirt and dress pants.

**ROSARY MAKERS**

The St. Paul Rosary Makers is expanding to include a committee of volunteers (men and women) to help with various aspects of this ministry. Our mission requires a minimal input of your valuable time and talent but has far reaching benefits to our Catholic community around the world. Please call Mary Jo Buckl at 252-637-5842 if you have any questions or would like to consider joining us.

**THANK YOU!**

A big "thank you" to Jim & Dottie Dunham and Ed & Sadie Stepnoski for the beautiful new table they have made and donated to St. Paul's.

Many blessings to you for your kind generosity.

**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.

**FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION**

Sunday, November 29, 2009 - No Session  
Thanksgiving Holiday

**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.

Confirmation and Spy **will not meet** this Sunday, November 29 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

**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 16<sup>th</sup> 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**

As you can see, there are "Share the Spirit" Trees in the atrium, and at the side entrances. Gifts 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 it in a gift bag, attach the tag to the bag and return it **no later than Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**.

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.

Please remember that you can obtain gift cards from St. Paul School to both purchase the items on the gift tag, or as a donation. Share the spirit of giving with the school as well!!

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 fireplace, or given to volunteers who will be present, both before and after Mass. 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.



**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.

**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.

**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.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

The Family of Ann S. Pavlonis  
who passed into new life this week.

**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
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