



Confessions for Christmas

The Church recommends that we receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation 4 times a year but especially during Advent & Lent. Serious sin should be confessed as soon as possible. Our regular schedule for confessions is Saturday from 4:30 – 4:50 p.m. and on Sunday from 8:30 – 8:50 a.m. or by appointment.

December 14, 2008 – 10 a.m. - Parish Penance Service for Students in Religious Education – Grades 3 & up. After the children have received the sacrament, if any adult wishes to receive the Sacrament, please be present for the service.

December 14, 2008 – 7 p.m. – Our Deanery (a grouping of Catholic parishes of which we belong) will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the people of our parishes. There will be a number of priests so you have an opportunity to go to any of those priests to receive the sacrament. This will be at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 345 Bear-Christiana Road (Rt. 7), in Bear. Please make an effort to come that day.

Last times to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Christmas:

December 20 - 4:00 – 4:50 p.m.
December 21 - 8:30 – 8:50 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. (it will continue as long as someone is there for the sacrament).



Mass Schedule for the Christmas Season

December 24 - No Morning Mass,
4 p.m., 7 p.m.



Since most families with children attend the 4 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve, for obvious reasons, we kindly suggest that those of you without children consider attending the 7 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve, or the 9 a.m. Mass on Christmas Day.

December 25 - 9 a.m.

December 27/28 - Feast of the Holy Family – regular Mass and confession schedule
December 31 - 9 a.m.

4 p.m. Mass for the Feast of Mary, Mother of God (**Holyday of Obligation**)

January 1 - 9 a.m. Mass for the Feast of Mary, Mother of God (**Holyday of Obligation**)

January 3/4 - Epiphany - regular Mass and confession schedule

January 10/11 - Baptism of the Lord - regular Mass and confession schedule

(this ends the Christmas Season for the Church)



Schedule for Decorating for Christmas



We are looking for volunteers to help decorate for Christmas on Saturday, December 20th, 10 a.m. and if need be Sunday, December 21st, 1 p.m. And take down everything on January 11th after Mass.

Reminder – January 25th is the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. The Church has moved this Feast Day to a weekend since this is the Year of St. Paul. Bishop Malooly will be celebrating the 9 a.m. Mass and a reception will follow in the parish hall. MaryJune Patterson is coordinating the reception. Baked goods, etc. are needed for the reception. The Bishop is going to all the parishes to meet all the people and know about the parishes he ministers to. He really wants to meet you so join in on his first Pastoral visit to the parish.