

## SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

Religious traditions and devotional practices are secondary to purity of intention and acting with love. Jesus fulfilled the Law and the prophets by obeying the commandment to love God and neighbor.

### THE READINGS:

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Moses exhorts the Israelites to embrace the Law God has given them. It is not burdensome, but precious and good, building them to wisdom and discernment.

James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

James calls the people of the New Testament to be active Christians. God asks for a pure religion that cares for the widow and the orphan.

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Jesus condemns hypocrisy. What really matters is what is in one's heart. Our outward behavior finds its origins in our hearts.

Offertory Collection August 24, 2003 \$1249.00

The collection for **Needy Children in Diocesan Care** (formerly the Orphans Collection), which benefits the children living in our Residential Group Homes, will be taken up next weekend. Your generosity will help to provide a safe, caring environment for children who were previously abused or neglected. With your support, the staff of Catholic Charities Children's Services provides the children with compassionate care and professional help to overcome their difficulties and become successful adults. The 2002 Children's Services Report and the collection report will be published in the September 4<sup>th</sup> issue of the Dialog. On behalf of the children who are helped through your generosity, thank you. Please be generous.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit from August 23<sup>rd</sup> - September 6<sup>th</sup> in memory of Paul Watson by Jane Mitchell.

**Lectors** for next weekend's Masses are: 5 p.m. – Charlie Gondek, 9 a.m. – Harry Killian.

**St. Paul's has an official web site.** Check it out at <http://www.StPaulsRCChurch.org>. We would like to thank Steve Michel for creating this web site for our parishioners.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	August 30,	5:00 PM (rip) John E. Press by Ruth Press
Sunday,	August 31,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living and deceased)
Monday,	September 1,	8:00 AM (rip) John Kaczmarczyk by the family
Tuesday,	September 2,	8:00 AM (rip) Helen & Stephen Sefcik
Wednesday,	September 3,	8:00 AM (viv) Rev. Edward Kaczorowski by Helen Brannon
Thursday,	September 4,	8:00 AM (viv) Rev. William Klapps by Helen Brannon
Friday,	September 5,	8:00 AM (rip) Willard Smith by Helen Brannon
Saturday,	September 6,	5:00 PM (rip) Helen Sefcik by Ruth Press
Sunday,	September 7,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living and deceased)

The next **available dates** for **Mass Intentions** are: December 24, 30, and 31, 2003. **Mass Stipends** are now **\$10 per Mass** per Diocesan changes as of January 1, 2003.

**Votive Candle offerings** are \$2.00 for the large candles, and 50 cents for the small candles.

**CCD Classes** begin next Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, at 10 a.m. at the Parish Hall.

**"The 2003 Biannual Marian Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC is scheduled for Saturday, October 11, 2003.** Cost of the pilgrimage for those who wish to go by bus is \$15 by Gregg Bus Company from the New Castle Parishes. Registration can be made with Susan Walker at 832-1497, our parish representative who has all the details. Departure from designated pickup points will be at 7 or 8 a.m.; return to the pickup point by 7pm. Monsignor Rebman, assisted by Monsignor Barres and Fr. Piekarski, are Pilgrimage Directors. Bishop Saltarelli will be celebrant and homilist of the 3pm Mass." Reservations for bus transportation are due in the Chancery Office by September 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Catholic Forum** – Tune in to Catholic Forum each Sunday morning at 10:05 on AM 1150 WDEL or [www.wdel.com](http://www.wdel.com). Next Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, hear an interview with Mr. Fritz Jones, Director of Children's Services for Catholic Charities. Catholic Forum is a production of the Diocese of Wilmington's Office of Communications.

**Vocations** – We are called to welcome God's word and to let it take root in our hearts. Once we do we will then walk the walk of Jesus and be his presence to others. Is God calling you to be a doer of his word with your life as a priest, sister, or religious? If so, "inquire within" and call Fr. Joseph M.P.R. Cocucci (302) 573-3113 visit our web site at [www.priests2be.org](http://www.priests2be.org)

**DIOCESAN HEALING MASS** – Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2003 at 8:00 p.m. at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Rt. #41, (7200 Lancaster Pike), Hockessin, Delaware. The presider and homilist this month will be, Rev. Edward J. Storck, part-time Chaplain at St. Francis Hospital. The music this month: Children of the Light, St. Mary of the Assumption Parish Prayer teams will be available after Mass for individual, private prayer. The church is also handicap accessible. There is a reserved seating area available, close to the altar, for the aged and infirm. Prayer teams will visit the reserved seating area. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in St. Mary's Chapel at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup> and is open to all. During this service, prayers will be offered for the petitions of the people attending the Healing Mass. For additional information, please call (302) 239- 5982.