

SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Baptism of the Lord

WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

Obedience is perhaps the surest, strongest way to please. Jesus had no need for baptism as John the Baptist's hesitation to baptize him implies. Yet Jesus submits to baptism to accommodate his Father's will. There is a dimension of all this that must not be missed. Jesus sets us a glowing example of the readiness and even the joy with which we should set about doing God's will for us.

THE READINGS:

Isaiah 42:1-4

Behold my servant with whom I am well pleased.

Acts 10:34-38

God anointed him with the Holy Spirit.

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

God claimed Jesus and names him "Beloved Son". The Holy Spirit came upon Jesus with power and light.

Offertory Collection

January 4, 2004

\$1334.00

Holyday – January 1, 2004

\$ 501.00

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

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit from January 10th – January 24th in memory of Margaret & Edwin Haugh by Mr. & Mrs. Leon Binder.

Our newly elected trustees for the year are James Durante and Stanley Wierzbowski.

Congratulations to Jacob & Janice Schmitt who recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary and to George & Peg Sterling who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	January 10,	5:00 PM Gondek & Kleamski Families (living & deceased)
Sunday,	January 11,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Monday,	January 12,	8:00 AM (rip) For the Sister of Fr. Connelly by M/M Leon Binder
Tuesday,	January 13,	8:00 AM (rip) Carl & Ella Jorgenson by David Smith
Wednesday,	January 14,	8:00 AM (rip) William S. Quaille by Louise Meli
Thursday,	January 15,	8:00 AM (rip) William Smith by David Smith
Friday,	January 16,	8:00 AM (rip) Basil S. Muzzi by Helen Brannon
Saturday,	January 17,	5:00 PM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Sunday,	January 18,	9:00 AM (rip) Sr. Mary Paul, OSFS by Helen Brannon

The next **available dates** for **Mass Intentions** are: February 25, 27, and March 2, 2004. **Mass stipends** are **\$10 per Mass**.

Catholic Forum – Tune in to Catholic Forum each Sunday morning at 10:05 on AM 1150 WDEL or www.wdel.com. Next Sunday, January 18th, Chris DiPietro and Fr. John Grimm will discuss Delaware's Senate Bill 55 (SB55) Cloning Prohibition and Research Protection Act. Catholic Forum is a production of the Diocese of Wilmington's Office of Communications.

Your help is urgently needed! There is still time for you to help keep human cloning illegal in Delaware! **Senate Bill 55 (SB55) Cloning Prohibition and Research Protection Act** would allow the cloning of human beings for destructive research on human embryos in order to extract their embryonic stem cells. Your help is needed to prevent human cloning from being legally sanctioned in Delaware. Write your State Representative today. For more details visit the Diocese of Wilmington's Web site at www.cdow.org.

Vocations – In baptism, women and men are made part of the Body of Christ. God calls some of the baptized to serve the rest of His people as priests, sisters, and brothers. Is He calling you? Think so? Unsure? Call Fr. Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Vocations at 573-3113.

CHRIST THE TEACHER SPAGHETTI DINNER - An All-You-Care-To-Eat Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Saturday, January 24 from 4:00 - 8:00 pm at Christ The Teacher School, 2451 Frazer Road, (Frazer Road at Rte. 40 near the Maryland/Delaware line) in Newark. Featuring food courtesy of Nino's Restaurants, tickets are just \$7.50 for adults, \$5.00 for children 4 - 14, and children three and under eat for free. A family ticket to feed your immediate family (parents and children living at home) is just \$25.00. Proceeds will benefit the athletic association. Tickets are available at the school office. Please call 838-8850 for more information.

Jesus House Prayer & Renewal Center is offering a Directed Retreat on Friday, January 30, Sunday, February 1, 2004. These retreats are a time of quiet conversation with God, individual reflection, prayer, & scripture reading. The cost is \$100 and includes a private room and all meals. For more information call (302) 995-6859.

2003 Tax Contributions – Anyone wishing to have a tax letter for their contributions for 2003 please complete this form and place it in the offertory basket. The letters will be available for your pickup the following weekend. They will be in a box marked "Tax Statements".

Name _____ Envelope # _____
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