

SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

In today's gospel, Jesus challenges us to be merciful as our Father is merciful. The true follower of Christ must bless those who curse him, and pray for those who mistreat her. Let us ask the Lord for the grace and mercy to follow his teachings.

THE READINGS:

1 Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Upon finding Saul, David shows mercy and compassion for the Lord's anointed one by sparing his life.

1 Corinthians 15: 45-49

St. Paul writes to the community at Corinth that Jesus is indeed the second Adam, and that through Jesus, all bear the image of the heavenly one.

Luke 6: 27-38

Continuing his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus instructs the people on how to live the Christian life. The measure with which we measure will be returned to us.

Offertory Collection

February 15, 2004

\$1303.00

A second collection for the Black and Indian Missions and Home Missions will be taken up next weekend.

Lectors for next weekend's Masses are: 5 p.m. – Jean Beldyk-Byers, 9 a.m. – Michael Spinella.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit from February 21st - March 6th in memory of Sis and Wally Stephens by M/M Leon Binder.

Congratulations to Bill & Ethel Mills who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on February 20th.

Feast days for the saints for this week are: 2/23 – St. Polycarp.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	February 21,	5:00 PM (rip) Marie Hammond by Ruth Press
Sunday,	February 22,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Monday,	February 23,	8:00 AM (rip) Patsy Mulrooney by M/M Leon Binder
Tuesday,	February 24,	8:00 AM (rip) Michael Morales by the Sturgeon Family
Wednesday,	February 25,	8:00 AM (rip) Margaret Townsend
		6:30 PM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Thursday,	February 26,	8:00 AM (rip) Dot Johnson by M/M George Sterling
Friday,	February 27,	8:00 AM (rip) Florence Bores by Charles Gondek
Saturday,	February 28,	5:00 PM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Sunday,	February 29,	9:00 AM (rip) Irene Matarese by Paul & Janice Matarese

The next **available dates** for **Mass Intentions** are: March 28, 29, and 30, 2004. **Mass stipends** are **\$10 per Mass**.

Wednesday, February 25th is **Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of the Lenten Season. Masses will be celebrated and ashes blessed on Ash Wednesday at the 8 a.m. Mass and the 6:30 p.m. Mass. Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. During this holy season of prayer and self-denial we prepare for our eternal Easter. Let us pray for each other that we may have a fruitful Lent that truly we experience in our individual and family lives the joy of the Paschal Mystery.

Lenten Schedule: Daily Mass 8:00 a.m.
Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

Confessions are heard on Saturday and Sunday before the 5 p.m. and 9 a.m. Masses. Confessions will be heard during the week upon request.

Operation Rice Bowl – monies saved from eating penitential meals during the holy season of Lent will be collected on Palm Sunday and shared with those less fortunate than us.

Fast – three meals; one major meal, two lesser meals and no eating in between. Binds those until your 59th birthday.

Abstinence – No meat allowed (on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays during Lent). This binds those 14 years of age and older.

Catholic Forum – Tune in to Catholic Forum each Sunday morning at 10:05 on AM 1150 WDEL or www.wdel.com. Next Sunday, February 29th, Fr. Steve Hurley from Our Lady of Fatima Church will discuss Lent. Catholic Forum is a production of the Diocese of Wilmington's Office of Communications.

Vocations - St. Paul reminds the Corinthians (and us) that we bear "the image of the heavenly one" because of what Jesus Christ has done for us. Still, so many people have never heard that good news! So many others have heard it but remain unconvinced that they bear "the image of the heavenly one!" Priests, religious women and religious men spend their lives trying to help people experience God's tremendous love. Are you willing to spend your life in that mission? Let's talk about it. Call Father Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Vocations, at (302) 573-3113.

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" in the last windowsill on the Blessed Mother Side.

Name _____ Envelope # _____
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