

SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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First Sunday of Lent

WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

Like Jesus, we enter the desert to be tempted by our own hungers and desires. Lent is the time to turn away from the enticements of this world and to return to the Lord with our whole heart. Let us seek the Lord's mercy and grace for the times we have fallen into temptation.

THE READINGS:

Deuteronomy 26: 4-10

Moses instructs the Israelites about the saving deeds of the Lord, and they are filled with contrition.

Romans 10: 8-13

The Lord came to save all people. Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved.

Luke 4: 1-13

Filled with the same Spirit that came upon him at his baptism. Jesus is led into the desert for 40 days, where he is tempted by the devil three times.

Offertory Collection

February 22, 2004

\$1183.00

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

Lectors for next weekend's Masses are: 5 p.m. – Susan Walker, 9 a.m. – Thomas Kaczmarczyk.

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

Feast days for the saints for this week are: 3/3 – St. Katherine Drexel, 3/4 – St. Casimir.

Catholic Forum – Tune in to Catholic Forum each Sunday morning at 10:05 on AM 1150 WDEL or www.wdel.com. Next Sunday, March 7th, Patrick Donovan will discuss the Mel Gibson film, "The Passion of the Christ." Catholic Forum is a production of the Diocese of Wilmington's Office of Communications.

MASS INTENTIONS

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
Monday,	March 1,	8:00 AM (rip) Margaret Townsend
Tuesday,	March 2,	8:00 AM (rip) Anne Harrison by Charles Gondek
Wednesday,	March 3,	8:00 AM (viv) Louise Meli by Mary Smith
Thursday,	March 4,	8:00 AM (rip) Sally Roesch by Toni Hebert
Friday,	March 5,	8:00 AM (viv) Helen Brannon by M/M Leon Binder
Saturday,	March 6,	5:00 PM Gondek & Kleamski Families (living & deceased)
Sunday,	March 7,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)

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

Vocations - In today's gospel, Jesus rebukes the devil, saying, "You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test." Sometimes we have a sense of where God is calling us, but our reluctance leads us to test God by asking for ever more clear signs. Do you think God might be calling you to a religious vocation? Instead of "testing" God, let's move toward discernment – a humble, grace-filled listening for the promptings of the Spirit. Call Fr. Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Vocations, at (302) 573-3113.

The **Delaware City Youth Center** is sponsoring a program designed to help strengthen family communications. You and your teen or preteen will learn how to avoid problems with drugs and alcohol, ways to resist peer pressure, and handle frustration. You will learn to solve problems together. The session begins Tuesday, March 9th, and is composed of seven sessions beginning at 6:00 p.m. An evening meal will be provided and childcare is available. Please call Georgia Jordan at 836-9935 for more information and to register for the program. Space is limited so please call us today.

DIOCESAN HEALING MASS – Friday, March 5th, 2004 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. John M. Mokluk, OSFS, Salesianum Faculty House. 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, March 4th 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. For questions concerning this notice, please contact Barbara Morris at (302) 234-0921.

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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 window on the Blessed Mother Side. Name _____ Envelope # _____

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