

SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Third Sunday of Lent

WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

On this third Sunday of Lent, our scriptures invite us to take a closer look at our relationship with God. Each one of us is called to bear good fruit, or we will perish. Jesus calls us to repent, to turn away from sin and return to the God of our ancestors. With repentant hearts let us seek the Lord's mercy for the times we have not cultivated our love for God and for God's holy people.

THE READINGS:

Exodus 3: 1-8, 13-15

The Lord calls out to Moses from the burning bush, revealing that the name of God is to be remembered through all generations.

1 Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12

Paul warns us that if we do not repent, we will perish like the Israelites who came before us.

Luke 13: 1-9

Jesus calls us to repentance. Learn from the fig tree – produce fruit or perish.

Offertory Collection

March 7, 2004

\$1108.00

Next weekend a second collection will be taken up for the annual Bishops' Overseas and Latin American Churches. Please be generous.

Lectors for next weekend's Masses are: 5 p.m. – Linda Michel, 9 a.m. – Jacob Schmitt.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit from March 6th – March 20th for the Barylewski & Wrzesinski Families (living and deceased) by Stan and JoAnn Bachmura.

Memorandum from the Chancery Office – "March 19th is a Solemnity (Feast of St. Joseph), and a Friday in Lent. Because it is a Solemnity there is no obligation for Roman Catholics to abstain from eating meat on that day."

(Monsignor Barres, Chancellor)

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	March 13,	5:00 PM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Sunday,	March 14,	9:00 AM (rip) Manuel Gonzales by AFRL-IFTC Branch Labor
Monday,	March 15,	8:00 AM (viv) Donald Lilley by Helen Brannon
Tuesday,	March 16,	8:00 AM (rip) Richard & Rose Meli by Louise Meli
Wednesday,	March 17,	8:00 AM (rip) Adam Burowski by Susan Walker
Thursday,	March 18,	8:00 AM (rip) Mary McClafferty by M/M Paul Hebert
Friday,	March 19,	8:00 AM (viv) Rev. John Conmy, OSFS by Helen Brannon
Saturday,	March 20,	5:00 PM (rip) Stephen Sefcik by Ruth Press
Sunday,	March 21,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)

The next **available dates** for **Mass Intentions** are: March 28th, 31st, and April 2nd. **Stipends** are \$10.

Feast days for the saints for this week are: 3/17 – St. Patrick; 3/18 – St. Cyril of Jerusalem; 3/19 – St. Joseph, husband of the Virgin Mary.

Catholic Forum – Tune in to Catholic Forum each Sunday morning at 10:05 on AM 1150 WDEL or www.wdel.com. Next Sunday, March 21st, tune in to hear an interview with the National President of "Priests for Life," Fr. Frank Pavone. Catholic Forum is a production of the Diocese of Wilmington's Office of Communications.

Vocations - God called Moses from the burning bush. Is His voice burning within your heart? Is He calling you to live out your Catholicism as a priest, deacon, religious sister or religious brother? If you've felt that holy fire and aren't sure what to do next, call Fr. Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Vocations, at (302) 573-3113.



Look to Yourself!

As with all tragedies and disasters, some people wanted Jesus to join them in condemning the victims as sinners who brought it all on themselves. Jesus refused but exhorted them to use the opportunity to look at their own sinfulness and repent. Take time this week to delve deeply into your own heart to acknowledge what resides there that is not of God.

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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 windowsill on the Blessed Mother Side.

Name _____ Envelope # _____

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