

SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

Jesus is both our Good Shepherd and the Lamb who sacrificed his life for our sins. As followers of the Good Shepherd, we wear the robes that have been made white in the blood of the Lamb. To prepare to celebrate this Eucharist, let us ask the Lord's mercy for the times we have failed to follow the way of the Good Shepherd.

THE READINGS:

Acts 13:14, 43-52

For preaching to the Jews, Paul and Barnabas are expelled from Antioch. The gentiles then receive the message and glorify the Lord.

Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

The Book of Revelation speaks of the Lamb who sits on the throne as the One who will lead all to the springs of life-giving water.

John 10:27-30

Jesus is the Good Shepherd who calls and leads us to life everlasting.

Offertory Collection

April 25, 2004

\$1027.00

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

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit from May 1st – May 15th in honor of the Dudlek Family by Helen Dudlek.

Mother's Day Cards are available on the table in the vestibule. All mothers, grandmothers, and Godmothers will be remembered at all Masses during the month of May.

Feast days for the saints for this week are: St. Philip & St. James – 5/3, St. Marie-Leonie Paradis – 5/4, St. Francois de Laval – 5/6, St. Catherine of St. Augustine – 5/8.

Sacrament of Reconciliation – Congratulations to Tyler McGovern, Michael Steele, and Maria Sutton who made their first confession last Sunday. They will receive First Eucharist on Sunday, May 9, at the 9 a.m. Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	May 1,	5:00 PM (rip) John Henry by Helen Brannon
Sunday,	May 2,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Monday,	May 3,	8:00 AM (rip) Helen & Stephen Sefcik
Tuesday,	May 4,	8:00 AM
Wednesday,	May 5,	8:00 AM
Thursday,	May 6,	8:00 AM
Friday,	May 7,	8:00 AM
Saturday,	May 8,	5:00 PM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Sunday,	May 9,	9:00 AM Mass for all Mothers (living & deceased)

The next **available dates** for **Mass Intentions** are May 4, 5, and 6, 2004. **Mass stipends** are \$10.

2004 Annual Catholic Appeal – To date **32** of our **129** registered families have pledged **\$6628** toward our goal of **\$8300**. We need everyone to participate to his or her best ability to have complete success. For this reason, everyone who has yet to make their pledge is asked to prayerfully consider supporting the ministries of our Diocese in addition to our local parish. The Annual Catholic Appeal is all about helping people. Over 100,000 people throughout our Diocese are helped each year through this campaign. The Annual Catholic Appeal provides those in need with life's material essentials but assistance, religious instruction, and the guidance that is so crucial to overcoming life's greatest struggles.

Whether or not you wish to contribute, it is important that you complete a pledge card. If you do not wish to contribute, simply indicate the words "No Gift" on the card. This will save the Diocese the time and expense of a follow-up contact.

Pledge cards have been made available in the last windowsills and can be acquired after Mass. Thank you.

Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please pray for vocations to the priesthood, religious life and the diaconate. You can also help the future of ministry in the church by joining the Diocese of Wilmington Serra Club, an organization for laypersons from different parishes who help promote and affirm vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Serra's next meeting will be held at St. Peter the Apostle Church, Fifth & Harmony Sts, New Castle on Thursday, May 6th at 7p.m. For more information call Joyce Shaffer at 322-2626 or www.serraus.org.

Catholic Forum – Tune in to Catholic Forum each Sunday morning at 10:05 on AM 1150 WDEL or www.wdel.com. Next Sunday, May 9th, tune in for a special Mother's Day interview with Tammy Bundy, author of the new book "The Book of Mom." Catholic Forum is a production of the Diocese of Wilmington's Office of Communications.

Vocations - Jesus says, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." By virtue of our baptism, each of us is called to follow the Great Shepherd, but He calls each in a specific way. How does the Lord want *you* to follow Him? Might He be calling you to serve as a priest, a deacon, a religious brother or a religious sister? If you think that might be the case, please contact Fr. Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Vocations, at (302) 573-3113.

Are you new to the area? Have you been attending St. Paul's on a regular basis? Please join our parish by completing a Parish Registration Form (located in the vestibule). Welcome to St. Paul's!