## SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

209 Washington St., Delaware City, DE 19706

St. Paul's Official Website is: <u>http://www.StPaulsRCChurch.org</u>.

Pastor: Father Philip L. Siry

St. Paul's Religious Education: Sister Lawrence Therese, O.S.F.S. Sister Mary Vincent, O.S.F.S. Secretary: Mrs. Toni Hebert

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

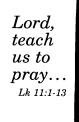
In today's Gospel, our Lord invites us to be persistent in our prayer. Jesus assures us that those who seek will find, and to those who knock the door will be opened. As we gather to celebrate these sacred and holy mysteries, let us ask the Lord for mercy and pardon for those times we have not opened our hearts to the Lord in prayer.

## THE READINGS:

Genesis 18:2-32 Abraham's persistent plea to God brought mercy upon the people of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Colossians 2:12-14

By his death and resurrection, Christ obliterated the bond against us.



Luke 11:1-13

In teaching his disciples to pray, Jesus instructs them on the value of persistent and heartfelt prayer.

Offertory Collection

July 18, 2004

\$1192.00

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

The Sanctuary Candle is lit from July 24<sup>th</sup> – August 7<sup>th</sup> for the people of the parish.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	July 24,	5:00 PM (rip) Erich Schulze by Eleanor Schulze
Sunday,	July 25,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Monday,	July 26,	8:00 AM (rip) Carl & Ella Jorgensen by David Smith
Tuesday,	July 27,	8:00 AM (rip) Larry Goodwin by David Smith
Wednesday,	July 28,	8:00 AM (rip) Frank Lane by M/M Vincent DiLeonardo
Thursday,	July 29,	8:00 AM (rip) Annette Dougherty by Helen Brannon
Friday,	July 30,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Saturday,	July 31,	5:00 PM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Sunday,	August 1,	9:00 AM (rip) Linda Matarese by M/M William Saxton

The next available dates for Mass Intentions are September 8, 9, and 10, 2004. *Mass stipends* are **\$10**.

**Catholic Forum** – Tune in to Catholic Forum each Sunday morning at 10:05 on AM1150 WDEL or <u>www.wdel.com</u>. Next Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, tune in for an interview with Northern Irish and local teens participating in Ulster Project Delaware. Catholic Forum is a production of the Office of Communications of the Diocese of Wilmington.

**Vocations** – In today's gospel, Jesus teaches his disciples to pray to the Father with the words "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Learning to listen for God's will is one of the most important things any of us can do in our lives here on earth. What is God's will for *you*? How is He calling you to spend your life? If you think it might be in a religious vocation, please contact Father Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Vocations, at (302) 573-3113.

Sr. Liz Sweeney, SSJ, of *Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center* is offering a retreat opportunity on Tuesday, August 24, 2004 entitled "Intimacy with God." The session will be from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. and the suggested fee is \$20 -\$25.00 - sliding scale. For more information or to register call Sr. Liz Sweeney at (302) 996-0433.

