

SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Feast of the Holy Family

WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

As we gather to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, our readings tell of the difficulties and challenges that confronted Mary and Joseph and the child, Jesus. As members of God's holy family we now prepare our hearts to celebrate the sacred mysteries. We ask God to strengthen us in faith.

THE READINGS:

Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14

Whoever reveres his parents will have a long life.

Colossians 3:12-17

Over all these virtues, put on love, the bond of perfection.



OUT OF EGYPT I CALLED MY SON, MTZ:13-15

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Joseph rose from his dream and took Mary and the child Jesus to Egypt.

Offertory Collection

December 19, 2004

\$1007.00

Lectors for next weekend's Masses are: 9 a.m. – Charlie Gondek, 9 a.m. – Thomas Kaczmarczyk.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit from December 25th - January 8th in memory of Richard & Rose Meli by Louise Meli.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	December 25,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Sunday,	December 26,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Monday,	December 27,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Tuesday,	December 28,	8:00 AM (viv) Jennifer Laske by David Smith
Wednesday,	December 29,	8:00 AM (rip) Thomas Herring by Elizabeth Jones
Thursday,	December 30,	8:00 AM (viv) Louise Meli by Toni Hebert
Friday,	December 31,	5:00 PM (rip) Stephen & Helen Sefcik
Saturday,	January 1,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Sunday,	January 2,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)

The next **available dates** for **Mass Intentions** are February 10, 13, 14, 2005. **Mass stipends** are \$10.

Eternal rest grant to Monsignor John Dewson and all the souls of the faithful departed.

Election of Parish Trustees: According to the Laws of the State of Delaware election of two parish trustees must be held at the beginning of the year. Elections will take place Sunday, January 9th, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in the priest's sacristy. Any practical adult parishioner is eligible to serve as trustee.

Catholic Forum – Tune in to Catholic Forum each Sunday morning at 10:05 on AM 1150 WDEL or www.wdel.com. Next Sunday, January 2nd, tune in to learn about the upcoming Diocese of Wilmington Eucharistic Congress when Fr. Michael Carrier is interviewed. Catholic Forum is a production of the Diocese of Wilmington's Office of Communications.

Vocations – Parents: we don't know much about the hidden life of Jesus as He grew up under the loving care of Joseph and Mary. What we do know is that both Joseph and Mary trusted firmly in God's promises. Do you have a daughter or son that God might be calling to priesthood or religious life? If so, how are you modeling trust in God for them? Watching a child discern and respond to any kind of vocation is always an act of faith. If you think your daughter or son might have a religious vocation and would like to speak about it, please call or write Father Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113; jjcocucci@cdow.org).

It's Time to March For Life! - Please join Delaware Right to Life, Inc. and the thousands of Americans who travel to Washington D.C. to be a voice for the unborn as we protest the 32nd anniversary of the Supreme Court's notorious Roe v. Wade decision. Stand up for the most defenseless among us as we march along Constitution Ave., visit our representatives, and pray for the renewal of "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" for babies in the womb. Where: Washington D.C., When: Monday, January 24, 2005, How: Depart from and return to Christiana Mall by bus, What Time: 8 a.m. or 9:30 a.m. depart Delaware, 4 p.m. or 6 p.m. depart D.C., How Much: \$20 person/\$40 per family. Registration Deadline: Friday, January 7, 2005. Call 302-292-2672 for information. Forms are on the table in the vestibule.

My Dear Parishioners,

As we begin this New Year, it is my prayer for you that you may be renewed in mind, heart, and soul. A New Year is always a new beginning. Our prayer is that God may grant us His peace in our time and also that we may all have a happy, holy, healthy New Year.

A happy New Year to all,
Fr. Philip L. Siry, Pastor

New Year's Mass Schedule - The holyday of the **Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God** will be celebrated on Saturday, Jan. 1st at 9:00 a.m. New Year's Eve Mass on Friday will be celebrated at 5:00 p.m. There will be **NO** 5:00 p.m. Saturday Evening Mass on New Year's Day. Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m.