

SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Baptism of the Lord

WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

Jesus comes to the Baptist for full immersion into the eschatological community. John balks, but eventually accommodates his cousin's request.

THE READINGS:

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Isaiah introduces us to the servant prophet, who will be more than other prophets. Quickened by the Spirit, the servant prophet is both covenant and light, both liberator and savior.

Acts 10:34-38

God makes it undeniably clear that Gentiles are to be received into the church without being forced into circumcision.

Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus comes to John and the river Jordan for baptism. After baptism, a voice from heaven identifies Jesus as one with God-given authority to teach.

Offertory Collection

January 2, 2005

\$918.00

Catholic Relief Services Collection for the Victims of the Earthquake/Tsunami in the hardest hit coastal areas of India, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Indonesia. Bishop Saltarelli invites us to help with this important relief effort. This weekend, a special collection will be taken up to assist in this effort. Thank you for your response.

Lectors for next weekend's Masses are: 9 a.m. – Michael Spinella, 9 a.m. – John Edwards.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit from January 8th – 22nd in memory of Richard & Rose Meli by Louise Meli.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	January 8,	5:00 PM (rip) Margaret Walter by Ruth Press
Sunday,	January 9,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Monday,	January 10,	8:00 AM (rip) Richard Meli by Louise Meli
Tuesday,	January 11,	8:00 AM (rip) Margaret Townsend
Wednesday,	January 12,	8:00 AM (rip) Vincent L. DiLeonardo by M/M Bill Lawler
Thursday,	January 13,	8:00 AM (rip) Vincent L. DiLeonardo by M/M Bill Baker
Friday,	January 14,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Saturday,	January 15,	5:00 PM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Sunday,	January 16,	9:00 AM (rip) Jane Mitchell by Dr. Agatha Anstreicher

The next available dates for Mass Intentions are March 23, 28, and 29, 2005. **Mass stipends** are \$10.

Catholic Forum – Tune in to Catholic Forum each Sunday morning at 10:05 on AM 1150 WDEL or www.wdel.com. Next Sunday, January 16th, tune in to hear an interview with Karl Schultz, author of the new book, "The How-To Book of the Bible." Catholic Forum is a production of the Diocese of Wilmington's Office of Communications.

Vocations – When John baptized Jesus, the Holy Spirit visibly descended upon the Lord. That same Spirit works marvels through the ministry of priests, deacons, religious sisters and religious brothers. If you think God might be calling you to be an agent of His Spirit in this way, please call or write Father Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113; jcocucci@cdow.org).

Sunday, January 9th and Sunday, January 23rd from 1:00 to 6:00 PM - **Knights of Columbus St. Pius X Council** sponsors a **Spaghetti, Ravioli, and Roast Chicken Dinner**, Lancaster and Scott Streets, Wilmington. Dinners are \$10 per person, which includes salad and rolls; sodas and wine/beer available, Sports on a Big Screen TV. For more details call 302-661-1010.

2004 Tax Contributions – Anyone wishing to have a tax letter for their contributions for 2004 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 # _____
(Please print)



Knowing You're Special

In the Gospel of Matthew, the Father's affirmation of Jesus was clearly a private event. It was surely meant to prepare him for the three years of very public ministry that were to follow. Jesus could look back and know that the Spirit of God rested upon Him, that He was beloved of the Father. When have you felt God's love especially present in your life? Do something special this week to acknowledge the power of this gift.

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January 9, 2005