

SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

Those who follow Jesus do not join a secret organization. Their discipleship must be as public as light, as pungent as seasoning.

THE READINGS:

Isaiah 58:7-10

Remove oppression and neglect, the Lord says through the prophet, and your light will emerge.

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

I preached, said Paul, but God spoke. I was weak but the Lord is strong.

Matthew 5:13-16

Disciples must be translucent so that God's light may shine through them.

Offertory Collection	January 30, 2005	\$962.00
	Catholic University & Communications	\$245.00
	January 23, 2005	\$316.00

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

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit from February 5th –19th in memory of Rose Meli by Louise Meli.

Are you new to the parish? Please be sure to register in the parish by picking up a Parish Registration Form from the literature rack in the vestibule, completing it and returning it to the church through the offertory collection basket or through the mail.

The Sacrament of Baptism – if you are expecting a child, you should call the office to arrange a meeting with Father for a Baptism Class (if it is your first child). Regarding **Godparents** – ideally both Godparents should be Catholic, however, church law states that one Godparent **must be** a practicing Catholic, at least 16 years of age and must have been confirmed. If the Godparent is married, a priest must have witnessed the marriage. The Catholic Godparent(s) must obtain a Sponsor Certificate from the church where he/she is registered stating that this person meets the criteria for being a Godparent. The second person, if not Catholic, is considered a Christian Witness. The Christian Witness must be a baptized person.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	February 5,	5:00 PM (rip) Willard Smith by David Smith
Sunday,	February 6,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Monday,	February 7,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Tuesday,	February 8,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Wednesday,	February 9,	8:00 AM (rip) Beatrice Bobst by David Smith 6:30 PM (rip) Msgr. John Dewson by Helen Brannon
Thursday,	February 10,	8:00 AM (viv) Rev. John Conmy, OSFS by Helen Brannon
Friday,	February 11,	8:00 AM (rip) Margaret Townsend
Saturday,	February 12,	5:00 PM (rip) Jennie Wisowaty by Helen Brannon
Sunday,	February 13,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)

The next **available dates** for **Mass Intentions** are April 8, 11, and 13, 2005. **Mass stipends** are **\$10**.

Eternal rest grant to Rosemary Hamilton, mother of Mindy Mannia, and all the souls of the faithful departed.

Catholic Forum – Tune in to Catholic Forum each Sunday morning at 10:05 on AM 1150 WDEL or www.wdel.com. Next Sunday, February 13th, get an update on the Asian tsunami relief efforts from Jim DeHarpporte from Catholic Relief Services. Catholic Forum is a production of the Diocese of Wilmington's Office of Communications.

Vocations – Jesus Christ is the true light of the world, and He invites all the members of His Body to be light for the world. Some He calls to serve as priests or deacons, religious sisters or brothers. What about you? Might God be calling you to religious life or holy orders? One of the most important things we can do in our lives is to work at discerning God's personal call for us. If you'd like some help along the way, please contact Fr. Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Vocations at 573-3113 or jcocucci@cdow.org

Lent

Wednesday, February 9th is **Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of the Lenten Season. Masses will be celebrated and ashes blessed on Ash Wednesday at the 8 a.m. Mass and the 6:30 p.m. Mass. Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. During this holy season of prayer and self-denial we prepare for our eternal Easter. Let us pray for each other that we may have a fruitful Lent that truly we experience in our individual and family lives the joy of the Paschal Mystery.

Lenten Schedule: Daily Mass 8:00 a.m.

Stations of the Cross will be on Friday morning after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Confessions are heard on Saturday and Sunday before the 5 p.m. and 9 a.m. Masses. Confessions will be heard during the week upon request.

Operation Rice Bowl – monies saved from eating penitential meals during the holy season of Lent will be collected on Palm Sunday and shared with those less fortunate than us.

Fast – three meals; one major meal, two lesser meals and no eating in between. Binds those until your 59th birthday.

Abstinence – No meat allowed (on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays during Lent). This binds those 14 years of age and older.