

## SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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First Sunday in Lent

### WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

We reside in the mystery of a God who loves us in spite of our sinfulness, a God who sent Jesus as a living sign of hope and as the author of our sanctification.

### THE READINGS:

Genesis 7-9, 3:1-7

Through disobedience, our human ancestors brought sin to the earth. The great evil of sin is that it separates us from God.

Romans 5:12, 17-19

One act of disobedience brought death into the world. Our righteous act restores our dignity as children of God

Matthew 4:1-11

The same spirit that breathed life into Adam, the earthling, leads Jesus into the desert for prayer and fasting.

Offertory Collection

February 6, 2005

\$1258.00

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

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

**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 12,	5:00 PM (rip) Jennie Wisowaty by Helen Brannon
Sunday,	February 13,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Monday,	February 14,	8:00 AM (viv) Donald Lilley by Helen Brannon
Tuesday,	February 15,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Wednesday,	February 16,	8:00 AM (viv) The Daniel Laske Family by Helen Brannon
Thursday,	February 17,	8:00 AM (rip) Vivien Brannon by Helen Brannon
Friday,	February 18,	8:00 AM (rip) Willard Smith by Helen Brannon
Saturday,	February 19,	5:00 PM (rip) Marie Hammond by Ruth Press
Sunday,	February 20,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)

The next **available dates** for **Mass Intentions** are April 8, 13, and 14, 2005. **Mass stipends** are **\$10**.

**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.

**Catholic Forum** – Tune in to Catholic Forum each Sunday morning at 10:05 on AM 1150 WDEL or [www.wdel.com](http://www.wdel.com). Next Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, learn about Church collaboration when Brother Loughlan Sofield, S.T. is interviewed. Also, during the month of February tune in for a special Black History Month feature entitled Black Saints for Today's World. Catholic Forum is a production of the Diocese of Wilmington's Office of Communications.

**Vocations** – Today's first reading reminds us that Adam and Eve chose not to follow God's will for them, even though they knew what it was. So often we want to cooperate with God's plan, if only we could discern it. Might He be calling you to serve the Church as a priest, deacon, religious sister or religious brother? If you think so, call or write Father Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113; [jcocucci@cdow.org](mailto:jcocucci@cdow.org)).

## Lent

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 59<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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