

## SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Third Sunday of Easter

### WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

Bread broken reveals a Lord risen to disciples whose hearts were first fired with faith and heated with hope. Only hearts so prepared can see the Lord of life.

### THE READINGS:

Acts 2:14, 22-23

Here is a sermon from the early church preaching the good news of Jesus' resurrection.

1 Peter 1:17-21

More precious than silver and gold is the salvation Christ has won for us through death and resurrection.

Luke 24:13-35

The Church draws her life from Christ in the Eucharist; by him she is fed and by him she is enlightened. The Eucharist is both a mystery of faith and a "mystery of light." Whenever the Church celebrates the Eucharist, the faithful can in some way relive the experience of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus: "Their eyes were opened and they recognized him" (Lk 24:31).

Each day my faith has been able to recognize in the consecrated bread and wine the divine Wayfarer who joined the two disciples on the road to Emmaus and opened their eyes to the light and their hearts to new hope (cf. Luke 24:13-35) *Pope John Paul II Ecclesia de Eucharistia, 6, 59*

Offertory Collection

April 3, 2005

\$1144.00

**Lectors** for next weekend's Masses are: 5 p.m. – Charlie Gondek, 9 a.m. – Harry Killian.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit from April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> in memory of Frances & Michael Beldyk by Jeannie & Jim Byers.

**Congratulations** to our newly baptized children: Elijah Vazquez, son of Luis & Maria Vazquez, and Adrianna Briggs, daughter of Joseph & Dominique Briggs.

**Eternal rest** grant to Stanley Wierzbowski and all the souls of the faithful departed.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	April 9,	5:00 PM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Sunday,	April 10,	9:00 AM (rip) Rosemary Hamilton by Bill & Mindy Mannia
Monday,	April 11,	8:00 AM (viv) Mary June Peterson by Helen Brannon
Tuesday,	April 12,	8:00 AM (rip) Margaret Townsend
Wednesday,	April 13,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Thursday,	April 14,	8:00 AM (rip) William Smith by Mary Smith
Friday,	April 15,	8:00 AM (viv) The Dustin Atkinson Family by Helen Brannon
Saturday,	April 16,	5:00 PM (viv) Christine & Meridan Tapert by David Smith
Sunday,	April 17,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)

The next **available dates** for **Mass Intentions** are May 17, 19, and 20, 2005. **Mass stipends** are **\$10**.

**CCD Re-registration** is currently in progress. All families are asked to return their re-registration forms to class before April 17<sup>th</sup>. Any registered family who has a child who will be entering CCD next September for the first time is asked to pick up a **Green colored registration form** from the vestibule literature rack and return the completed form along with a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate (if your child was not baptized at St. Paul's), to the parish office by May 15, 2005.

**2005 Annual Catholic Appeal – "Lighting the Paths of Life"** – Finding a balance between the rigors of a fast-paced life and spiritual reflection represents quite a remarkable challenge. It is tempting to allow the day-to-day demands of work and family dictate the rhythm and direction of our lives.

Our Catholic faith teaches us of Christ's ability to identify and illuminate the paths of life. By slowing down and taking stock, we can allow His love and His light to lead us in a more spiritual and fulfilling direction. At every turn, there are decisions to be made; it is critical that these decisions be informed and illuminated by Christ's light.

It is also necessary for each of us to recognize our role in determining the path of our larger community. By supporting the Appeal, Christ's love can light the way for those less fortunate.

Your participation will enable our Diocese to provide those in need with not only life's material essentials but also with spiritual and emotional assistance.

In addition, our parish has a unique opportunity to raise funds for our own needs through support give to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Fifty percent of the amount collected over our parish target of \$8900 will come back to the parish for our own ministerial uses. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**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, April 17<sup>th</sup>, tune in to hear about the annual Catholic Charities Tribute Dinner. Catholic Forum is a production of the Diocese of Wilmington's Office of Communications.

**Vocations** – In today's first reading, Peter says, "Exalted at the right hand of God, [Jesus] received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father and poured [the Holy Spirit] forth." In the outpouring of the Spirit, each of the baptized is called to holiness, and each is given a specific vocation for the good of the Body of Christ. Could God be calling you to serve as a priest, religious sister, deacon or religious brother? If you think so, call or write Father Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113; [ccocucci@cdow.org](mailto:ccocucci@cdow.org)).

**Pope John Paul II** – we thank God for the gift of John Paul II, not only to the Church but also to the world and we mourn his death. But we also celebrate his life here on earth where he has left an indelible mark.