

SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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First Sunday of Advent



WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

On this first Sunday of Advent, our readings speak to us of the last days. The candles of the Advent wreath remind us of the passing of time. As we light the first candle, let us pray for the grace to make of our lives a preparation for eternal life with God.

THE READINGS:

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7

Why do you let us wander, O Lord?

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

We await the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Mark 13:33-37

By giving the Eucharist the prominence it deserves, and by being careful not to diminish any of its dimensions or demands, we show that we are truly conscious of the greatness of this gift. We are urged to do so by an uninterrupted tradition, which from the first centuries on has found the Christian community ever vigilant in guarding this "treasure."

Pope John Paul II *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 61

Offertory Collection	November 20, 2005	\$1039.00
	Campaign for Human Development	\$ 272.00

Lectors for next weekend's Masses are: 5 p.m. – Charlie Gondek, 9 a.m. – Linda Michel.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit from November 26th – December 10th in memory of Isabelle Press by Margery Netsch.

Eternal rest grant to Rev. William Irwin and all the souls of the faithful departed.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	November 26,	5:00 PM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Sunday,	November 27,	9:00 AM (rip) Jane Mitchell by Dr. Agatha Anstreicher
Monday,	November 28,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Tuesday,	November 29,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Wednesday,	November 30,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Thursday,	December 1,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Friday,	December 2,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Saturday,	December 3,	5:00 PM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Sunday,	December 4,	9:00 AM (viv) Fr. Siry

The next **available dates** for **Mass Intentions** are March 21, 23, and 25, 2006. **Mass stipends** are **\$10**.

Catholic Forum – Listen to Catholic Forum every Sunday morning on 1150AM WDEL or on the Internet at www.wdel.com. Next Sunday, December 4th, tune in to learn about the Diocese of Wilmington's Ministries Weekend when Sr. Sally Russell from the Office of Religious Education is the guest. Catholic Forum is a production of the Office of Communications of the Diocese of Wilmington.

Vocations – In today's first reading, the prophet Isaiah says to the Lord "would that we were mindful of you in our ways." If you are trying to figure out what you should do with your life, don't forget to invite God into the conversation. What part of His plan has He chosen for you? If you think you might be called to the priesthood, the diaconate or religious life, please call or write Father Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113 or jcocucci@cdow.org).

Jesus House is offering an Advent evening of prayer entitled, "Mary's Trust: Nothing is Impossible with God." Thursday, December 1, 2005 -- 7 to 8:30 p.m., led by Elizabeth Johnson, CSJ. Our evening will include prayer, input, reflection and conversation. Cost: Free will offering. To register, call Edie at (302) 995-6859.

St. Matthew Winterfest - At Foley Hall across from Banning Park - Friday, Dec. 2nd 5 - 9pm and Saturday Dec 3rd 10am-8pm. Featuring: Crafts, Food - Full Dinners, Friday and Saturday, Raffles, Kids Games, Baked Goods, and more! Call 633-5850 for information.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality of St. Peter the Apostle Church in New Castle would like to invite you to a covered dish dinner on Saturday, December 3rd after the 5PM Mass in Msgr. Crowley Hall at the corner of 5th & Harmony Streets. Dinner will be served at 6:30PM. (Please enter through the door with the green awning.) Our guest speaker is Sr. Elaine McCarron. She is the curriculum coordinator for Religious Education in the Diocese. There will be a Chinese Gift Exchange during the dinner. A gift of \$5 - \$10 will be given by each person, each person receives a ticket, when the number is called the person chooses a gift, opens it and returns to their seat. The next person called can take that gift or choose from the table. P.S. Please RSVP to one of the following Sodalists the number of Sodalists attending from your parish - Phyllis Susi @ 328-0990, Fran McNally @ 322-2342 or Geri Rybicki @ 292-1078.

Jesus House is offering a Mini-Day of Prayer and Reflection on Tuesday, December 13, 2005 entitled, "Advent Weavings" led by Angie Malmgren and Arleen Kerrigan. This will be a quiet reflection morning to prepare our hearts for a new spiritual birthing as we weave together Mary's story and preparation for the birth of Christ, with our desire to experience the Christmas story anew. Cost \$15. Time: 9 a.m.- 11:45 a.m. Mass follows at 12:05 p.m. To register, call Edie at (302) 995-6859.