## SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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First Sunday of Lent

## WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

My friends, Jesus entered the desert before beginning his mission. Together with Christians everywhere, let us resolve to dwell in the desert of Lent, fasting from distraction, sharing with the poor and supporting each other by our prayers.

Let us begin by confessing our sinfulness and asking for God's mercy. *I confess to almighty God...* 

## THE READINGS:

Genesis 9:8-15 God's covenant with Noah and with us.

1 Peter 3:18-22 The flood and the covenant prefigure the baptism that saves us.

Mark 1:12-15 Jesus was tempted in the desert.

Offertory Collection February 26, 2006 \$1355.00 This weekend a second collection will be taken up for Black & Indian Missions and Catholic Home Missions.

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

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit from March 4<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> in memory of Wilbur Curlett by Judith Johnson.

*Fr. Siry Update* - Father went to the surgeon this past Tuesday. The cast was changed on his leg. The cast on both his arm and leg will be on for another 3-4 weeks. He will begin rehab for his leg this coming week. Please keep Father in your prayers.

**MASS INTENTIONS** 

Saturday,	March 4,	5:00 PM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Sunday,	March 5,	9:00 AM (rip) Mildred Bosco by Judy Bosco
Monday,	March 6,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Tuesday,	March 7,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Wednesday,	March 8,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Thursday,	March 9,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Friday,	March 10,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Saturday,	March 11,	5:00 PM (rip) Marion Walter by Ruth Press
Sunday,	March 12,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)

The next available dates for Mass Intentions are May 28, 30, and June 1, 2006. Mass stipends are \$10.

*Eternal rest* grant to William Press, Raymond W. Smith, brother of Fr. Richard Smith of Holy Cross Church, and all the souls of the faithful departed.

**Catholic Forum** – Listen to Catholic Forum every Sunday morning at 10:05 a.m. on 1150AM WDEL and on the Internet at <u>www.wdel.com</u>. Next Sunday, March 12th hear the second in a series of special weekly Lenten messages. Catholic Forum is a production of the Office of Communications of the Diocese of Wilmington.

**Vocations** – "After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: 'This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand.'" Today, priests, deacons, religious sisters and religious brothers spread that same proclamation through lives of dedicated ministry. If you think God might be calling you to serve in one of these vocations, please call or write Fr. Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113; jcocucci@cdow.org).

**Operation Rice Bowl** – Operation Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services' Lenten solidarity program. This year, the program is being used by millions of Catholics in all 50 states, in more than 15,000 parishes, schools, and faith communities. Through Operation Rice Bowl, we reach out to assist our brothers and sisters around the world through traditional Lenten practices, by offering our prayers, by fasting, and by giving alms, while we learn about the global issues affecting our neighbors overseas. *Please take home a Rice Bowl today and place your sacrificial offerings in it. Please return your Rice Bowl on Palm Sunday. Thank you.* 

*VIA CRUCIS* - Traditional Lent devotion in the style of a medieval mystery play enacted by children and youth. Ash Wednesday and every Friday through Good Friday. 7:30 p.m. St. Anthony of Padua, 9th & DuPont Sts., Wilmington.

*The Little Sisters of the Poor* are in need of volunteers on Tuesdays to help make beds for 1-1/2 hours in the morning. If you are interested in helping with this please call Sister Raymond 302-368-5886.