

SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Confessions: ½ hour before each Mass or by appointment.

St. Paul's Cemetery Information: Contact Sheryl at 656-3323 (Catholic Cemeteries Office)

Third Sunday of Advent

WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist sends his disciples to ask Jesus: "Are you the one who is to come or should we look for another?" Isn't that the question in our hearts when we look elsewhere for happiness, for meaning, for salvation? But we are followers of Christ and we know that Jesus is the one who has come to save us. Let us ask for the grace to recommit ourselves to a life of discipleship so that this Christmas, Christ may be born in us anew.

THE READINGS:

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10
God banishes all sorrow.

James 5:7-10
Be patient; the Lord is coming.

Matthew 11:2-11
"Are you the one who is to come or should we look for another?"

OFFERTORY COLLECTION	December 9, 2007	\$1405.50
	Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 397.00

Lectors for next weekend's Masses are: 5 p.m. – Susan Walker, 9 a.m. – Michael Spinella.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit from December 8th – 22nd in memory of Stan Wierzbowski by Marylou Wierzbowski.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	December 15,	5:00 PM (rip) David L. Gann by Ruth Press
Sunday,	December 16,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE
Monday,	December 17,	9:00 AM (rip) Helen Brannon by Theresa Wisniewski
Tuesday,	December 18,	9:00 AM (rip) George Rodenberg & Amelia Sirugo by Vivian Rodenberg
Wednesday,	December 19,	8:00 AM (viv) Fr. Albert Gondek by Charlie Gondek
Thursday,	December 20,	9:00 AM (rip) Roy Pollard, Sr.
Saturday,	December 22,	5:00 PM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE
Sunday,	December 23,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE

Father Pollard would like to thank you all for your prayers, thoughts, and concern during his recent hospital stay.

This weekend please welcome Bishop Saltarelli and Fr. Rinaldi who will celebrate Mass in Father Pollard's absence.

Eternal rest grant to Larniece Cousar, mother of Deacon Robert Cousar, and all the souls of the faithful departed.

Old Fashioned Delaware City Christmas, Thursday, December 20th. If anyone would like to join the group representing St. Paul's, meet at 6 p.m. at the Delaware City Hall. For more questions call Patricia Allen (Clowning Around) at 834-1928 and leave a message. Meet at 6 p.m., Caroling at City Hall, 7 p.m. Parade (walk) down Clinton Street to Crabby Dick's.

Catholic Forum – Listen to Catholic Forum every Sunday morning at 10:05 a.m. on 1150AM WDEL. Next Sunday, December 23rd, tune in to hear the annual Christmas program featuring Bishop Saltarelli's Christmas message to the people of the Diocese. Catholic Forum is a production of the Office of Communications of the Diocese of Wilmington.

Vocations - In today's gospel reading, Jesus describes John the Baptist as the one who was sent ahead of Him to prepare His way. In our day and age, God calls women and men to prepare His way in the hearts of all people by serving as religious sisters and brothers, as deacons and as priests. If you think God might be calling you to religious life or priesthood, please call or write Father Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113; jcocucci@cdow.org).

A Whole New Ball Game! Tax-Free IRA Gifts - Did you know that federal law changed in 2006 to allow tax-free charitable distributions from your IRA? Charitable taxpayers can direct "qualified charitable distributions" from their fund administrator directly to the charities of his/her choice, including one's parish, school or favorite ministry. Anyone with an IRA who is 70 and one-half years old at the time of the distribution should explore this possibility. This provision expires on December 31, 2007. For the details, contact your legal or financial adviser--or Sister Margaret Mahoney at (302) 573-3125 or visit the diocesan website under www.cdow.gift-planning.org.