

## 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)

Fourth Sunday of Advent

### WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

My friends, today we hear the Nativity story from Joseph's point of view. He was a faithful man who listened to the voice of God in his dreams. Let us pray that these days, as we are busy about making Christmas come alive in our homes, we may also listen for God's voice and allow Christmas to come alive in our hearts.

### THE READINGS:

Isaiah 7:10-14

The virgin shall conceive and bear a son.

Romans 1:1-7

Jesus, descendant of David, is the Son of God.

Matthew 1:18-24

Joseph dreams that Mary will be the Mother of God.



### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

December 16, 2007

\$1838.00

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

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit from December 22<sup>nd</sup> – January 5<sup>th</sup> in memory of Richard & Rose Meli by Louise Meli.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	December 22,	5:00 PM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE
Sunday,	December 23,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE
Monday,	December 24,	4:00 PM Masses for Christmas 7:00 PM Masses for Christmas
Tuesday,	December 25,	9:00 AM Masses for Christmas
Wednesday,	December 26,	<b>8:00 AM</b> Masses for Christmas
Thursday,	December 27,	9:00 AM Masses for Christmas
Saturday,	December 29,	5:00 PM Masses for Christmas
Sunday,	December 30,	9:00 AM Masses for Christmas

**My special thanks to all of you who contributed to the gifts for the Governor Bacon Center Residents. My thanks are not what is important, but the thanks of Jesus, "whenever you clothe the poor, you clothe me".**  
Father Pollard

**Thank you** for your prayers and concern while I was in the hospital. I had a fever of 103 and diagnosed as having a virus. I'm still a little tired but it is good to be home.  
Father Pollard

**Catholic Forum** – Listen to Catholic Forum every Sunday morning at 10:05 a.m. on 1150AM WDEL. Next Sunday December 30<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Ed Gordon, Director of Religious Education for the diocese, will discuss holy families. Catholic Forum is a production of the Office of Communications of the Diocese of Wilmington.

**Vocations** - The prophecy of Isaiah, from which today's first reading is taken, speaks of the Lord giving marvelous signs. Sometimes God gives us signs to help us discern His plan for our lives. They might be dramatic; more often they are subtle. If you'd like to discuss the signs God seems to be using in your relationship with Him, please call or write Father Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113; [jcocucci@cdow.org](mailto:jcocucci@cdow.org)).

God has given to each of us the ability to become children of God; a choice which caused the birth and death of Jesus. In appreciation for this love, may we learn to love one another as God loves us. Give God our love as fully He has given us His love.

Have a Merry Christ-mass, Christmas, and New Year.

Father Pollard

For Unto Us



A Child is Born