

SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Confessions: ½ hour before each Mass for twenty minutes or by appointment. The Reconciliation Room is located on St. Joseph's side in the sanctuary. If the door is closed, do not enter.

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

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.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8 (5)

OFFERTORY COLLECTION	November 23, 2008	\$797.00
	Campaign for Human Development	\$125.00

The Christmas Flowers Envelope can be used anytime during the month of December.

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

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit from November 22nd – December 6th - in memory of Charles Sigwart by the McGovern Family.



Bottles for Babies – Please place your filled Baby Bottles in the basket in front of the Blessed Mother Statue. Thank you for your generosity.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	November 29,	5:00 PM Deceased members of the Rosseel Family by Jim & Sharon Rosseel and family
Sunday,	November 30,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE
Monday,	December 1,	9:00 AM (rip) Helen Brannon
Tuesday,	December 2,	9:00 AM (rip) Helen & Stephen Sefcik
Wednesday,	December 3,	8:00 AM (rip) Susan O'Neill
Thursday,	December 4,	9:00 AM (rip) James Gilligan
Saturday,	December 6,	5:00 PM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE
Sunday,	December 7,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE

Giving Tree – please take an ornament off the Giving Tree. On the ornament is the name of a person and size. The Governor Bacon Staff recommends any of the following items (EXCEPT PAJAMAS) sweat-suit, sweatshirt, stocking or baseball cap, sweaters, warm socks, bedroom slippers, and flannel shirts. The Red Angels are for men and the Green Angels are for women. Please return your wrapped present and attach the ornament securely to the package by December 14th.

Enclosed is the Advent/Christmas Season Schedule for the parish services. Please save it to reference it.

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).

Catholic Forum - Listen to Catholic Forum every Sunday morning at 10:05 a.m. on 1150AM WDEL and www.wdel.com. Next Sunday, December 7th, learn about "Word on Fire Catholic Ministries" with Fr. Robert Barron. Catholic Forum is a production of the Office of Communications of the Diocese of Wilmington.

The Combined choirs of Saint Mark's and various Churches will present a Christmas Gala at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 12 Winder Road, New Castle, DE on Sunday, December the 7th at 2PM. For more info contact Nicole Matos at 658-1069. FOLLOWING the concert is an OPEN HOUSE at the Holy Spirit Gift Shop and Fiesole Art Studio featuring the art work of Sister Mary Grace, OP. Her religious art is amazingly inspirational and just in time for a meaningful Christmas.

The Junior Board of St. Francis Hospital is sponsoring the Lights of Love liturgy and tree lighting ceremony on Monday, December 8, 2008. Mass will be at 12 noon in the Hospital Chapel followed by the tree lighting ceremony in the hospital lobby. All proceeds of this important fundraising effort go directly to St. Francis Hospital. Participants have an opportunity to recognize and honor loved ones living or deceased by making a donation of \$5.00 per name. In addition to the lights on the tree, each name will be inscribed on a scroll in the hospital lobby from December 8 to January 1. To participate, please send names and donations to: Mrs. Jean DesJardins, 100 Lastrada Lane, Wilmington, DE 19807 302.984.1144