

SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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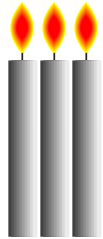
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Confessions: ½ hour before each Mass for twenty minutes or by appointment. The Reconciliation Room is located on St. Joseph's side in the sanctuary. If the door is closed, do not enter.

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

Third Sunday of Advent



WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

This Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday and our readings invite us to "Rejoice always!" As we light the third candle on our Advent Wreath, let us remind ourselves of the happy eagerness of little children who wait for Christmas.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 16; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

OFFERTORY COLLECTION December 7, 2008 \$1174.00

This weekend the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be taken up.

Religious give thanks. "Our community is continuing its recovery from Hurricane Katrina. . . . Uncertainty and change have been a part of our daily lives since the storm, but your friendship and faithful support of the needs of our retired sisters remains a constant source of comfort for us," writes the president of a New Orleans religious institute. Please be generous in your support of today's appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious. www.retiredreligious.org

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

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit from December 6th – 20th in memory of Richard & Rose Meli by Louise Meli.

Thank you to the persons who helped bring the Sanctuary Lamp back to its original beauty.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	December 13,	5:00 PM (rip) John & David Gann by Ruth Press
Sunday,	December 14,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE
Monday,	December 15,	9:00 AM Gondek & Kleamski Families (living & deceased)
Tuesday,	December 16,	9:00 AM (rip) Louise & Liam McLaughlin
Wednesday,	December 17,	8:00 AM (rip) Mae Devine
Thursday,	December 18,	9:00 AM (rip) Elizabeth McGee
Saturday,	December 20,	5:00 PM (rip) Peter A. Garafola by Robert Gumula & family
Sunday,	December 21,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE

December 14th at 10 a.m. there is a Parish Penance Service for Students in Religious Education, Grades 3 & up. **After the children have received the sacrament, if any adult wishes to receive the Sacrament, please be present at the service.**

December 14th - At 7 p.m. – our Deanery will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the people of our parishes. There will be a number of priests so you have an opportunity to go to any of those priests to receive the sacrament. This will be at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 345 Bear-Christiana Road (Rt. 7) in Bear.

Thank you to all who participated in the Giving Tree for the residents of the Governor Bacon Center. Every ornament was taken and a gift will go to every resident. On behalf of the residents, our brothers and sisters, thank you!

If a member of your family dies and you would like their name in the bulletin so the parish can pray for them and the family, please send a note to the rectory and we will publish it in the bulletin.

Eternal rest grant to Anthony Albertrani, father of Lou Albertrani; Peter Garafola, father of Pete Garafola, and all the souls of the faithful departed.

Ride to Church needed – a long time parishioner needs a ride to church. He lives on Clover Street in Delaware City. If you can offer a ride to church on the weekend, please see Father for more information. Thank you.

A Note from the Church Cleaners - A note to babies and toddlers from the cleaning team: We love to see you at Mass each week but would like to ask you to clean up your Cheerios before you leave. There are two lightweight cordless sweepers in the closet and we would be ever so happy to show you where they are. If they are too big for you to manage, please ask your parents to help you. The church is cleaned once a week, usually on Friday or Saturday morning, and any crumbs left behind from Mass are not only unsightly to the next parishioners but are an invitation to critters throughout the week. Thanks very much for your assistance.

Gospel Book – there was a misunderstanding of exactly what we were ordering in regards to the Gospel Book. We got a complete lectionary set, which will be returned. However, the Gospel Book for the 3 year cycle will be coming. Its cost is \$199. Anyone who wishes to pay for the book and have it dedicated in memory of or in honor of a family member, please see Father.