

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)

Baptism of the Lord

WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY: Obedience is perhaps the surest, strongest way to please. Jesus had no need for baptism as John the Baptist's hesitation to baptize him implies. Yet Jesus submits to baptism to accommodate his Father's will. There is a dimension of all this that must not be missed. Jesus sets us a glowing example of the readiness and even the joy with which we should set about doing God's will for us.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Corinthians 6-13c-15a, 17-20; John 1:35-42

OFFERTORY COLLECTION	January 4, 2009	\$1249.00
	Holyday	\$
521.00		

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

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit from January 3rd – 17th in memory of William & Willard Smith by David Smith.

CHURCH CLEANERS NEEDED: Additional cleaning teams are needed to join the St. Paul's cleaning rotation. The time requirement is about 1.5 hours once per month, carrying out the basic tasks of dusting, vacuuming and bathroom cleaning on Fridays or Saturdays. If you are looking for a way to serve, this humble yet vital ministry, may be for you. Please contact Debbie Martin at 832-0653, dcmartin@atlanticbb.net for more information. Many thanks to our current and dedicated team members!

Congratulations to Jim Durante & Stan Bachmura who were re-elected as Trustees for the parish.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	January 10,	5:00 PM (rip) Margaret Walter by Ruth Press
Sunday,	January 11,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE
Monday,	January 12,	9:00 AM (rip) Willard Smith by David Smith
Tuesday,	January 13,	9:00 AM (viv) Mary Smith by David Smith
Wednesday,	January 14,	8:00 AM (rip) Carl Jorgensen by David Smith
Thursday,	January 15,	9:00 AM Goodwin Family (living & deceased) by David Smith
Saturday,	January 17,	5:00 PM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE
Sunday,	January 18,	9:00 AM (viv) MaryJune Peterson by David Smith

Upcoming Events – January 11th take Christmas decorations down at 10:30 a.m.; January 11th, 7 p.m. – a DVD presentation of the Life of the Apostle, Paul in the Parish hall (it shows the places they went and the story of their lives); January 25th, 9 a.m. Mass – Bishop Malooly's parish visit & light reception; March 1 – Spaghetti Dinner at Dragon Run (details to follow); March 15 & 22nd – DVD presentation of Paul, the Apostle, 7 p.m. – Parish hall; April 22nd – Fundraiser Dinner at Crabby Dick's (we receive a portion of the sales); Sunday, May 17th, at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall (409 Adams St.), there will be a reading of the section about St. Paul from Pope Benedict's book on "The Apostles" with a discussion to follow; June 14, 7 p.m. – Benediction and Adoration with readings of St. Paul on the Eucharist.

Please join us for **the March for Life in Washington, DC on January 22, 2009**. The Knights of Columbus from St. Peter's and St. John the Beloved are co-sponsoring a bus leaving St. Peter's parking lot at 7:00 AM returning approximately 7:00 to 7:30 PM. Please take this opportunity to let our newly elected officials know how important the lives of unborn children are to our faith community. Any St. Paul's Parishioners wishing to make reservations should contact Larry Ciskanik at 328-2279.

Catholic Forum - Listen to Catholic Forum every Sunday morning at 10:05 a.m. on 1150AM WDEL and www.wdel.com. Next Sunday, January 18th, Fr. Leo Patalinghug will discuss his "Grace Before Meals" apostolate. Catholic Forum is a production of the Office of Communications of the Diocese of Wilmington.

National Vocation Awareness Week – January 11-17, 2009 – The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks Jesus' initiation into public ministry. At his baptism Jesus is named the Beloved Son of God. Please take time to pray the following prayer during this week.

Prayer for Vocations – Gracious God, You gift us with your son, Jesus. At his baptism you affirmed him as your beloved son and Jesus responded by proclaiming the Good News about your reign. Help us realize that by our baptism we are each called to continue the mission of Jesus by proclaiming the Good News. You call people to married life. Bless them with love, understanding, and fidelity as they proclaim the Good News. You call people to the single life. Bless them with compassion, joy, and dedication as they proclaim the Good News. You call people to consecrated life. Bless them with courage, commitment, and passion as they proclaim the Good News. You call people to the ordained life. Bless them with faith, integrity, and zeal as they proclaim the Good News. May we accept and acknowledge the dignity of our vocation.

Guide those discerning your call and give them the support they need. Gift us all with open and generous hearts to further your reign here on Earth. With gratitude we offer this prayer through Jesus and the Spirit. Amen.