

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)

Solemnity of All Saints

WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

Today we remember the heart of our baptismal call: we are called to be holy.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: 1 Kings 17:10-16; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

OFFERTORY COLLECTION October 25, 2009 \$1373.00

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

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit from October 24th - November 7th in memory of Wilbur Curlett by Judith Johnson.

The new boxed sets of **offertory envelopes** are in the last pew on the organ side ready to be picked up. If you are not currently using envelopes and would like to begin, please drop a note in the offertory basket and a set will be made available.

Monthly Income & Expense Report for October 2009

Offertory	\$ 5,272.00
Other Income (some of these funds are specified for certain purposes)	\$ 3,267.00
Income	\$ 8,539.00
Expenses	\$ 12,026.04

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	October 31,	5:00 PM (rip) Roy Pollard, Sr.
Sunday,	November 1,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE
Monday,	November 2,	7:30 PM Nine Masses for All Souls
Tuesday,	November 3,	9:00 AM Nine Masses for All Souls
Wednesday,	November 4,	8:00 AM Nine Masses for All Souls
Thursday,	November 5,	9:00 AM Nine Masses for All Souls
Saturday,	November 7,	5:00 PM Nine Masses for All Souls
Sunday,	November 8,	9:00 AM Nine Masses for All Souls

Please note the time for the All Souls Mass on November 2nd, will be at 7:30 p.m.

The next available dates for a Mass intention are March 15, 16, and 18.

Christmas Cantata - The Delaware City Ecumenical Council will be starting practices for a Christmas Cantata. This is a program that combines drama, narration and singing to tell a Christmas story. The Cantata will be presented on Sunday, December 13th at 3 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church. Practice will be there as well, starting on Wed., November 4th, 7pm and each Wednesday until the performance. There are opportunities to act, read, sing with the choir, and help with production, so please bring your talents and join in this ecumenical celebration. Children and adults welcome.

Vocations – The true vocation of every Christian is to be a saint. God calls each of us to sanctity in a personal, intimate way. Some are called to become saints through priesthood, religious life, or diaconate. Could God be calling you to one of these vocations? Call or write Fr. Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113; jcocucci@cdow.org). Visit our new website: www.calledbytheLord.com.

As you know Bishop Malooly authorized the filing of a bankruptcy petition on behalf of the Diocese Corporation. This was a difficult decision to make but he did it because having been unable to settle the priest abuse cases that were coming to trial bankruptcy was the only way to ensure all victims of abuse are fairly compensated.

You may wonder how the Diocese filing bankruptcy will affect our parish. St. Paul's Parish is a separate corporation from the Diocese. It is not affected by the bankruptcy filing. All of the parish property is owned by the parish, not the Diocese, so it is not part of the bankruptcy.

The Diocese has set up a special Reorganization Information page on its website, www.cdow.org which contains a variety of information regarding the bankruptcy. There is also a toll-free information telephone line for questions – 1-866-428-2272. The phone number is on the diocesan website.

Please be assured that any settlements by the Diocese have been paid out of diocesan investment reserves and insurance and not out of parish funds, parishioner donations, or student tuitions to Catholic Schools. The Diocese intends to continue to pay both settlement monies and legal fees through investment accounts.

The bankruptcy filing understandably creates uncertainty and concern. The Diocese intends to push the bankruptcy process as fast as can be done, to resolve all of the claims as quickly and as fairly as possible.

Let us all pray that a speedy and fair resolution of this process will help heal victims of abuse.

The Bishop needs our prayers and support at this difficult time. If you wish to send him a note of encouragement and let him know you are praying for him, you can send a note to him at the Chancery Office, Diocese of Wilmington, P. O. Box 2030, Wilmington, DE 19899-2030.