

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)

Third Sunday of Advent

WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY: Our Lord is near! Emmanuel – God is with us. We rejoice in his presence and in his promises even as we ask, "What should we do?"

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Micah 5:1-4; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

OFFERTORY COLLECTION December 6, 2009 \$1229.00

This weekend the annual collection for Retirement Fund for Religious will be taken up. With an annual cost of care for religious of over \$1 billion in 2008, the collection cannot eradicate the need; but it can certainly help to alleviate it. The Retirement Fund is supported solely by donations, and 95% of contributions aid elder religious.

Lectors for next weekend's Masses are: 5 p.m. – John Edwards, 9 a.m. – Deborah Crabtree.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit from December 5th – 19th for Cecile Slutter and Joanna Pasquino.

Reconciliation – listed are places where you can go to confession during the Advent Season. Monday, Dec. 14th, the Deanery celebration of Penance at 7 p.m. at St. Peter's in New Castle; Sunday, Dec. 20th right after Mass confessions here; and Sunday, Dec. 20th at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church in Middletown, **Tuesday, Dec. 22nd at 7 p.m. – confessions here – last time before Christmas. It will begin at 7 p.m. and it will end when there is no one here.**

Thanks to all who supported the fundraiser for our parish at Crabby Dick's Restaurant.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	December 12,	5:00 PM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE
Sunday,	December 13,	9:00 AM (rip) Clarence J. TaBois by Dorothy TaBois
Monday,	December 14,	9:00 AM (rip) Margaret Townsend
Tuesday,	December 15,	9:00 AM (rip) Martin Brannon by David Smith
Wednesday,	December 16,	8:00 AM (rip) Jane & Littleton Mitchell by David Smith
Thursday,	December 17,	9:00 AM (rip) Charles Crompton by David Smith
Saturday,	December 19,	5:00 PM (rip) Jane & Littleton Mitchell by David Smith
Sunday,	December 20,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE

The next available Masses for an intention are April 28, 29, 2010. Stipends are \$10 per Mass.

Please return your gifts for the Governor Bacon Residents by this Wednesday, 12/15/09.

The Church Cleaning ministry could use another cleaning team. Grab a friend or a relative and help us once every five weeks or so to keep the church neat. Leave a message for Debbie Martin at 832-0653.

Holiday Mass Schedule: 12/24 - Christmas Eve – 4 p.m. & 7 p.m.; 12/25 – Christmas Day – 9 a.m.; 12/31 – New Year's Eve – 4 p.m.; 1/1/10 – New Year's Day – 9 a.m.

The Ecumenical Christmas Cantata "Behold That Star" will be held at 3 pm on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 13, at First Presbyterian Church on Jefferson Street. All are welcome. (Anticipate that it will be less than 1 hour).

Vocations – Through the prophet Zephaniah, God says "Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged! The Lord is in your midst!" Priests and religious sisters and brothers spend their lives helping other people recognize God in their midst. Are you ready to join them in their mission? Call or write Father Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113, ccocucci@cdow.org). And be sure to visit our website: www.CalledByTheLord.com!

Listen to **Catholic Forum** every Sunday morning at 10:05 a.m. on 1150AM WDEL and www.wdel.com. Next Sunday, December 20th, tune in to hear the annual Catholic Forum Christmas Program featuring Bishop Malooly's Christmas message to the people of the Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore. Catholic Forum is a production of the Office of Communications of the Diocese of Wilmington.

FULL TIME SECRETARY/RECEPTIONIST - The Diocese of Wilmington/Catholic Charities is seeking a full time Secretary /Receptionist in the Dover office. This position provides support services for the staff and clients including client fees, intake and screening of clients, supervision of the part-time support staff. Proficiency in a variety of software programs and able to manage correspondence, reports, memos, notices, fliers, etc. is necessary. Applicant must be able to work effectively and independently in a multi-task environment with excellent communication skills. Qualifications: Business or Commercial school certificate or high school or equivalent with 2-4 years of secretarial experience including supervision. Send Resumes to Director of Human Resources, P. O. Box 2030, Wilmington, DE 19899-2030, Fax (302) 573-6944, e-mail djones@ccwilm.org or download application at www.cdow.org click on Employment, Diocesan Offices and Services.