

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)

Feast of the Holy Family

WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

The Holy Family provides a model for relationships of mutual love and respect between parents and children. God blesses and protects all families as the first school of love.



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

OFFERTORY COLLECTION December 20, 2009 \$257.00

Obviously it was a small collection because of the snow. If you are able to make up for that collection in the near future, it would be very much appreciated and help our budget greatly.

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

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit from December 19th – January 2nd for the McKenna & Talley Families (living & deceased) by Pat & Norma McKenna.

Thank you to those who helped to decorate the church and to those who helped to push the snow off the sidewalks.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	December 26,	5:00 PM Nine Masses for Christmas
Sunday,	December 27,	9:00 AM Nine Masses for Christmas
Monday,	December 28,	9:00 AM Nine Masses for Christmas
Tuesday,	December 29,	9:00 AM Nine Masses for Christmas
Wednesday,	December 30,	8:00 AM Nine Masses for Christmas
Thursday,	December 31,	4:00 PM Nine Masses for Christmas
Friday,	January 1,	9:00 AM Nine Masses for Christmas
Saturday,	January 2,	5:00 PM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE
Sunday,	January 3,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE

The next available dates for a Mass intention are April 28, 29, 2010. The stipend for a Mass is \$10.



January 1st is the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. It is a **Holyday of Obligation.** Masses for this Holyday will be Thursday, December 31st at 4 p.m. and Friday, January 1st at 9 a.m.

The end of the Christmas Season is January 10th, the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. After the Mass on Sunday your help would be appreciated so that we can take the decorations down and store them for next Christmas.

Some of you may notice that the flag at the rectory is the 13 star flag. I fly this usually at this time of year as a reminder and thanks to those who felt the harshness of winter in Valley Forge. It may be good for us to remember them and all who are serving to protect our country.

Vocations – We have so much to learn from the Holy Family: Mary allows God's will to change her life; Joseph pays close attention to and follows the prompting of the angel; Jesus says to the Father "not my will, but Thine be done." What is the Father's will for you? Are you taking steps to find out?

The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God - Mary was chosen to bring the presence of God into the world in a unique way. Every day, all over the world, priests bring the presence of the Lord to God's people through the preaching of the Word and the celebration of the sacraments. If you think God might be calling you to serve as a priest, talk to your pastor or call or write Father Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113, jcocucci@cdow.org). Be sure to visit our website: www.CalledByTheLord.com!



Happy New Year – As we begin a new year people seem to make New Year's resolutions, which is mostly about dieting and goes out the door on January 2nd. However, I would ask you that you make a resolution of giving God the thanks He deserves by resolving to attend Mass on Sundays and Holydays. It will not only be a way of thanking Him but hopefully will be a way of helping you take care of your spiritual life.

Best wishes to you and your family for this New Year. During this year let us pray for one another.

Father Pollard