

## SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Confessions:** ½ hour before each Mass for twenty minutes or by appointment.

For the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, Confirmation, and Marriage, please see the parish website.

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

**WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY** – My friends, today Jesus tells us that his sheep hear his voice. There are many strange voices in our world today and sometimes it is difficult to discern true voice from false. When we were baptized a prayer was spoken over us. As we renew our baptismal promises, let us pray this prayer for ourselves, for our young people, and for anyone for whom we are concerned: The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the mute speak. May He open our ears to receive his word and our mouths to proclaim the Gospel, to the praise and glory of God.

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:** Acts 14:21-27; Revelations 21:1-5a; John 13:31-33a, 34-35

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION** April 18, 2010 \$1295.00

The Nine Masses for Mother's Day will begin on Mother's Day.

**Mother's Day Cards** are available in the vestibule. All mothers, grandmothers, and Godmothers will be remembered at all Masses during the month of May.

**Lectors** for next weekend's Masses are: 5 p.m. – Charlie Gondek, 9 a.m. – Linda Michel.

**Eucharistic Ministers** for next weekend's Masses are: 5 p.m. – Susan, Debbie, & Charlie; 9 a.m. – Judy, Marie, & Richard.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit from April 24<sup>th</sup> – May 8<sup>th</sup> in memory of Wilbur Curlett by Judith Johnson.

The next available dates for a Mass intention are August 11, 12, and 15. The stipend for a Mass is \$10.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	April 24,	5:00 PM (rip) Victor Press by Ruth Press
Sunday,	April 25,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE
Monday,	April 26,	9:00 AM (viv) Mary Smith by David Smith
Tuesday,	April 27,	9:00 AM (viv) Charlie Gondek by David Smith
Wednesday,	April 28,	8:00 AM Richard Crum Family (living & deceased) by David Smith
Thursday,	April 29,	9:00 AM Lilley Family (living & deceased) by David Smith
Saturday,	May 1,	5:00 PM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE
Sunday,	May 2,	9:00 AM (rip) Mary Dennis by Sandra Morris & family



**First Communion** - Today we welcome Mackenzie Marvel and Michael Nester to the Table of the Lord for the first time.

**Thank you** to all who supported the fundraiser at Crabby Dick's. Thank you to all who helped with the Yard Sale. Thanks to the volunteers, bakers, and to those who donated items.

**2010 Annual Catholic Appeal – One in Heart and Mind with Jesus** - In today's Gospel Jesus tells us, "My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish."

Everyone is welcomed to the flock by Jesus. We, too, must act faithfully to reach out to all individuals, especially those who feel neglected or abandoned. As Jesus committed His life to being the "one shepherd", we, too, must commit ourselves as Catholics, to providing service to all.

The Annual Catholic Appeal, with its theme, *One in Heart and Mind with Jesus*, invites each of us to be Disciples of Christ and to share in His mission to feed and house the poor, to minister to the sick and discouraged, to educate our young and to encourage strong, healthy, loving families.

Many thanks to those who have responded to the 2010 Annual Catholic Appeal; your generosity is deeply appreciated. If you have not yet participated, please consider completing a pledge form as soon as possible. It is never too late to help someone in need.

We have recently celebrated the great gift of salvation for Lent and the Easter Season. These gifts are presented to us at Mass. We should not need a law to remind us that we should be present at the beginning of Mass and not leave until Mass is over. It is also present in the new Church law, which started in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. If you get tied up in traffic and are late to Mass that is a reasonable excuse. If you get sick during Mass – leave – that is also a reasonable excuse. However, to leave without a serious reason or be late without a serious reason is basically telling God that He is not important and receiving Communion and leaving before the end of the Mass is also disrespectful and a bad example.

**Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations**, with the theme of "Witness Awakens Vocations." Please pray for our priests, brothers, deacons, and women and men in consecrated life, that they be great witnesses to the whole Church and that their examples strengthen within our youth the desire to seek God's will for their lives. A new Website, [www.ForYourVocation.org](http://www.ForYourVocation.org), is being launched by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in conjunction with the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The Website has two objectives: to help individuals hear and respond to the call by God to the priesthood or consecrated life, and to educate all Catholics on the importance of encouraging others through prayer and activities to promote vocations. The site offers resources for men and women who may have a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, aids for promoting a vocation-culture within the home, and tools for educators, youth leaders and vocation directors including prayers, videos, best practices, lesson plans and vocation awareness programs.