

## SAINT PAUL PARISH

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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 Parish Cemetery Information: Contact Scott Hudson at (302) 656-3323 or email at [shudson@cathcemde.org](mailto:shudson@cathcemde.org)

Please visit and LIKE our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/698842276869943/>

Please consider an offering online at: <http://www.stpaulsrcchurch.org/donate.php> to assist in the support of our Parish. Thank you for your continued generosity.

December 24, 2023  
Fourth Sunday in Advent

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Offertory \$ 1,357

St Vincent de Paul Society \$ 1,139

**This week** – there will be a second collection for your Christmas Offering.

**Food Closet** –Any monetary donations to assist with the purchasing of Bread/Milk/Eggs vouchers from the Sunset Market downtown will be deposited and remitted through our parish. Please make checks payable to: St Paul Parish. There are Special Offering Envelopes on the windowsills.

**Volunteer or Volunteers requested** – Steve Beaston, who carries out the Homeless Ministry for us through St Vincent de Paul Society, will be unavailable to perform this Ministry during the month of January. If you have an interest and some time to fill in for him, please contact Steve for more information at 302-463-8747 or [smbent@verizon.net](mailto:smbent@verizon.net)

**BAZAAR APPRECIATION PARTY-** A dinner will be held on **January 6, 2024 at 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall** for all the crafters, workers and anyone who helped to make our Bazaar such a tremendous success. Please call Rosina (302-328-0364) or Joann (302-420-1291) **before December 28, 2023**, to make your reservation. This is for ADULTS only.

**Please return your Sanctuary Candle envelopes at your earliest convenience.**

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	December 23	5:00 PM (RIP) Michael (Trinh) Dao & Maria (Cham) Dao by Kim Du Thein Du
Sunday	December 24	9:00 AM (RIP) Mark Maguire by the Gleeson Family
	<b>Sunday December 24</b>	<b>4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass</b>
Monday	December 25	9:00 AM (RIP) Warren Rice by the Gleeson Family
Tuesday	December 26	8:30 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE
Saturday	December 30	5:00 PM (RIP) Virginia Havens by the Patterson Family
Sunday	December 31	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE
Monday	January 1	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE
Tuesday	December 2	8:30 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE

The Sanctuary Candle is lit from 12/17-12/30 in memory of Loretta Aveyard, Anna Blair, & Theresa Skinner by Katherine Skinner

### Message from Fr. Dave

*I hope all of you have a very blessed Christmas as we celebrate the Nativity of the Lord this weekend. I'm honored to celebrate my first Christmas here at Saint Paul Parish. Please remember that January 1st is not a Day of Obligation next month because it falls on Monday. We will still have a Mass for the Holy Day on January 1st at 9am. Each Parish in the Diocese of Wilmington is incorporated according to the Incorporation laws of the State Delaware or Maryland as a non-profit religious corporation. The Parish Corporation is a civil body created solely for legal purposes and has authority and competence only in those civil matters for which it was created. Each Parish corporation has five trustees who act on behalf of the civil Parish Corporation. The Bishop and the Chancellor of the Diocese along with the Pastor of the Parish are ex-officio members of the corporation. Two lay trustees who are members of the Parish are elected each year as members of the Parish Corporation. This election takes place every year on the first Sunday of January. If you are interested in serving as a trustee for Saint Paul Parish, please inform me of your intention by January 2, 2024. Our parish election will take place on January 7, 2024 after the 9am Mass.*

**The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul homeless project** provides small bags of food and personal items to homeless people located throughout the diocese. Around Thanksgiving, we requested donations of hats, gloves, snack bars, protein shakes, and small packages of tissues or wet wipes – thank you to the many parishioners who have already responded. We are still accepting donations through the end of the year and you can place a donation under the statue of Saint Joseph. Thank you and May God Bless You during this holiday season.

