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Guide to our Church - Part II

This is a continuation of the guide to our church. Several weeks ago we wrote about the Stations of the Cross (located on the walls of the church) and the furnishings in the Sanctuary: the Altar (located in the center of the sanctuary); the Ambo (located in the sanctuary to the right of the altar), the Presider's Chair (located in the sanctuary behind the altar), the Baldacchino (located above the altar). The sanctuary is set in the midst of the assembly and is an elevated stone platform, providing a focal point for the celebration of the Eucharist.

This week we will write about the Nave of the church, the Baptismal Font, the Ambry, the Tabernacle, the Harold Wilson Eucharistic Chapel and the Reconciliation Room.

The Nave

Nave is an ancient name for the main body of the church. It contains the baptismal font, ambry, pews, chairs, sanctuary, altar, ambo, presider's chair, tabernacle, stations of the cross, statues.

The Baptismal Font

The Baptismal Font provides holy water for everyday use and for Baptism. It is located at the center of the main aisle to reflect the renewed awareness of the importance of the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Ambry

An ambry is the cabinet where holy oils are stored. Three oils are kept in the ambry: the oil for anointing the sick, the oil for anointing catechumens and chrism for Baptism, Confirmation, Priesthood and the consecration of altars. The Cardinal blesses these oils in large containers at the Chrism Mass held every year at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston. Then they are poured into smaller vessels and brought to all the parishes of the diocese. The Ambry at St. Paul's is mounted on the left wall as you enter the Nave of the church.

The Tabernacle

The Tabernacle is a place for the reservation of the Eucharist for the sick and for private prayer. Our tabernacle is situated so that it is immediately visible upon entering the church.

The Harold Wilson Eucharistic Chapel

This chapel is reserved for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for your adoration in this chapel on Saturdays from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The Blessed Sacrament will be reserved in the tabernacle for your adoration at all other times. The lit sanctuary lamp is always a sign of the presence of the Lord and is an invitation to all who wish to come and spend some quiet time with the Lord.

The Reconciliation Room

This room replaces the traditional confessionals to accommodate the Renewed Rite of Penance. The Reconciliation room provides both privacy and the option of face-to-face confession. It is located in the back section of the church opposite the Eucharistic Chapel. Confessions are heard every Saturday from 3:45 - 4:15 pm.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 29

4:30 pm

Louis Zampell

Sunday, August 30

8:00 am

Alice Lombardi

10:15 am

Helen Koval

6:30 pm

John C. Morse

Monday, August 31

9:00 am

Rev. Francis M. Dolan

Tuesday, September 1

9:00 am

Lottie Gahm

Wednesday, September 2

9:00 am

For the Parish

Thursday, September 3

9:00 am

Jeffrey Williams

Friday, September 4

9:00 am

June and Anthony Passaretti

Saturday, September 5

4:30 pm

Bonnie Shane

Sunday, September 6

8:00 am

John & Flora Desmond

10:15 am

Joseph Macaulay

6:30 pm

Celia & Arthur Connery

Please Pray For

Barbara McLean, Ken Meserve, Vanessa Dungey, Kate Starr, Sophia Shaw, Sally Minich, Eutawna Clark, Rita Pooler, Thomas Queen, Carol LaMontagne, Carolyn Dutton, Marie Magill, David Sceggell, Lisa Carey, Beth Rebello, Paul Haggerty, Glen Brotchie, Donna Wilson, Linda Wilson, Terry Plourde, Isabella Buccaflusca, and all who are ill, in nursing homes, and for those who are hospitalized.

Prayer For Our Troops

Father, hold our troops in your loving hands and protect them as they protect us. Be with them and comfort them with your loving presence while they are away from their homes. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need and grant us all peace, both as individuals and as a world community. We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son, with faith that you will hear and answer all our prayers according to your will. Amen

Prep 2009 - 2010 Enrollment

If you are new to the parish or have a child entering Grade 1, please email Jeanne Abbott at jeanne.abbott@verizon.net. If you are new to the parish and have a child entering Grades 7 - 10, please contact jackiemartin101@verizon.net

PREP registrations are now due

PREP forms and calendars have been emailed to all families who are currently enrolled in religious education classes. Please send in forms ASAP so that we can plan classes for the fall. Forms can be sent to Jeanne Abbott at The Church of St. Paul, 50 Union Street, South Hamilton, MA 01982.

First Communion Portraits are ready

Please pick up your portraits outside of the PREP office located in the church hall.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Saturday, October 24, 2009
4:30 pm Mass

Fall Retreat

Grades 9 and 10
Sunday, September 20
Details to follow

Visitation to the Sick

Anyone who cannot celebrate Mass with us in the church because of illness, disability or age, and who wishes to receive the Sacraments (Confession, Communion, Anointing of the Sick), please call the rectory at 978-468-2337.

The Men's Prayer Group meets Saturday mornings at 7:30 am in the church. Please join us.

Watch the Bulletin for Details on Coming Parish Events

SEVENFOLD Weekend
September 12 and 13

Outdoor Mass
Saturday, September 12
4:30 pm

Respect Life Baby Shower
Weekend of October 17 and 18

Wedding



Banns

**Holly Fraser
and
Joseph Servizio**

We Welcome New Members to The Church of Saint Paul

If you are new to our parish, we wish to welcome you and hope that you find St. Paul's to be a warm and caring community. To register as a member of our parish, please call the rectory office at 978-468-2337. Registration can be completed in a few minutes over the phone or a form can be mailed to you.

The Year For Priests
June 19, 2009 to June 19, 2010

Peoples' Prayer for Priests

Dear Lord,
we pray that the Blessed Mother
wrap her mantle around your priests
and through her intercession
strengthen them for their ministry.
We pray that Mary will guide your priests to
follow her own words,
"Do whatever He tells you." (Jn 2:5)

May your priests have the heart
of St. Joseph, Mary's most chaste spouse.
May the Blessed Mother's own pierced heart
inspire them to embrace all who suffer at the
foot of the cross.

May your priests be holy, filled with the fire of
your love seeking nothing but your greater glory
and the salvation of souls.
Amen

Bishop Fenwick High School
50th Anniversary Liturgy

Sunday, September 13, 2009 at 10:30 am
Bishop Fenwick High School Auditorium
99 Margin Street, Peabody, MA
Celebrant: Sean P. Cardinal O'Malley, OFM Cap.

You are cordially invited to join Sean P. Cardinal O'Malley and the Fenwick Community at the celebratory liturgy commemorating the school's 50th anniversary. If you are an alum, past or current parent, faculty or staff member or a friend of Fenwick, we warmly invite you to join in this special celebration to observe the proud honor of providing a quality Catholic education to the students of the greater Northshore area since 1959.

*He summoned the crowd again and said to them,
"Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that
enters one from outside can defile that person; but
the things that come out from within are
what defile." — Mk 7:14-15*

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our friend hosts Thanksgiving dinner every year for his extended family, and usually more than twenty people attend. And every year, he tries to introduce a different cranberry sauce recipe into the mix, but is warned ahead of time by his mother-in-law that the cranberry sauce had better sit in the dish and look just like the can it came out of, or there will be trouble. They've always done it that way, she says, and no one, not even her son-in-law, is going to break that tradition. He tries to explain that his will still taste like cranberries, but she still prefers tradition.

Today's Gospel reading from Mark is a lesson in traditions and how often we lose sight of what is really important in our day-to-day behavior. The Pharisees observe Jesus' disciples eating their meal with unwashed hands. According to old Jewish laws and traditions, this meant their food was unclean as well, and would in turn give them unclean spirits. Jesus, however, scolded the Pharisees, telling them that it doesn't matter if what goes into their body is a bit dirty; it is only important to pay attention to what comes out of our bodies-our words and actions. These must remain clean and filled with God's love.

We are taught in the Catechism of the Catholic Church that in prayer, we are petitioning the Holy Spirit to come to us in Christ Jesus' name. And in doing so, we are asking for our hearts and souls to be purified and cleansed, enabling us to serve God with love (CCC 2671). While no one is saying that it doesn't matter if you wash your hands before a meal, Jesus is simply asking us to keep in perspective the fact that we must always keep our minds in prayer, and our words and deeds in service to God.

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