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Mission Statement

We, as the parish family of Saint Paul, recognize that our mission is to be a joyful, welcoming community centered in the Eucharist. Through our prayer and liturgy, we are empowered to grow in faith, love and service.

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:15 AM, 5:30 PM

Daily Mass

Monday - Friday: 9:00 AM

Sacrament of Baptism

Arranged by Appointment

Sacrament of Reconciliation

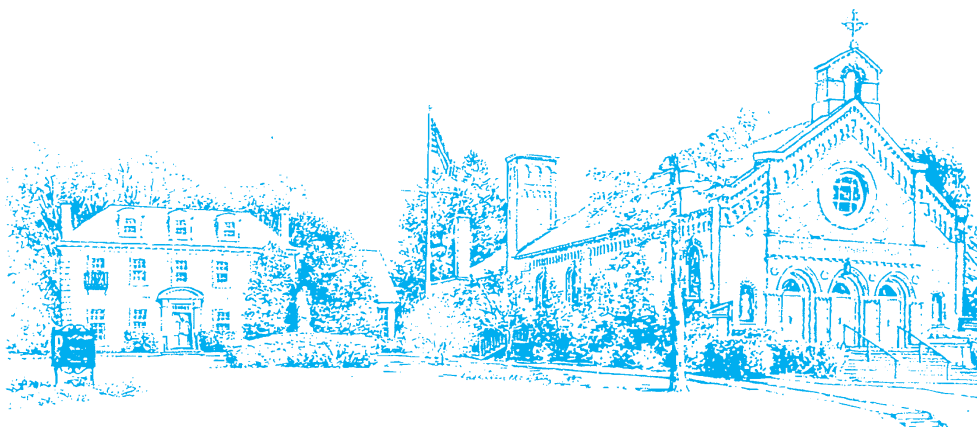
Saturday: 3:45 - 4:15 PM

Sacrament of Marriage

Arranged at least six months prior to the chosen date.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please call the rectory as soon as any member of your family becomes hospitalized or confined to home because of illness or age. We want to visit and to make the Sacrament of the Sick available.



The Church of Saint Paul Welcomes New Members

50 Union Street, South Hamilton, MA 01982

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 26

4:30 pm

Carole LaMontagne

Sunday, December 27

8:00 am

Mary Winslow

10:15 am

Elizabeth and Norman**Chamberlin**

5:30 pm

Joseph & Orelie Jacques

Monday, December 28

9:00 am

John Creamer

Tuesday, December 29

9:00 am

Patricia McGannon

Wednesday, December 30

9:00 am

Anna Pierce

Thursday, December 31

9:00 am

Henry and James White**Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary**

7:00 pm

William McLean

Friday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary

8:00 am

Lucia Clemenzi

10:15

Gerald McGettrick

Saturday, January 2

4:30 pm

Gerald T. Shea

Sunday, January 3

8:00 am

Marie Riley and Kathleen**Dwyer**

10:15 am

Carole LaMontagne

5:30 pm

Randi Thibeault**Letter from Our Pastor...****Hi Everyone:**

I wish you all a very holy and Happy New Year and let us resolve that we as a parish family will continue to grow in our love and appreciation of each other so that we may be a welcoming, forgiving and loving community. We wish to thank all of you who have created a very festive atmosphere around the church and rectory. I am sure you noticed the beautiful creche outside of the church. Well that is the work of Charlie and Beverly Thibeault and family. We are all grateful to you for your generosity, time and concern. Thank you. To Craig Henkels for the beautiful floral display that adorns the sanctuary. Mr. Henkels donates this spectacular floral arrangement in memory of his mother. So we ask you to whisper a silent prayer for her as you enjoy the beauty of these flowers. Craig, we all thank you. Also, a big thank you to Stephen Jones for his annual donation of poinsettias that now adorn the tabernacle and Candace Carr, for the greens that adorn the interior and entrances of the church during Advent Season. And to Joe DiPalma for providing the electric power for the Christmas tree.

I would like to extend a great big thank you to all of you who contributed with such overwhelming generosity to the groups who solicited assistance for Christmas for all those who are in need. "When you did it to the least of mine, you did it for me," – says the Lord Jesus. The Giving Tree, Catholic Charities, and Operation Ziploc, all of these groups were the recipients of your love and concern. To the 6th Graders who created the tags for the Giving Tree and your wonderful efforts to help distribute gifts. Thank you. We thank you and whenever an appeal is made you always rise to the occasion. We are all proud of you and we thank you.

I love you all,
Fr. B

HOME VISITS

This is certainly a very busy time of year for everyone and also an exciting time of year – people getting together for parties and shopping and taking part in the Christmas season. There are those, however, for whom there is no excitement and is a very lonely time. In the spirit of reaching out to them in friendship, we here at St. Paul's are visiting individuals and couples, Catholic and non-Catholics alike. There are people who might be confined to their homes, in the hospital or other care facilities or would just like someone to visit. If you would like someone to visit you or know a friend, a relative or neighbor who would enjoy a visit, this may be an opportunity to bring them a measure of enjoyment. If you are interested, please call Elsa Krachman at 978-468-8688 or call the rectory at 978-468-2337.

Let us remember the words of the Lord "when you do it to the least of my brothers and sisters you did it to me."

Please pray for... Kathleen Schroot, Carolyn Pelletier, Julie Coats, Evelyn E. Nelson, Elizabeth Dunbar, Barbara McLean, Kate Starr, Sophia Shaw, Sally Minich, Eutawna Clark, Rita Pooler, Thomas Queen, Carolyn Dutton, Marie Magill, Lisa Carey, Beth Rebello, Paul Haggerty, Glen Brotchie, Donna Wilson, Linda Wilson, Terry Plourde, Isabella Buccafusca, and all who are ill, in nursing homes, and for those who are hospitalized.

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DECEMBER 27, 2009

WEDDING BANNS III

Lauren Pike

Thomas Jones

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*

ST. PAUL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Jeanne Abbott, Coordinator

First Penance for Grade 2 will be on Sunday, January 10 at 1:00 in church. Each child is to be accompanied by a parent.

WBZ NEWS RADIO 1030 STORMCENTER

If we should have inclement weather on PREP Sunday mornings, please tune in to WBZ 1030AM at :05, and :35 past the hour for up-to-minute PREP closings and storm related cancellations. If H/W cancels school, then PREP on Monday/Tuesday afternoons will also be cancelled. If you have any questions, please call the rectory or Jeanne Abbott.

**Welcome to the Church of Saint Paul
of Hamilton and Wenham**

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. Census forms are also available on the tables at the doors of the church.

DECEMBER 27, 2009

A New Year's Message
from the Parish Staff to Our Parish Family

We wish you all a very holy and happy New Year, and we pray that during the new year we will all continue to grow as a family, that we continue to serve one another, and that we be the light that dispels the darkness.

NEW YEAR'S DAY 2010

Holy Day
MASS SCHEDULE

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Thursday, December 31
Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary
7:00 pm

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Friday, January 1
Solemnity of Mary

8:00 a.m.
10:15 a.m.

January 1, 2010
Mary, Mother of God,
Mary is the mother of God
and all of humanity

As Christians we believe in the full humanity and full divinity of Jesus. We also recognize Mary's role in God's saving plan. She was the mother and bore Jesus, the human baby; but because we also believe in the two natures of Jesus and his full divinity, Mary then is the Mother of God. She was the mother of the whole person of Jesus, both his humanity and his divinity. It was at the Council of Ephesus in 431 that the Church proclaimed Mary truly to be the Mother of God.

Mary is part of the salvation won by Christ and hears this news when the shepherds come to the stable. She does not fully understand what they say to her, but she follows God's laws, contemplates the words of the shepherds, and fully cooperates with the mystery of God.

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