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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

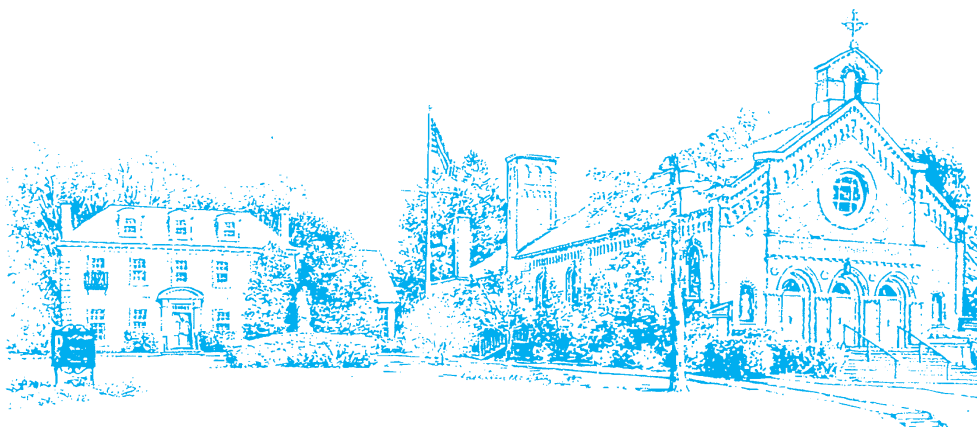
Saturday: 3:45 - 4:15 PM

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . . Kathleen Schroot, Carolyn Pelletier, Julie Coats, Evelyn E. Nelson, Elizabeth Dunbar, Barbara McLean, Gayle Hatton, 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 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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 13
4:30 pm
Joan Hogan

Sunday, February 14
8:00 am
Wrynn Family

10:15 am
Kenneth Monaco

5:30 pm
Leo and Helen Jacques

Monday, February 15
9:00 am
Dorothy Gahm

Tuesday, February 16
9:00 am
Rev. Charles Duggan

Ash Wednesday, February 17
7:00 am
Florence Foster

9:00 am
Jean D'Arcy

7:00 pm
Josephine Begg

Thursday, February 18
9:00 am
Michael Mikuelwicz

Friday, February 19
9:00 am
Dorothy Gahm

Saturday, February 20
4:30 pm
Charles Steward

Sunday, February 21
8:00 am
Paul Harrison

10:15 am
Betti Warden

5:30 pm
Denys Gonthier

*“Blessed are you who are poor,
for the kingdom of God is yours.
Blessed are you who are now hungry,
for you will be satisfied.”*

— Lk 6:20-21

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

ASH WEDNESDAY
Wednesday, February 17, 2010

MASS AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES
7:00 am, 9:00 am, 7:00 pm

DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES ONLY
3:00 pm

LENTEN REGULATIONS 2010

Abstinence -- Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligation of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent. On days of abstinence, meat may not be used at all.

Fast -- Catholics over 18 and up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the days of fasting. On these days, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.

Regarding other weekdays of Lent, participation in daily Mass and the voluntary observance of fasting is recommended. Commendable, particularly during Lent, is generosity to local, national and world programs of sharing our abundance, the traditional Lenten Devotions and all the self-denial summed up in the Christian concept of “mortification.”

PASTOR'S LETTER

This week we begin our journey of faith toward the great Feast of Easter. **This Wednesday, February 17, is Ash Wednesday**, and I encourage all of you to embark on this journey with determination and perseverance. Let us make this Lent our best Lenten season. We encourage your attendance at daily Mass. We know that many of you cannot do so because of work commitments, but there are many others who, with a little effort, could be there. Daily attendance at weekday Mass and the participation in the Lenten programs being offered here at St. Paul's this year will feed your faith and renew your hope and will bless your journey of faith and love. There are many opportunities to make your personal journey with Christ meaningful.

I love you all,
Father B

LENTEN SCHEDULE 2010

Daily Mass

9:00 am Monday - Friday

Stations of the Cross

Friday mornings after the 9:00 am Mass

Lenten Bible Study

Thursdays 7 - 8:30 pm
Church Hall

Presenter: Father Arthur Driscoll

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Light is On For You

Wednesday Evenings

6:30 - 8:00 pm

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Eucharistic Adoration

Saturdays

7:30 am - 4:00 pm

Mime Stations of the Cross

Sunday, March 21

(watch bulletin for details)

PREP SCHEDULE

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17th during vacation week.

Sunday, February 14
No Class

Sunday, February 21
Movie in the church hall

Sunday, February 28
Classes at the Middle School

ST. PAUL'S EDGE PROGRAM Semester II

February 23
Loving God in our Families

March 2
Loving God in our Schools

March 9
Temptation and Peer Pressure

March 16
Vocation

March 23
Dealing with Apathy

March 30
Role of Sacraments and Grace in
Living Life in Christ

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Father Arthur Driscoll, former dean of St. John's Seminary College, is conducting a bible study at St. Paul's during Lent. Father Driscoll has over 20 years experience conducting bible studies. This study offers a great opportunity for participants to increase their knowledge of the bible. The bible study, which started Thursday, February 11th, will be held on Thursday nights during Lent in the church hall from 7 to 8:30 pm. Join us and make this a special Lent. Feel free to come to any sessions that you are able to make.

**HAPPY
VALENTINE'S DAY**

**BOSTON CATHOLIC
WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

Please join women from Our Lady of Hope in Ipswich and area parishes who are attending the 5th Annual Boston Catholic Women's Conference on Saturday, February 27th at the beautiful Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston.

**For information, contact Joanne DiNatale
at
(978-948-7863) or jodina4@verizon.net
or visit www.CatholicBoston.com,
email info@CatholicBoston
Phone (617-444-9950)**

**ST. PAUL'S
KNITTING MINISTRY**

The St. Paul Knitting Ministry held a workshop last Saturday to benefit the children of Haiti. During the workshop we cut, tied, and crocheted 45 fleece blankets. All of the blankets will be sent to Haiti. If you would like to join the ministry, we meet on the first Saturday of the month at 2:00 pm in the church hall. If you have any questions, please contact Toni Twomey at 978-468-1437.

PROJECT RACHEL

Do you know someone who is carrying grief and sorrow over past abortions? Project Rachel is the post-abortion ministry of the Catholic Church to help those dealing with the pain of abortion.

Project Rachel will offer three "*Come to the Waters*" post abortion healing retreats this spring: Sunday, February 28, Saturday, March 13, and Saturday, June 5.

For more information and registration for the date of your choice, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's unlikely that anyone has wished you "Happy Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time!" And I doubt that any Hallmark store carries fancy cards celebrating the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. It is Valentine's Day, and many cards and chocolates will be proffered to loved ones on this day named after a martyred Roman priest whose feast has become synonymous with the celebration of love.

While St. Valentine's Day is in full swing, this is also the last Sunday before Lent begins. We'll celebrate Ash Wednesday in just a few days and renew our traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Sunday's Gospel can get us ready for that.

We're used to hearing Matthew's version of the Eight Beatitudes. Luke does things a little differently. He gives us only four beatitudes, paralleled by "woes." And Luke is very concrete. If you're poor, you'll be rich. If you're rich, you'll be poor. If you're hungry, you'll be filled, and vice versa. Luke's blessings and woes provide a good challenge for us as we enter into Lent. Our fasting and almsgiving are directed at balancing out that equation of emptying ourselves to help the poor and the hungry. In doing that, we can become a blessing to others, and at the same time, bring about less woe in this suffering world.

So maybe it is appropriate that we celebrate Valentine's Day (and the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time) with a Gospel about blessings and woes. After all, true love isn't always easy; it demands some sacrifice. We'll be asked to sacrifice during Lent, placing a demand on our love. May we be as faithful as that martyred Roman priest, whose name has come to symbolize love, who imitated his Master, by giving up all.

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