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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

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 3, 2010

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

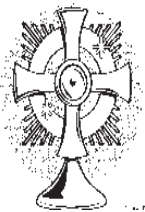
PRAYER FOR OUR TROOPS

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

CAN YOUR HELP?

Beverly Hospital is in need of additional Eucharistic Ministers to bring Communion for and to pray with the sick. Volunteers are needed, especially on SUNDAYS, to assist with this worthwhile ministry. Training is available and even one hour a month would be appreciated and helpful. Those who feel called to this ministry are encouraged to call John J. Kwiatek, Beverly Hospital's Pastoral Care Coordinator, at (508) 932-7311. Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for your adoration in the chapel on Saturdays from 7:30 am to 4:00 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.

**YEAR 2010
FAMILY APPOINTMENT CALENDARS**
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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 2
4:30 pm
Gerald T. Shea

Sunday, January 3
8:00 am
**Marie Riley
Kathleen Dwyer**

10:15 am
Carole LaMontagne

5:30 pm
Randi Thibeault

Monday, January 4
9:00 am
Sister Cephas, CSJ

Tuesday, January 5
9:00 am
Mary Vaughn

Wednesday, January 6
9:00 am
Jean D'Arcy

Thursday, January 7
9:00 pm
Robert Safrin

Friday, January 8
9:0 am
Eileen Mortimer

Saturday, January 9
4:30 pm
Helen Burton

Sunday, January 10
8:00 am
Marie Stroyny
10:15 am
Kenneth Monaco
5:30 pm
**Alice and Leonidas
Tremblay**

THE MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

St. Paul's Men's Prayer Group meets Saturday mornings at 7:30 am in the church. All men of the parish are invited.

HOME VISITS

There are people in our parish who might be confined to their homes, in the hospital or other facilities or people who would just like someone to visit them. In the spirit of reaching out to them in friendship, we here at St. Paul's are visiting individuals and couples, Catholics and non-Catholics. 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.*"

LENTEN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

A Lenten Pilgrimage to the Holy Land is being sponsored by Immaculate Conception Parish, Salem, from February 28 to March 9, 2010 (10 days, 8 nights) The cost is \$1,749 plus taxes and fees and includes air, hotels and breakfast and diner daily.

Included are the sacred sites of Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth and Galilee and much more. The deadline for signing up is the Thanksgiving holidays. To sign up or for further information, call **Shirley Kobialka at 978-744-8501.**

PREP

Jeanne Abbott, Coordinator

**First Penance for Grade 2
Sunday, January 10, 2010**

PREP for Grades 1 - 5 at the Middle School

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**A BLESSED
NEW YEAR**

CHRISTIAN VOCATION

Being attentive to our Christian call to witness
to God's tremendous love.

On the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, the Church invites us to consider our own vocation. How can we discern God's call? How can we listen to God's invitation to marriage, religious life, priesthood, diaconate? What am I to offer: my talents, my skills, my entire being? We have all been chosen by God through our Baptism to respond to our vocation. A panel of men and women will speak about their vocations. Take time with God and others to explore your vocational call. The time is right, God is waiting for you.

When:

Sunday, January 10, 2010

Where:

St. Michael Parish Hall, NorthAndover, MA

Time:

2:00 - 5:00 p, including Vespers and Benediction

Please RSVP to Sister Marian Batho, CSJ at
617-746-5637 or

Sr_Marian_Batho@cab.org

THE HOLY FAMILY

Adolescents are often characterized in American culture as moody, rebellious, unresponsive to adults, secretive, addicted to text messaging, and generally disconnected from their families. The caricature carries over into films, television shows, and comic strips like "Zits." Television sitcoms often garner great laughs by pitting younger, wittier children against adolescents to the delight of onlooking parents. Such views only serve to separate the members of a family rather than unite them as one household.

While we may laugh at the humor, letting culture define family life is not the direction offered by Christian experience. For starters, Christians begin with baptism, recognizing that each member of the family shares in the gift of the Holy Spirit that dwells in our hearts. As the writer of the First Letter of John says, "We are God's children now." In the family, each member is a precious gift with talents given by God.

The adolescent Jesus slipped away from Mary and Joseph in Sunday's Gospel. (Has it ever happened to you where one of your older kids slipped away because they wanted to stay out a little longer?) In the end, his actions were seen as part of God's larger plan. It remains a delicate balance in helping children to discern their gifts as they grow older, while at the same time providing the discipline and structure that will protect and guide them. This feast that we celebrate today reminds us that the balance comes from seeing ourselves as a family with God in our midst. With that as the starting point, rather than the culture of the day, we can all learn how to be about our heavenly Father's business.

Tax Laws for Charitable Contributions

Due to changes in the federal tax laws for charitable contributions, parishioners who itemize deductions on Schedule A of their tax return will not be able to deduct contributions to the parish unless they maintain a bank record or receive a written contribution statement from the parish. Cash contributions that are not in a parish envelope cannot be tracked by the parish and will not be included in the year-end contribution statement.

Recommended donation methods:

Use of parish envelopes provided to you by the parish.

Written check made payable to the parish.

Direct deposit from your bank/credit card account

Payroll deduction

St. Paul's will track contributions made using the parish envelope system and will, upon request, provide a written statement of contributions made during 2009. This information will include the name of the parish, name of parishioner, date for each individual contribution, and the dollar amount. St. Paul's cannot track cash contributions, regardless of the amount, that are not part of the parish offertory system.

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