

# The Church of *We Are Family* Saint Paul

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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**

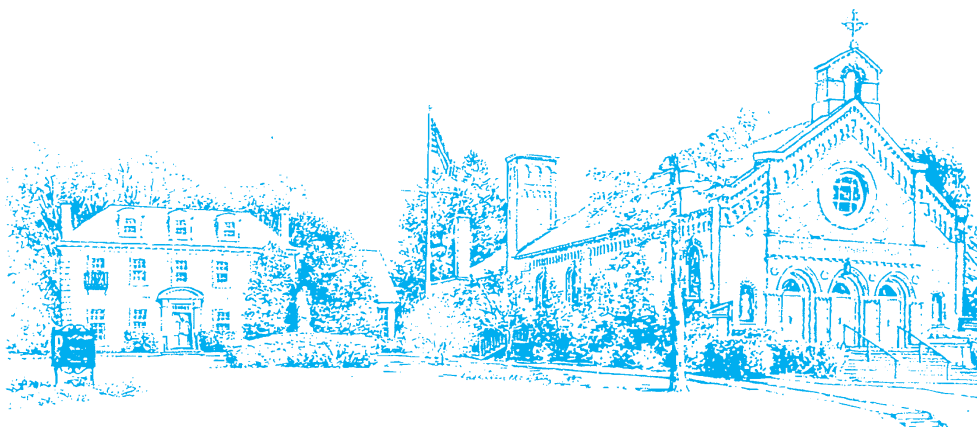
Saturday: 3:45 - 4:15 PM

## **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, 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.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, January 9  
4:30 pm

**Helen Burton**

Sunday, January 10  
8:00 am

**Marie Strojny**

10:15 am

**Kenneth Monaco**

5:30 pm

**Alice and Leonidas Tremblay**

Monday, January 11  
9:00 am

**Patrick Lambe**

Tuesday, January 12  
9:00 am

**John Downey**

Wednesday, January 13  
9:00 am

**Carole Lamontagne**

Thursday, January 14  
9:00 am

**Robert Sheeran**

Friday, January 15  
9:00 am

**Gladys Collins**

Saturday, January 16  
4:30 pm

Katherine Murphy

Sunday, January 17  
8:00 am

**L. Raymond Labrecque**

10:15 am

**Kenneth Monaco**

5:30 pm

**Alice and Leonidas**

**DAY OF PRAYER FOR LIFE**

The Bishops of the United States have established January 22 as a particular day of penance “for the violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life.” To commemorate this occasion, the Blessed Sacrament will be available for your adoration in our chapel from 9:30 am to 7:00 pm. Please make an attempt to drop in for a short visit to whisper a prayer for the unborn and for all those who work to protect and preserve life.

***A Message from Catholic Charities North:***

*December 24, 2009*

*Dear Father Bourgeois:*

*What a busy Christmas Giving Program we just had. Preliminary counts suggest we provided Christmas assistance to 700 families or 1,600 people!*

*We write to say THANK YOU because you are the ones who made it possible. Your generous spirit in adopting 15 families and providing bags of toiletries was tremendously helpful. This year donors included 17 churches and each invested a tremendous effort in their giving trees and treated each family they adopted with care...moving one recipient to tears and saying “I have never been able to give gifts like these to my children before.” Please extend our thanks to Jeanne (Abbott) for all of her help-- and of course, your kind parishioners.*

*For all of your efforts and contributions, we hope you enjoyed a Merry Christmas. We wish you a joyful New Year as well. On behalf of all the CCN staff,*

*Virginia A. Doocy, Director*

*Sarah Bartley, Development Coordinator*

**CAN YOU 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 Kwiatek, Beverly Hospital’s Pastoral Care Coordinator, at (508) 932-7311. Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

## BAPTISM OF THE LORD

**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

### Religious Education

#### Grades 1-5

Jeanne Abbott, Co-ordinator

**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.**

#### PREP Calendar for January

January 10, 24, and 31

There is no PREP on Martin Luther King weekend.

#### Grade 6 PREP

January 20 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm in the church hall

#### Youth Ministry

Jackie Martin, Co-ordinator

#### Grade 7-10

Grade 7&8 Edge Class

Tuesday, January 19 and 26

7:00 – 8:30

#### YOUTH MASS

Sunday, January 24

5:30 PM

### ForYourMarriage.org

The honeymoon does not have to be over! Check out [www.ForYourMarriage.org](http://www.ForYourMarriage.org), a new Catholic website that is an informative resource for tips, ideas, and insights to making and keeping marriages strong and successful.

### LIFT-Catholic Worship for a NEW Generation

Join us for LIFT – an exciting monthly worship event which includes vibrant praise and worship music, dynamic, challenging speakers and Eucharistic Adoration. LIFT is for all ages – from young adults to adults to teens to entire families. Be with us on Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> as we welcome Fr. John Gerth as our guest speaker. The evening runs from 7-9Pm at Fontbonne Academy, 930 Brook Road, Milton, MA. Directions and a downloadable flyer, along with more information about LIFT, can be found on our website at [www.liftedhigher.com](http://www.liftedhigher.com). Come join in worship with hundreds of Catholics from around the Boston area!

### OPEN HOUSE

St. Mary of the Annunciation School at 14 Otis Street in Danvers invites interested parishioners to an Open House during Catholic Schools Week on Thursday, February 4 from 9:30 – 11:00 AM or 7:00 – 8:30 PM. Learn about curriculum for three and four-year old preschool programs as well as kindergarten through grade 8.

Visitors may tour the facility; meet faculty, staff and parent representatives. Student ambassadors will also be available to answer questions. For more information, please contact Genevieve Fiorente at 978-774-0307, ext 301 or visit [www.smadanvers.org](http://www.smadanvers.org)

### Thomas More College Winter Open House

On President's Day, Monday, February 15, 2010, Thomas More College is hosting its annual Winter Open House. All high school seniors, juniors, and their families are encouraged to attend classes have lunch, converse with students, and meet with professors. Located in scenic Merrimack, NH, Thomas More College provides a Great Books education that is firmly rooted in the Catholic tradition. All students learn Iconography in our unique Way of Beauty program and spend a full semester on our Rome campus at no extra cost. Tuition is low and scholarships are available. For more information, and to register, please contact the admissions office at (800) 880-8308 or email us at [admissions@ThomasMoreCollege.edu](mailto:admissions@ThomasMoreCollege.edu) Overnight guests are welcome.

### 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.

## **Baptism of the Lord**

The old African-American spiritual "Michael Row the Boat Ashore" has one verse that goes, "Jordan's river is chilly and cold / hallelujah / chills the body but not the soul / hallelujah." We don't know what the temperature of the Jordan River was when Jesus stepped into it in front of John the Baptist. But Luke's Gospel relates that after he had been baptized and while he was praying the heavens opened up and the Holy Spirit descended upon him. A voice from heaven was heard, saying, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

It is unlikely that any such explicitly miraculous events occurred at our own baptism, or any that we may have attended. But something just as momentous did take place when we were baptized. In our baptism we became intimately connected to God; we became God's own children, just as Jesus is the Father's beloved Son. And when we were baptized the Holy Spirit descended upon us-not as a dove, but as the Spirit of God that always dwells in our hearts. That connectedness to God never disappears. Even when we are guilty of the worst sins, God is with us. We believe that the Holy Spirit dwells in us, helping us to act more and more like Christ as we reaffirm our baptismal commitment.

While we celebrate the signs and wonders at the Jordan that herald Jesus' baptism and the beginning of his public ministry, we also recall that our own baptism begins the call to minister in this world. Our baptismal call is to act like Christ, to be his hands, and voice, and heart in this world. When we act like him, we can be assured we too will hear the Father's voice, "with you I am well pleased."©2009 Liturgical Publications Inc

### **Sharing the Gospel**

When you were baptized, a priest sprinkled holy water over your head. He said, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." God said, "This is my child in whom I am well pleased." Tell God you are glad you are his child. Tell him you will obey his laws. Tell him that you love him with your whole heart, soul, body, and mind.

### **Prayer**

Holy Spirit, I want to be a good child of God.

### **Something to Draw**

Draw Jesus being baptized by John the Baptist in the River Jordan.

### **Mission for the Week**

I will talk to God when I first wake up each morning.

## 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.

Please note that this does not change the requirement that a taxpayer receive an acknowledgement from St. Paul's for each deductible contribution of \$250 or more.

Please consult your tax advisor for additional information.

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