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St. Paul The Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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Mass for The Sabbath

Saturday 4 PM
Sunday 9 AM
Daily Service:
As scheduled in Bulletin

6th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Feb. 11, 2018

Our Mission:

We are a Roman Catholic Christian Community whose mission is :

- ✚ to worship God through the Eucharist, the Holy Scriptures and prayer
- ✚ to proclaim the reconciling love of God in Christ by word, deed and evangelization
- ✚ to mature spiritually through the challenge and guidance of the Holy Spirit
- ✚ to welcome and serve others-even the littlest and the weakest-in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sat. before the Vigil Mass 3 to 3:45 PM

Other times by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

Because of the importance of the celebration of the sacrament of baptism, please consider carefully the man or woman of faith you chose to inspire and educate your child in the ways of our faith for the entirety of their lives. We suggest calling the church office during your pregnancy so that a more thorough preparation may take place. Godparents must be practicing Catholics and submit a certificate of eligibility from their parish prior to the Baptism. Baptisms will normally take place at a parish weekend Mass. Date and time will be scheduled by the pastor.

Sacrament of Matrimony

For adequate preparation, arrangements should be made at least 6 months in advance.

Sacrament of Anointing

Please let the parish office know if someone is seriously ill. If you know of anyone who is unable to get to Mass, we would be glad to help arrange transportation.

Low gluten

Those suffering from an intolerance to gluten are advised that St. Paul's keeps Low Gluten Hosts on hand for those who need them. Simply check in with an usher to arrange for one.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

4:00 P.M. For the People of St. Paul's Parish

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

9:00 A.M. Bob Schoeler
by Mike & Gail Musante

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

6:00 P.M. Rosary
6:30 P.M. Mass
Coach Mack
by Neil & Maureen Hunt

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

6:00 P.M. Rosary
6:30 P.M. Mass/Novena
Frances Claus
by Jerry & Kathy DaBrescia

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 (Ash Wednesday)

7:00 A.M. Ashes
12:10 P.M. Ashes
6:00 P.M. Rosary
6:30 P.M. Mass/Ashes
Maria DiMartino
by Marie Triscritti

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY, 15

No Service

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY, 16

8:30 A.M. Rosary
9:00 A.M. Mass
Sister Jean Marie Pearse
by Kevin & Charlene Caramore

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

4:00 P.M. For the People of St. Paul's Parish

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

9:00 A.M. Regina McVay
by The Elliott Family



LECTORS

4:00 P.M. M. Hunt
9:00 A.M. K. White

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00 P.M. C. Haugen, M. Possemato, J. Gehrig
9:00 A.M. G. Musante, S. Drake, B. Rotzler

ALTAR SERVERS

4:00 P.M. T. Letosky
9:00 A.M. C. Struble, O. Esolen

TAKE NOTE

Lent begins this Wednesday! I always enjoy this season because it is hard; it demands things of me that I do not always demand of myself. And this exercise regimen of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving helps me to be a better follower of Jesus, a better priest, and to have a stronger heart. It's amazing how much more charitable I can become when I'm first forced to do it. As with most exercises, it starts out hard at first, and it soon becomes easier, even second-nature.

I hope that the books that we have for everyone this **Lent, *Perfectly Yourself***, are a helpful aid on our Lenten spiritual journey. Some of you, last year, may remember the ***Best Lent Ever*** daily e-mail program. This book is the basis for that program this year, and if you'd like to sign up, go to bestlentever.com.

But aside from that program, I have another proposal *specifically for the men of our parish*. I have signed up for a program called **RISE**, a 30-day program designed specifically for men. It's available for sign-up at menriseup.org. This is a paid subscription service (unlike ***Best Lent Ever***, which is free) but I have high hopes for it. I would invite the men of the parish to do this with me, and I invite you also, if you're available, to meet me for a weekly get-together for just a half-hour on Mondays at 7:00 in the back of the Circle E. I hope you're able to join me!

Last week on Feb. 2 we blessed the candles for the year, and on Feb. 3rd we blessed throats on the feast of St. Blaise. We bless many things throughout the year, and I thought it might be nice to give a little run-down of the big ones:

Advent: Blessing of Advent Wreathes

Christmas: Blessing of Christmas Trees and Nativity Scenes

Epiphany: Blessing of Homes

Feb. 2, the Presentation of the Lord: Blessing of Candles

Feb. 3, St. Blaise: Blessing of Throats

Palm Sunday: Blessing of Palms

Holy Saturday: Blessing of Easter Food Baskets

May 15, St. Isidore the Farmer: Blessing of Seeds and Seedlings, Blessing of Fields and Flocks

June: Blessing of Fishing Boats and Equipment

September: Blessing of Students and Teachers

Oct. 4, St. Francis of Assisi: Blessing of Animals

Nov.: Blessing of Food for Thanksgiving Day

These blessings are all available in the Household Blessings and Prayers book, and also on various web-sites. Usually priests and deacons are asked to bless things, but a layperson, especially the head of a household, can use the same prayers and already-blessed holy water to bless these objects. By blessing these and many other things that fill our lives, we ask God to repair them all and make them perfect, so that through them only good may come and never evil. This is especially true as we bless our food at each meal and bless ourselves throughout each day.

-Fr. Dan

We are currently having some of our **parish's metalware refinished**, so that a wider variety of them may be used within the holy sacraments. For a while, some of them have been unusable, and, personally, I believe that it is a sadness to let items so carefully and lovingly crafted and dedicated to the service of God, simply deteriorate. If anyone would like to make a financial contribution to offset the cost, it would be gratefully accepted.

-Fr. Dan

Souper Bowl: In case you have not already heard the votes (money) has been counted and the big winner is the Loaves and Fishes Food Bank in our souper bowl event. \$1.00 separated the voting!

Patriots \$160.00

Eagles \$159.00

Thank you to everyone that participated to make this a fun event and making the food bank the real winner with \$319.00!!

We ask your continued support in the **Diocesan Collection on February 17/18, 2018 for Black, Native American & Latin American Missions**. Funds from this combined collection support projects and are used to help fund catechesis and evangelization programs throughout the United States and the Church of Latin America and the Caribbean. Your gifts will fund catechesis, pastoral programs, marriage and family life projects, seminarian education, and many other necessary programs.

MONTHLY FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

The Week of 2/11 Peanut Butter

The Week of 2/18 Jelly

Emory United Methodist Church is **sponsoring a Lenten Bible Study** on the **Resurrection** in the Gospel of Matthew for anyone interested. Sunday mornings from 9:15 AM to 10:15 AM starting February 18. and Wednesdays from noon to 1 PM starting February 21. For more information contact Robin Evanitsky at 1-570-635-5838.

The annual **Lenten Soup Suppers** begin this Friday, February 16, 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM sponsored by Emory Untied Methodist Church this year.

STEWARDSHIP

SACRIFICIAL GIVING FEB 3/4

Number of regular envelopes.....	47
Number of regular envelopes mailed in.....	3
Loose cash and checks.....	\$707.80
Regular envelope collection.....	\$1,329.00
Total collection.....	\$2,036.80
Additional Offerings	
Donations.....	\$90.00
Candles.....	\$66.00
Attendance	
Saturday.....	74
Sunday.....	56
Total.....	130

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, February 12

(Office Closed)

Tuesday, February 13

7:00 P.M. Pastoral Council Mtg-Hall

Wednesday, February 14

6:00 P.M. Prayer Group - Rectory
No Bingo

Friday, February 16

4:30 to 6 P.M. Soup Suppers-Methodist Church

7:00 P.M. Alcoholics Anonymous - Hall

Sunday, February 18

2:00 PM Carpool for Evening of Prayer
Sisters of Bethlehem

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