ST. PAUL'S BASILICA PARISH

Established in 1822 - First Parish of the Diocese

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MASS SCHEDULE

Masses at St. Paul's Basilica

4:30 p.m. 8:30 and 1 Saturday

Sunday 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Weekday Masses

at the Good Shepherd Centre (opposite the Church, north side of Queen St.) Tuesday - Friday 12:00 noon

OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Fri 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:45 - 4:15 p.m.

SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, FIRST **COMMUNION, MARRIAGE**

Please contact the parish to begin the process of preparation.

MINISTRIES TO THE SHUT-INS

If people are in the hospital or are unable to come to mass because of age or other limitations, please call Fr. Frank or Sr. Nida so that they may receive communion regularly.

HOSPITAL VISITS

We will strive to visit parishioners in the hospital on University Avenue and St. Michael's Hospital.

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Francis V. McDevitt, Pastor

Sr. Nida Fe Chavez, CSJ, Pastoral Associate

Sr. Carmen Rojas, CSJ, Secretary

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PARISH REGISTRATION: Count yourself in by registering in the parish. Forms are at the back of the church and in the office all week. Please register in the parish before seeking other services.

COMPANIONS IN MINISTRY: We are always in need of help with pastoral care and more hands for assistance. If you have the time, we have the need. Please call the office and leave your name and number. Fr. Frank or Sr. Nida will call you.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday	December 16	12:00 noon	Open
Wednesday	December 17	12:00 noon	+ Shirley Lindsey
Thursday	December 18	12:00 noon	+ Lorraine Rodke
Friday	December 19	12:00 noon	Open
Saturday	December 20	4:30 pm	+ Michel Schneider
Sunday	December 21	8:30 am	+ Mary Lou Costyn
		11:00 am	Missa Pro Populo

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Mark your calendars. Thursday,
December 18 at 7:30 p.m. here at St.
Paul's. Featured during the concert will
be Angelica Ganea, soprano, Charles Di
Raimondo, tenor and Grenville Pinto,
violinist. The proceeds from this concert
will be directed to St. Paul's Basilica.
The suggested donation is \$20.00 per
person.



Poinsettias

As we did last year, we once again invite those who are grieving to bring a poinsettia to the church. For many there is great consolation knowing that there is a plant which is part of our decorations that is a remembrance for someone who is very much missed at Christmas. We do not decorate until after the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Bring them in on the weekend of the 20^{th} or 21^{st}



Envelopes – TODAY!!

Envelopes are available today. We ask that you take any box of envelopes and put your name on the first couple of envelopes used in 2015. (Please do not start before the New Year.) Avoid the temptation to think the number is of significance. The number is only required to input your donations in the computer. That is all. We do not identify you by your number nor is their greater esteem attached to some numbers than to others. Thank your for your steady support of the parish.

Pre authorized Givers your special collection envelopes are in the mail.



Christmas Decorations

We are one community, but many nations. If you have a decoration that is common to your home country or region that you would like to see on our parish Christmas tree, bring it in or in fact bring it to Christmas mass and put it on the tree yourself. Those that come in early can put it in the sacristy. **Kids!!!** If you have the time and want to make something for the Christmas tree, that would be appreciated to. If you are looking for something to do, a Christmas tree really does need strings of popcorn to be a homey Christmas tree.

Christmas and New Year Mass Times

Christmas Eve: 4:30 p. m., 7:00 p. m. and 12 midnight

Christmas Day: 11:00 a. m. only

Feast of The Holy Family: Dec. 27 & 28. Masses as usual New Year: Feast of Mary. Wednesday, Dec. 31, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 1, 11:00 a.m.

No 8:30 a.m. mass

New Schedules for Lectors and Ministers of Communion.

New schedules will be prepared soon for January through the end of March. Would ministers tell us when they are **not** available? An email to the parish would be the preferred form of communication though a written note on the collection will reach us. We will presume you are available as we create schedules and will not schedule you when you are away or unavailable. Please communicate this information by Tuesday this week.

New Lectors and Ministers of Communion

We will soon be creating lector and minister of communion schedules for the first quarter of 2015. We have masses where additional ministers would be of value. We are looking for **new lectors** for Saturday at 4:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 a.m. The compliment at 11:00 a.m. is fine. We are looking for **ministers of communion** for 8:30 a. m. on Sundays. Call the office if you wish to assist.

Breakfast Club Calendars

The Breakfast Club Calendars are available at the back and the side doors. A small donation, about \$5.00 would be appreciated.

Ministers of Communion and Lectors

Are you available to fulfill your ministry at Christmas or New Year? Please sign up in the sacristy today on the sheets provided. Lectors for Christmas will read the readings on page 102 of your missals for all masses.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

- -Each Saturday at 3:45 p. m.
- -After all weekend masses on December 20 & 21
- -Christmas Eve from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Maintenance Collection TODAY!!

The monthly maintenance collection will be taken up today with the regular collection. These funds will be used for the maintenance of our building and property.

THANK YOU!

St. Vincent de Paul Collection

Thank you to all who responded to the St. Vincent de Paul at this demanding time of the year. The collection for the first week was just shy of \$13,000.00. This will go a long way to assist with the demands on the society at this time of year. Anyone wishing to donate at a later date is welcomed to do so.







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