SAINT PAUL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday .......................... 5:00 pm
Sunday ......................... 8:00 am, 11:00 am,
1:00 pm (Misa en Español)
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday .. 8:00 am
Wednesday ............... 9:00 am, 6:00 pm
Friday .................. 8:00 am at Old St Paul
First Saturday ................. 8:00 am

Holy Days of Obligation per announcements

Third
Sunday of Lent
March 15, 2020

A woman of Samaria came to draw water.
Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.”
John 4:7

ST. PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL PRESENTS
Reach for the Stars Gala

AT THE FLAME BANQUET CENTER • 2301 NEUSE BLVD, NEW BERN
All proceeds benefit St. Paul Catholic School

ONLINE AUCTION • LIVE AUCTION • CASH BAR • 50/50 RAFFLE
ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED BY BRYAN MAYER

THIS SATURDAY -- MARCH 21, 2020
Lenten Penance Service

Wednesday, March 18th - 7:00PM
Infant of Prague
Thursday, March 19th - 10:30AM
Saint Paul
Tuesday, March 24th - 7:00PM
Saint Paul

Jesus began to preach and say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Matthew 4:17

ACT OF CONTRITION

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy. Amen.

Faith Family Friends

NM4L Neighborhood Masses for Lent
This Lent, Saint Paul Catholic Church is coming to YOU. You are invited to a weekday Mass in or near your neighborhood!
Thursday, March 19, 6:30 p.m. – Trent Woods at Eastern Carolina Yacht Club
Monday, March 23, 6:30 p.m. – Greenbrier at The Emerald Country Club
Tuesday, March 31, 6:30 p.m. – Fairfield Harbour Community Center
Thursday, April 2, 6:30 - Old Cherry Point Rd at Copper Ridge Event Center

LENTEN DAILY MASS
Monday and Tuesday at 8am in the Church
Wednesday - School Mass at 9am in the Church
Wednesday - Mass at 6pm in the Church
Thursday - Mass at 8am in the Church, followed by Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
Friday - Mass at 8am at Old Saint Paul, Middle Street

Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama and his executive staff continue to monitor information from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and local health officials regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19) and have shared additional guidance for our Catholic school students, faculty and staff.

Specific guidance and response should be local and professional: While no diocesan-wide closings or cancellations have been implemented, pastors and principals are advised to prepare and respond to this health issue in the most locally appropriate way.

The Catholic Center will remain operational. Emergency access and response capabilities are in place should local, state or federal government authorities issue “work from home” orders or other measures, or if there is a localized impact within the administrative offices.

Prevention is the Best Medicine: Simple, everyday preventive actions remain the best approach to halt the spread of respiratory viruses, including:

♦ Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
♦ Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
♦ Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.

If you are sick, to keep from spreading respiratory illness to others, you should:

♦ Stay home except to get medical care.
♦ Wear a mask when leaving home.
♦ Call ahead before visiting your doctor.
♦ Cover your coughs and sneezes.
♦ Avoid sharing personal household items.
♦ Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
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<td><strong>Sunday 3/15</strong></td>
<td><strong>Continue to experience the joy and support of connecting with other Worldwide Marriage Encounter couples by attending a Sharing Group! We welcome you to join us for our local monthly sharing group, held in New Bern and Newport. Please contact us if you are interested so we can provide you with more information! Cathy and Gerry Stickney - 252-288-6136 <a href="mailto:Castickney324@gmail.com">Castickney324@gmail.com</a> or <a href="mailto:gjstickney9@gmail.com">gjstickney9@gmail.com</a></strong></td>
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<td>8:00AM Mass +Angela Hlatky</td>
<td><strong>CDA Day of Reflection will be Saturday, March 21st.</strong></td>
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<td>9:00AM Olive Branch Open till 1PM</td>
<td>8:30AM - Social 9:00AM - Program Begins Deacon Jim will be the guest speaker. See bulletin boards in the church for more details.</td>
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<td>9:30AM Faith Formation – School</td>
<td><strong>TIME TO PLAN</strong></td>
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<td>10:00AM Chancel Choir Practice – Church</td>
<td><strong>PLANNING FOR YOUR FUTURE</strong></td>
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<td>10:30AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy – SJC</td>
<td>Join us for the continuation of this free series of seminars ideal for anyone who is interested in learning more about the end-of-life process. All seminars will take place at 9AM in the FLC2. No registration - All are welcome!</td>
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<td>10:30AM Mass in Oriental</td>
<td>March 17th: Writing your own obituary</td>
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<td>11:00AM Mass Saint Paul Parish Family</td>
<td>March 24th Understanding hospice</td>
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<td>1:00PM Mass (Hispanic) +P. Pablo Mizener</td>
<td>April 21st: Completion of Advance Care Planning docs.</td>
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<td>6:00PM Confirmation Class – School Library</td>
<td>April 28th: Thinking about planning your funeral?</td>
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<td><strong>Monday 3/16</strong></td>
<td>May 5th: Wrap up discussion</td>
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<td>8:00AM Mass – Church +Tommy Myat Oo</td>
<td><strong>NM4L</strong></td>
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<td>11:00AM Hand and Foot Card Games – FLC3</td>
<td>This week: Mass for TRENT WOODS</td>
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<td>6:30PM Preservation Guild Volunteers - OSP</td>
<td>at Eastern Carolina Yacht Club</td>
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<td>7:00PM Adult Women’s Basketball</td>
<td>4005 Trent Pines Dr at the end of Yacht Club Dr</td>
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<td><strong>Tuesday 3/17</strong></td>
<td>Thursday, March 19 (Saint Joseph Day) at 6:30pm</td>
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<td>8:00AM Mass – Church +Jack Hawkins</td>
<td><strong>OLIVE BRANCH STORE &amp; LENDING LIBRARY</strong></td>
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<td>9:00AM Advance Care Planning #5 - FLC2</td>
<td><strong>WOW! MORE NEW ITEMS!</strong> Large kitchen tabletop chalkboard for messages, “Bless This Home” is perfect for grocery and to-do lists. This great way to communicate messages to the family is on sale for just $15. Pierced earrings with rose Miraculous Medal dangles - $5, Irish Prayer wall cross - $8, Ceramic “Ithucus” holy water font - $4, “Risen Christ” 10” wall cross - $8 Leaflet with Stations of the Cross &amp; prayers - 2/$1 “Amazing Love” paperback with prayers for Lent is $3</td>
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<td>10:30AM Mass in Oriental</td>
<td>Open Sun. 9–1 &amp; Wed. 9–12 in the Family Life Center All proceeds benefit Saint Paul Catholic Church.</td>
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<td>12:00PM One in the Spirit Prayer Group – SJC</td>
<td><strong>Sunday 3/19</strong></td>
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<td>1:00PM Prayer Shawl Ministry - FLC3</td>
<td>8:00AM Mass – SJF +Francis X Daniels</td>
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<td>6:30PM RCIA – FLC2</td>
<td>8:35AM Adoration</td>
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<td>7:00PM Twin Rivers Volleyball - Gym</td>
<td>10:30AM Parish Lent Penance Service - Church</td>
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<td><strong>Wednesday 3/18</strong></td>
<td>11:45AM Benediction</td>
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<td>6:30PM NM4L – Mass for Trent Woods at East Carolina Yacht Club</td>
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<td>3:00PM JCDA Meeting – FLC3</td>
<td>7:30PM Folk Choir Practice - Church</td>
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<td>5:00PM Medjugorje Prayer Group – SJC/Church</td>
<td><strong>Friday 3/20</strong></td>
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<td>6:00PM Mass +Jason, April &amp; Family</td>
<td>8:00AM Mass - OSP +Leo Corkery</td>
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Saint Paul Catholic School recently competed in the EIC basketball tournament in Jacksonville. On Friday, February 28th, the school gathered in the Family Life Center for a pep rally. Pictured are the Girls’ and Boys’ Varsity and Junior Varsity teams, our Mini Cheerleaders and their youngest fans, our PreK 3 class.

Also pictured are the JV girls who received the third-place season trophy and the JV boys who tied with Saint Peter for the first-place season trophy at the tournament opening ceremonies. In addition, both Saint Paul JV teams received third-place tournament trophies. Congratulations to our players and cheerleaders for their hard work and dedication this season. Thank you also to all our coaches who guided our basketball teams and cheerleaders through the season.

The 2020 Reach for the Stars Gala will take place this coming Saturday evening, March 21st, at the Flame Catering & Banquet Center.

To purchase your tickets, you may stop by the school office during regular school hours or visit the school website, www.stpaulcs.org. Click on the 2020 REACH FOR THE STARS GALA button and select BUY TICKETS.

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RIGHT TO LIFE

Ever Wonder Why .... ?

(Part II)

Why is it... that when a woman is happy about her pregnancy, it's a "baby"? She is asked questions like, "When is your baby due?" When she goes to an abortion clinic, she is often told that "it" (the growing child) is only a blob of tissue or a product of conception.

Why is it... so many people are uninformed about abortion it receives so little coverage in the media, despite the fact that it is the number-one cause of death in the US every year?

Why is it... that you can kill an unborn baby anytime you want to, for any reason under the sun, but if you destroy a turtle egg on a Florida beach, you go to jail?

Why is it... if abortion is supposed to be available to give a woman a "choice", that illegal coercion is the number-one cause of abortion in America today? Also, the number one cause of death for pregnancies is the action of murder.

Why is it ... that many do not see the handwriting on the wall. .. that abortion is a catalyst to infanticide, euthanasia, assisted suicide, human cloning etc., only to name a few contemporary assaults on the sanctity of human life?

Why is it... that the major Fortune 500 companies will proudly support Planned Parenthood, the largest provider of abortion, but pro-life companies are scared to openly support the unborn for fear of retribution in the marketplace?

Why is it... that in every election cycle, citizens cast their vote for politicians who support abortion, when we know that the greatest gift God gives us is life and there are so many attacks on life like abortion?

www.pro-lifearticles.com
Today's Readings: Exodus 17:3-7; Psalm 95:1-9; Romans 5:1-8; John 4:5-42

God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and led them to a new homeland, but the people complained because they feared the desert and fretted about having food and water. Although God provided for them, they still claimed that things had been better in Egypt. The woman at the well challenges Jesus when he offers her living water. He has to painstakingly convince her that He is no ordinary Jew, and then she accepts the living water and new life He offers. St. Paul tells us that the good that comes to us is because of God’s love for us, which is simply given freely with no strings attached. Because we are human we often struggle to accept God’s gift of all encompassing, freely given love for us. Pray for your heart to be open to this most precious gift of love!

LIVING WATER

Loving Savior, font of life, You have poured out Your living water upon us, filling us with your Spirit. Cleanse our hearts when we are overwhelmed by fear, despair, or disbelief. Refresh us when we grow weary. Drench us with Your love and mercy so that our hearts will overflow with peace and we will immerse ourselves in justice and reconciliation. Engulf all who thirst for You in an onrush of Your grace until we drink forever from the streams of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, March 16—Both Naaman and the people in Jesus’ hometown thought that they deserved privileged treatment. They so resented Jesus’ willingness to minister to others that they tried to silence the voice of God. Pray Psalms 42 and 43 in solidarity with those whom the world does not value.

2 Kings5:1-5; Psalm 42:42;3; 43:3-4; Luke 4:24-30.

Tuesday, March 17—How do you act in a crisis? St. Patrick, even after being imprisoned returned to Ireland to share the gospel. St. Patrick admitted his need for God, but the servant in the gospel remained selfish and hard hearted. Pray to St. Patrick to keep you faithful during difficult times in your life journey.

Daniel 3:25-43; Psalm 25:4-9; Matthew 18:21-35.

Wednesday, March 18—By our obedience to God’s law, we become part of God’s kingdom and God reveals to us His wisdom and his gift of goodness to others. St. Cyril encouraged the newly baptized to treasure God’s grace. Pray for those in your parish community who are preparing to become Catholic this Easter.

Deuteronomy 4:1-9; Psalm 147:12-20; Matthew 517-19.

Thursday, March 19—When Mary became pregnant in a most unexpected way, St. Joseph took her into his home and provided for her and her son, Jesus. St. Joseph is the patron saint of Fathers, Workers, Farmers. His example gives meaning and value to the work that we do. Let us ask him to be our example and guide in doing the work that God has planned for us this day, in whatever form it comes.

2 Samuel 7:4-16; Psalm 89:2-29; Romans 4:13-22; Matthew 1:16-21, 24.

Friday, March 20—The God of Israel proves infinitely patient and forgiving even when his people turn to other gods. Jesus reminds us that God deserves our complete devotion. We are to give back our love to God and share that love with all we meet this day, no matter if it is not our inclination. Hosea 14:2-10; Psalm 81:6-17; Mark 12:28-34.

Saturday, March 21—The people in the first reading return to God, but they will soon stray again. They are like the Pharisee in the gospel who is so self-absorbed that he does not actually pray. We need to be like the tax collector; deeply aware of both our sinfulness and our continuous need for God. Pray continuously in the words of the tax collector—“Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.” Hosea 6:1-6; Psalm 51:3-21; Luke 18:9-14.
PARISH INFORMATION

SACRAMENT SCHEDULE
Reconciliation: Thursdays 10:45-11:45am, Saturday 3:30-4:30pm or by appointment.
Baptism: First time parents must attend Baptismal Preparation Classes. Email Baptisms@sbccnb.org
First Communion/Confirmation: Contact the church office.
Marriages: Contact church office - 6 month advance notice is required.
Anointing of the Sick: Contact the church office or rectory.
Funerals: Call 638-4436 or e-mail funeral@spcnb.org

To submit bulletin articles, email bulletin@spcnb.org
The deadline is Thursdays at noon.
All requests should be sent in editable format 11 days before the bulletin issue date.

The complete Parish Calendar, as well as past bulletins, are always available for viewing at our website: www.spcnb.org

EME / LECTOR SCHEDULE
3/21: 5PM - Team #1
3/22: 8AM - Team #1 11AM - Team #1

MARCH’S SPECIAL COLLECTION:
Easter Flower Offering

2020 BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL - Thank you to all who have already responded to the mailed brochure. You can always give through the Diocesan website: dioceseofraleigh.org/give

Please pray for those who have no one to pray for them.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 300 CLUB
$50 Annual Entry Fee
$100 Week Prizes ($50, $25, $15, $10)
$1,000 Semi-Annual Reverse Drawing
For tickets, contact Kevin Blust at 252-259-0347.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION
My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.
Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

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