"I have come not to abolish but to fulfill."

Matthew 9:17

LORD’S DAY

MASSES

Saturday, 4:00PM (Vigil Mass)
Sunday, 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM and 5:00 PM

DAILY MASSES

Monday, Thursday, Friday at 8:00 AM and
Tuesday & Wednesday, Communion Services at 8:00 AM

ADORATION

Fridays from 11 AM to 12 Noon

CONFESSIONS

Saturday, 3:00 PM, or by appointment
**MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

**Saturday, February 15**
4:00 PM  Eileen Greene  
by the Caouette family

**Sunday, February 16— Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:30 AM  Gladys Buel (birthday remembrance) by a friend  
11:00 AM  Marcel Lariviere (10th anniversary) by family  
5:00 PM  **Sadly no one remembered :(**

**Monday, February 17**
8:00 AM  **Sadly no one remembered :(**

**Tuesday, February 18**
8:00 AM  Communion Service

**Wednesday, February 19**
8:00 AM  Communion Service

**Thursday, February 20**
8:00 AM  **Sadly no one remembered :(**

**Friday, February 21**
8:00 AM  **Sadly no one remembered :(**

**Saturday, February 22**
4:00 PM  James Laren  
by Paul & Ann Borges

**Sunday, February 23— Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:30 AM  Kevin R. Vilnit (18th anniversary) with love, Mom & Dad  
11:00 AM  James Laren  
by Ray & Pauline Flaherty  
5:00 PM  Marcel Lariviere (10th anniversary) by family

THIS WEEK the sanctuary lamp burns in memory of: Marcel Lariviere (10th anniversary) by family.

**ATTENTION**—sadly the following weekend Mass intentions do not have anyone remembered for the months of March & April: (cost is $10.00)
- 8:30 AM—April 12 & 26.
- 5:00 PM—March 8, 15, 29; April 5, 12 & 26
- Sanctuary Lamps open for weeks of: 3/1, 3/22 and 3/29 (cost is $5.00).

**MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR**

**February 22 & 23**

**SAT., February 22, 4:00 PM**
(Lector) Suzanne Clark  
(Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion):  
S. Demers, S. Kelly, J. Laporte, R. Laverdiere, A.M. Watson  
(Altar servers) Normand Guerard, Matai Gonzalez

**SUN., February 23, 8:30 AM**
(Lector) Dan Doyle  
(Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion):  
L. Wigglesworth, F. Stavinski, P. Dunlavey, S. Supple  
(Altar servers) K. & Z. Moore, C. & J. Perron

**SUN., February 23, 11:00 AM**
(Lector) William Desrosiers  
(Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion):  
P. Lariviere, R. Laverdiere, C. Walsh  
(Altar servers) Normand Guerard

**SUN., February 23, 5:00 PM**
(Lector) Daiena Matson  
(Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion):  
H. M. Paulhus, J. & D. Guertin  
(Altar servers) OPEN

**NOTE:** A REMINDER IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO SERVE, PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT.

REMINDER: New schedules are available in the church or on our website.

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**OUR WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP**

02-09-2020

Weekly Stewardship $2,345.00  
Mail 40.00  
2nd collection—Debt Reduction 672.00  
Fuel envelopes 95.00  
Boiler donations 225.00  
Clothing bin—month of January 129.33  
On-Line Giving 301.00  
Total ($5,900.00 needed) $3,807.33

- Our Boiler Renovation Fund is an ongoing effort—we are still in need of donations to cover expenses. Feel free to drop in any collection basket, designated specifically for use for boilers.
- 2nd collections:
  - February 15 & 16—S.O.S. Fund  
  - February 22 & 23—Dollars for Doors

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LET US PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:
Patricia I. Staudinger
William G. Merrill, Sr.
May they and all the souls of our faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Let us keep them and their families in our prayers.

JOIN US FOR MARDI GRAS—St. Paul’s Parish Center, Lower Hall on Saturday, February 22nd following the 4:00 PM Mass. Volunteers will be appreciated at this event and have been sent invitations and their cost is FREE. However, WE INVITE ALL of the parish to attend. Cost is only $1.00 to join in on the food & fun! IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN IN AND HELP US appreciate your volunteers. RSVP by February 16th if you will be joining us. Costumes are optional. Tickets are available at the rectory OR call the rectory if you want tickets to be held at the door and you can pay at the door. Bring your favorite beverage for your table.

COST IS $5.00. Available now or at Mardi Gras. Benefits Fuel.

BLACKSTONE—MILLVILLE FOOD PANTRY is looking for people who are willing to give an hour of service a month to work at the Food Pantry on either a Tuesday from 7-8 PM or a Saturday from 10-11 AM. Please call Ann Lesperance at 508-883-6873 or Dick Lavender at 401-765-0476 to volunteer or for more information. Thank you.

20th ANNIVERSARY DIOCESAN CATHOLIC MEN’S CONFERENCE
Men (of all ages, including teens and college students) are invited to this important conference, scheduled for Assumption College on Saturday, March 28. Visit the conference website at www.firstmensconf.org for information and to purchase tickets. Bishop McManus will offer the Conference Mass. For a brochure, registration or more information, call Joan DeMasi at 508-929-4345. Adult tickets are $45 until March 11th, afterwards $60. Student tickets are always $30.

CHURCH OF SAINT PAUL ENDOWMENT FUND—This fund was established for the perpetual upkeep of the church. It is a Memorial donation and cards are available at the rectory.

The weekend of March 27, 2020. The retreat is FREE and here at St. Paul’s!

Ever wonder what’s the purpose of your life? What gives your life meaning? Can we really know God’s plan for our lives? If you’ve asked yourself these questions and others like them, you are not alone. Join us March 27-30.

Brochures are in the church and information is on our website.

NARRAGANSETT COUNCIL BSA – TROOP 1— Joining BSA is easy! For more information, send Eric an email to ericrobeau@hotmail.com Follow us on Face book: Troop 1 Blackstone.

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Anyone interested in joining or finding out more about this Blackstone council should contact Jeremy at knights.council.15829@gmail.com

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Religious Education helps to build a strong foundation

**Religious Ed Office:**
Deb Campano. Phone 508-883-2590
Email: religioused@stpaulblackstone.org

- **PLEASE REMEMBER** *Mass is every week,* whether we are in session or not. Please pray the rosary as a family.
- **Cancellation Policy:** In the event of inclement weather, an email will be sent to all families by 7:30 AM. Sunday morning if sessions are canceled for all students, morning and evening. In addition, a message will be left on the Religious Ed telephone, informing families of canceled sessions. The telephone number is 508-883-2590.
- **PLEASE NOTE—MASS IS NEVER CANCELED.**
- The Confirmation and First Communion students are preparing for the reception of the sacraments. Please keep them in your prayers.
- During Lent, the students in grades 1-5 will be bringing in donations for the Food Pantry. The students have been given the requests of donations.
- The students in grades 6-10 will be asking for donations to Visitation House. Details to follow.
- Last week’s Holy Trivia: I am the father of John the Baptist: Answer: B. Zechariah.
- This week’s Holy Trivia: I am the Jewish queen who saved her people. A. Miriam, B. Sarah, C. Esther or D. Naomi.
- Thought for the Week: Only Jesus can turn a mess into a message ~ A test into a testimony ~ A trial into a triumph ~ A victim into a victory. He is worthy to be praised.
  
  *Author unknown*

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**THE CONFIRMATION STUDENTS WILL BE HOSTING THEIR ANNUAL BAKE SALE THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 22 & 23.** Please support them by stopping by and purchasing some baked goods.

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**PROJECT ST. MATTHEW**—Our mailing went out to all parishioners for the 2020 Project. If you did not receive the mailing, likely you are not registered or we do not have an up-to-date address. Please pick up forms in the church to register or forms to join the Project. Cost for the Project is $100.00, however, it ONLY takes $10.00 to reserve your ticket for Our First Event is scheduled for March 7, 2020. Project St. Matthew runs from March through December. It is a 10 month club, cost of $10.00 a month covers your ticket or you can pay the full $100.00 up front. Each month, following the 4:00 PM Mass, we meet in the lower hall of the Parish Center for a meal. We eat, socialize and then at approximately 6:00 pm we have our drawings: one $500.00 prize (you do not have to be present to win), two $25.00 door prizes (you must be present to win, and lastly a $25.00 progressive door prize (you must be present to win but if the name drawn is not present, no one wins and the prize grows monthly, until the name drawn is present). Forms may be returned in any collection basket.

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **Monday, February 17, 7:00 PM**
  St. Andre Bessette Council Meeting
  St. Paul’s Parish Ctr.

- **Friday, February 21**
  11:00 AM—12 Noon
  Adoration is in
  Parish Center Chapel, 2nd Floor

- **Friday, February 21, 7:00 PM**
  First Step to Serenity—Parish Ctr

- **Saturday, February 22, 5:00—7:00**
  Mardi Gras Event
  Volunteers—by invitation—Free Guests (Others)—Cost is $10.00
  RSVP by February 16th

- **Ash Wednesday, February 26**
  in St. Paul’s Church
  8:00 AM Mass with Ashes
  12 Noon Liturgy of the Word with Ashes
  6:00 PM Mass with Ashes

- **Friday, February 28, 5—7:00 PM**
  Fish Fry
  Parish Center, Lower Hall

- **Saturday, March 7, 5:00—7:00 PM**
  First Event for 2020
  Project St. Matthew Dinner (ticket holders only)
PASTORAL CARE FOR THE SICK
Communion calls to the homebound, hospital and convalescent home visits are important pastoral concerns. Call the rectory to notify us.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK
Please call any time. If you know that you will be admitted to the hospital, please call the office to make arrangements to receive the Sacrament of the Sick after the daily or Sunday Mass.

MARRIAGE
Make arrangements with a priest at least one year prior to the wedding date, and before plans are made for reception hall, caterers, etc. The Diocesan Marriage Preparation Program is required.

Blackstone-Millville Food Pantry
The Blackstone-Millville Food Pantry is located in the Parish Center at St. Paul’s Church, 48 St. Paul Street in Blackstone. It is open to residents of Blackstone and Millville.

FEBRUARY NEEDS: shampoo & conditioner, hand soap, hand sanitizer, tissues, canned pasta, jelly & fluff, chicken noodle soup, ketchup, mustard & mayonnaise.

The hours of operation are Tuesdays from 7-8 PM and Saturdays from 10-11 AM. Residents are required to have a photo id and proof of residency.

PREVENTING CHILD ABUSE IS EVERYONE’S RESPONSIBILITY
It is every adult’s moral responsibility to protect victims by reporting suspected abuse or neglect to the responsible authorities. For help you may call: The Office for Healing and Prevention, Diocese of Worcester at 508-929-4363. St. Paul’s Parish requires Safe Environment Training for all staff & volunteers and CORI background checks for all those who work with children and young people.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY
Serving the needs of the poor in Blackstone
For information and assistance
Please call:
Mary Jane 508-344-1440 or Dan 508-883-8684

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