

FROM FATHER BILL: In English we say, CHRIST is BORN TODAY and in Latin, CHRISTUS NATUS EST. Such great news for a troubled human race. We need the Infant Savior. HE has been born for our benefit HE tells us that GOD IS AMONG US! May you feel the Joy, Peace and Love of Christ on His birthday and every day of your life. As always, I hope this is the HAPPIEST and HOLIEST Christmas of your life, so far. *With all the love that I can let loose from my heart, I say MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL.*

COME HOME TO ST. PAUL'S or ST. PETER'S FOR CHRISTMAS: Please invite everyone to come or return to our Parishes for our beautiful Christmas Eve or Christmas Day Masses. Bring your entire family to the 4pm Christmas Eve Mass at St. Paul's or the 6pm Mass at St. Peter's.

Thank you to everyone who helped clean and decorate our Churches for the Birthday of our Savior.

CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE – 2008

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Wednesday, December 24

4:00 pm at St. Paul's

6:00 pm at St Peter's

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Thursday, December 25

9:00 am at St. Paul's

10:30 am at St. Peter's

NOON at St. Peter's (Latin)

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS

Wednesday, December 31

4:00 pm at St. Paul's

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES

Thursday, January 1, 2009

9:00 am at St. Paul's

10:30 am at St. Peter's

NOON at St. Peter's (Latin)

IN RECOGNITION of the YEAR OF SAINT PAUL and to provide the people of our Diocese with sufficient opportunity to receive the graces attached to this celebration, Bishop Hubbard has identified ST. PAUL the APOSTLE CHURCH, Troy, NY as a pilgrimage site for Rensselaer County. A person who desires a plenary indulgence should be: **REPENTANT** of their sins/ **ABSOLVED** through the Sacrament of Reconciliation/ **RECEIVE** Holy Communion and **VISIT** a designated pilgrimage site and pray for the Intentions of the Holy Father. A **PLENARY INDULGENCE** may benefit the Christian faithful, both living and deceased, as often as the conditions are fulfilled. **THE YEAR OF ST. PAUL LASTS UNTIL JUNE 2008.**

THE CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: There will only be **ONE** Collection at our Christmas Eve and Day Masses. Father Bill asks for a generous gift from you to your Parish at Christmas. Your financial support and generosity is most needed this Christmas, **2008.**

2009 Church Calendars are still available at our Parishes this weekend. Noel! Noel!

OUR JOINT PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY was a smashing success. Everyone had a good time enjoying each other and a great meal. Thanks to Kay, Betty and their team for producing this happy event. Thank you too, Santa, for dropping in on the party and being so good to the kids. The tab for our Parish appreciation Christmas Party was picked up by St. Peter's Regular checking Account - \$1,170.00. Someone at the dinner said to Father Bill, "Food always tastes better when it is free"!!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Please fill out your Christmas Flower envelope and place it in the basket by Christmas. A Memorial list will be printed in the Bulletin on Epiphany Sunday, January 4, 2009.

KRISTIN KANEG, principal of the Unity Sunshine Charter School at St. Paul's thanks all St. Paul's parishioners for the many, lovely gifts given to the underprivileged youngsters who attend this school. ROARKE CENTER thanks our St. Peter's parishioners for the many gifts given, again, for needy youngsters. Many young people will have a wonderful Christmas because of the generosity of our parishioners.

PRAYER IN TIME OF CHANGE:

Beloved Jesus, anoint us to do your will.
May the joy of your dwelling in us draw us closer to each other,
Expand our vision to recognize your plan;
Warm our hearts by the flame of your love;
Open our lips so that we can embrace each other as your people; speak to us so we
can discern the role you have for us,
Your body, your Church.
Fill us with your Holy Spirit,
Empowering us to become a vital expression of growth
In your changing Church.
Your Kingdom is now!
Help us to discover and live your will. AMEN.

ST. PAUL and ST. PETER ALTAR SERVER REHEARSAL FOR CHRISTMAS
EVE MASSES: REHEARSE WITH FATHER BILL AT SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH
THIS MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm.
Pizza party following at Notty Pine for all servers.

BLESSING of A MANGER: God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Savior was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love. Lord, bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise up our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Pray for the soul of CARDINAL AVERY DULLES, SJ. God grant him Eternal Life.

EVANGELIZATION – Bendiciones Navidenas.....A Blessed Christmas!