

January 4, 2026



Mass Intentions

Saturday Jan. 3 - 5:00pm

† Ernie Dalessio

Sunday Jan. 4 - 9:00am

♦ Mass for the People

Monday Jan. 5 - 8:30am

♦ Mass for the People

Tuesday Jan. 6 - 8:30am

† Delia Russo

Friday Jan. 9 - 8:30am

† Helen Brannan

Saturday Jan. 10 - 5:00pm

† John Reina

Sunday Jan. 11 - 9:00am

♦ Mass for the People

Sanctuary Candle
Cletus & Caroline Boyd

FROM THE PASTOR

I wish you and your family members a bless and safe New Years.

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. As you can see at the Nativity scene in the church, the Three Kings have arrived!

Just a reminder that the election of our two parish trustees will take place after the Sunday 9am Mass this weekend.

Fr. Dave

I MAY NOT BE A "WISE MAN," BUT AT LEAST I NEVER GOT SO LOST I HAD TO ASK HEROD FOR DIRECTIONS.



2025 Tax Contributions – Anyone wishing to have a tax letter for their 2025 contributions should contact the rectory office by phone or by email (office@stpauldc.org). Statements will be sent out in the mail or may be picked up at the rectory office on Monday or Wednesday from 9am to 2pm.

Polar Bear Plunge 2026 - On January 10th and 11th The Knights of Columbus will be collecting donations after Mass. Your donations will help raise funds for Special Olympics Delaware. Thank you for your support!

Dear Padre

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I recently lost my husband of sixty years. I prayed for him through his four-year illness. Since he has died, I cannot pray. Any advice for me?

My heartfelt condolences on your profound loss. When someone we love dies, a part of us dies too. Sometimes, the trauma is so severe that it can even affect our relationship with God.

Psychiatrist Elisabeth Kübler-Ross identified five stages of grief. In the denial stage, some people can't accept the reality of the death. It becomes too much to handle. In the anger stage, some may question their belief in God—especially if their prayer requests (such as, "Please God, if you heal my loved one, I will...") weren't successful in the bargaining stage. People in the depression stage feel overwhelmed by the reality of the loss and may not always feel like connecting with others—even with God in prayer. However, in the acceptance stage, emotions stabilize, and a person comes to terms with their new reality. Nothing makes up for the absence of a loved one, but people manage to cope and live on.

It's because you loved so deeply that the loss feels so deep. God accepts you completely; God understands how you feel. He wants you to be at peace and live life fully. Our compassionate God yearns to help console you and offer assistance in your healing process until you can embrace him again in prayer. ●

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