



Mass  
Intentions  
Of The Week

**Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 A.M. Prayer for Vocations

**Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 A.M. Margaret Ferry

**Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 A.M. Prayer for Vocations

8:15 A.M. Lilia Salazar

**Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 A.M. Intentions of Frances Wambaugh

**Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 A.M. Pat Hilgard

**Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 A.M. Albert Gron

5:30 P.M. Hilda and Harry Keens

**Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 A.M. Intentions of Debbie Liebert

9:30 A.M. Intentions of St. Paul Parishioners

11:30 A.M. Intentions of Women's Guild

6:00 P.M. Margita Cerveny



Is what I do after I say "I believe"...

**Offertory for the last two weeks:**

**Christmas** ..... \$ 27,252.00  
**December 28<sup>th</sup>** ..... \$12,512.25  
**January 4<sup>th</sup> (including AOP)** ..... \$21,948.58

Thanks to everyone  
for your tremendous generosity  
to the Sunday Offertory at Christmastime.

Please remember St. Paul's Church & School  
in your estate planning.

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*From His wounded side flowed blood and water,  
the fountain of sacramental life in the Church.  
To His open heart the Savior invites all  
to draw water in joy from the springs of salvation.  
(Preface of the Sacred Heart)*

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Naturally our thoughts also turn to our own baptism.

Our own baptism reflects Christ's desire to share his divine life with us. The baptismal font is *the fountain of salvation*.

The saints all understand that the source of the power of baptism (and eucharist) is Christ's wounded side, from which *flowed blood and water, the fountain of sacramental life in the Church*.

Sometimes we feel scared and afraid about the future. At times like that, we can tap back into the power of our baptism. We can *renew ourselves in the wounds of Jesus Christ, especially in the wound of his side* (St. Madeleine Sophie Barat). It's easy. Picture yourself standing alongside Mary and the Beloved Disciple close to the foot of the cross. Allow the blood and water that flows from His pierced side to flow freely down upon you.

That flow brings joy. It brings peace. It brings life.

Msgr. Robert C. Gibbons, Pastor

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**First Reconciliation Service** for our second graders will be on Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. in the Church. They and their families will have the opportunity to confess their sins and receive absolution in the Sacrament of Penance. Pray for the children as they prepare for this encounter with God's mercy. *Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense.* (Ps. 51).

**Annual Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner** will be held on Saturday, January 17, after the 5:30 p.m. Mass in the cafeteria. Tickets are \$8.00/adult and \$5.00/child and will be sold after Masses this weekend, in the parish office, and from Bill Teska ([wmtska@yahoo.com](mailto:wmtska@yahoo.com)) or Terry Cuniff (824-8577). Proceeds will support St. Paul's Council Family projects. Everyone is invited! Please come for a delicious dinner!

**Congratulations** to the following children who recently joined our faith through the Sacrament of Baptism:

**Taylor Ann Fladd**  
**Oliver Joseph Forrester**

**That Man Is You!** is a men's prayer breakfast, scripture study, and faith builder---all wrapped up in one. The spring semester of this fine program will begin Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, and meet every Wednesday morning thereafter, in the cafeteria. Continental breakfast begins at 5:30 a.m. Program begins at 6 a.m. and ends promptly at 7 a.m. Register by calling parishioner Bill Teska at 917.804.5265, or e-mail him at [wmtska@yahoo.com](mailto:wmtska@yahoo.com). All men of the parish are invited.



## St. Paul Says

**“Whoever is in Christ  
is a new creation.”**

2 Corinthians 5:17

**Msgr. Gibbons' mailbox.** Msgr. Gibbons recently received this note from a parishioner who has been living through a family crisis: *“I am so indebted to this parish and our faith. Truly, these things have carried me through the past several months. I love the church & parish. . . . Thanks so much. I cannot tell you how much I appreciate it.”* Thanks to you, our parishioners, for all you do to provide a parish community that carries those who need a lift.

### O.B.I.C. YOUTH NEWS

#### **High School:**

Sunday, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>: We will meet at our normal time (7:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in the St. Paul Youth Room) for a night of fun games and delicious food! You don't want to miss this!!

Sunday, Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>: Because our retreat was postponed (now February 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>), we are going to *Game On* for a night of **laser tag** and pizza! Permission slips will be handed out at the meeting on Sunday, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> and will be available on the parish website. The cost is \$10. Everyone MUST have a permission slip signed by a parent in order to go!! We will meet at **7:00 p.m.** We will leave PROMPTLY at 7:15 p.m. and will be back at St. Paul at 9:30 p.m.

The **Middle School** youth program has been put on hold. We will let you know when we start meeting again.

Questions? Email: [katie@stpaulstpete.com](mailto:katie@stpaulstpete.com)

**Confirmation.** An information meeting for preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held this Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Center Blue Room. Both students AND their parents are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting. Students grades 9-12 are welcome! Registration forms are in the back of the church and in the parish office. Questions? Contact Katie ([katie@stpaulstpete.com](mailto:katie@stpaulstpete.com)) or call the parish office.

**Jubilee Year of St. Paul Open House.** It is the 2000<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the birth of the great apostle, preacher and teacher. In keeping with the spirit of this great year, a one week “Open House” will be held here at St. Paul's Church. All are welcome to join in this week of “Prayer for Christian Unity.” The church will be open for prayer Monday, Jan. 19, through Friday, Jan. 23, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and again from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Each evening a prayer service will be held at 7:00 p.m. as follows:

Mon., Jan. 19	Evening Prayer	Liturgy of the Hours
Tues., Jan 20	Scriptural Rosary	
Wed., Jan. 21	Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction	
Thurs., Jan. 22	Prayer for Christian Unity	
Fri., Jan. 23	Taize Prayer Service	

**Congratulations** to these couples celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary at the Wedding Anniversary Jubilee Mass today at the Cathedral of St. Jude with Bishop Robert Lynch:

Ben and Sheila Panyard  
Jack and Mary Ann Hildebrand  
Ronald and Lorina Dugre

**The men's monthly Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP)** will meet on Tuesday, January 13, at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center. For more info call Don Thornton at 727.459.5755.

**Like to wash and iron?** We need angels to assist with the altar linens twice a month. This is a stewardship opportunity you can fulfill in the peace and quiet of your own home! If you're able to help on a regular basis, please contact our sacristan, Debbie Henry, at [debbiehenry52@hotmail.com](mailto:debbiehenry52@hotmail.com) or call the parish office.

**Medical Mission to Haiti.** Partners with Haiti is planning its 5<sup>th</sup> annual medical mission for the week of March 21-29, 2009. There will be an organizational meeting on January 15 at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center. All who are interested are welcome to attend. Contact Jim Stitt at 727.452.1239 for more information.

**Meals on Wheels** needs a weekly driver and helper for Fridays. Please call Jean Toothman at 727.52.4169.

**A new Financial Peace University** class will begin on January 25, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Center. This 13 week video-based small study group teaches families and individuals how to beat debt, build wealth and give like never before. Contact Tom at [tbaggett@pscufs.com](mailto:tbaggett@pscufs.com) with questions.

**Green Team.** The Earthkeeper Pledge offers an opportunity to think about and act on resolutions to become more mindful of our choices and how they impact the earth and other people. The first step is to "Learn about the environmental crisis and ecological justice." The U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' web site is a good place to start to learn more: <http://www.usccb.org/sdwp/ejp/climate/index.shtml>.

**Blood Drive** at St. Paul's on Sunday, January 18, from 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Celebrate National Blood Donor Month by saving lives and receive a coupon from Dunkin' Donuts, a travel mug and a wellness checkup.

**SMILE!** Lifetouch Photography will be here during the month of February capturing parishioner portraits for our next St. Paul Parish 2009 Photo Directory. While portraits will be available for purchase, no purchase is necessary for the session to have your portrait included in the photo directory. To schedule your session date and time, it's easier than you think. Just go to [www.stpaulstpete.com](http://www.stpaulstpete.com) where you'll find "St. Paul Parish 2009 Photo Directory" info. Click on "LifeTouch Appointment Link" where you can view the session calendar and chose the time slot that is most convenient for you. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Rachel Dudley at 727.433.1887. Also, if you have any church event or ministry photos you would like to see included in our next directory, please e-mail them to [marykins777@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:marykins777@tampabay.rr.com).

## St. Paul School Registration

"Catholic Schools have proven to be of priceless value to generations of children, teaching them to know, love and serve God and preparing them to take their place with responsibility in the community." Pope John Paul II

The mission of Catholic Education has been a vital part of the faith communities of St. Paul and Blessed Trinity Parishes since the opening of St. Paul Catholic School in 1930. On Monday, January 12, 2009, St. Paul Catholic School will open registration for the 2009-2010 school year. ***Returning school families with children who hope to enter our programs for EC 3 & 4 year olds, and Kindergarten for the 09-10 school year, will register on this date. New families for grades EC3 through eighth grade will register on this date as well.*** This registration will be held in the school from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Families with children presently in St. Paul Catholic School grades K-8 will receive re-registration information January 23, 2009. Please note the registration details below and if you have any questions do not hesitate to contact Sister Joan at 823-6144.

### **Registration Facts:**

Children entering the 3 year old program must be 3 on or before Sept. 1, 2009.

Children entering the 4 year old program must be 4 on or before Sept. 1, 2009.

Children entering Kindergarten must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2009.

Children in the Early Childhood program must be toilet trained.

For registration to be considered the following documentation must be presented at the time of registration: child's original birth certificate, original Baptismal certificate, social security card, health records (blue form) dated within the last 12 months, and a physical (yellow form).

If there is a custody agreement a copy must be submitted with the registration form.

Other information needed for emergency records is the name, address, and phone number of the child's doctor, dentist, as well as the names, addresses and phone numbers of 3 relatives or friends that you delegate to be notified in case you can't be reached in an emergency.

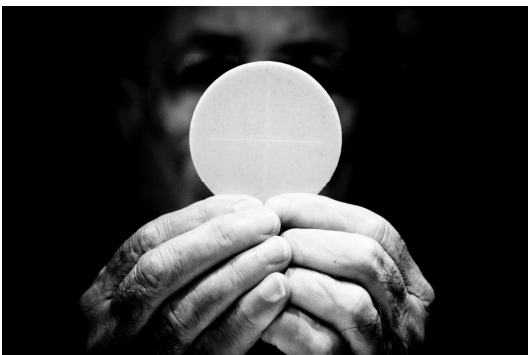
**Sacrament of Baptism:** A Parent who is a practicing Catholic, should prepare for the Baptism of a child by contacting the parish office, preferably before the arrival of the child. Adults seeking Baptism or desiring to join the Catholic Church should call the parish office or contact a parish priest.

**Sacrament of Holy Marriage:** Couples should contact the parish office at least six months in advance. The Catholic party is expected to be attending mass regularly.

**Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick:** Those who are being admitted to a hospital should receive this sacrament at Mass whenever possible. The infirm may receive the sacraments regularly at home by calling the parish Outreach office at 727.822.3481.

**St. Paul's Catholic School & St. Paul's Children's Center:** Our parochial school provides an outstanding Catholic education for children from pre-kindergarten (beginning at age 3) through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Our children's center provides quality day care for children age 2 and under.

**Parish Membership:** Every Catholic household is encouraged to register in the parish. You may register on the first Sunday of the month by attending the information meeting held in the Parish Center after the 9:30 a.m. mass. St. Paul's parishioners strive to be good stewards of God's gifts. Christian stewardship includes a sharing of time, talent and treasure with the parish community. Each household is expected to accept its responsibility for the welfare of the parish and its educational and charitable ministries by participation in Sunday Mass, active involvement in the parish, and by weekly use of the church support envelopes.



**"Forever Will I Give You Thanks."**

Psalm 30

January 11, 2009

My dear parishioners,

Today we begin Stewardship Renewal Month at St. Paul's. Part of our stewardship commitment involves the Diocese's Annual Pastoral Appeal.

I want to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to those of you who have faithfully supported the diocesan Appeal in the past. Your generosity has prepared our seminarians for priesthood; given needed care to our retired priests; provided a deeper understanding of our treasured Catholic faith to persons of all ages; and assisted families who struggle with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia, unplanned pregnancies, extreme poverty, homelessness, and family conflict.

Rejoice in the knowledge that your Annual Pastoral Appeal gifts have improved the lives of countless numbers of your sisters and brothers in our own parish and throughout our Diocese. In their name I want to thank you for answering Christ's call to be the good neighbor.

In a few weeks you will be receiving a letter of thanks from Bishop Lynch, along with information about the 2009 Annual Pastoral Appeal. While I recognize that we live in difficult economic times, I know that you will meet this challenge as you faithfully have, doing all that you can to help others.

May Our Lord bless you with His gratitude and love!

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor