



Mass
Intentions
Of The Week

Monday, January 19th

7:00 A.M. Intentions of Sister Irene Therese White

Tuesday, January 20th

7:00 A.M. Richard Mallory

Wednesday, January 21st

7:00 A.M. Mary Margaret Laughlin

Thursday, January 22nd

7:00 A.M. Prayer for Vocations

8:15 A.M. For all Grandparents

Friday, January 23rd

7:00 A.M. Jim Isaia

Saturday, January 24th

8:30 A.M. Bob Sulte

5:30 P.M. Richard Mallory

Sunday, January 25th

7:30 A.M. Intentions of John Dampf Jr.

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

11:30 A.M. Leonard Bronikowski

6:00 P.M. Conchita Cadavillo



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

Offertory for Sunday, January 11, 2009:

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| 291 Envelopes..... | \$ 8,522.25 |
| Loose..... | \$ 2,596.00 |
| AOP (debit)..... | \$ 1,876.00 |
| AOP (credit)..... | \$ 6,392.50 |
| Total..... | \$ 19,386.75 |

*Whoever is joined to the Lord
becomes one Spirit with him.
(1 Corinthians 6:17)*

During Stewardship Renewal Month
we join ourselves to the Lord
through a recommitment to generosity.

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

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| Website | stpaulstpete.com |
| Parish Offices..... | 727-822-3481 |
| Pastoral Associate..... | Annamaria Dickhaus |
| Admin. Assistants..... | Charie Wassmer & Mary Carney |
| Outreach Ministry..... | Sr. Kathleen Stagnaro, OSF |
| Youth Ministry..... | ext. 12 |
| Organist & Choir Director..... | Paul Dixon |
| St. Vincent de Paul Society | ext. 50 |
| Children's Center..... | Valerie Gervais, ext. 18 |
| Prayer Team..... | 727-894-8846 or jhdmay@aol.com |
| School..... | Mrs. Elizabeth Fulham, Principal 727-823-6144 |
| Counseling Ministry..... | Mary Ann Holtz, LMHC 727-327-5045 |



*Do you not know
that your body is temple of the Holy Spirit within you,
whom you have from God,
and that you are not your own?
For you have been purchased at a price.
(1 Corinthians 6:19-20)*

God has taken possession of us and made us his temple. We've been bought and paid for, *at a price*, Christ's own blood. We belong to God.

Since *we are not our own*, our possessions---our time, talents, and treasure---are not our own either. They too belong to God.

Belonging to God engages us in stewardship. Since all that we are and all that we have belongs to God, we are stewards rather than owners. We must use our time, talent, and treasure responsibly, according to the Master's plan and to promote his kingdom.

Our parish's annual Stewardship Renewal Month is a time to reassess and reprioritize. Do I use my time to promote God's kingdom? Do I put my talents to work for him? Do I give back to God, in gratitude, my first fruits, through a generous tithe?

Msgr. Robert C. Gibbons, Pastor

That Man Is You! resumes this Wednesday, January 21. Men of the parish are invited to deepen their commitment to Christ. We meet every Wednesday morning 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

Annual Pastoral Appeal. Part of our stewardship responsibility includes the diocese's Annual Pastoral Appeal (APA). In a week or so, Bishop Lynch will be sending everyone a pledge card for APA 2009. Please respond generously. One of the ministries supported by the APA is Catholic Charities' Pinellas Hope, which provides food and a temporary home for over 200 homeless individuals and families and helps them find jobs and permanent housing. Your pledge to the APA does Christ's work. *I was hungry and you gave me food, a stranger and you welcomed me, says the Lord.*

Sunday nursery is available for children (ten months old to five years old) during the 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses. Located in the St. Paul's Children's Center, at the west end of the first floor of the parish center. Experienced adult supervision.



Blood Drive today, Sunday, in the St. Paul's parking lot from 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Help save lives with your blood donation.

St. Paul Says

“Go for this man is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before Gentiles, kings, and Israelites, and I will show him what he will have to suffer for my name.”

Acts 9: 15-16

O.B.I.C. YOUTH NEWS

High School

Sunday, Jan. 18th: We are going to *Game On* for a night of laser tag and pizza! Permission slips are 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. We will be back at St. Paul at **9:30 p.m.**

(Please note that this is LATER than our normal end-time.)

Sunday, Jan. 25th: Join us at the 6 p.m. Mass at St. Paul -- Bishop Lynch will be here to celebrate the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul with us! Following Mass, we will be joined by a special guest presenter. Be prepared for an interactive trivia competition!

Questions? Email: katie@stpaulstpete.com

Msgr. Gibbons' mailbox. Msgr. Gibbons received a letter at Christmas that enclosed a check for the parish. The letter said, *“My wife and I feel so blessed that we have found a parish where we feel so welcomed . . . Our children have grown spiritually, socially, and academically at the school. . . We are so happy we have found such a wonderful Catholic community. In these challenging financial times, we were unexpectedly blessed with a bonus. We wanted to share this blessing in our Christmas tithes. We know there are so many needs---a family unexpectedly out of work, a child who needs tuition help, our sister parish in Haiti---so please use the gift where the greatest need is right now.”* That's good stewardship in action. Msgr. Gibbons thanks all of you for your tremendous generosity to the parish.

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

Joseph Ryan Gonzalez
Autumn Karly Miller
Daniel William Harper
Liam Christian Poole
Laney Hall Anderson
Alec Hall Anderson
Sadie Kathryn Kramer
Robert Sterling Kramer
Paige Elizabeth Sue-A-Quan
Isabella Olivia Ford

v. Wade. Signal your opposition to the FOCA and other legislation promoting abortion. The addresses are: Senator Mel Martinez, 356 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510; Senator Bill Nelson, 716 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510; and Rep. Bill Young, 2407 Rayburn HOB, Washington DC 20515.

SENIOR CLUB will meet on Tuesday, Jan 20th, at 1 p.m. in the Parish Center for a short business meeting followed by a presentation on reverse mortgages and a social. Members are reminded to bring an old childhood photo. The next meeting is February 3rd. All seniors are encouraged to attend.

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 or call the parish office.

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

St. Vincent de Paul. In the Gospel today, Jesus asks "What are you looking for?" Often we are looking for fulfillment in selfish ways, but it is when we look for ways to serve others that we truly become fulfilled. Grow closer to Jesus and find fulfillment in serving others by joining the St. Vincent de Paul Society. See the Parish Website for more information or call Penny at 430-8964.

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 with questions.

SMILE! Photo sessions for the 2009 Parish Directory will be Feb. 13-14, Feb. 17-18, and Feb. 24-28 in the Parish Center. Schedule your appointment on-line at stpaulstpete.com using the "Lifetouch @ St. Paul" link or call Mary Rachel Dudley at 727.433.1887. No purchase necessary.

Stewardship Reflection. In today's first reading, we hear Samuel respond eagerly, "Here I am!" each time the Lord calls him. May we, too, be listening for the call of God in our lives and be ready to say like the psalmist, "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will." (See Samuel 3:4, Psalm 40)

Diocesan support group for widowed, separated, and divorced. Monthly meeting at Sacred Heart parish center (80th Ave. and 46th Street N.) on Wednesday, January 21st at 7 p.m. Call John Tallman 219-0046 for information.

FREEDOM OF CHOICE ACT (FOCA). Catholics are encouraged to write their U.S. Senators and Representatives to oppose passage of the FOCA, proposed legislation that will undermine pro-life policies and create a right to abortion more extensive than that allowed under Roe

Thoughts on Stewardship from last Sunday's Lay Witnesses

Stewardship springs from a realization of God's goodness and generosity

"My marriage to Amy is a daily blessing, and she is one of the key ways I receive grace and the love of Christ. My spiritual journey also grew significantly with the birth of our daughter, Nellie. The miracle of a child and the grace that brings in our lives is a blessing from God." (Jeff Rettig)

"My home life as a child was pretty rocky, but my Catholic church and Catholic school gave my life structure and stability as well as providing me with a good education and values that I still believe in." (Paul Tomey)

"My husband was a cradle Catholic, who had never been confirmed, and I was brought up as a Baptist. During our lives we were always searching for something that was missing. After we found St. Paul's, we knew that we were home. We went through the RCIA classes as a family and we were all confirmed Easter of 2006." (Debbie Clayton)

"No matter where I am in the world, no matter what language is spoken, I am always where I belong when I'm at Mass. The liturgy speaks to me over and over again about what's important----about God's constant presence in the Eucharist and somehow about his awareness of my struggles." (Paul Tomey)

The Church is the right place for a generous investment of time, talent, and treasure

"I believe we are responsible for supporting the Christian mission during our lives and handing this on to the next generation. This means supporting the institution of the Catholic Church as the foundation for the Christian mission. Stewardship instills Hope and Optimism in laying the foundation for the future for ourselves, our children, and future generations. This worldly hope and optimism mirrors our Christian hope in the love of God and life after death." (Jeff Rettig)

Giving time & talent to the church enriches the giver

"I find that my participation in 'Christ Renews His Parish' and 'That Man Is You!' has allowed me to spend time focusing on my spiritual relationship with Christ and others. It can be challenging to donate significant time to church ministries due to work and family commitments. I have found that I have never regretted saying 'Yes,' and many blessings have resulted from these experiences." (Jeff Rettig)

"We felt that to really feel like a part of this parish family, we needed to spend time with others here at the church. Being part of this community has truly changed my life. It has soothed my personal struggles, calmed my family struggles, and helped me put my time, my talent, and my treasure into perspective." (David Grote)

Commitment of treasure is essential to good stewardship

"Along with our time and talent, we take a look at our finances and give a portion of our earnings to the church on a weekly basis. Like many others, we have felt the effect of the current state of the economy. However, we still are making sure that we fulfill our capital campaign pledge and give our share in the offering every week. During these times we have to remember to support our parish family and community, as we are all part of the one body." (Mike & Debbie Clayton)

"As parishioners, we are our own stimulus package. Now more than ever, the church, the ministries, our school, and others need our contributions." (David Grote)

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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 8th 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.