



St. Paul's Catholic Church

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Rev. Msgr. Robert C. Gibbons, Pastor
Reverend Bob Gangolu, SAC

January 29, 2012

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil
5:30 p.m.

Sunday Masses
7:30 a.m.

9:30 a.m.
(Folk Music)

11:30 a.m.
(Choir & Organ)

6:00 p.m.
(Contemporary Music)

WEEKDAY MASSES Monday-Friday

7:00 a.m.
(School Year)

7:45 a.m.
(Summer)

SACRAMENT
OF RECONCILIATION
Confessions are heard
on Saturdays,
4:30 - 5:15 p.m.

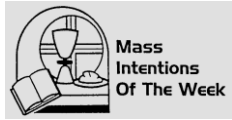
Faith. Academics. Service.

Catholic Schools

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK JANUARY 29 - FEBRUARY 3



We are a parish family that strives to live our Catholic faith by vibrant worship of God and loving service to others, all through God's grace.



Monday, January 30th

7:00 a.m. Stella Zoladkowski
 8:30 a.m. For all Grandparents, Living and Deceased

Tuesday, January 31st

7:00 a.m. Laurence T. Thornton

Wednesday, February 1st

7:00 a.m. Marilyn Jacob

Thursday, February 2nd

7:00 a.m. Prayer for Vocations

Friday, February 3rd

7:00 a.m. Intentions of Lourdes Belo

Saturday, February 4th

5:30 p.m. Thomas and Mary Grady

Sunday, February 5th

7:30 a.m. Thomas and Mary Grady
 9:30 a.m. Intentions of St. Paul Parishioners
 11:30 a.m. William T. Tapp
 6:00 p.m. Prayer for Vocations



*'Let us not again hear the voice of the Lord, our God,
 nor see this great fire any more,
 lest we die.'*
 (Deuteronomy 18:16)

Moses is reminding the people of what they had told him after they had an experience of God at Horeb. The Lord had spoken to them face to face on the mountain from the midst of the fire. (Deut. 5:4) That was too frightening for them. They are thereafter happy to let Moses be their intermediary. "You go near God, hear what he has to say, and then tell us," they direct Moses.

One commentator concludes that the people Israel were "too sensual and selfish to want God himself. They were not prepared to pay the price." She finds we are no different: "A heart must be really listening, really wanting the truth, really wanting God. The difficulty is that we do not want him. We want our own version of him." (R. Burrows, *Essence of Prayer*, 12-14)

To ensure we are listening to God, and not to our own version of him, we must focus on Jesus, on his words, on his actions. For he is God's self-revelation. *He who has seen me has seen the Father, says the Lord.*

Msgr. Robert C. Gibbons, Pastor

The Sacrament of Penance was experienced by 44 of our youngsters for the first time this past Monday, as they made their first confessions and received absolution. Thank you to their parents and teachers, who worked so faithfully to prepare the children. We look forward to the celebration of First Holy Communion in May.

St. Paul's Seniors Club presented a check for \$1,901.00 to St. Paul Catholic School this week. This represented the proceeds of their bake sale and Christmas sale. The Seniors Club is a faithful, generous supported of our parochial school. All the proceeds of their activities go to the school. Thank you, Seniors!

School Mass this week will be at 8:30 a.m. on Monday (January 30), rather than on its usual day of Wednesday. Monday is Grandparents Day at St. Paul's Catholic School. All school grandparents are invited to the Mass as the first activity on their special day.

New Parishioner meeting is next Sunday in the parish Center after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Please come if you are new to the parish.



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

Offertory total for Sunday, January 22, 2012:

272 Envelopes	\$	8,687.90
Loose	\$	2,608.00
AOP (debit)	\$	2,142.00
AOP (credit card)	\$	0.00
Total	\$	13,437.90

*'Let us come into the Lord's presence
 with thanksgiving.'*
 (Psalm 95)

Stewardship offerings stem from gratitude.

- Parish Websitestpaulstpete.com
- Parish Offices.....727.822.3481
 parishoffice@stpaulstpete.com
- Admin. Assistants.....Charie Wassmer & Mary Carney
- Pastoral Associate.....Annmaria Dickhaus
- Outreach Ministry.....Sr. Kathleen Stagnaro, OSF
- Youth Ministry.....Katie Muller ext. 12
 katie@stpaulstpete.com
- Youth Ministry Website.....stpaulym.wordpress.com
- Organist & Choir Director.....Catherine Cole
- St. Vincent de Paul Societyext. 50
- Children's Center.....Toni Johnston ext. 18
- Prayer Team.....727.894.8846 or jhdmay@gmail.com
- School.....Mrs. Elizabeth Fulham, Principal
 stpaul1930.org 727.823.6144
- Counseling Ministry.....Mary Ann Holtz, LMHC
 727.327.5045

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YOUTH NEWS

High School. Each Sunday 7-9:15 p.m. St Paul Youth Rm

Jan. 29th, "Divine Design" - As we begin our semester on the Church, join us for a closer look at our own church building and what we can learn about our faith from this sacred place where we celebrate our Sacraments.

Feb. 5th, NO MEETING - Enjoy the Super Bowl!

Middle School 2nd & 4th Wed. 6-8 p.m. Holy Family
Grades 6- 8, Join us for faith, fellowship, fun, & food.



Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration

February 2nd (Thursday)
 12 Noon until 2:45 p.m.
 Rosary recited at 2:15 p.m.

"Prayer is essential for the spiritual journey." Pope Benedict XVI said, "In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host. Be assiduous in the prayer of adoration and teach it to the faithful. It is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering." Join us on February 2nd for prayer.

Stewardship Renewal 2012

Centered in Christ, We Share

Every year, as parishioners of St. Paul's, during Stewardship Renewal, we recommit ourselves consciously to a stewardship way of life.

The treasure commitment forms for 2012 have been mailed and are also available at the doors of the church. Please complete and return them at your earliest convenience, indicating your financial commitment to the parish for the year. Thanks!

This weekend, lay witnesses will share at Mass on how they try to implement the principles of stewardship in their lives.

In gratitude to all parishioners for your good stewardship, everyone is invited to our *Celebrate St. Paul's* party on Saturday, Feb. 4th. There we will present our Steward and Ministry of the Year awards.

On that weekend of February 4th, to help us experience more deeply the significance of this year's theme, *Centered in Christ, We Share*, all parishioners will be given the opportunity to make a straightforward stewardship commitment during Mass. You will be invited to complete a simple form expressing how you plan to center your life more in Christ during 2012 by sharing yourself with Christ and with others. The form is on the last page of this bulletin and on our website.

Dear Parishioners of St. Paul Catholic Church:

Today, January 29, 2012, marks the opening of Catholic Schools Week throughout the nation. St. Paul Catholic School joins in the celebration of Catholic Schools Week and affirms this year's theme, "Catholic Schools - Faith, Academics, Service."

For students at St. Paul Catholic School, this theme is lived out each day. Students receive an excellent education that is not just based on the academics, but an education that centers on faith and morals as well. Service is a given at St. Paul Catholic School! Throughout the school year our Student Council initiates projects to raise funds for the needy, provide toiletries for the homeless, make placemats with scripture verses for the jail ministry, to name just a few of their projects.

As we begin this week we wish to extend to you our appreciation for your generosity in supporting our school for 82 years. You, the parishioners of St. Paul Catholic Church, are a big part of the rich heritage that we so proudly claim. The priests, sisters, and dedicated lay teachers who serve or who have served at our school, have made these 82 years of Catholic education a dream come true for the founding priests and Franciscan Sisters of Allegany. Your offertory contributions and donations make it possible for the parish to continue supporting the school. We are most grateful to the families who have made donations in memory of a deceased loved one. Thank you to the parish members who sponsor students through their monetary donations, and to our St. Paul Senior Club and Knights of Columbus for their generosity to the school.

The administration, faculty, staff, and students of St. Paul Catholic School invite you and your family to join us for our Open House on February 2, 2012 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Our students are anxious to give you a tour of their school.

Please know that you and your families are remembered in our daily prayers and we ask that you do the same for us as we continue to lead our school and our students into a faith-filled future.

Gratefully yours,

Elizabeth Fulham, Principal
 Sister Joan Carberry, OSF, Assistant Principal

A big 'Thank you' to the ministries of Respect Life, Youth, Columbiettes, Knights of Columbus and Band of Brothers for leading their assigned hours of the five-hour Eucharistic Adoration for the Sanctity of Human Life on Jan 22nd from 7 p.m. till 12 midnight. A good number of people participated in the Adoration. The Lord was indeed pleased with St. Paul's for praising and thanking Him for the gift and miracle and sanctity of human life. Blessed be the Name of the Lord.



Please pray for the healing of the sick
and the consolation of the afflicted,
especially:

Dale Holland	Ruth Fay	Marguerite Miller
Sally Gasky	Barbara Kelly	Ladaisha Kelzer
Ellie Gallaher	Jim Kirby	Marjorie Larson
Joe McCourt	Michael Rusin	Rocco Rinaldi
Frederick Stagnaro	Lynn Vaiuso	John Gleason
Susan Welch	Paula Gosford	Jimmy Cisco
Marlene Romanic	Bert Cole	Jim Moorhead
Patricia McDonald	Jennie Ehren	Marianne Teska
Michael Weideman	Louise Kralich	James McCauley
Mary Ann Martin	Jim Pettengill	Jerry Frasca
Arlene Groninger	Tim Ryan	Lisa Romeo
Josephine Holsten	Elizbeth Florke	Tim Halloway
Briann&Addison Cox	Michael Baer	Mariana Blain
Jacqueline Blosser	Julie Kratz	Donald Mosher
Bill Shanahan	Judy Lawler	Kathy Kelzer
Amanda Smolen	Max Wannike	Liz Rosenberger
Theresa O'Neill	Harold Quirk	Kathy Haninger
Paul Vandevour	Justin Bisette	Mark Beers
Polly Leavengood	Kellie Shumaker	Larry Richardson
Bill Teska	Bryan Kuhn	Eleanor Ritter
Jean Toothman	Nancy Dusseault	Bill Shanahan
Jim & Pat Previtera	Rose Groth	

To add a name to this list, please contact the parish office.

We Remember our Loved Ones Serving in the Military. We ask your prayers for all men and women serving in our armed forces, especially Hank Michaud, Joel Klein, John Gordon, Adrienne Sproul, Kevin Wulff, Leif Mollo, Rob Strandquist, Chad Silva, Cody Deveraux, John Janus, Kim Janus, Jason Paradis, Josiah Griffin, Paul Pekrul, and Eric Embree.

Mission to Haiti. *Partners with Haiti* is planning a mission to Haiti March 10-17. Some dental and medical work will be included, but others are welcome. Please contact Jim Stitt (727.452.1239, jimstitt1@gmail.com).

Tampa Bay Band of Brothers will host a men's study group on Matthew Kelly's book, *Rediscover Catholicism*, beginning Thursday, Feb. 2, at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center. All men of the parish are welcome. Meetings begin with an optional Rosary prayed at the Grotto. Contact Mario Vitrano at mariovitrano1@aol.com or 727.251.6849 for info.

One of our parishioners is compiling a PowerPoint presentation to run in the background during the "Celebrate St. Paul's" party on Saturday, Feb. 4th. The presentation will feature all of the St. Paul's ministries, and we'd love to get photos and a list of accomplishments from your ministry that occurred in 2011. Please send these items directly to Brett Pettigrew at brett.pettigrew@gmail.com by Friday, Jan. 27th.

Catholics Come Home. Through Jan., advertisements inviting Catholics to "come home" to the active practice of the Catholic faith are being broadcast on many of our local and cable television stations. Take advantage of this time of grace to encourage your non-practicing friends and family members to "come home" to the Catholic Church. While at Mass, extend a hospitable greeting and warm smile to all you encounter; they may be coming home for the first time in years!

"Annulment in the Catholic Church" is the topic of a seminar being presented by the Marriage Tribunal of the Diocese of St. Petersburg from **7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.** on several dates and church locations. The program will discuss the various grounds for marriage nullity, dispel myths about annulments, and answer questions. If you have experienced a failed marriage or are just curious about the process, please come: **Feb. 23** at Holy Cross in St. Pete (7851 – 54 Ave. No.)

Dispose of your old American Flag. Do you have an American flag that is faded, worn, or ripped? The Cub Scouts are collecting tattered U.S. flags for proper disposal. Please bring your old flags to the church vestibule and deposit them in the marked bin. The scouts will ensure that your flag is properly disposed of at their next campout. Flags will be collected through Sunday, February 19th.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition. Congratulations to these Paul Catholic School students who won their listed age groups on January 21:
 Victoria Zamitalo 10 year old girls
 Mathew Maier 10 year old boys
 J D Massaro 11 year old boys
 Hughes Bruce 12 year old boys

Annual Pastoral Appeal 2011
Diocese of St. Petersburg
as of January 20, 2012

Our parish's assessment.....\$168,938.00
 Total pledged.....\$ 66,803.70
 Number of pledges.....321
 Average pledge.....\$208.11

Pledge on-line through the parish website
www.stpaulstpete.com. *On the home page, click on*
"ONLINE PAYMENTS," then on "Pastoral Appeal Gift."
You may also use the forms in the church or mailed to you

Confirmation for Adults
(High school graduate or older)

If you are a practicing Catholic who has never received the Sacrament of Confirmation and you would like to be confirmed, we invite you to the following three sessions:
Tuesday, Feb. 7; Tuesday, Feb. 21, Tuesday, Feb. 28
 All sessions will be at 7 p.m. in the parish center.
Confirmation will be administered on Sunday, March 4 at the 11:30 a.m. Mass.
 Please call Annamaria in the parish office for more information, or to register. 727.822.3481



Stewardship Renewal 2012

“Centered in Christ, We Share”

During this year 2012 I plan to center my life more in Christ by sharing myself with Christ and with others in these ways:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> participate in Sunday Mass every week | <input type="checkbox"/> contributing to the parish offertory |
| <input type="checkbox"/> daily personal prayer | <input type="checkbox"/> contributing to other charities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> daily Mass at least one weekday per week | <input type="checkbox"/> involvement in parish ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> confession at least twice yearly | (specify: _____) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> adoration of Blessed Sacrament monthly | _____) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> daily prayer with my family | <input type="checkbox"/> involvement in community service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> regular spiritual reading (Bible or other inspirational Catholic literature) | (specify: _____) |
| | _____) |