



Mass
Intentions
Of The Week

Monday, February 2nd

7:00 A.M. Intentions of Fr. Vega

Tuesday, February 3rd

7:00 A.M. Prayer for Vocations

Wednesday, February 4th

7:00 A.M. Deceased Faculty and Staff of St. Paul School

8:15 A.M. Intentions of St. Paul SAC Committee

Thursday, February 5th

7:00 A.M. Intentions of St. Paul School Families

Friday, February 6th

7:00 A.M. Intentions of James Dwyer

Saturday, February 7th

8:30 A.M. Bob Sulte

5:30 P.M. Intentions of the Blessed Mother

Sunday, February 8th

7:30 A.M. Harold Traver

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

11:30 A.M. Living and Deceased Members of the Women's Guild

6:00 P.M. Keith, Norma, and Clifford Moulton



*The man with an unclean spirit cried out,
'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?
Have you come to destroy us?'*
(Mark 1:24)

Jesus does not directly answer the questions of the man with an unclean spirit. But if we asked him the same questions, I predict he'd answer this way:

What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? 'I have everything to do with you,' he would say. 'You came to be through me. In me you live and move and have your being. I am the vine, you are the branches. I abide in you. I have given you the glory the Father gave me.'

Have you come to destroy us? 'I have come to do the exact opposite,' he would answer. 'I came so that you might have life and have it more abundantly. If you come to me, you will never hunger. If you believe in me, you will never thirst. I will not reject you if you come to me. I will raise you on the last day.'

Confronted by such love and compassion, we bow down in worship, kneeling before the Lord who made us, thankful that he is our God.

Msgr. Robert C. Gibbons, Pastor

Thank you to all who made our celebration of the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul on January 25---and the special week of open house and prayer services leading up to it---so beautiful and meaningful. God has blessed us with St. Paul as our parish patron and as a prayerful intercessor in heaven. St. Paul himself wrote, *"I give thanks to my God at every remembrance of you, praying always with joy in my every prayer for all of you."* (Philippians 1:3-4).

That Man Is You! has resumed for the spring semester. This men's program meets every Wednesday morning from 5:30 to 7:00 a.m. in the cafeteria. Register by calling parishioner Bill Teska at 917.804.5265, or e-mail him at wmtska@yahoo.com. You'll find this program to be an excellent and down-to-earth tool to help you grow in your Catholic faith.

Support Vocations to the Priesthood by making a pledge to the diocese's Annual Pastoral Appeal (APA) for 2009. The seminary training of the 25 men studying for our diocese is funded by the APA. It also supports all the vocations recruitment efforts of the diocese. Please make your pledge to the APA for 2009. You may pledge on-line at www.diostpete.com/apa/. Make sure, on the "please select a parish" line, that you select "St. Paul - St. Petersburg." Thank you.

New EM/Lector and Altar Server Schedules are now on the website. There are also copies in the sacristy for those who don't have computer access. Thank you!



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

Offertory for Sunday, January 25, 2009:

304 Envelopes.....	\$	10,108.00
Loose.....	\$	2,558.00
AOP (debit).....	\$	1,871.00
AOP (credit).....	\$	0.00
Total.....	\$	14,537.00

*"Let us come into the Lord's presence
with thanksgiving."
(Psalm 95:2)*

We make our stewardship offering
with deep gratitude for God's blessings.

Please return your 2009 Commitment of Treasure
to the offertory basket or by mail.

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



**St. Paul Says
“Brothers and Sisters, I
should like you to be free
from anxiety.”**

1 Cor. 7: 32

Excitement builds for next weekend's **Time & Talent Fair**, held after all Masses as part of Stewardship Renewal Month. Learn more about opportunities to share your time and talent through the parish's many ministries, while enjoying the company of other parishioners. Refreshments provided, along with entertainment for the children. It's a delight for all ages.

Stewardship Renewal packets have been mailed to all parishioners. Please return your completed commitment cards----one for Time and Talent, one for Treasure----to the parish by mail or through the Sunday collection. Thanks very much to everyone for your generosity of spirit.

O.B.I.C. YOUTH NEWS

High School:

Sunday, February 1st: NO MEETING! Enjoy the Super Bowl!

Sunday, Feb. 8th: "Graced" -- This semester we'll spend some time talking about the Seven Sacraments. Join us for this riveting introduction to the Sacraments!

Parent Meeting: If your middle school or high school student has been attending or is interested in attending the O.B.I.C youth group, please come to our parent meeting! We'll be discussing the high school retreat, the week at Covecrest summer camp, and filling out *important* registration forms, among other things.

Questions? Contact Katie Muller (822-3481 or katie@stpaulstpete.com).

Prayers for the sick and for military personnel. Our tradition at St. Paul's has been to pray for the sick and deployed military personnel by name at each Sunday Mass. We will continue this practice in a new format. The name will be included in the prayer of the faithful at Mass the first week the request is received. Thereafter the name will be printed in the bulletin as may be appropriate and incorporated in the prayer of the faithful by reference. The same policy will apply to parishioners in the military who are deployed overseas to a war zone. With the names in the bulletin, parishioners can more readily pray by name for the sick and military personnel throughout the week. We are trying to update the list of names of parishioners who are deployed overseas to a war zone. Please let the parish office know the names, by phone or e-mail to parishoffice@stpaulstpete.com.

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

Isaac Matthew Kreger and
Marin Kathryn Repka

Attention New Parishioners: TODAY after the 9:30a.m. Mass, is the meeting for new parishioners registration in

the Parish Center. Current parishioners and staff members will be present to welcome newcomers and answer questions about parish services and activities. Refreshments will be served. These meetings are held on the first Sunday of every month.

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.

Msgr. Gibbons' mailbox. A young adult parishioner, who just graduated from a university in northern Florida, is moving back home to St. Petersburg. She writes, "*I hope now that I live closer to St. Paul's I can take advantage of the loving community in the church.*" See, you're even attracting young college grads by fostering a *loving community* here in our parish.

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 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 Tues, Feb 3rd, at 1 p.m. in the Parish Center for a short business meeting followed by an ice cream social. Note: the next meeting will be on Tues, Feb 10th when the rescheduled reverse mortgage presentation will be made. All senior men and women are cordially invited to attend.

"Mini Pilgrimage". On February 22, at 11:00 a.m., we will meet at the steps of the Parish Center and process through the parish grounds, stopping at some of our buildings and ending at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto. There will be reflection, prayer and music. Our Family Religious Education Ministry will lead us on the journey. Please join us as we continue to reflect on our patron, St. Paul, his teachings, and our parish journey.

2009 Parish Photo Directory. Photos will be taken by Lifetouch at the Parish Center throughout the month of February. We'd like you to be a part of it. Appointment times can be scheduled in person after all Sunday Masses, Feb. 1st or on the parish web site.

The third and fourth commitments of the St. Francis Pledge to Protect Creation and the Poor: Third, Assess our participation, as individuals and organizations, in contributing to climate change (i.e. consumption and conservation). Fourth, Act to change our choices and behaviors contributing to climate change. Look for the fifth and final commitment next week. With love, **Green Team.**

Meals on Wheels needs a weekly driver and helper for Fridays. Please call Jean Toothman at 727.526.4169.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Tom Geary	Rose Groth	Karen Marostica
Joe McCourt	Rosemarie Demeter	Joan Gerardo
Barbara Brant	Tom Collins	Callin Sinclair
Jesus Aloreu	Elenor Jonathan	David Conolly
Bob Dewitt	Marianne Teska	Carol Baer
Katie Sosa	Barbara Sheridan	

adult living facilities and homes, as well as performing other spiritual and corporal works of mercy. We meet weekly on Wednesdays in the Parish Center Blue Room from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. and welcome your attendance at any of the meetings. For more information contact Joyce Locke (727.551.2012).

Stewardship Reflection. Moses told the people, *‘The Lord will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own kinsman.’* God still provides among His people the gifts and talents necessary to continue the work of His Church. What gifts are yours to share?

The Legion of Mary is an organization of men and women whose work includes visiting in hospitals, nursing homes,

Parish Survey

The Diocese of St. Petersburg is initiating a comprehensive study of its parishes and assessing the impact of changing demographics on our future. The goal is to compile information and insights to help us strengthen our Catholic parish communities, to help them more effectively serve the people and spread the Gospel. The process is being initiated this February in the thirteen parishes and three ethnic language missions in southern Pinellas County. Each parish is encouraged to involve as many parishioners as possible. That is where we need your help to make our effort a success at St. Paul.

The first and most critical step is a survey, during the month of February, to gather the thoughts, opinions and insights of our parishioners. The survey is available online and accessible through our parish website from February 1st to March 3, 2009. (Go to www.stpaulstpete.com, click on the ‘survey’ link on the home page, scroll to bottom of page and click ‘Next’ to start the survey.) Since some parishioners may not have access to a computer, we will have paper surveys available at the church and in the Parish Center. **Every adult member of the parish should complete a separate survey.** The survey will require no more than 30 minutes to complete. Please return completed paper surveys to the Parish Office or in the offertory basket.

The higher the participation, the more meaningful the results will be. So, please take the time to complete a survey and encourage others to do the same. Show your support for St. Paul parish by being part of the process. Thank you very much.

**“Saint Paul is coming to the Big Top”
Our St. Paul’s Vacation Bible School Program is in need of supplies.**

Are you going through your closets, drawers , attics & sheds...clearing out for the New Year?

If so keep in mind that our VBS program can use many items you may throw out .

We have listed below some items that we are looking for. If your not sure if we can make use of something please contact: Melissa Gray 727-822-1343 Or Boop Farmer 727-526-5285

We can arrange a Pick-Up or You can drop off your donations at The Parish Center. (Let the office staff know it’s for VBS)

Large cardboard boxes	Bubbles	Markers	Balloons	Fabric
Paint brushes	Baskets	Face Paint	Crayons	Paint
Bingo Dabbers	Yarn	Ribbon	Hula Hoops	Clown Outfits
Jump Ropes	Ring Leader Outfit	Sidewalk Chalk	Construction Paper	Fishing Line
String	Misc. Craft Supplies	Buttons		

Time & Talent Opportunity. Do you know someone who wants to dress & act as a mime, walk on stilts, juggle, a “strong man” ,magician, balloon artist, unicyclist???
Bring your special talent for 15 minutes or stay for a day of VBS !!!

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.

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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.