



Mass
Intentions
Of The Week

Monday, February 9th

7:00 A.M. Prayer for Vocations

Tuesday, February 10th

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Wednesday, February 11th

7:00 A.M. Intentions of Lorraine Dwyer
8:15 A.M. Intentions of St. Paul School Volunteers

Thursday, February 12th

7:00 A.M. Anna and John Zaloudek

Friday, February 13th

7:00 A.M. Peggy Aldrich

Saturday, February 14th

8:30 A.M. Miriam Going
5:30 P.M. Cecil Rossignol and Richard Borders

Sunday, February 15th

7:30 A.M. Al Ormston
9:30 A.M. Intentions of St. Paul Parishioners
11:30 A.M. Bernard Misner
6:00 P.M. Joan Tobin



*The whole town was gathered at the door.
He cured many who were sick with various diseases,
and he drove out many demons.
(Mark 1:33-34)*

Each Sunday morning we pass through the doors of St. Paul's Church, grateful that the Lord has invited us to be part of *the family gathered here before him*. We come with all our joys and triumphs, but more importantly with our troubles and infirmities, hoping that in this place he will *grasp our hand and raise us up*, just as he did to Simon's mother-in-law and many others that Sabbath day in the house at Capernaum.

The doors of the church stands as a symbol of Christ, who said, *'I am the door; whoever enters through me will be saved.'* (John 10:9) They stand also as a symbol of the gates of heaven, our true home. Whenever we pass through the doors of the church, to hear the word of God and celebrate the sacraments, we are reminded that it is Christ who gave himself to us as the true door to eternal life.

The Church's *Book of Blessings* provides a prayer for the blessing of new church doors, a prayer worth repeating as we approach the 70th birthday of the St. Paul's doors:

*Grant that those who enter this church
with confident faith in Christ
may persevere in the teaching of the apostles,
in the breaking of the bread,
and in unceasing prayer,
and so be built into the heavenly Jerusalem. Amen.*

Msgr. Robert C. Gibbons, Pastor

Time & Talent Fair is in the gym today, after all Masses. Please come see all the ministry opportunities the parish offers. Refreshments provided, plus fun for the children. Everyone is welcome.

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.

That Man Is You! meets every Wednesday morning at 5:30 a.m. in the Cafeteria, for prayer and spiritual development. All men of the parish are invited. You'll be on the road by 7 a.m.

2009 Parish Photo Directory. Photo sessions will be held Feb 13-14, Feb. 17-18, and Feb 24-28. Schedule your appointment on the parish web site or call Mary Rachel Dudley at 727.433.1887.



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

Offertory for Sunday, February 1, 2009:

290 Envelopes.....	\$	9,654.25
Loose.....	\$	2,031.00
AOP (debit).....	\$	8,287.73
AOP (credit).....	\$	0.00
Total.....	\$	19,972.98

*Praise the Lord, for he is good;
sing praise to our God, for he is gracious.
(Psalm 147:1)*

Today's Time & Talent Fair
is a celebration of your generous response
to God's goodness.

Please remember to return
your 2009 stewardship commitment cards.

- Websitestpaulstpete.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 Societyext. 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
“Although I am free in regard to all, I have made myself a slave to all so as to win over as many as possible.”

1 Cor. 9: 19

O.B.I.C. YOUTH NEWS

High School:

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!

Sunday, Feb. 15th: Ultimate Frisbee! Come play the greatest game of ultimate frisbee you've ever experienced!

Middle School Dance! O.B.I.C Youth Ministry presents *The Cupid Shuffle*. Join us at **Holy Family** (Diffley Hall, 200 78th Ave NE, 33702) on Feb. 13th from 7 -10 p.m.! All middle school students are welcome! The cost is \$5. **Chaperones needed!** Please contact Theresa Mattair (727.526.1052 or TMattair@hotmail.com). All chaperones **MUST** have completed Safe Environment training & fingerprinting. ****NO** students will be permitted to leave the dance by walking or riding their bike. They must be picked up by an adult.**

Prison Ministry. *'I was in prison, and you visited me,' says the Lord. (Matthew 25:36)* Your pledge to the diocese's Annual Pastoral Appeal (APA) for 2009 supports ministries such as Catholic prison ministry. This diocesan office sponsors and organizes priests and lay people who visit all the jails and prisons in the five counties of the Diocese of St. Petersburg. This is a quiet but vital ministry to the *least of our brothers and sisters*. The visitors bring the sacraments of the church, religious materials, and encouragement. Pledge on-line at www.diostpete.com/apa/. On the "please select a parish" line, select "St. Paul – St. Petersburg." Or you may mail in your pledge or drop it in the collection basket.

K of C Mardi Gras Celebration. Come experience a little piece of New Orleans here in St. Pete with Cajun food, music, beads, and best of all a casino. Sat. Feb. 21st at 6:30 p.m. in the gym. Tickets are \$15 and will be available at the Time and Talent Fair or in the parish office.

Msgr. Gibbons' mailbox. Three generations of one family---grandparents, daughter and son-in-law, and grandchildren---became Catholics at St. Paul's during the Easter Vigil four years ago. The grandmother recently wrote Msgr. Gibbons, *"Words can never tell how very much St. Paul's has meant to my husband and me. As new Catholics, we have had so much to learn. But the love 'our' church emits is fantastic. To see our grandchildren grow in the faith has been such a blessing. God is so good."* Thanks to all our parishioners for emitting such fantastic love and for providing an environment where young people can grow in the faith.

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.

The men's monthly Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) will meet Tuesday, Feb. 10th at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center. For more info please call Don Thornton at 727.459.5755.

SENIOR CLUB will meet on Tues, Feb 10th, at 1 p.m. in the Parish Center. The rescheduled reverse mortgage presentation will take place at this time. Refreshments will be served after a short business meeting. All senior men and women are invited.

St. Vincent de Paul Society. In the Gospel today, we find that Jesus would rise very early before dawn and go to a deserted place to pray and then he went out to preach and to heal. Follow the example of Christ by praying for the poor and then going out to serve them. Visit the St. Vincent de Paul booth at the Time and Talent Fair this weekend and sign-up to become a Vincentian.

Important Youth Ministry Parent Meeting Feb. 9

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 on Monday, February 9th from 7 – 8 p.m. at St. Paul Parish Center Youth Room. We'll be discussing:

- * What O.B.I.C. is and how to meet your teen's needs
 - * Upcoming high school retreat Feb. 27- Mar. 1
 - * Our week at Covecrest summer camp June 22 - 27
 - * Filling out *important* registration forms, and more...
- Questions? Contact Katie Muller (katie@stpaulstpete.com).

Tune in to Spirit FM radio, 90.5, Monday, Feb. 9, at 5:35 p.m., for the first segment of *A Path to Harmony in Marriage with Mary Ann C. Holtz, LMHC*. Mary Ann is the Christian psychotherapist in St. Paul's Counseling Ministry.

Medical Mission Supply Needs. On Saturday, February 14th and Sunday, February 15th, Partners With Haiti will be collecting supplies to support our 5th annual medical mission. This collection is for one weekend only. (Our Lenten monetary appeal will begin on February 22nd) We are asking for: Refresh Tears eye drops, Tums, adult and children vitamins, pre-natal vitamins, adult and children Tylenol, aspirin (81mg), small soaps, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes. Boxes for the donations will be at the church entrances. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Girl Scout Retreat Feb. 12 – 14 at Camp Dorothy Thomas, Riverview. Two separate Retreat Days, Feb. 14 and Feb. 28, are offered for Brownie Girl Scouts. Contact Norene Dagly for more information at 727.821.9093.

Your Green Team today brings the fifth and final commitment of the St. Francis Pledge to Protect Creation and the Poor: Advocate Catholic principles and priorities in climate change discussions and decisions, especially as they impact the poor and the vulnerable. (The first four commitments were: Pray, Learn, Assess. Act).

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Mini Pilgrimage". On Sunday, February 22nd, 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.

St. Paul Family Fish Dinner on Friday, February 27th (the first Friday in Lent). The adult menu includes baked fish, peas, rice pilaf, cornbread, dinner salad and clam chowder. The children's menu includes fish sticks, macaroni and cheese and cornbread. Dinner will be served in the cafeteria, anytime between 5 p.m. and 7p.m. Tickets are available in the parish office or through the school brown envelope. (Adults \$10; Children \$5.) Reservation deadline is Monday, Feb. 23rd or until 200 adult dinners are sold. Please call the parish office with any questions.

WALK FOR LIFE to benefit Pregnancy Plus Medical of Catholic Charities. Walk will be held on Saturday, Feb. 28, at Crescent Lake Park in St. Petersburg with fun and games beginning at 9:00 a.m. Pregnancy Plus Medical is a ministry that provides pregnancy testing, ultrasound, and mentoring services to women facing an unplanned pregnancy. Call Francesca at 727.550.4236.

St. Paul's Parish Mission. In keeping with the spirit of this great year, to honor our patron, St. Paul, we invite you to join our parish family on March 9th and 10th for a two-night

mission. We will focus on the life and teachings of St. Paul, and how we can carry his message to the world today. Fr. Timothy Sherwood will be the key presenter on Monday, March 9. Fr. Thomas Spillet will be the key presenter on Tuesday, March 10. Both evening programs will be held in the church. Visitors are always welcome, so bring a guest.

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

Gerry Howe	Ladaisha Kelzer	Mike Cushman
Michael Baer	Dennis Stajkowski	Karen Marostica
Tom Geary	Frederick Stagnaro	Collin Sinclair
Joe McCourt	Rose Groth	David Conolly
Barbara Brant	Rosemarie Demeter	Carol Baer
Jesus Abreu	Barbara Sheridan	Marianne Teska
Bob Dewitt	Eleanor Jonasson	Tom Collins

Mission at Transfiguration Catholic Church, Feb. 8 – 10, from 7:00 – 8:15 p.m., with a morning discussion on Feb. 10 at 10:00 a.m. Rev. Fredrick Pompei presents the topic, *"Who we are as Catholics who follow Jesus Christ."* exploring the soul, heart, and uniqueness of our Catholic identity.

Stewardship Reflection. Like St. Paul in the second reading, the good steward can say. *"I do all that I do for the sake of the Gospel in the hope of sharing in the blessings."* (See 1 Corinthians 9:23)

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 baskets as you enter the church.

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. Once the data from the survey is compiled and analyzed, all parishioners will be invited to a town hall meeting in April to discuss the findings and help refine our parish's input for the diocese. Thank you very much.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 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.