



Monday, February 23rd

7:00 A.M. Edward Orzech

Tuesday, February 24th

7:00 A.M. John Jewell

Ash Wednesday, February 25th

7:00 A.M. Elizabeth and Wesley Gallaher, Sr.
8:15 A.M. Intentions of Hellier Family
6:00 P.M. Prayer for Vocations

Thursday, February 26th

7:00 A.M. Alma Van de Steeg

Friday, February 27th

7:00 A.M. Prayer for Vocations

Saturday, February 28th

8:30 A.M. Intentions of Frederick Stagnaro
5:30 P.M. Hector, Kay, and Allan Jones

Sunday, February 29th

7:30 A.M. Ernest Metcalf
9:30 A.M. Intentions of St. Paul Parishioners
11:30 A.M. Bernard Misner
6:00 P.M. Intentions of the Webb Family



*Thus says the Lord:
Remember not the events of the past,
the things of long ago consider not;
see, I am doing something new!
(Isaiah 43:18-19)*

They want to get the paralytic to Jesus, who is in the house, but the door is blocked by the crowd. So they haul the man, lying on his mat, up to the roof. They open up the roof and lower the mat down to where Jesus is.

Though the Gospel doesn't mention him, surely the owner of the house is a little surprised, if not upset, to see his roof dismantled, don't you think?

In her poem *The Risk*, Marcella Marie Holloway considers the perspective of the owner of the house. She writes, "You take a risk when you invite the Lord . . . for always the unexpected soon turns up." She gives as an example: "Suddenly you see your very roof removed / And a cripple clutters up your living room." Her point is, "There's no telling what to expect when Christ walks in your door."

Christ always wants to do something new in us and through us. If we truly open our house or heart to him, the unexpected and the unwanted will show up, too. We won't be able to avoid them as we did in the past. Christ won't let us.

Msgr. Robert C. Gibbons, Pastor

Daily Mass during Lent will be celebrated in the main Church, beginning on Ash Wednesday. Monday through Friday at 7 a.m. Saturday at 8:30 a.m. Participation in daily Mass is a grace-filled way to observe prayerfully the season of Lent in preparation for Holy Week and Easter.

Lenten fasting. *To assist in promoting a common observance of penance during the season of Lent, the following Lenten penitential regulations have been issued for the Diocese of St. Petersburg for 2009:*

ASH WEDNESDAY and GOOD FRIDAY are days of FAST.

On days of fast, one full meal and two lesser meals are allowed. Eating between meals is not permitted. Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are bound to fast.

ASH WEDNESDAY and ALL OF THE FRIDAYS OF LENT, including GOOD FRIDAY, are also days of ABSTINENCE.

On days of abstinence, meat may not be taken. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics fourteen years of age or older.

If members of the faithful are unable to observe the fast and abstinence regulations because of ill health or other reasons, they are urged to practice other forms of penance and self-denial suitable to their condition.



St. Paul Says



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

Offertory for Sunday, February 15, 2009:

295 Envelopes.....	\$	10,153.00
Loose.....	\$	1,885.00
AOP (debit).....	\$	2,169.00
AOP (credit).....	\$	0.00
Total.....	\$	14,207.00

*God has put his seal upon us
and given the Spirit in our hearts.
(2 Corinthians 1:22)*

In gratitude to God for the gift of the Spirit,
we offer our stewardship gifts.

Thanks to all who have returned
the 2009 Stewardship Commitment Forms.

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 jhdmary@aol.com
School.....	Mrs. Elizabeth Fulham, Principal 727-823-6144
Counseling Ministry.....	Mary Ann Holtz, LMHC 727-327-5045

‘...he has put his seal upon us and given the Spirit in our hearts as a first installment.

2 Cor. 1: 22

O.B.I.C. HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH NEWS

February 22nd: *Immersed* - Come watch as the first guest arrives at "The Party."

March 1st: NO MEETING (Come home from retreat.)

Unstoppable High School Retreat, Feb. 27th- Mar. 1st: Join us for this incredible retreat at the Bethany Center in Lutz, FL! Too much going on with school, work, sports, clubs, etc. to get away for a weekend? If you're too busy for God, you're far busier than God ever intended you to be! Think about it. Pray about it. We'd love to have **you** there! For more information, see our website: <http://obicyouth.catholicweb.com>.

Krispy Kreme Doughnut Sale! Help support our youth group!! We're selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts on **Feb. 22nd** after the morning Masses. Each box (a dozen doughnuts) will cost \$8. All proceeds go toward our week at Covecrest summer camp. Think of it as a 'last hurrah' with a delicious treat before Lent begins on the 25th!

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!, for all men of the parish, will have a special Lenten focus, beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 25th. We will meet at 5:30 a.m. in the Cafeteria, and the program will conclude in time for the men to participate in the 7 a.m. Mass.

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

- Alexander Moises Zayas
- Emma Therese Milewicz
- George Augustus McLachlan
- Daniela Valentina Julian
- Sophia Carolina Julian

SMILE ST. PAUL'S. Lifetouch is here taking portraits in our Parish Center for our 2009 "Year of St. Paul" photo directory. Remaining portrait session dates are Tuesday, February 24 to Friday, February 27. To schedule your session visit stpaulstpete.com; go to Lifetouch-St. Paul photo directory; click on the appointment link. Or call Mary Rachel Dudley at 727.433.1887. Our directory won't be complete without you - yes, you! **FREE PORTRAIT SESSION, FREE 8x10, FREE PHOTO DIRECTORY TO THOSE WHO PARTICIPATE.**

Grotto Pavers. If you have been thinking about ordering an engraved Grotto paver, now is the time. An order will be placed in the coming weeks. Please remember that orders are only placed about three or four times a year. Order

forms are available in the Parish Office or on the St. Paul's web site.

"Mini Pilgrimage". This morning, 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.

Save the date for our Annual Health Fair sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and St. Paul Parish Nurses on Saturday March 28th in the Parish Center. Watch the bulletin for more information or call the parish office.

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 7 p.m. Tickets are available in the parish office or through the school brown envelope. (Adults \$10; Children \$5.) Reservation deadline is Monday, February 23rd, or until 200 adult dinners are sold. Please call the parish office with any questions.

St. Paul's Confirmation class will meet today, Sunday, Feb. 22, from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in the youth room at the Parish Center. Please plan to attend if you are preparing for Confirmation in May. The Confirmation class is also scheduled March 8, March 22, and April 26 at the same time and place. Confirmation will be May 17 at the 6 p.m. Mass.

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

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| Patrick Burns | Rosalie Keglovich | Barbara Brant |
| Gerry Howe | Dennis Stajkowski | Karen Marostica |
| Tom Geary | Frederick Stagnaro | Rose Groth |
| Joe McCourt | Rosemarie Demeter | Alma Geary |
| Lillian Thurline | Dee Eilerman | Marianne Teska |

MARRIED & LOVING IT! (MOST OF THE TIME). Calling all married couples. Spend the day learning and laughing together just like you did in the "old" days – whether that's last year or 50 years ago! Join other married couples for a special day of enrichment in our parish on March 7th at 9:30 a.m. The day concludes with Mass at 5:30 p.m. with your family followed by dinner. The MARRIED & LOVING IT! (MOST OF THE TIME) Program is a great opportunity to look at the positive side of your marriage, and learn new techniques to be a great spouse and great parent. Call the parish office for information or to make your reservation. Complimentary childcare will be provided and the fee for all materials and meals is \$30.

Parish Mission. We invite you to join our parish family on March 9th & 10th, as we celebrate the Jubilee Year of St. Paul in a two-night parish mission. The mission 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 9th. Fr. Thomas

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Spillett will be the key presenter on Tuesday, March 10th. Both evening programs will be held in the church from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend – bring a friend! For more information call the St. Paul Parish Office or Kathy Thornton, 727.459.5836.

A Lenten Mission will be hosted by St. John Vianney Catholic Church Sunday, March 29th through Thursday, April 2nd from 7 – 8 p.m. each evening. Topic is “Living our Faith Abundantly in Today’s Culture” presented by Fr. Wade Menezes, CPM of the Fathers of Mercy and EWTN. Everyone is invited.

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 AND BISHOP BARRY HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI
Good News! The St. Paul’s and Bishop Barry High School Annual Alumni Reunion is taking place the weekend of **April 24-26**, at the Dolphin Beach Resort, St. Pete Beach. Alumni from **all** graduating classes of St. Paul’s and Bishop Barry are invited for another fun-filled weekend event. Cost for the weekend for Registration and two dinners (Friday & Saturday) - \$85.00 per person. For information or reservations, contact Gloria (Dona) Nelson, 727.526.3007 or Bill Huffman, 727.392.6100 by March 16. (**After** March 16th, the cost will be \$90.00 per person.)

The Magnificat of St. Petersburg invites women of all ages to a prayer breakfast on Saturday, March 7, from 9 a.m. to Noon at the Cathedral of St. Jude Parish Center with speaker, Sharon Price. Tickets are \$7. Call 727.826.1707 or 727.347.1242 by March 4. No tickets at the door

“Has anyone told you it was okay to cry?” Women, men or couples suffering from a past abortion may experience the healing love of Jesus Christ through Project Rachel. Catholic Charities Project Rachel office will be offering the following healing experiences: “Post Abortion Recovery Support Group”- Thurs., Feb. 26th at 7:00 p.m.; “Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat” - March 6-8th. Call 813.631.4370 x 222.

ATTENTION!



REGISTRATION FORM
MARRIED & LOVING IT! (MOST OF THE TIME)
MARCH 7, 2009 AT ST. PAUL PARISH (cafeteria)
registration & breakfast starts at 9:30 a.m.

NAMES _____

TELEPHONE# _____ **EMAIL** _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

WEDDING DATE: _____ (please include the year you were married)

REGISTRATION FEE: \$30 per couple for materials & meals **CASH** **CHECK #** _____
(Scholarships are available. Please call the parish office at 727.822.3481)

CHILDCARE NEEDED: **YES** **NO**

NUMBER OF CHILDREN _____ **AGES** _____

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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.