



Monday, March 24th

7:00 A.M. Francis G. Merrigan

Tuesday, March 25th

7:00 A.M. Pat Hiligard

Wednesday, March 26th

7:00 A.M. Deceased members of the Hall & Johnson Families

Thursday, March 27th

7:00 A.M. Pearl Severino

Friday, March 28th

7:00 A.M. Intentions of Jadwiga Elliott

Saturday, March 29th

8:30 A.M. Bob Sulte

5:30 P.M. Lloyd Davis

Sunday, March 30th

7:30 A.M. Anna Regeski

9:30 A.M. St. Paul Parishioners

11:30 A.M. Cecile Rossignol & Richard Border

6:00 P.M. Dorothy Kozak



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

Due to early bulletin printing deadlines, offertory information for Sunday March 30th will be available in next week's bulletin.

Thanks for your super support of our annual Festival!

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

Websitestpaulstpete.com
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Administrative Assistants.....Charie Wassmer & Mary Carney
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*If then you were raised with Christ,
seek what is above,
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.
(Colossians 3:1)*

Easter is the feast of victory for our God. Victory over the ultimate enemy, death. It's also the feast of victory for us, for *we were raised with Christ*. We are part of his Body, so if he is raised up, we are raised up with him. If he sits at the right hand of the Father, we are there too, with him.

I heard recently a navy admiral described as "seeing everything from the perspective of 30,000 feet." In other words, he sees the big picture and how all parts relate to one another.

Having been raised with Christ, and sitting with him at the right hand of the Father, we gain a new perspective, a new vantage point. We can now see the big picture, understand better how the joys and sorrows fit together in our life, know what is important, appreciate the things that really last. We can now see that true love is selfless, that suffering is redemptive, that death leads to new life,

He is risen. And we are raised with him. Alleluia. Alleluia.

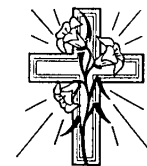
Father Robert C. Gibbons, Pastor

Easter Egg Hunt: TODAY after the 9:30 AM Masses for children ages 9 and under. Please meet in the playground after the Mass for this event.

Update report on 2008 Annual Pastoral Appeal (APA). Thus far **114** parishioners have pledged to the diocese's 2008 APA, pledging a total of **\$26,452.20**, for an average pledge of \$232.04. (In 2007, a total of 333 parish families pledged by the time the year ended). Please send in your 2008 pledge to the diocese as soon as possible. Pledge cards have been mailed to your homes, and they are also available in the pews. See below for pledging on-line.

Make your APA pledge on-line. Support the good works of the Diocese of St. Petersburg by making your 2008 pledge to the Annual Pastoral Appeal on-line. Go to <https://www.diostpete.com/apa/>. Your generosity is much appreciated. All pledges to the APA reduce dollar-for-dollar the annual assessment the parish must pay to the diocese, so it's a win-win! You're helping the diocese and simultaneously helping the parish!

The beautiful lilies on the altar are offered in memory of the following: Frank, Virginia & Lewis Burns, Ginny & Gordon Peterson, Antonia Quevedo, The Filancia Family, Toni Barnes, Deceased Members Beck Family, Deceased Members Thiel Family, Josephine Ciacio, Madelynn Rayne Duncan, Larson, Hill, Flood Families, Anthony Rizzo & Anthony Rizzo, Jr, Norman J Heagerty, JR, Marilyn Guarnieri, Welcome W Fitts, Mary Farmer, Louis Rominski, The Flood Family & Mr. Larson, Jonasson & Aiken Family, Irene O'Rourke, McCoy & Ford Families, Anthony & Jennie Keller, Allan Macking, John O'Neil, Peter O'Neil, Anna Regeski, Archie Lidey Sr., Cecelia Cunningham, and Howard M Wagner.



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High School Youth Group: Sunday night, March 23: No Regular Youth Group Meeting. Have a very Happy and Blessed Easter.

Sunday night, March 30: The End-of -the-Year Fun Fest begins. Come join the fun in the youth room from 7-9 PM. All high school students are welcome.

Middle School Dance: The last dance of this school year will be on Friday night, April 4, from 7-10 PM in the School Gym. Admission price is \$5.

Middle School Youth Group: No meeting this week.

Confirmation Rehearsal: Next **Saturday, March 30**, immediately following the 6 PM Mass in the main church. Confirmation Sponsors and Parents are invited to attend. All information regarding the actual Confirmation ceremony will be discussed.

Confirmation: The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at the 6 PM Mass on **Sunday, April 6**. Bishop Lynch will be the main celebrant. All are welcome to attend this magnificent event. There will be a reception following the Mass in the School Cafeteria.

For your information. The Diocese of St. Augustine, Florida, has recently informed Bishop Lynch that an allegation of sexual misconduct has been made against Rev. William Weinheimer. The allegation alleges the misconduct occurred at Bishop Kenny High School in Jacksonville in 1953. Fr. Weinheimer died in 1986. Anyone who believes he or she has been abused by any person serving in ministry in the Diocese of St. Petersburg should contact law enforcement authorities or contact Ms. Marti Zeitz, victim assistance minister for the Diocese, at 866-407-4505. Please pray for all persons affected by these allegations.

CRHP Women Alum Bible Study: Join us as we continue our study of the bible. We meet second and fourth Monday of each month at 7 pm in the gold room of the parish center. March 10, we will cover Genesis, Chapters 12-22. Call Karen McKenna at 374-0777 or kmckennaboley@yahoo.com

Bible Study every Monday morning in the Parish Center. The sessions are from 10:30 AM to Noon. For more information contact Jackie Mallory at 344-0481 or Sr. Kathleen at 822-3481.

Fashion Show and Luncheon. Tickets are on sale now for Holy Family Council of Catholic Women's Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon, Saturday, April 5, 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM, in Diffley Hall. Price \$15/per person. Call Joan Geiger at 522-7596. You may reserve a table with the purchase of 8-10 tickets. Space is limited, so buy tickets early. Deadline for reservations is Mar 31!

Ever thought of becoming a sister? The Allegany Franciscan Sisters are having a Day of Discernment for women who are considering religious life, and are between the ages of 19 – 45. It will take place April 11th – 13th, at St. Clare Convent in Tampa. For more information or to register contact Sr. Mary McNally, OSF at 813-870-6314, FSAVOC@aol.com or www.AlleganyFranciscans.org

Holy Rosary. All are welcome to join the Columbiettes and pray the Holy Rosary every Thursday in the Parish Chapel at 3:15 PM. During this prayer we remember all the intentions that are brought to us. Consider being a "pray – er" with others. Contact Malinda Hill or Sister Kathleen for more information.

Children's Center is now accepting enrollment applications from parishioners *and* the open community. We accept children ages 2 months to young 3s. Contact Valerie 822-3481 x18 for info.

Day of Prayer & Study on Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body--Sat, April 12 at Blessed Sacrament Church, Tampa, from 10a.m.-4:30p.m. Cost is \$10, which covers lunch and materials. Call Sharon at 727.391.4435 for information and to register.

Walk for Life, Walk for Women, Walk for Families to be held on Sat, April 12, at the St. Lawrence Parish track and field in Tampa. Walk begins at 10:00 a.m. - fun activities for children. Proceeds benefit Pregnancy Plus, a Catholic Charities ministry, which provides services to women facing unplanned pregnancies. Call 813-631-4370 to register or sponsor a walker.

Outreach to St. Isidore: In 1999, St. Paul's formed a covenant relationship with St. Isidore. Responding to God's great love for us, we reach out in love to our brothers and sisters in Haiti. Our Lenten sacrifices and prayers are most important support for this 4th Medical Mission, and bring us personally closer to the people of St. Isidore. Please use the envelopes provided to place donations and notes of support in boxes at church entrances. Please pray for the team that will be traveling at the end of March and for the people whose lives will be touched with our love.

Save the date! The 2nd Annual Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday May 3rd at the Pasadena Yacht & Country Club. Pick up registration/sponsorship forms at the parish office or online www.stpaulstpete.com/kofc/golf. For more information call Mike Meza at 727-744-4491 or Peter Wassmer at 727-463-8040.

St. Vincent de Paul Center of Hope and Transitional Housing in St. Petersburg is in need of a volunteer to assist clients with resumes, interview skills, and job searches. The volunteer should have a related background and be willing to commit 1½ hours weekly. Please contact Jo Nelson (727) 896-3300.

Caring for God's Creation: A Catholic Response: Please join us for our first diocesan conference on the environment on Saturday, April 19th (the Saturday before Earth Day) from 9:00-3:30pm Christ the King Catholic Church (821 S. Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa, 33609). Our speakers will root our reflection in Catholic Social Teaching as they provide a solid overview of the science of global climate change. Afternoon breakout sessions will offer action steps that individuals and parishes can use to make a difference in the world and be a witness to the local community. Call Sabrina for more information: 727-344-1611 ext 325 or sab@dosp.org. Find a flyer at: <http://home.catholicweb.com/LM-DOSP/files/CaringForGodsCreation-FLYER-parish.pdf>

Retrouvaille, winner of Smart Marriages Impact Award, helps couples through difficult times. Retrouvaille provides tools that help get your marriage back on track. It gives you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. Retrouvaille has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels. The next program will be held on the weekend of April 11-13 at new Bethany Center in Lutz, FL. For confidential information and to register, call Joe and Jeanne Botz at 727-842-7971 or 800-470-2230.

Transfiguration Annual Spring Festival: 4000 43rd Street North, St. Petersburg, (Corner of 38th Avenue North), 727-525-0262. Friday April 4th – 5:00pm – 11:00pm (Country Band), Saturday April 5th – 12:00noon – 11:00pm (Rock Band), Sunday April 6th – 12:00noon – 8:00pm (Family Day-Tongan Luau). Three Day Unlimited Ride Armbands for \$50 are on sale until Thurs. April 3rd.

Loaves & Fishes: Our Loaves & Fishes team will be serving a meal at Pinellas HOPE (the "tent city" sponsored by Catholic Charities). To learn more about it, see their website: www.pinellashope.org. We are scheduled for Monday, March 31st. Please help us by donating funds to cover the meal. We will be feeding approximately 200 people. Please put your donation in an envelope with "Loaves & Fishes" on it, or drop it by the parish office. Thank you!

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