



**Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 A.M. Jack Murphy

**Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**

7:00 A.M. Prayer for Vocations

**Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**

7:00 A.M. Prayer for Vocations

8:15 A.M. Jesus Martinez

**Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

7:00 A.M. Robert Boudinet

**Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

7:00 A.M. Mary Gallo

**Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 A.M. Emily Lester

5:30 P.M. Madelynn Duncan

**Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 A.M. Donald Multer and Elizabeth Marshall

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

11:30 A.M. Bernard Misner

6:00 P.M. Intentions of the Webb Family



*Jesus answered,  
'Unless a grain of wheat  
falls to the ground and dies,  
it remains just a grain of wheat;  
but if it dies, it produces much fruit.'*  
(John 12:24)

The Christian faith is full of paradoxes. A virgin gives birth. God becomes man. The last are first. The humbled are exalted. Death brings life.

St. Paul expresses the paradox in these words: *If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him.* (Romans 6:8)

The *Prayer of St. Francis* takes us the same theme: *It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.*

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Many thanks to all those who worked long and hard to make Festival 2009 such a tremendous success. The crowds were huge, the weather beautiful, and the spirit joyful. George, the lemonade man, reports that his booth sold 2200 lemonades this year, compared to 1600 last year. Bingo was a blast.

The Rock Band video game was new this year and a big hit, with youngsters and adults alike. Alumni of St. Paul's School know they can find Sr. Kathleen Stagnaro and Sr. Joan in the Coca-Cola booth. Death-by-Chocolate was the big seller in the dessert booth. Last year the Cajun booth made two big pots of seafood gumbo; this year they made four---and still ran out. The beer booth ran out of product early Sunday evening. The size of the crowd noticeably decreased at that point. No comment on that last item.

Again, thanks to all the Festival workers. No matter how many or how few hours you worked, each of you was vital to the success and spirit of the weekend.

Msgr. Robert C. Gibbons, Pastor

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**Canned Food Drive.** On the first Sunday of each month, we collect canned goods and non-perishable food items for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Center. Next Sunday, Palm Sunday, is the first Sunday in April. Please make a special effort to participate in the food drive on that day. The present need in St. Petersburg is great. You may place what you bring by the altar before Mass.

**Raffle winners** at the Festival were all St. Paul's parishioners. The winners of \$1,000 each were Arch Beers, Dennis Stajkowski, and two-month-old Cyan Centeno. Congratulations to these lucky ones.



**St. Paul Says**



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

**Offertory for Sunday, March 22, 2009:**

271 Envelopes.....	\$	8,543.25
Loose.....	\$	2,208.00
AOP (debit).....	\$	1,929.00
AOP (credit).....	\$	0.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>12,680.25</b>

*A clean heart create for me, O God,  
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.*  
(Psalm 51)

Thank you for your support  
of the annual St. Paul's Festival.

Please remember St. Paul's Church  
in your estate plan.

- 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

*“...and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for we who obey him”*

Hebrews 5:9

### Holy Week Schedule

#### Palm Sunday, April 5

Reading of Passion and distribution of palms at all Masses.

#### Holy Thursday, April 9

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:30 p.m. followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00 p.m.

#### Good Friday, April 10

Stations of the Cross, noon

Scriptural Rosary, 1:00 p.m.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 3:00 p.m.

#### Holy Saturday, April 11

Easter Vigil Mass, 8:00 p.m.

#### Easter Sunday, April 12

Masses at 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. (Church & gym), 11:30 a.m.  
(No 6:00 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday)

### O.B.I.C. YOUTH NEWS

#### High School:

**March 29th, Freed** - Join us as Fr. John Tapp speaks to us about one of the most powerful & humbling Sacraments. (And I'm sure you want to see the next guest arrive at the party!)

**April 5th, "Revitalized"** - Feeling a little sick? You don't want to miss this night! And don't miss watching Annie arrive at the party!

**Middle School! Saturday, March 28th at 6pm in the cafeteria at Holy Family.** We're back!! We're holding an open meeting for all Middle Schoolers & parents. We want to hear from YOU! What do you hope to gain from this program? What do you want to learn about your faith? Come tell us! Questions? Contact Bernie Calvert (323-8615) or Katie Muller (822-3481, [katie@stpaulstpete.com](mailto:katie@stpaulstpete.com)). We hope to see you there!

**That Man Is You!** for all men of the parish, has a special Lenten focus. Programs continue every Wednesday at 5:30 a.m. in the Cafeteria, and concludes by 7 a.m.

#### Vacation Bible School Volunteer meeting!

Vacation Bible School 2009 is fast approaching.

"Under the Big Top" is the week of June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Volunteers are needed, so please join us for a meeting

**Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center**

No amount of time you have to give is too small.

There is plenty to be done

to provide a faith and fun filled week for our children.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

Contact the parish office for more information.



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

Msgr. Robert Gibbons	Eleanor Farrell	Carol Baer
Patrick Burns	Marlene Connelly	Gary L'Eon
Frederick Stagnaro	Lillian Thurline	Alma Geary
Margaret Macking	Mike Cushman	Gerry Howe
Dee Eilerman	Marianne Teska	Joe McCourt
James Schmalz		

**Haiti Mission Team Returning.** After a grueling week of hard work, our medical mission team is scheduled to arrive home from Haiti at 12:30 a.m., Monday morning. This year's missionaries are: Donna Dugan, Dr. Jennifer Leiding, Dr. Dan Leiding, Dr. Mark Morris, Dr. Harry Davin, Walt Davin, Eunice Laborde, Micki Morency, Dr. Huguette Duteau, Daniel Salhuddin, Bernard Parker, Sonja Kahkonen, Matt Hannan, Kay Sherman, and Mary Meza. Thank you for the generous support that made the mission possible!

**Remember the parish survey** you filled out recently? That was part of an important planning process for the Catholic parishes in southern Pinellas County. Survey results will be presented at upcoming **Town Hall Meetings** in each parish. At the meetings we will discuss recommendations to the diocese regarding future parish alignment. The meetings at St. Paul's will be Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, at 7 p.m.; Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m.; and Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 9:30 a.m. Please plan to attend one of the meetings. Your input is important.

**2009 "Year of St. Paul" Photo Directory:** Final day for photographing parishioners for our 2009 Year of St. Paul photo directory will be Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. You can sign up for your portrait session after Mass this weekend at the back of the church. No cost to you; no purchase necessary. Appointments can also be scheduled on the Lifetouch appointment link on [stpaulstpete.com](http://stpaulstpete.com) or by contacting Mary Rachel Dudley at 727.433.1887. To submit an existing family/parishioner photo, send it with \$10 to the parish office.

**Chrism Mass.** On Tuesday, April 7, at 11:30 a.m., Bishop Lynch will preside at the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle. During this Mass the priests of the diocese along with Bishop Lynch will renew their commitment to priestly service. During this Mass also, the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Catechumens are blessed and the Sacred Chrism is consecrated. These oils are used in the parish throughout the year when celebrating the sacraments. The faithful are invited to participate in this wonderful diocesan celebration. By virtue of our baptism we share in the priesthood of Christ. The Chrism Mass is an opportunity to experience a renewal and recommitment to God and the Church.

**From the Green Team:** Pope Benedict XVI tells us: *"Today the great gift of God's Creation is exposed to serious dangers and lifestyles which can degrade it. Environmental pollution is making particularly unsustainable the lives of the poor of the world ... we must pledge ourselves to take care of creation and to share its resources in solidarity."* Mark your calendar for our parish

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**Movie Night, April 17, 6:30-9pm**, to help us prepare for the Catholic Climate Covenant: The St. Francis Pledge to Care for Creation and the Poor. Details in next week's bulletin.

**Lower Pinellas Deanery Spring Conference.** Sign up for a great day Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, at St. Raphael's for the Lower Pinellas Deanery Spring Conference. The theme is "Nourished by the Eucharist" and our guest speaker will be Fr. Yost. Registration is \$12 and includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Gathering together with women from other Parishes in the Lower Pinellas Deanery is always an enriching experience. Plan to attend this day of friendship, fun and spiritual growth. Send your check payable to St Paul's Columbiettes, Attention: Malinda Hill, c/o St. Paul Parish Center.

**New Website Job Board.** Due to the difficult economic times, many parishioners have found themselves out of work. As a parish community we would like to do what we can to help these parishioners in their job search. One way to do this is to start a job posting web page for parishioners on the St. Paul website. Available positions with job descriptions as well as skills of parishioners seeking employment would be posted here. Parishioner names and contact information would not be posted on the website, but would be available by emailing the parish office. If you have available positions or are seeking employment and would like to participate in the job board, please click the 'Website Job Board' link on the parish web site home page to enter your information.

**RESPECT LIFE BULLETIN BOARD:** Our recently reconstituted Respect Life Committee, under the chairmanship of Stu and Francesca McEntegart, will be increasing its activity over the next several months to provide information and conduct programs designed to increase awareness and sensitivity of our parishioners on the various "life" issues, including abortion, death penalty, euthanasia, stem cell research, etc. This effort is particularly appropriate at this time because of current cultural attitudes and the ascendancy of many federal officials whose positions on these issues stand in stark opposition to the clearly stated positions of the Church. Keep in mind that these are not political issues, not Democratic or Republican issues, but MORAL issues on which the Church has a right and duty to speak, and particularly to inform its members. And it is the responsibility of practicing Catholics to become informed and act accordingly. Look for the work of the Respect Life Committee in the bulletin, in prayer intentions, in education programs, in prayer vigils and other observances throughout the year. If you wish to help please attend the next Respect Life meeting at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 18 at the parish center or contact Francesca or Stu at [francescattm@gmail.com](mailto:francescattm@gmail.com).

**Good Counsel Camp Summer Adventure.** Summer adventure opportunities at Good Counsel Camp, Floral City, Florida, which is owned and operated by the Catholic Diocese of St. Petersburg. This is a co-ed residential camp for ages 7-15 offering one and two week sessions. Camp

brochures can be requested by contacting the camp at 550 US Hwy 41S, Inverness, Florida 34450 or by calling at (352) 726-1910 or email [GoodCounselCamp@aol.com](mailto:GoodCounselCamp@aol.com).

**The Franciscan Center in Tampa** presents a Holy Week retreat with Michael Cooper, S.J., S.T.D. April 8-11. The retreat features two talks each day, the Liturgical Celebrations of the Triduum, and personal prayer. For more info, email [francnr@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:francnr@tampabay.rr.com); call 813.229.2695; visit [www.franciscancenterertampa.org](http://www.franciscancenterertampa.org)

**Pregnancy Plus Medical BANQUET OF LIFE!** All are welcome to come and support PPM at our Banquet of Life Friday April 17, at 6:30 p.m. at Banquet Masters. We will have a Silent Auction, full course buffet dinner (entrees include carved round of beef, chicken marsala, & almond salmon), client testimonies, and a guest speaker. Gus Lloyd will be our Master of Ceremonies. Tickets are \$35/person. Corporate Sponsorship Tables are available. Please call 727.550.4236 to purchase tickets, donate an auction item, or be a corporate sponsor. Thank you!

**Easter Vacation Day Camp** for K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be held at Transfiguration Catholic Church April 13-17 from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuition is \$100 for the week. Call 727.527.2880 for information or to register.

**Married Couples: IT'S Spring!** Help your marriage grow by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, May 15-17. Call 813.270.7832 or visit [www.wmme-tampabay.org](http://www.wmme-tampabay.org).

**Death Penalty Event** Friday, April 3, 12:10 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Church, 509 N. Florida Ave., in Tampa. We are asked to be mindful of those who await execution in the State of Florida. A homily will be offered regarding Catholic teaching on the death penalty. Call 727.344.1611 for info.

**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:*

GOOD FRIDAY is a day 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.

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.*

## Columbiettes Easter Lily Order Form

Please complete this form and return it with payment by March 30 via one of the following:

- The Parish Office

