



Mass
Intentions
Of The Week

Monday, April 13th

7:00 A.M. Intentions of the Blessed Mother

Tuesday, April 14th

7:00 A.M. Bob Johnson

Wednesday, April 15th

7:00 A.M. Peggy Aldrich

Thursday, April 16th

7:00 A.M. Janet Boynton

Friday, April 17th

7:00 A.M. Intentions of April Dwyer

Saturday, April 18th

8:00 P.M. Miriam Going

5:30 P.M. Edward Senger

Sunday, April 19th

7:30 A.M. Ernest Metcalf

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. Madeline Smyth



*God our Father, creator of all,
today is the day of Easter joy.*

*This is the morning on which the Lord appeared
to those who had begun to lose hope.
(Opening Prayer for Easter Sunday)*

Considering all that we have to deal with in life, we can easily *begin to lose hope*. Things can seem desperate on a lot of fronts, and have seemed especially so during this past year. Yet we gather today, Easter Sunday, to celebrate a feast of joy and the triumph of hope. *This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.*

The human situation is always precarious. Things can go wrong quickly. A job is eliminated. The value of an investment plummets. The house is foreclosed upon. The medical test turns out badly. Someone on whom we relied disappoints us, maybe even betrays us. Someone we love is ensnared by the evils of the world. Someone we love dies.

Yet in the midst of all that, hope springs up, joy surges in our heart. That is because the Lord has risen. The power of Easter *dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy; it casts out hatred, brings us peace, and humbles earthly pride.* (Easter Vigil Liturgy, *The Exultet*)

With his resurrection, the Lord triumphed over all the forces of destruction and evil. As members of his body, we share in that triumph. *In all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us.* (Romans 8:37)

Msgr. Robert C. Gibbons, Pastor

CONGRATULATIONS to the new Catholics on their reception of the Sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil last night. Praise be to God for these graces on them. We also thank their Sponsors, the RCIA team, and their families in assisting them on their Journey of Faith.

Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by our Youth Ministry is TODAY after the 9:30 a.m. Masses Please meet on the playground after Mass for this event. Don't forget your Easter baskets!

That Man Is You! will not meet this coming Wednesday, April 15th. The sessions will resume on Wednesday, April 22nd. We gather at 5:30 a.m. in the Cafeteria. The program finishes by 7 a.m.



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

*Father, how wonderful your care for us!
How boundless your merciful love!
(Easter Vigil Liturgy, The Exultet)*

Our Easter offering to the Lord expresses our deep gratitude.

The offertory contribution totals for Palm Sunday will appear next week.

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St. Paul Says

"If we have grown in union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection."

Romans 6:5

O.B.I.C. YOUTH NEWS

High School:

April 12th, NO MEETING! Happy Easter! Rejoice in the Resurrection of Christ!

April 19th, Steps of St. Paul. The entire parish community is invited to join us as we journey through the "Steps of St. Paul." We will meet at 7:15 p.m. at the front steps of the St. Paul Parish Center.

Middle School is BACK! We will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at **HOLY FAMILY** in **room 202** in the parish office on **Monday, April 20th**. Hope to see you there! Questions? Contact Bernie Calvert (727.323.8615) or Katie Muller (727.822.3481 x12, katie@stpaulstpete.com).

The men's Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) monthly alumni meeting will be Tuesday, April 14th, at 7 p.m. in the parish center. Contact Don Thornton at 727.459.5755.

Columbiettes. Thanks to the generosity of St. Paul Parish Family, the Church is decorated with Easter lily plants during the Easter Season in loving memory of: My Mother Helena, Toni Barnes, Carmela Cresciullo, Mother & Grandmother, Deceased members of the Cunniff Family, Doris Davison, Florence Dillon, Carmine DiTanna, Malcolm D. Driver, The Filancia Family, Deceased members of the Flood, Larson & Hill Families, Mike & Mary Gallo, Peggy Gray, Martha Grundy, Norman Heagerty, Jr., Roy King, Emma Kocker, Mark Kraihanzel, William Kraihanzel, Cecile Larose, Richard Layton, Emily Lester, Richard G Mallory, Sr., John O'Neill, Peter O'Neill, Irene & Charles O'Rourke, Elise & Lou Pekrul, Antony Rizzo, Antony John Rizzo, Arthur Ruummeley, Thomas Ryan, Michael Saluga, Sr., Marcia Scully, Howard M Wagner, Edna & Stella Zazzero, Antonia Quevedo, Catherine Saint, Mike Carvill.



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	Michael Palinkas	Fran Brennan
Angie Engelke	Andrea Thompson	Mary Lanzing
Tommy Cannon		

Congratulations to the Allegany Franciscan Sisters who are celebrating the 150th Anniversary of their founding! The sisters were honored at a Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by Bishop Lynch at St. Joseph Hospital Auditorium on Saturday, April 4. We give thanks for the great witness and service these sisters have given to our parish, to the Church of St. Petersburg, to our nation, and to our world.

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 21st, at 7 p.m.; Monday, April 27th, at 7 p.m.; and Saturday, May 2nd, 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 17th. Join the 300 parish families who have participated so far. Free 8 X 10 and photo directory to all who participate. No purchase necessary. Appointments can be scheduled on the Lifetouch appointment link on 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. Our directory won't be complete without you!

Make a mini pilgrimage at St. Paul Catholic Church. On April 19th, after the 6:00 PM mass, we will gather at the steps of the Parish Center to process through the parish grounds, stopping along the way at the steps of some of our buildings and complete the pilgrimage at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto. Join us for this procession as we reflect on St. Paul's life and our parish journey. There will be reflection, prayer, and music. This pilgrimage will be led by our Youth Group Ministry. *"When our days there were ended, we left and started on our journey."* Acts 21:5

Green Team. As Msgr. Gibbons wrote last week, this Easter Season our parish will join with other parishes in the United States in the **Catholic Climate Covenant:**

EASTER SUNDAY

The St. Francis Pledge to Protect Creation and the Poor. Our kick-off event will be April 17, Parish Movie Night---see box for details. Next weekend at all Masses Green Team members will share specifics of how individuals, families, and ministry teams can participate in the Pledge. For more info, go to <http://www.catholicsandclimatechange.org/>

Respect Life Bulletin Board. *"Life is the first good received from God and is fundamental to all others; to guarantee the right to life for all and in an equal manner for all is the duty upon which the future of humanity depends."* - Pope Benedict XVI. **HAPPY EASTER!**

St. Petersburg Catholic High School is holding the Black & Gold Scramble at The Bayou club on Monday, May 11th to benefit the athletics Department. Individual golfer fees are \$100, and hole sponsorships are also available. Contact John Gerdes at 727.344.4065.

Healing Mass & Rosary with Fr. Julio Rivero, T.O.R. Friday, April 24, at 7:00 p.m. St. Mary, Our Lady of Grace Church 515 Fourth Street South All are invited!

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.

**Annual Pastoral Appeal 2009
Diocese of St Petersburg
as of 3/31/2009**

Our parish's assessment.....	\$169,022.00
Total pledged as of 3/31/09.....	\$30,010.25
Number of pledges.....	129
Average pledge	\$232.64

Over 300 St. Paul's families made pledges to last year's Annual Pastoral Appeal. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge or gift to the APA for 2009. Envelopes for this purpose are in your monthly envelope packet, or you may pledge on-line at www.diostpete.com/apa



**Parish Movie Night on April 17
6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
St. Paul Cafeteria**

An Inconvenient Truth

(suitable for 8th graders and above)

Award-winning movie followed by discussion
Led by Green Team using Catholic Social Teaching Resources

Refreshments and Child Care provided

RSVP and request child care **by April 15**
by calling the Parish Office

For more information call Mary-Jane Smith at 727.525.3640

Pregnancy Plus Medical needs your help in collecting baby supplies for our moms and dads. Items needed are: diapers (size Newborn, 3, 4, & 5), wipes, baby socks, new

bottles and pacifiers, high chairs, cribs, bassinets, baby food, baby lotion, shampoo and wash, pack n plays, and strollers. Items in good condition. PPM, at 1213- 16th St.N., is open M-F from 8-5. Please call 727.550.4236.

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Pregnancy Plus Medical BANQUET OF LIFE! All are welcome to come and support PPM at our Banquet of Life Friday April 17th, 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. Call 727.550.4236.

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.

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.