

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Monday, May 4th

7:00 A.M. Max Hevron

Tuesday, May 5th

7:00 A.M. Intentions of Carol Marquardt

Wednesday, May 6th

7:00 A.M. Peggy Aldrich
8:15 A.M. Intentions of St. Paul School Teachers & Staff

Thursday, May 7th

7:00 A.M. Connie Casaldi

Friday, May 8th

7:00 A.M. Fred Schweiger

Saturday, May 9th

8:30 A.M. Robert Fielding
5:30 P.M. For all Mothers, Living and Deceased

Sunday, May 10th

7:30 A.M. For all Mothers, Living and Deceased
9:30 A.M. For all Mothers, Living and Deceased
11:30 A.M. For all Mothers, Living and Deceased
6:00 P.M. For all Mothers, Living and Deceased



There will be one flock, one shepherd.
(John 10:16)

On the parish survey, there were many comments relating to merging and closing parishes, and a lot of deep feeling on this topic was evident. Several stressed that closing or merging should be only done as a last resort. There is a strong sense of how devastating closing a parish is--devastating for the people of the parish and devastating for the diocese. "Once [the closing process is] started, it is the beginning of a continuous decline," one parishioner wrote, regarding her experiences in a diocese 'up north.' People don't move to the new parish; they just drop out, the parishioner stated.

There was openness to reducing the number of Masses and having priests travel between parishes: "For many years in our history the priests traveled between parishes." Several gave suggestions on how to deal with the shortage of priests, including eliminating the celibacy requirement; ordaining women; using lay parish administrators; more use of deacons; more use of lay people in administrative roles; more emphasis on vocations.

Regarding consolidation, one parishioner sensitively noted that it would involve "the need to integrate many of the partner-churches' traditions into the newly merged parish; this is similar to a marriage, where you need to respect each other and find out what is important and what traditions need to be honored and continued." Some mentioned the importance of listening to the people and not imposing pre-made decisions from on high. One imaginative suggestion was to have a 'buddy system,' where people from the affected parishes are paired, to ease the assimilation process.

Thanks to all who have been involved in this process, through the survey and the town meetings. I'll keep you informed as the process further unfolds.

Msgr. Robert C. Gibbons, Pastor

First Communion Sunday. Today we celebrate First Holy Communion at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. What a joyous event, as the youngsters receive this sacrament of love for the first time. Thank you to the parents, godparents, grandparents, teachers----to all who have brought the children to this day.

Attention New Parishioners: TODAY, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass, is the meeting for new parishioners' registration in the Parish Center Blue Room. Current parishioners and staff members will be present to welcome newcomers and answer questions about parish services and activities. These meetings are held the first Sunday of every month.



St. Paul Says



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

Offertory total for Sunday, April 26, 2009:

283 Envelopes.....	\$	10,451.25
Loose.....	\$	2,048.00
AOP (debit).....	\$	1,913.00
AOP (credit).....	\$	0.00
Total.....	\$	14,412.25

*I will give thanks to you, O Lord,
for you have answered me
and have been my savior.*
(Psalm 118)

A good steward expresses thanks
by giving back to God the first fruits.

Please remember St. Paul's School Sustaining Fund
in your estate plan.

- Websitestpaulstpete.com
- Parish Offices.....727-822-3481
- Pastoral Associate.....Annmaria 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 jhdmary@aol.com
- School.....Mrs. Elizabeth Fulham, Principal
727-823-6144
- Counseling Ministry.....Mary Ann Holtz, LMHC
727-327-5045

"...He is the stone rejected by you, the builders,
which has become the cornerstone."

Acts 4:11



O.B.I.C. YOUTH NEWS

High School:

May 3rd, "Hitched" - This sacrament is much more than a fairy tale. Join us for two special guest speakers and the FINAL episode of "The Party."

May 10th, NO MEETING! Go spend some quality time with Mom!

Middle School is BACK! We had a great time last Monday night! Our next meeting will be from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Holy Family in room 202 in the parish office on Monday, May 4th. Hope to see you there! Take a look at the OBIC website for events, details, and general information about our youth group! <http://obicyouth.catholicweb.com>

That Man Is You! concluded its spring program this past Wednesday. The program, for all men of the parish, will resume this coming fall. Watch the bulletin for details.

The Children's Center is hosting its 2nd annual "Fellowship, Fun and Fund Raising Picnic and Silent Auction" on May 7 from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. on the big playground. Dinner will be provided by Outback Steakhouse. Tickets are \$25 per adult and children under 10 eat free (2 per adult ticket). To purchase tickets or make a donation to the silent auction, please contact Valerie at 727.822.3481 x18.

Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament including dinner and silent auction will be held on Saturday, May 16, at the Pasadena Yacht and Country Club Golf Course. Proceeds are donated to a tuition assistance scholarship program for St Paul School. Brochures are available in the parish office. For more information call Mike Meza at 727.744.4491 or Pete Wassmer at 727.463.8040 or visit the St. Paul website. Registration deadline is May 11.

Senior Club will meet on Tues. May 5th at 1 p.m. in the Parish Center. Members are reminded to bring a flower for a special program honoring the Blessed Mother. A short business meeting including completion of luncheon plans for May 19th is planned. Birthday greetings and refreshments will follow. All seniors are cordially invited to participate. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 19th at noon.

Easter Lily Memorial donation was made in loving memory of Carmela Cresciullo during the Easter Season. Her name did not appear in the previous lists.



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

Msgr. Robert Gibbons	Eleanor Farrell	Carol Baer
Patrick Burns	Andrea Thompson	Mary Lanzing
Frederick Stagnaro	Gerry Howe	Joe McCourt
Margaret Macking	Angie Engelke	Ray Victorio
Marianne Teska	Marlene Connelly	Fran Brennan
Mary Shannon	Frank Pickern	Jim Stitt

RCIA. Congratulations to all of the following people who were welcomed into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil through the RCIA process. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their faith journey as members of our parish community

Madison Bisset	Lisa Castellana	Rachel DeSanto
Cory Dingman	Alyssa Earle	Jodi Earle
Alicia Farinella	Jeri Flanagan	Diana Gonzales
Philip Henderson	Jeanine Jianetti	Kim Lambert
Harold Litton	Charles Maloney	Kristin Ryskamp
Mandi Seibel	Liz Siragusa	Don Spivey
Sergej Vuyota	Tiffany Whites	

Vacation Bible School 2009
Under the Big Top

June 15th-June 19th

Registration is now open!

Children entering Pre K 4 through grade 5 are invited to participate in this fun filled week.

Groups fill up fast, so register as soon as possible.

Deadline for registering your child is June 5th, or until groups are full.

Your child must be pre-registered.

No late registrations will be accepted as a courtesy to those running the program.

Registration forms are available in the church, the parish office, or on the parish website

Please call the parish office for more information.

Annual Pastoral Appeal 2009
Diocese of St Petersburg
as of 4/24/2009

Our parish's assessment.....	\$169,022.00
Total pledged as of 3/31/09.....	\$36,017.40
Number of pledges.....	213
Average pledge	\$169.10

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



Catholic Climate Covenant
Care for Creation, Care for the Poor.

Green Team. If you haven't yet joined in *St. Paul's Catholic Climate Covenant, St. Francis Pledge to Care for Creation and the Poor*, please go to our parish web-site to get your copy, and for info on how to send in your response. From <http://catholicclimatecovenant.org/>: The impact of climate change falls heaviest on the world's poor. As Catholics, our faith demands prudent action. Our cars and power plants, more energy consumption and waste—we're leaving a bigger carbon footprint. Scientists tell us that means more climate change. Here and around the world, it is the poor who will be hit hardest, with more droughts, floods, hunger and joblessness. As faithful Catholics, we have a moral obligation to care for both Creation and the poor. Pope Benedict XVI insists, "*Before it is too late, it is necessary to make courageous decisions*" to curb climate change.

St. Vincent de Paul Society. Today, we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday" where we reflect on Jesus' care and love of us. Thank You to everyone for your donations through the Lenten and Easter season. The St. Paul Conference of St. Vincent de Paul has been able to assist many in need of help with food, helping to pay utility bills and rent. There is still a great need and your continued donations will be greatly appreciated. The Poor Boxes are located at the doors of the church. If making a donation by check, please make it payable to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Congratulations! This past weekend, 14 individuals graduated from the Spring 2009 Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University class here at St. Paul. .. *Each of the 13 lessons deal with a different topic that will **change the way you think about personal finance.** Dave teaches about how to save money, live on a budget, communicate about money, eliminate debt, find bargains, and experience the joy of giving.* Over the 13 week session, the class participants saved over \$18,000, paid off more than \$20,000 in debt and closed or cut up 22 credit cards. If you would like to know more about Financial Peace University, visit the website www.daveramsey.com or email tbaggett@pscufs.com

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. God's love does not differentiate between the newly conceived infant still in his or her mother's womb and the child or young person, or the adult and the elderly person. God does not distinguish

between them because he sees an impression of his own image and likeness (Gn 1:26) in each one.

The Magnificat of St. Petersburg invites all women to a prayer breakfast on Saturday, May 9, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Cathedral of St. Jude parish center. Linda Mason, founder of 'Mary's Outreach' ministry to women in crisis pregnancies, is the speaker. Tickets are \$7. Reservations deadline is May 5. Call Nancy McConnell at 727.826.1707 or Ethel Sharp at 727.347.1242.

Baron Basketball Camp at St. Petersburg Catholic High School will be held this summer. Sessions are: June 1 – 5 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. \$175; and June 22 – 26 from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. \$90. For information and registration, contact Mike Moran at 727.344.4065 x254.

Married Couples: Could your marriage use a "break" in its routine lifestyle? Make a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next WWME weekends are May 15-17 and July 24-26 at the Franciscan Center. For more information call 813.270.7832 or visit wwme-tampabay.org

Take me out to the Ball game! Support the iWait. Program of Catholic Charities by purchasing tickets to the Rays vs. Minnesota Twins game on May 30. Gates open at 2:10 p.m.; 1st pitch is at 4:10 p.m. Baseline Box tickets are \$30 and Outfield Tickets are \$19. A portion of the proceeds benefit the iWait Program helping teens in our Diocese make healthy decisions in their relationships and in life. To purchase tickets, contact Mark Bromley by May 18th at 5:00 p.m. at markbromley@tampabay.rr.com or 813.997.4983.

"The Art of Giving" presented by Interior Motives Gallery, will be held on May 23rd, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at 1110 Central Ave. (727.898.6061). After a full month of painting on locations throughout St. Petersburg, local artists will exhibit their "Plein Air" paintings of the scenes of St. Petersburg that we all have grown to know and love! These paintings will be available for purchase, with 50% of the proceeds to benefit Daystar Life Center at 226 - 6th Street South. Please join us as we celebrate 'Art' and 'Giving'!

Support group for the Divorced & Separated at St. Jude Cathedral Parish Center on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. A customized program is in place, addressing specifically this need in our world, and our church. If you know of someone who is going through this difficulty, spread the word – all are welcome.

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 41 S, Inverness, Florida 34450 or by calling us at 352.726.1910.

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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 Catholic School & St. Paul 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.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, May 4

10:30 a.m. Bible Study - Gold Room
7:00 p.m. Women's CRHP – Blue Room

Tuesday, May 5

1:00 p.m. Senior Club – Blue Room
3:15 p.m. Webelos - Yellow Room
6:30 p.m. Columbiettes – Blue Room
7:00 p.m. MS Spring Concert - Cafeteria

Wednesday, May 6

1:00 p.m. Legion of Mary – Blue Room
3:00 p.m. GS Troop #197 – Yellow Room
3:15 p.m. Mater Admirabilis – Gold Room
5:30 p.m. Choir Practice – Chapel
7:00 p.m. First Communion Rehearsal – Church
7:30 p.m. C & L - Pink2 Room

Thursday, May 7

3:00 p.m. Girl Scouts – Yellow Room
3:00 p.m. Cub Scout Wolves - Playground
3:15 p.m. Rosary – Chapel
4:30 p.m. SPCC Fund Raiser - Playground
7:00 p.m. RCIA - Blue Room
6:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul – Green Room
7:00 p.m. Folk Group - Church

Friday, May 8

7:45 a.m. Mom's Prayer Group – Playground