

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Mass Intentions Of The Week

Monday, May 18th

7:00 A.M. Gabriel Michael

Tuesday, May 19th

7:00 A.M. Prayer for Vocations

Wednesday, May 20th

7:00 A.M. Prayer for Vocations
8:15 A.M. Intentions of Carmela Wassmer

Thursday, May 21st

7:00 A.M. Prayer for Vocations

Friday, May 22nd

7:00 A.M. Anita Tousignant

Saturday, May 23rd

8:30 A.M. Miriam Going
5:30 P.M. Norman Heagerty, Jr.

Sunday, May 24th

7:30 A.M. Alphonso Del Valle
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. Intentions of Nancy Hannah



*'It was not you who chose me,
but I who chose you
and appointed you to go and bear fruit,'
says the Lord.
(John 15:16)*

There were some items in the recent parish survey that revealed a lack of understanding or communication. A few parishioners, in the questions relating to parish finances, stated that wills are an important source of revenue for St. Paul's. In fact, we rarely receive a gift through estates or testamentary bequests. We receive such gifts less than once per year, on average. Surprisingly few people make provision for the church or school in their estate planning. Our parishioners are very generous, but that generosity is principally through the Sunday offertory (and through the recent parish capital campaign).

One parishioner indicated that he/she has been homebound for ten years; and that, while communion is being brought to him/her regularly by a Eucharistic Minister, no priest has "come out in about 8 years; no one has asked about coming." This parishioner did not sign his/her name, so Fr. Bob or I couldn't follow up. If anyone is in this situation, please never hesitate to call the parish office and request a visit from the priest. Or at the very least, tell your Eucharistic Minister that you would appreciate a visit from the priest. Let us know your needs, and then we can respond. *Ask, and you shall receive.* Because we are imperfect and limited, there will inevitably be some oversights or tardiness.

Regarding Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers at Mass, some indicated that "the same people do the ministries even though new parishioners come along." Another complained that he/she had "signed up for Eucharistic ministries for several years, and have only been called once and no follow up was made." We have incorporated new lectors and Eucharistic ministers every year. We give people a choice of Masses at which they will serve, and so there are fewer people rotating (and thus less variety of faces) at the less popular Masses. Often people are invited and don't come to the training. Elsewhere in the bulletin you will see an announcement about the upcoming training. If you want to serve in one of these ministries, now is the time to act.

I will continue to take to heart all your comments and learn from them.

Msgr. Robert C. Gibbons, Pastor

Welcome, Bishop Lynch, to St. Paul's today for the 6 p.m. Mass. Bishop Lynch will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to 28 of our parish youth during the Mass. We appreciate that Bishop Lynch has been so faithful in coming to St. Paul's each year for this event. *The Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word.* (Acts 10:44)

Daily Mass schedule changes. St. Paul's daily Mass, Monday through Friday, will move from 7 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. for the summer months, beginning Monday, June 8th. Effective Saturday, June 13th, St. Paul's Saturday morning Mass will be eliminated from the schedule. Mass on



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

Offertory total for Sunday, May 10, 2009:

282 Envelopes.....	\$	9,232.25
Loose.....	\$	2,268.00
AOP (debit).....	\$	1,943.00
AOP (credit).....	\$	5,302.50
Total.....	\$	18,745.75

*'No one has greater love than this,
to lay down one's life for one's friends,'
says the Lord.
(John 15:13)*

A good steward's life is characterized by generosity and self-giving.

Thanks to all who have been faithful to their parish capital campaign commitments.

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

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Saturday will still be available here at 5:30 p.m. (the Vigil Mass). Saturday morning Mass will remain available at five neighboring parishes: St. Raphael (8 a.m.); Cathedral of St. Jude (8:15 a.m.); St. Mary Our Lady of Grace (8 a.m.); Holy Family (8 a.m.); and St. Joseph (8 a.m.).

Eucharistic Minister and Lector Training. Training sessions for those interested in being a Eucharistic Minister (altar) or a Lector will be held in the Parish Center on: Eucharistic Minister: (altar), Monday, June 8th 7-9 p.m. Lector: Tuesday, June 9th, 7-9 p.m. Please call Annamaria in the parish office with any questions or to reserve a spot for this training.

Memorial Day Mass. Most Reverend Robert Lynch will be the principal celebrant and homilist at a Memorial Mass for the faithful departed on Monday May 25th at 10 a.m. at Calvary Catholic Cemetery, 5233 118th Ave. N., Clearwater. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Loaves and Fishes. The next meeting will be on Monday, May 18th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. We'll be planning our June meal at the Center of Hope. All are welcomed to attend!

The Senior Club will have a Luau on Tuesday, May 19th, at noon in the Parish Center. This will be the last regular meeting before a summer recess. A summer brown bag luncheon will take place in July, and regular meetings will resume in September. Watch the bulletin for dates and times.

Scholastic Book Fair. The Knights of Columbus are happy to sponsor a Book Fair to benefit our school and select charities in our community. The fair will be held Friday May 29th through Monday June 1st in the cafeteria. The fair will be open during school hours on Friday and Monday, Saturday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., and Sunday after each Mass. A pancake breakfast will be held on Sunday, May 31st, to help promote the fair. Please come and support our causes and encourage reading throughout the summer.

St. Paul Columbiettes Third Annual Bunco Social. Open to the whole parish and friends.
When: Saturday, June 27 Where: St. Paul Cafeteria
Time: 6:45 p.m. Cost: \$5.00 Bring: Dish to share
Come for food, fun, and cash prizes. (Bunco is a very easy-to-learn dice game and so much fun to play.)



St. Paul Says

"...He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ."

Acts 10:48



High School:

May 17th, St. Paul's Confirmation - NO MEETING! Everyone is welcome to join us at the 6 p.m. Mass as several of our youth group teens receive the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation.

May 24th, End of the Year Cook-out! All high schoolers AND graduating 8th graders are invited to join us as we close out the year with a cook-out! This will be a fun night with great food - definitely not something you want to miss!

Middle School:

May 18th - Join us for yet another exciting night of fun, friends, and faith! We'll meet at Holy Family in the parish center from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.



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

Msgr. Robert Gibbons	Eleanor Farrell	Marie Grilli
Frederick Stagnaro	Gerry Howe	Joe McCourt
Margaret Macking	Ray Victorio	Joe Baxter
Rosemary White	Carol Baer	Michael Baer
George Locascio		

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

*Jaden Kelly Beaver
Charlotte Rose Schug
Brooke Danielle Wilmot
Gwendolyn June Connors
Isabella Grace Cuomo*

Parish Capital Campaign Update as of April 30, 2009

Amount Pledged	\$2,316,164.82
Amount Paid	\$1,797,665.07
Balance	\$ 518,499.79
Number of families pledging	673
Average gift	\$3,441.55

The campaign has been financing the renovations of our church & school buildings.

With the funds now being paid, we are paying off the cash advance loan that financed last summer's renovation of the south wing of the school.

It's not too late to make a pledge!

*Call the parish office or e-mail
parishoffice@stpaulstpete.com*

Catholic Cruise for Charity with Fr. Bob Gangolu, SAC. January 24-30, 2010. Daily Mass. Six days on the beautiful new ship, Freedom. Prices starting from \$399.00 (limited cabins). Sailing to Ocho Rios, Jamaica, Grand Cayman, and Key West. Charity benefits St. Vincent de Paul & Mary's Outreach for Women. Call Susan Dwyer at 727.360.7575 for a free brochure and more information.

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Congratulations to the newly elected officers of the Columbiettes of St. Paul #13657.

President	Jeanne Davison
Vice President	Cheryl Carver
Financial Secretary	Amy Michaud
Secretary	Judy Cuniff
Treasurer	Kathryn Thomas
Sentinel	Andrea Downes
Chaplain	Sister Kathleen Stagnaro

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.



Green Team. More responses from parishioners to the **St. Paul's Catholic Climate Covenant, St. Francis Pledge to Care for Creation and the Poor:** "I commit to conserve water and energy." and "Continue recycling efforts; used cloth bags for shopping; reuse paper for notes, lists, etc; electric conservation; bikes and walking; herb growing." If you need another copy of the Covenant and/or would like to share your Pledge commitments, please go the parish website for information. To take another step in the **Learn** portion of the Pledge, go to <http://catholicclimatecovenant.org/> and click on Catholic Teachings, then on Other Catholic Voices, to listen to the interview with Dan Misleh, Director of the Catholic Climate Covenant on the Catholic Radio Channel of Sirius Satellite Radio.

Join our Celebration on Saturday, May 30th, Pentecost Eve Picnic 4 p.m. at Demen's Landing.

Life encyclical: "Therefore, by the authority conferred upon Peter and his Successors, in communion with the Bishops, ...I declare that direct abortion, that is abortion willed as an end or as a means, always constitutes a grave moral disorder, since it is the deliberate killing of an innocent human being...No circumstance, no purpose, no law whatsoever can ever make licit an act which is intrinsically illicit." Our bishops have declared that the struggle to end abortion is "the fundamental human rights issue of our day." Keep this in mind when you hear of "Catholic" politicians seeking to justify their support of pro-abortion legislation or positions.

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store Donations Needed.

Please remember to donate your unwanted, but in reasonably good condition, furniture, appliances, and household goods to the SVDP Thrift Store which helps feed the hungry at the SVDP Food Center. Call 727.328.2730 for pick-up. Thanks for your generosity.

Counseling Ministry. In these extra stressful times you may have considered calling our Counseling Ministry for an appointment for yourself or your marriage, yet hesitated because of financial limitations. While there are fees for the professional services of counseling and psychotherapy, if necessary a payment plan can be negotiated which fits your financial circumstances. Please do not let financial problems be the obstacle to getting the help you need. If you would like to speak with the counselor, Mary Ann C. Holtz, LMHC, to learn more, you may call her private voice mail at 727.327.5045, and leave a message. Mary Ann will return your call as soon as possible. You might also read her web-column, **Key for Living Well with Multiple Stressors**, which you can access from our parish web-site homepage.

New Life Ministry. Diocesan support group for widowed, separated and divorced. Monthly meeting Sacred Heart parish center (80th Ave. and 46th Street N.) Wednesday, May 20th, at 7 p.m. Call Jeanette Brown 727.54.-4167 for details. A \$2.00 donation at the door. Refreshments.

Young Adult Retreat. Diocesan Weekend Retreat for Adults in their 20s and 30s June 5-7 at the Bethany Center. Jesus put this question to his disciples: Who Do You Say I Am? Spend a weekend with others and consider your own response to Jesus' vital question. Listen to peers talk about faith, relationships, and where Jesus fits in as friend, healer, and role model. Join us for a retreat weekend at 7 p.m.. Friday, June 5th through 1 p.m. Sunday, June 7th. Cost is \$30 if registered by May 29th, \$50 after May 29th. Scholarships are available. Contact Anna Marie Wright at wrighta@dosp.org or 727.341.6850 for information.

St. Vincent de Paul Society. In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us, "This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you...You are my friends if you do what I command you." By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you fulfill this commandment.

Respect Life Bulletin Board. From time to time we hear reports, frequently from Catholic politicians, that the Church's position on abortion is unclear or divided. Pope John Paul II left little doubt on the matter in his Gospel of

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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 18

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

Tuesday, May 19

12:00 noon Senior Club – Blue Room

Wednesday, May 20

1:00 p.m. Legion of Mary – Blue Room
3:15 p.m. Mater Admirabilis – Gold Room
5:30 p.m. Choir Practice – Chapel
7:00 p.m. Women's CRHP – Blue Room
7:00 p.m. Men's CRHP – Craft Room
7:30 p.m. C & L - Pink Room

Thursday, May 21

3:00 p.m. Daisy Troop #600 – Yellow Room
3:15 p.m. Rosary – Chapel
6:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul – Green Room
7:00 p.m. RCIA - Blue Room
7:00 p.m. Folk Group – Church
7:00 p.m. Partners With Haiti – Gold Room

Friday, May 22

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

Saturday, May 23

6:00 p.m. RCIA Pot Luck – Cafeteria