

Monday, May 25th

7:00 A.M. Laurette Bedard

Tuesday, May 26th

7:00 A.M. Prayer for Vocations

Wednesday, May 27th

7:00 A.M. Prayer for Vocations

Thursday, May 28th

7:00 A.M. Prayer for Vocations

7:00 P.M. St. Paul School Graduation Mass

Friday, May 29th

7:00 A.M. Prayer for Vocations

Saturday, May 30th

8:30 A.M. Van Branon

5:30 P.M. Edward Senger

Sunday, May 31st

7:30 A.M. John Kreger

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

11:30 A.M. Bernard Misner

6:00 P.M. Santos Belo



*God put all things beneath Christ's feet
and gave him as head over all things to the church,
which is his body.
(Ephesians 1:22-23)*

When we think of the Feast of the Ascension, we usually think of Jesus going away. *He was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.* Upon the Ascension, Christ took his place at God's right hand in the heavens. Jesus went before us to heaven, while we wait here on earth.

All true. But today's second reading, from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, looks more deeply at the Ascension, and finds another dimension there. Paul finds in the Ascension a marvelous reality that reveals once again the tremendous love of the Father for us.

Once Jesus has returned to the Father in the Ascension, and taken his place there at the Father's right hand, the Father does not cling to him and hold him fast. Just as he had sent him in the Incarnation to us, to be born of the Virgin Mary, he now once again gives him to us. Upon the Ascension, Paul realizes, *God gave Christ as head over all things to the church, which is his body.*

The Father, it would seem, is incapable of withholding his only Son from us. How marvelous is this love.

Msgr. Robert C. Gibbons, Pastor

Pancake Breakfast next Sunday, May 31, in the cafeteria, after the 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Everyone is invited!

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 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.

Scholastic Book Fair. The Knights of Columbus are happy to sponsor a Book Fair to benefit our school and select



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

Offertry total for Sunday, May 17, 2009:

272 Envelopes.....	\$	9,529.25
Loose.....	\$	1,649.00
AOP (debit).....	\$	1,943.00
AOP (credit).....	\$	0.00
Total.....	\$	13,121.25

*Go and teach all nations, says the Lord.
(Matthew 28:19)*

Commissioned by Christ,
we work together, as a parish family,
to proclaim the Gospel everywhere.

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

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

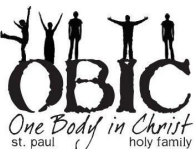
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charities in our community. The fair will be held Friday May 29th through Monday June 1st in the cafeteria. The fair will be open during school hours on Friday and Monday, Saturday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., and Sunday after each Mass. Please come and 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.)

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.



YOUTH NEWS

High School - Sundays 7:15-9 p.m. St. Paul Youth Room 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 - Mondays - 7:00-8:30 p.m. Holy Family 2nd Floor of Parish Office

June 1st - Join us for our last meeting for the year! It will be a fun night filled with silly games, great food, and some awesome music. All 5th graders welcome to attend!

High School AND Middle School:

ROCK THE UNIVERSE! On Saturday, September 12th we're headed to Universal Studios for Rock the Universe - a fantastic night of great Christian music and tons of fun! **SAVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!** Go to the OBIC website (<http://obicyouth.catholicweb.com>) for more information.



St. Paul Says

"...The one who descended is also the one who ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things...."

Ephesians 4:10



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	Barbara Webb	

If you would like to add a name to this list, please contact the parish office.

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

*Cyan Sofia Centeno
Nicholas Tyler Hilliard
Peyton Summer
Evan William Huerta
Nicholas James Testa*

Confirmation. Congratulations to all of the following teens who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last weekend. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their faith journey with the strength of the Holy Spirit to guide them.

<i>Nicholas Andre</i>	<i>Alexis Brasseur</i>
<i>Abigail Campbell</i>	<i>Jonathan Carbungco</i>
<i>Catherine Carmona</i>	<i>Nina Chalama</i>
<i>Margaret Dalessio</i>	<i>Alyssa Deson</i>
<i>Devin DeWitt</i>	<i>Danielle Dolores</i>
<i>Dylan Dusseault</i>	<i>Laura Embree</i>
<i>Scott Fisher</i>	<i>Jonathan</i>
<i>Gagen</i>	
<i>Claire Krueger</i>	<i>Elliott Krueger</i>
<i>Mary Katherine Holland</i>	<i>Madeline Lesso</i>
<i>Zachary Mallory</i>	<i>Ashley Mattair</i>
<i>Giannina Quiroga</i>	<i>Olivia Rodriguez</i>
<i>Laura Rudnicki</i>	<i>Stephanie Sanderbeck</i>
<i>Joseph Saunders</i>	<i>Emily Toomajanian</i>
<i>Daniel Twitty</i>	<i>Hannah Weinman</i>

News from our parish twin parish, St. Isidore. Fr. Jean Antilus was involved in an accident on Easter Sunday while driving to our mission site chapel to celebrate Mass. The parish truck, which he was driving, overturned on the treacherous, rocky road causing several passengers to be thrown out of the truck bed. One died at the scene, at least two others have died since from their injuries. Fr. Antilus is greatly saddened over such a tragedy for his parish. Please pray intently for everyone involved.

Lady Baron Volleyball Camp will be held at St. Pete Catholic High school from June 15 - 19. Jr. High Camp - girls age 9 - 14 (1 p.m. - 4 p.m.); High School Camp - girls age 14 - 18 (5 p.m. - 7 p.m.) For info please e-mail kaeschbach@spchs.org or call 727.344.4065.

Vacation Bible School 2009 Under the Big Top!

June 15th - June 19th
Registration is now open!

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

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. May 27, Wednesday, 7 p.m. Looking for ways to save money while you care for creation and the poor? Come to this week's Green Team meeting in parish center. We will share Scripture and prayer and view a 24 minute DVD, "Killowatt Ours", which illustrates practical solutions that can help homeowners save approximately \$1,000 per year on energy bills, while helping the environment and protecting human health.

May 30, Saturday, 4 p.m. Picnic and Celebration of our *St. Paul's Catholic Climate Covenant, St. Francis Pledge to Care for Creation and the Poor*. Join us at Demen's Landing Park (Bayshore Dr. & 2nd Ave. S). Bring your picnic supper and beverage, and reusable place settings (dishes, utensils, napkins, cups). We'll share some fun as we reflect on the Pledge steps we have been taking during Easter Season, and as we enjoy the natural beauty of the park. For info, call Mary-Jane Smith at 727.525.3640.

Respect Life Bulletin Board. Prayer Vigil of Hope on the Evening of an Execution. Governor Crist recently signed two death warrants for executions to be carried out in May 2009. The Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle will be hosting a diocesan vigil prayer service in the Chapel for those who have received the death sentence, their victims, and the families of both on Wednesday, May 27th at 6:00 p.m. The late Pope John Paul II stated in the document *Evangelium Vitae* that, "A sign of hope is the increasing recognition that the dignity of human life must never be taken away, even in the case of someone who has done great evil."

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.

The Euclid-St. Paul's Neighborhood Association will be having an ice cream social on June 4, at 7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria, at St. Paul Catholic School. At 7:30 the meeting will begin and feature the St. Petersburg Mayoral Candidates as guest speakers. The order of speech will be by random drawing. All neighbors -- members or not -- are welcome to attend. For more information and contact information, please see the website at www.espna.org.

Married Couples. Sign up for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on July 24-26. For information call 813.270.7832 or visit www.wwme-tampabay.org

Basketball Camp at St. Petersburg Catholic High School. June 1st – 5th, 9 a.m to 4 p.m. \$175. June 22nd – 26th, 1 p.m. to 4p.m. Fro registration details or questions, please contact Mike Moran at 727.344.4065 x254.

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 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, 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.

St. John Vianney Vacation Bible School June 22-26, 9:00 a.m. to Noon each day at St. John Vianney Parish, St. Pete Beach. \$35 per Fearless Kid! (Ages *5–11) *Must be 5 by June 1st. Call Frank Boyle at 727.360.1147, ext. 201 or email fboyle@sjvcc.org.

Counseling Ministry. In these extra stressful times you may have considered calling our Counseling Ministry for an appointment, 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. If you would like to speak with the counselor, Mary Ann C. Holtz, LMHC, to learn more, call her private voice mail at 727.327.5045, and leave a message. Mary Ann will return your call as soon as possible. You can read her web-column, *Key for Living Well with Multiple Stressors*, on our parish web-site.

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.

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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 parish 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

Sunday, May 24

10:30 a.m. FRE Program – Cafeteria
7:15 p.m. HS Youth Group Cook-out - Grounds

Monday, May 25

Memorial Day – Parish Office closed

Tuesday, May 26

7:00 p.m. K of C Meeting – Blue Room

Wednesday, May 27

1:00 p.m. Legion of Mary – Blue Room
5:30 p.m. Choir Practice – Chapel
7:00 p.m. Green Team Open Meeting – Pink2 Room
7:00 p.m. Men's CRHP – Blue Room
7:30 p.m. C & L - Pink Room

Thursday, May 28

3:15 p.m. Rosary – Chapel
7:00 p.m. School Graduation - Church
7:00 p.m. Partners With Haiti – Gold Room

Friday, May 29

7:45 a.m. Mom's Prayer Group – Playground
School Hours - K of C Book Fair – Cafeteria

Saturday, May 30

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. K of C Book Fair – Cafeteria