



Monday, June 1st

7:00 A.M. Marcia Scully

Tuesday, June 2nd

7:00 A.M. Intentions of Robert and Milagros Fournier

Wednesday, June 3rd

7:00 A.M. James Segawa Jr.

8:15 A.M. Intentions of Fr. "Buster" Melchior

Thursday, June 4th

7:00 A.M. Mary Lanzing

Friday, June 5th

7:00 A.M. Intentions of Mary Shepherdson

Saturday, June 6th

8:30 A.M. Bob Sulte

5:30 P.M. M. LaVonne Pufpaff

Sunday, June 7th

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 Webb Family - Gloria Wheeler



*Father, today we celebrate
the great beginning of your Church
when the Holy Spirit made known to all peoples
the one true God.
(Eucharistic Preface of Pentecost)*

Fr. Robert Barron, in a recent article in *America*, spoke of the heresy of Scientism, which he describes as the belief that reality is restricted to what the empirical sciences can measure. This approach sees no place for a God or Creator. What you can see and measure is all there is.

We believers don't come to the same conclusion about reality. We find it quite reasonable to assert that there must be a cause extrinsic to the entire universe. Even if you don't believe in God, we would argue, it makes sense that there must be an extrinsic cause to the universe.

How do we jump from there to the notion of God the Creator, to our belief in *one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen?*

We come to believe in God as Creator because of revelation. God has revealed himself to us, in myriad ways, especially through the gift of his Spirit.

At the Last Supper, Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit. *If I go, he said, I will send him to you.* (John 16:7) And he linked the Spirit to truth: *When he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth.* (16:13)

The Spirit speaks to our minds and hearts about the deeper truths of reality and gives us the great gift of faith, helping us to perceive the reality of God.

So if someone asks you why you believe in God, answer this way: First of all, it is reasonable to believe in God. And, secondly, the Spirit of truth has been poured out upon the body of Christ, the Church, revealing to us *the one true God.*

Msgr. Robert C. Gibbons, Pastor

Pancake Breakfast TODAY, 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!

Newly ordained priest Fr. "Buster" Melchior will celebrate the **8:15 a.m. Mass this Wednesday, June 3**, at St. Paul's Church. This will be the last Mass of the academic year for St. Paul's School community, and all parishioners are invited. Fr. Melchior spent his pastoral internship year at St. Paul's in 2006-07, and many remember him from that time. Bishop Lynch ordained him to the priesthood on May 16, and his first assignment is St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Largo.

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 24, 2009:

270 Envelopes.....	\$	9,120.00
Loose.....	\$	1,393.00
AOP (debit).....	\$	1,943.00
AOP (credit).....	\$	0.00
Total.....	\$	12,456.00

The fruit of the spirit is . . . generosity.
(Galatians 5:22)

A good steward's generosity
reveals the outpouring of the Spirit.

Thanks to those who faithfully support
St. Paul's Catholic School.

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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.).

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 is being held this weekend, Friday May 29th through Monday June 1st in the cafeteria. Stop in after Mass today or Monday during school hours. Please come and support our causes and encourage reading throughout the summer.

Sunday nursery is available for children (ten months old to five years old) during the 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses. Located in the St. Paul's Children's Center, at the west end of the first floor of the parish center. Experienced adult supervision.

New Parishioner Meeting is next Sunday, June 7, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass, in the parish center. Everyone new to the parish is invited to come for parish information and registration. Current parishioners and staff members will be present to welcome newcomers and answer questions about parish services and activities. Refreshments will be served. These meetings are held on the first Sunday of every month.

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.

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.

Stewardship Reflection. St. Paul reminds us today that all of our gifts have their source in the Holy spirit and that those gifts are given "for the common good." What gifts are mine to share?

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.



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

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| Msstr. 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 | Amy Wauker |
| Sr. Germaine Bevans | Regina Abruntilla | Carmen Madison |
| Sr. Mary Fennick | Loretta Rieman | |

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

Annual Pastoral Appeal 2009
Diocese of St Petersburg
as of 5/26/2009

Our parish's assessment.....	\$169,022.00
Total pledged as of 3/31/09.....	\$41,340.45
Number of pledges.....	241
Average pledge	\$171.54

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



St. Paul Says

"As the body is one though it has many parts and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body. So, also is Christ. For in baptism we were all baptized in one body."



YOUTH NEWS

High School - Have a great Summer!

1 Corinthians 12: 11-12

News from our twin parish, St. Isidore. Beretha, the recently graduated nurse whom we sponsored in nursing school, loves her new job at a small hospital near St. Isidore Church. She will rotate in different departments, working with different nurses during her 12 month training there. She will work different shifts as well. Beretha will be off some weekends when she will be able to visit her mom in Gran Sous. Thanks for your support to make this possible.

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.

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.



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

Green Team. One of our parish families is committing to additional steps on the **St. Paul's Catholic Climate Covenant, St. Francis Pledge to Care for Creation and the Poor:** "We will start riding our bikes to school, eat more locally grown food and cut back on water consumption." As we head into summer, look over the Covenant-Pledge and consider adding one more step each month to your family's commitment. If your copy disappeared (in the end of the school year papers!), go to the parish web-site to download it. Let us know what steps you will be taking this summer by emailing djordan48@tampabay.rr.com.

If you missed the showing of "Killowatt Ours" and want to learn how to save money while caring for creation and the poor, you can view the DVD at <http://www.kilowattours.org>.

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.esrna.org.

Married Couples. The U.S. Bishops speak of the challenges of married love: "An enduring marriage is more than simply endurance. It is a process of growth into an intimate friendship and a deepening peace. We urge all couples: renew your commitment regularly, seek enrichment often..." (*Follow the Way of Love*, www.usccb.org/laity/follow.shtml). Take time to renew and enrich your marriage on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME weekend is July 24-26. For information call 813.270.7832 or go on-line to www.wwme-tampabay.org.

Eckerd College Summer Sports Camp. 'All Sports and Recreation Summer Camp' is available at Eckerd. Three weeks of camp are offered: June 15-19, July 6-10, and July 27-31. Camp starts at 8:45 a.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$170.00. This is the link to the camp brochure: www.eckerd.edu/tritons/files/allsportscampbrochure.pdf

St. Raphael's Summer Camp will be offered for 8 weeks from June 15th through August 7th and will be open from 7:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The program is open to all school age children ages 5 – 11. The camp offers a variety of activities including art projects, science exploration, reading and math enrichment, sports, computer, games and lots of fun. For information call the Summer Camp Office at 727.823.7969.

Parish Website Job Board on our St. Paul website. Available positions with job descriptions as well as skills of parishioners seeking employment are posted here. Names and contact information are not posted, but are available by emailing the parish office. To participate in the job board, click the 'Website Job Board' link on the parish web site home page to enter your information.

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 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 is having an ice cream social on June 4, at 7:00 p.m. in the

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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

Sunday, May 31

10:30 a.m. K of C Pancake Breakfast – Cafeteria
After all Masses – K of C Book Fair - Cafeteria

Monday, June 1

School Hours - K of C Book Fair – Cafeteria
10:30 a.m. Bible Study – Gold Room
7:00 p.m. WCRHP – Blue Room

Tuesday, June 2

7:00 p.m. Columbiettes - Cafeteria

Wednesday, June 3

1:00 p.m. Legion of Mary – Blue Room
5:30 p.m. Choir Practice – Chapel
7:30 p.m. C & L - Pink Room

Thursday, June 4

Last day of School
3:15 p.m. Rosary – Chapel
6:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul – blue Room
7:00 p.m. Neighborhood Association Mtg. - Cafeteria
7:00 p.m. Folk Group – Church
7:00 p.m. MCRHP – Craft Room
7:00 p.m. PW Haiti – Gold Room

Friday, June 5

Saturday, June 6

10:00 a.m. Baptismal Prep Class – Blue Room