

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI



Mass
Intentions
Of The Week

Monday, June 15th

7:45 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the
O'Brien and Thornton Families

Tuesday, June 16th

7:45 a.m. Peggy Aldrich

Wednesday, June 17th

7:45 a.m. Intentions of the Jacoby Family

Thursday, June 18th

7:45 a.m. Rita and J. C. Milton

Friday, June 19th

7:45 a.m. Intentions of the Jacoby Family

Saturday, June 20th

5:30 p.m. For all Fathers Living and Deceased

Sunday, June 21st

7:30 a.m. For all Fathers Living and Deceased

9:30 a.m. For all Fathers Living and Deceased

11:30 a.m. For all Fathers Living and Deceased

6:00 p.m. For all Fathers Living and Deceased



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

Offertory total for Sunday, June 7, 2009:

296 Envelopes.....	\$ 11,578.25
Loose.....	\$ 1,806.50
AOP (debit).....	\$ 8,464.33
AOP (credit).....	\$ 5,702.50
Total.....	\$ 27,551.38

*I am the living bread that came down from heaven,
says the Lord.*

(Gospel Antiphon, Feast of Corpus Christi)

The Lord gives the unfathomable gift
of his very self.

We try to respond in the same spirit of generosity
through our good stewardship.

- Websitestpaulstpete.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 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



*Jesus Christ is the true and eternal priest
who established this unending sacrifice.
He offered himself as a victim for our deliverance
and taught us to make this offering in his memory.
(Preface of the Holy Eucharist I)*

On this feast of Corpus Christi, we celebrate that the Lord Jesus gives us his very body and blood sacramentally in the Holy Eucharist. *As we eat his body which he gave for us, we grow in strength. As we drink his blood which he poured out for us, we are washed clean.* Yes, we do receive Jesus through Holy Communion.

But there is another dimension to the Eucharist. We are not only receiving in the Eucharist, we are also offering. *We offer you, Father, this life-giving bread, this saving cup.* (Eucharistic Prayer II) We are meant to be, in regard to the Eucharist, not only people who take, but also people who give; not only people who receive, but also people who offer. Reception can be relatively passive. We can slouch up to Holy Communion and receive our Lord without much thought or focus. Offering requires us to be active participants in the Eucharist; it requires us to come out of ourselves.

Why is it important that we offer the Eucharist, as well as receive it? If we don't offer it, we are not fully understanding or experiencing what Christ is all about. Yes, he received the Father's love; but Christ was, above all, one who offered himself, who gave himself. He offered himself on the altar of the cross. He gave his life for the sheep.

As we offer the Eucharist to the Father, we are giving the best we have to give, our *hope of glory*, our savior and our brother. What a beautiful expression of our gratitude, to offer back to God the greatest gift he has given us.

And as we offer the Eucharist to our neighbor, through lives of Christ-like sacrifice and goodness, we are imitating Christ and participating in his self-giving love. That's the opposite of passive.

Msgr. Robert C. Gibbons, Pastor

Festival results. Now that all the bills have been paid, we can report that our parish Festival, in March 2009, netted just under **\$75,000** for St. Paul's Catholic School. All these proceeds go directly to the school to support its annual budget. Thank you to all our parishioners who worked hard this year, in so many ways, to make sure that the Festival was a great success. Festival dates for next year are March 11-14, 2010.

Knights of Columbus. The following name was omitted from the St. Paul Council #13657 list of new officers for 2009/2010 published in last week's bulletin.

Recorder - Dale Slezak



St. Paul Says

*“For I received from the Lord,
what I also handed on to you,
that the Lord Jesus on the night
he was handed over, took bread,
and after he had given thanks
broke it and said,
This is my body that is for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”*

1 Cor. 11:23-24

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.

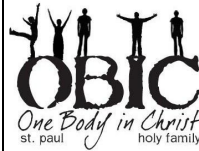
From Msgr. Gibbons' mailbox. After her mother's recent funeral Mass, a woman wrote Msgr. Gibbons: *“I feel compelled to share with you what a colleague of mine told me this past Monday when I returned to work. She had attended Mom's funeral. She said that when she entered the church she felt so much at peace. This fallen-away Catholic was struck by the beauty and simplicity of the church. The Mass was so emotional for her that she felt like she had come back home. The Lord worked through St. Paul's to touch my friend and I wanted you to know that.”* Thank you to all our parishioners who, by your generosity and participation, assure the upkeep of our beautiful church and its vibrant liturgy and worship. You are touching people's hearts.

St. Vincent de Paul Poor Boxes. Contributions to the Poor Boxes, at the doors of the church, totaled \$714.25 for May 2009. These funds go directly to assist the poor who live within the territorial boundaries of our parish. They help pay for food, rent, utilities, and transportation. The parish also contributes \$750.00 monthly from the Sunday offertory to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Your continued generosity to the Poor Boxes is urgently needed.

RCIA sessions of 2008-2009 came to a close on May 20. We thank the team and the teachers for their assistance to the Neophytes (new Catholics) towards the reception of the Sacraments. We will be starting the sessions of RCIA 2009-2010 in the middle of September after the summer break. In the meantime, try to bring a friend or a family member or a co-worker to Jesus. Remember that Apostle Andrew first found Jesus and brought his brother, Simon Peter, to Jesus. Also, Philip introduced Nathanael to Jesus. (John 1:40-42, 44-47).

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

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. 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

Enjoy Your Summer!

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

**Charles Parker Kinsey
Emma Julianna Davis
Isabella Ines Machado
Trey Alexander Ulevich
Bennett Matthew Buttitta**

Fr. Corapi Video Talk. Please join us on Wednesday, June 24, at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center for another evening with Fr. Corapi. Both men and women are welcome to attend. The topic on June 24th is "Sex - sacred not evil" We plan to gather every other Wednesday evening through August. For more information or to RSVP please contact Mario Vitrano at mariovitrano1@aol.com or 727.251.6849.



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	Amy Wauker
Sr. Germaine Bevans	Regina Abruntilla	Carmen Madison
Sr. Mary Fennick	Debbie Clayton	

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

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Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University. If Financial Peace University has changed your life for the better, consider paying it forward by helping bring this program to others. If you or someone you know is a graduate of the Financial Peace University Course and would be willing to facilitate a Fall Session, please contact Tom Baggett at 727.894.8302 or tbaggett@pscufs.com. The time commitment is minimal but the impact of this ministry is often life changing for those who take the class.



Green Team. *“Become educated about ways in which you can reduce your personal and larger domain environmental impact.”* (FCC) Read these two really fascinating books. You may never look at the environment the same way again!

And the Waters Turned to Blood (1997) by Rodney Barker.

The Last Hours of Ancient Sunlight (2004) by Thom Hartmann, Neale Donald Walsch, & Joseph Pearce.

Host Families Needed for Foreign Exchange Students. EF Educational Homestay Programs is looking to place high school age students from Spain with volunteer host families for *four short weeks* this summer from **July 4 – August 3**. Host families are asked to provide a bed, an extra plate at the table, transportation to and from a bus stop, and a warm welcoming environment. The course center this year is Woodlawn Presbyterian, so host families in Woodlawn do not need to worry about transportation. For more information contact the Local Program Leader, Mary Elena, at 727.512.9285 or the regional office at 866.480.4089.

St. Vincent de Paul. As we celebrate the mystery of the Trinity we also realize the mystery of how much God loves and cares for us each day. Believing in this our lives can then overflow in thanksgiving and praise. Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to believe in the mystery of God’s love for them.

Stewardship Reflection. The Bishops’ stewardship pastoral asks, “And what do Christians bring to the Eucharistic celebration and join there with Jesus’ offering?” The answer: “Their lives as Christian disciples; their personal vocations and the stewardship they have exercised regarding them; their individual contributions to the great work of restoring all things in Christ.”

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.

Married Couples. “Our Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend was the most joyous and stimulating time of our lives. We had the chance to see how each of us needs to

love and be loved and it has made such a difference in our relationship ever since.” The next WWME weekend is July 24-26. For information call 813.270.7832 or go on-line to www.wwme-tampabay.org.

Pregnancy Plus Medical is in need of baby and maternity supplies. Your donations help our moms who have children or who are expecting a child. The items needed are: wipes, diapers size N, 3, 4, 5; new bottles and pacifiers, baby shampoo, wash, lotion; formula, baby food, maternity clothes, baby clothes size NB-12 months (clean and not stained), and breastfeeding supplies. Donations are accepted at 1213 - 16th Street N., M-F, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Call 727.550.4236 for more information.

Rachel’s Corner offers “Abortion After Care Healing” spiritual care and retreats. Come on a Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat™ and be infused with the merciful and infinite love of Jesus. Call 813.631.4370 x 222 or email www.rachelsvineyard.org for more information.

**Parish Capital Campaign Update
as of May 31, 2009**

Amount Pledged	\$2,316,214.86
Amount Paid	\$1,812,000.34
Balance	\$ 504,214.52
Number of families pledging	673
Average gift	\$3,441.63

*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*

**Annual Pastoral Appeal 2009
Diocese of St Petersburg
as of 6/9/2009**

Our parish’s assessment.....	\$169,022.00
Total pledged as of 3/31/09.....	\$45,230.45
Number of pledges.....	258
Average pledge	\$175.31

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

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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

Sunday, June 14

10:30 a.m. Parish Coffee and Doughnuts - Cafeteria

Monday, June 15

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School – Gym

7:00 p.m. WCRHP – Blue Room

Tuesday, June 16

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School – Gym

7:00 p.m. K of C – Blue Room

Wednesday, June 17

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School – Gym

1:00 p.m. Legion of Mary – Blue Room

7:30 p.m. C & L - Pink Room

Thursday, June 18

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School – Gym

3:15 p.m. Rosary – Chapel

6:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul – Blue Room

7:00 p.m. MCRHP – Craft Room

7:00 p.m. Folk Group – Church

Friday, June 19

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School – Gym

Saturday, June 20