



Monday, August 11th

7:45 A.M. Frances Wittchick

Tuesday, August 12th

7:45 A.M. Edna Wojcik

Wednesday, August 13th

7:45 A.M. Charles and Josephine Filer

Thursday, August 14th

7:45 A.M. Anna Regeski

Friday, August 15th

7:45 A.M. Intentions of the Blessed Mother

6:00 P.M. Oramae Lala

Saturday, August 16th

8:30 A.M. Rita Quaglione

5:30 P.M. Intentions of Joseph Schmid

Sunday, August 17th

7:30 A.M. Ines Pyne

9:30 A.M. St. Paul Parishioners

11:30 A.M. Living and Deceased Members of Women's Guild

6:00 P.M. Thomas Maguire



Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'
(Matthew 14:33)

Our Parish Stewardship Committee worked a long time to formulate our parish mission statement. It's printed in the box below my column.

The members of the council met with many parish groups to gather people's ideas and experience of the parish, to discuss where people think we've been and where we need to go. The council even conducted a survey at Sunday Mass one weekend, to secure everyone's input.

The statement is short. Short, but profound and significant. It emphasizes five key things:

Our parish has to be, first and foremost, focused on **God**. We are privileged to gather in this little boat named St. Paul's to give him homage. That's at the heart of who we are and what we do as a parish. But we can't forget our obligation to serve **others**. Christianity of its nature involves *laying down one's life* for the neighbor. We must be a **Catholic** people, true to our Catholic beliefs and practices, faithful to the Church, and embracing everyone in a truly catholic, that is, universal spirit. All that we are and all that we do as a parish is because of God's **grace**, not our own power or initiative. Our parish thrives only if people feel they belong here, as if to a **family**, the family of God. We build that sense of family through a warm welcome of everyone who comes through those green doors.

Father Robert C. Gibbons, Pastor



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

Offertory for Sunday, August 3, 2008:

275 Envelopes.....	\$ 9,722.25
Loose.....	\$ 2,125.00
AOP (debit).....	\$ 8,580.33
AOP (credit).....	\$ 0.00
Total.....	\$ 20,427.58

*The Lord himself will give his benefits;
our land shall yield its increase.*

We give back to God
because God has first given his benefits to us.

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

Mission Statement of
St. Paul's Catholic Church
St. Petersburg, Florida

*We are a parish family
that strives to live our Catholic faith
by vibrant worship of God
and loving service to others,
all through God's grace.*

- Websitestpaulstpete.com
- Parish Offices.....727-822-3481
- Pastoral Associate.....Annamaria Dickhaus
- Administrative Assistants.....Charie Wassmer
& Mary Carney
- Outreach Ministry.....Sr. Kathleen Stagnaro, OSF
- Organist & Choir Director.....Paul Dixon
- St. Vincent de Paul Societyext. 50
- Children's Center.....Valerie Gervais, ext. 18
- Prayer Team.....727-894-8846
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727-823-6144
- Counseling Ministry.....Mary Ann Holtz, LMHC
727-327-5045

Feast of the Assumption. Friday, August 15, is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It being a holyday of obligation, Catholics are to participate in Mass on that day. We will have Masses in the Church at 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., and 6:00 p.m. *Mary is taken up to heaven; a chorus of angels exults.*

Daily Mass will return to the "winter schedule" as of Monday, August 18. Beginning that day, Mass on Monday through Friday will be celebrated at 7:00 a.m. Saturday morning Mass remains at 8:30. Daily Mass is celebrated in the Chapel on the first floor of the Parish Center.



St. Paul Says:

**"God who is over all
Be blessed forever.."**

Romans 9:5b

Columbiettes. Interested in joining the Columbiettes, join us August 12, 7 p.m., Parish Center for a First Degree Ceremony. Contact Cheryl Carver 866-8888, chcarver@yahoo.com or Jean Davison 898-8884, civexgovjd@aol.com, to RSVP or for information.

The Men's Christ Renews His Parish alumni monthly meeting is Tues., August 12 at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center. For more information call Don Thornton at 727-459-5755.

2009 Mass Intention Book is now open. Come to the parish office to request Mass intentions for dates in 2009.

Accelerating the Job Search Process; giving yourself a competitive edge in a very crowded market! A morning workshop will be held in the Parish Center on Saturday, Aug. 16th covering various topics for effective job searching. The workshop starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 12 noon. Please call the parish office to register.

Family Religious Education is a wonderful opportunity to help plant and develop the seeds of faith in our parish families. The program is designed, specifically, for those children and parents who are not attending school at St. Paul's. If you are interested in being a teacher for this ministry, please contact Annamaria in the parish office: 822-3481. There will be a meeting on Sunday, August 24th from 10:30 a.m. until noon. All are welcome.

Come to "Movie and Dessert Night" Thursday, August 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center Blue Room to see Haiti's #1 Movie of 2002, "Barikad". View the life, culture and scenery of Haiti in this "Romeo and Juliet - Haitian style" film. You may bring a dessert to share, beverages will be provided; sponsored by Partners with Haiti, Inc. There is no fee. Contact Gail Lenhard at 727-822-5118.

Opportunity for parish men this fall. St. Paul's will offer *"That Man Is You!"* this fall, beginning September 17. This program seeks to help men of all ages grow in their Catholic faith, through reflection on Scripture and the Catholic tradition. It is a down-to-earth, practical course to help us in our Christian responsibilities in our families and in the workplace. We will meet on Wednesday mornings before the workday begins, for everyone's convenience. Check the website www.paradisusdei.org, and click on "That Man Is You!" Registration details will be announced next week at Mass and in the bulletin.

Married Couples: Time together! A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a weekend full of fresh love, rebirth, romance, passion and new beginnings. The next WWME weekend is Sept. 12 – 14th. For information call (813) 270-7832 or go on-line at www.wwme-tampabay.org.

A Brand New School! Yesterday's school moving day volunteers were the first to see our beautiful school renovation. New windows, new flooring, new heating and A/C, new lighting, new ceilings, all new electrical infrastructure, a new lobby, new smart technology upgrades throughout, and newly remodeled classrooms and library. Check the website www.stpaulstpete.com/schoolren2008.html for photos. Your continuing generosity to the Parish Capital Campaign is funding the renovation. The school will be rededicated next Sunday by Bishop Lynch, following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. You may tour the school after all Masses next weekend.

St. Paul's Children's Center re-opened this past Monday, after an extensive one-week refurbishment of the modular building that houses our day care program for two-year-olds. New flooring, wall covering, and painting gives the building a whole new look. Thanks for your generous stewardship, which makes these expenditures possible. For information on our day care program, call the parish office 727-822-3481, and ask for Valerie or Mary.

Update on Annual Pastoral Appeal (APA). Thus far **264** parishioners have pledged to the diocese's 2008 APA, pledging a total of **\$51,850.64**, for an average pledge of \$196.40. (In 2007, a total of 333 parish families pledged by the time the year ended). **Thanks** to everyone who has pledged!

Make APA pledges on-line at <https://www.diostpete.com/apa/>. Your generosity is appreciated. All APA pledges reduce dollar-for-dollar the annual assessment the parish must pay to the diocese, so it's a win-win!

Advance Medical Directives (sometimes called Living Wills) will be the subject of a presentation by Fr. John Mullet, director of pastoral care, St. Anthony's Hospital, at a meeting of the Serra Club, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12, at the St. Jude's Pastoral Center. Fr. Mullet, who has had special training and several years experience in hospital care ministry, will discuss ethical and moral considerations involved with end-of-life issues, advance directive forms approved by the church, and other related matters. The Serra Club invites anyone interested in this vital and sometimes misunderstood topic to attend as its special guests. The Serra Club is the local chapter of Serra International whose purpose is to enlarge the knowledge of the Catholic faith among its members and to promote vocations.

Vendors Needed: St. Timothy's Women's Club is seeking participants for its Holiday Boutique, to be held on Saturday, November 15, 2008, at St. Timothy Catholic Church, 17512 Lakeshore Road, Lutz, FL 33558. This event has been held for over 20 years and last year 160 vendors participated. Vendors offer fine quality products and hand-crafted items. To reserve your space and for details contact Carol Sanson at 813-960-3907 or Fran Shealy at 813-920-9623, or write to St. Timothy Women's Club Holiday Boutique at the church address above.