



Mass
Intentions
Of The Week

Monday, August 18th

7:00 A.M. Intentions of Alexandra Putenis

Tuesday, August 19th

7:00 A.M. Barbara Morgan

Wednesday, August 20th

7:00 A.M. Deceased Franciscan Sisters of Allegany

Thursday, August 21st

7:00 A.M. Prayer for Vocations

Friday, August 22nd

7:00 A.M. Prayer for the Poor Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, August 23rd

8:30 A.M. Madeleine P. Gibbons

5:30 P.M. Norman Heagerty Jr.

Sunday, August 24th

7:30 A.M. Prayer for Vocations

9:30 A.M. St. Paul Parishioners

11:30 A.M. Living and Deceased Members of
the O'Brien & Thornton Families

6:00 P.M. Jennifer Hartmann



*Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom.
(Matthew 4:23)*

Following after Jesus, we are to proclaim the Gospel of the kingdom of God---a kingdom of peace, mercy, justice, inclusion, and love. The kingdom isn't just something we read about in a book. It is a reality, an experience, a *pearl of great price, a treasure hidden in a field, a mustard seed that grows into a bush, a dragnet thrown into the sea, a seed that yields a hundredfold.*

The purpose of our Catholic school is to give children and their families---and all those associated with the school, including all our parishioners---an experience of the kingdom. In the math class or the religion class, in the cafeteria, on the blacktop, on the playground, in the gym, in the church, in their teachers, in their fellow students, in their own hearts---everywhere and in everyone, we hope, the children experience God's presence. They learn, not just in their heads but in their hearts, that God is *all in all.* (1 Corinthians 15:28).

The reason we put so much energy, prayer, effort, and financial resources into St. Paul Catholic School is just that---to proclaim the kingdom of God, to provide a living experience of the kingdom. We have a dedicated administrative team, wonderful teachers, loving staff, and fine parents, not to mention terrific kids. Tomorrow the school reopens, with 323 children, up 8 from last year.

Our renovation of the school building is done! The school is beautiful. Thanks for staying faithful to your generous capital campaign contributions. If everyone stays on course, we'll be able to pay for everything according to plan.

Thank you for helping *proclaim the Gospel of the kingdom.*

Father Robert C. Gibbons, Pastor



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

Offertory for Sunday, August 10, 2008:

269 Envelopes.....	\$ 8,635.25
Loose.....	\$ 1,855.00
AOP (debit).....	\$ 2,011.00
AOP (credit).....	\$ 5,972.50
Total.....	\$ 18,473.75

The completion of our school renovation
is due to your generosity
to our Parish Capital Campaign.
Another beautiful example of good stewardship!

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

- 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
-jhdmary@aol.com
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727-823-6144
- Counseling Ministry.....Mary Ann Holtz, LMHC
727-327-5045

**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.*

Back-to-School Pancake Breakfast next Sunday, August 24, in the Cafeteria after 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses. All are invited to enjoy a delicious breakfast. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

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:
**"For God delivered all to
disobedience that he might have
mercy on all"**
Romans 11:32

**Parish Capital Campaign Update
as of July 31, 2008**

Amount Pledged\$2,308,698.86
Amount Paid \$1,659,410.41
Balance 649,288.45
Number of families pledging 668
Average gift\$3,456.14
*The campaign is financing the renovations of our church &
school buildings.*

*It's not too late to make a pledge!
Call the parish office or e-mail
parishoffice@stpaulstpete.com*

Thanks to everyone for the tremendous generosity.

Re-dedication of St. Paul Catholic School - Bishop Lynch celebrates the 9:30 a.m. mass at St. Paul's this morning. Afterwards, he will re-dedicate our newly renovated school building for the Catholic education and formation of our young people. All are invited to tour the school after the Masses today. Check the website www.stpaulstpete.com/schoolren2008.html for photos of the construction project. Thanks to all our contributors to our Parish Capital Campaign, which is funding the renovation. You are so generous!

Update on Annual Pastoral Appeal (APA). Thus far 271 parishioners have pledged to the diocese's 2008 APA, pledging a total of **\$52,331.64**, for an average pledge of \$193.11. (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!

White Mass with Bishop Robert Lynch - In honor of the many dedicated and caring Catholic physicians, dentists, and nurses that we are blessed to have in our Diocese, the Bishop is inviting them to join in the celebration of a White Mass on Saturday September 6, 2008 at 5:30 pm. Mass will be held in the St. James Chapel of our beautiful Bethany Center, 18150 Bethany Center Drive, Lutz, with dinner to follow. Dinner is \$35.00 per person. Spouses are also invited. Please register online at [http://psoft.dosp.org/White mass/](http://psoft.dosp.org/White%20mass/) by August 27.

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 for current teachers and/or anyone interested in teaching. All are welcome.

Safe Environment Training for our parish will be held on Friday, October 10th 8:30-11:30am in the Parish Center (Blue Room). This training is mandatory for all those who wish to volunteer with youth and/or vulnerable adults. Please call the parish office to register for this training. (822-3481)

"That Man Is You!" one month away. This new opportunity for the men of St Paul's will commence on Wednesday, September 17th. Grow in your Catholic faith through reflection on Scripture and the Catholic tradition. Format includes continental breakfast, video presentation, discussion, and prayer. Meetings will be early Wednesday mornings in the Cafeteria before the workday begins, for everyone's convenience. Continental breakfast at 5:30 a.m., with video presentation beginning at 6 a.m. Out by 7:00 a.m. Check website www.paradisusdei.org for information. Registration will open soon.

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

Power of Prayer: Our parish recently experienced the results of the power of prayer. With Msgr. Gibbons' diagnosis of Best Results (remission) of his cancer, we indeed realize all the requests that stormed heaven were answered. The Prayer Line at St. Paul's continues to pray for your needs and concerns. Telephone 727 894-8846 or email jhdmary@aol.com.

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.

Attention All Dave Ramsey Fans. Dave Ramsey will be live in Tampa September 6 from 1-6 pm at the St Pete Times Forum. Tickets can be purchased on www.daveramsey.com. Those who attended the Financial Peace University classes and those who see him on TV or hear his radio show know that his no-nonsense style of money management is proven time and time again.

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.