



Mass
Intentions
Of The Week

Monday, September 8th

7:00 A.M. Dorothy Kozak

Tuesday, September 9th

7:00 A.M. John Dirrigl

Wednesday, September 10th

7:00 A.M. Americo Miguel and Anna Sheperd Miguel

8:15 A.M. Loretta Loney

Thursday, September 11th

7:00 A.M. Serafina Perez

Friday, September 12th

7:00 A.M. Intentions of the Blessed Mother

Saturday, September 13th

8:30 A.M. Deceased Franciscan Sisters of Allegany

5:30 P.M. Gloria Standridge

Sunday, September 14th

7:30 A.M. Prayer for Vocations

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

11:30 A.M. Leonard Bronikowski

6:00 P.M. Marcia Scully



*'Love does no evil to the neighbor;
hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.'*
(Romans 13:10)

The Lord has set us in the midst of other people. He realized, from the beginning, that *it is not good for the man to be alone.* (Genesis 2:18). He places us in all sorts of relationships and communities---marriage, friendship, family, the Church, parish, neighborhood, town or city, country, nations, even the global community.

All these relationships and communities are places of blessing, where we have the privilege of serving others, where we can love and be loved. Imagine life if we were all alone. How sad and deprived it would be.

In his sovereign wisdom, God has chosen to relate to us if and when we are in community. He grants our prayers *if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray.* He is present in our midst *where two or three are gathered together in [his] name.* Maybe he insists on responding to us in this way because he doesn't want us to be apart from one another, separated and individualistic, living in our own little worlds. He wants us together. He wants us to *become one body, one spirit in Christ.*

Msgr. Robert C. Gibbons, Pastor

Important update on Parish Capital Campaign - We have accomplished so much as a parish these past three years, including the extensive renovation of our church, the total renovation of our school, and the establishment of a substantial tuition assistance fund. These wonderful improvements have been funded by your generosity to the capital campaign. Many of you are still paying on your pledges, and approximately \$650,000 in pledges is still outstanding. Up to this summer, we paid for the renovations with cash on hand from the campaign fund. This summer, in order to complete the school renovation prior to the payoff date of all pledges, we have drawn on a line of credit from SunTrust Bank for the necessary cash flow for the project. The parish is relying on your ongoing faithfulness to your pledges to pay off that debt. So please continue making your payments as they become due! Thanks very much! And those who haven't pledged yet, it's never too late. Call the parish office or e-mail parishoffice@stpaulstpete.com.

RCIA - Rite Of Christian Initiation Of Adults begins September 18. Classes are every Thursday from 7 - 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Center, 1358 - 20th Ave No. Call the parish office or e-mail parishoffice@stpaulstpete.com if you are interested. The roots of RCIA date back to ancient times when the Christian community received converts to the Faith. There are four stages: Precatechumenate, Catechumenate, Purification/Enlightenment and Mystagogy. As the time goes on we will come to know each stage. Now is the time of Precatechumenate when newcomers inquire about our Faith and we welcome them. It goes up to the Rite of Acceptance, a liturgical celebration during which the Church formally accepts them.



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

Offertory for Sunday, August 31, 2008:

264 Envelopes.....	\$ 7,918.25
Loose.....	\$ 1,852.00
AOP (debit).....	\$ 8,570.33
AOP (credit).....	\$ 0.00
Total.....	\$ 18,340.58

*'Where two or three are gathered together in my name,
there am I in the midst of them,'
says the Lord.
(Matthew 18:20)*

Gathered together in the Lord's name,
and rejoicing in his presence,
we offer gratefully our time, talent, and treasure.

Please remember St. Paul's in your will.

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St. Paul Says:

**"Owe nothing to anyone, except
To love one another."**

Romans 13:8

Attention New Parishioners: TODAY after the 9:30a.m. Mass, is the meeting for new parishioners registration in the Parish Center. 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.

St. Paul Senior Club will resume regular meetings on Tuesday, September 9th at noon in the Parish Center Blue Room. A special indoor picnic will be provided and entertainment is planned.

Family Religious Education is a wonderful opportunity to help plant and develop the seeds of faith in our parish families. The program is designed for those children in grades K through 8th and parents who are not attending school at St. Paul's. Registration for 2008-2009 is now open. Registration forms are located in the vestibule of the church, or in the parish office. **Please pre-register!!** The first meeting of the year will be September 14th after the 9:30 Mass.

Playground Mulching & Equipment Painting: Please come and volunteer a few "HOPE hours" to spruce up our playground on Saturday, September 13th at 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Please bring pitch forks, shovels & wheelbarrows if you can.

That Man Is You! begins at St. Paul's on Wednesday, September 17th. It's a men's prayer breakfast, scripture study, and faith builder---all wrapped up in one. We'll meet on Wednesday mornings. Continental breakfast begins at 5:30 a.m. Program begins at 6 a.m. and ends promptly at 7 a.m. Register by e-mailing parishioner Rob Hudson at rhudson@photoscience.com or call parishioner Bill Teska at 917.804.5265.

Safe Environment Training for our parish will be held on Friday, October 10th 8:30 -11:30 a.m. 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.

The Diocese of St. Petersburg requires that all parish and Catholic school employees and volunteers entrusted with the care, responsibility, or supervision of children, youth, or vulnerable adults comply with fingerprint policy for background screening. The Diocese has also established safe environment training programs for parish and school employees and volunteers. Anyone who has been harmed by someone serving in ministry is encouraged to contact law enforcement, the Florida Abuse Hotline at 800.962.2873, or the diocesan victim assistance minister at 866.407.4505.

Come to the Clergy and Religious Appreciation Dinner for Msgr. Gibbons and all our St. Paul's clergy and religious on Saturday, September 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Tickets are \$15/person or \$25/couple and are available in the parish office and after Masses on September 6th - 7th. This event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, dinner by Pepin Restaurant, with proceeds to benefit vocations.

A parish family, whose children are graduates of our parochial school, recently sent in an additional pledge to the Parish Capital Campaign, with the following note: *"Please accept the enclosed contribution as a gift towards the renovation of the first Catholic school in St. Pete. Our children received more than the finest academic schooling at St. Paul's. They also received a sense of belonging, community, love, and a deep faith. Nobody can ever take that away from them. They know God loves them. We know that God loves us because St. Paul's is love."* Thanks to all who have been so generous in supporting the Campaign.

Altar Server Training will be held on the mornings of Saturday, September 20 & 27, in the Church. Girls and boys in fourth grade and above are eligible. Watch the bulletin for times. This is a wonderful way for youngsters to serve the Lord and the parish community.

Concerned about fuel prices? Join St. Paul's Green Team and Faiths United for Sustainable Energy (FUSE) to learn how people of faith are already having an impact and how you can take action that will make a difference. Wed., September 24th, Parish Center Blue Room 7-9 p.m.

Christ Renews His Parish for Men is a spiritually rewarding retreat offered by St. Paul's. The retreat is conducted by our parish priests together with a group of St. Paul parishioners, who in the context of friendship, music and meals present the good news of salvation, expressed in prayer, scripture and faith sharing. The weekend retreat begins on Friday evening and concludes on Sunday mid-afternoon. Our next Men's retreat will be held on Oct. 17th-19th. Further information can be obtained by contacting the parish office.

Christ Renews His Parish for Men alumni monthly meeting is Tuesday, September 9, at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center. For more information call Don Thornton at 459.5755.

40 Days for Life!!! September 24 - November 2. We are just weeks away from the beginning of the 40 Days for Life campaign. Please sign up after Mass or in the parish and school offices for one hour of peaceful prayer vigil in front of the abortion clinic (All Women's Health Center at 4131 Central Ave. St. Petersburg, FL). Contact Francesca McEntegart at 727.452.0641 or francescattm@gmail.com.

A "Blue Mass" will be celebrated on September 17 at 7 p.m. at St. Stephen Catholic Church, 5049 Bell Shoals Rd, Valrico, 33596. This Mass honors the sacrifice of police, firefighters, and those who have given their lives in service to their community. Please contact St. Stephen Parish at 813.689.7492 to attend.