



St. Paul's Catholic Church

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Rev. Msgr. Robert C. Gibbons, Pastor

Reverend Bob Gangolu, SAC

September 26, 2010

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil
5:30 p.m.

Sunday Masses
7:30 a.m.

9:30 a.m.
(Folk Music)

11:30 a.m.
(Choir & Organ)

6:00 p.m.
(Contemporary Music)

WEEKDAY MASSES Monday-Friday

7:00 a.m.
(School Year)

7:45 a.m.
(Summer)

SACRAMENT
OF RECONCILIATION
Confessions are heard
on Saturdays,
4:30 - 5:15 p.m.



WEDNESDAY MORNING MEN'S MINISTRY

8 week program

Wednesdays, 6:00 - 7:00 am

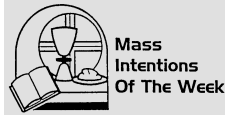
Begins Wednesday, September 29 in the cafeteria
Continental Breakfast served at 5:45 am.

All men of the parish are invited.

Includes video presentations on the Lord's Prayer from EWTN show "Crossing the Goal." Danny Abramowicz, former NFL all-pro wide receiver and coach, and other team members encourage men to get into spiritual shape.



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.



Monday, September 27

7:00 a.m. Prayer for Vocations

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Wednesday, September 29

7:00 a.m. Warren Knaust

8:15 a.m. John Merman

Thursday, September 30

7:00 a.m. Prayer for Vocations

Friday, October 1

7:00 a.m. Deceased Members of Jacoby/Milton Families

Saturday, October 2

5:30 p.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Women's Guild

Sunday, October 3

7:30 a.m. Marylou McGowan

9:30 a.m. Intentions of St. Paul Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Carmella Gentner

6:00 p.m. Intentions of the Webb and Wheeler Families



*'And lying at the rich man's door
was a poor man named Lazarus,
covered with sores.'*
(Luke 16:20)

The rich man of the parable is popularly known as *Dives* (pronounced "DIE-veeze"), from the Vulgate's (the Latin Bible) word for "rich man."

In his poem *The Ballad of Dives and Lazarus*, James Keir Baxter pictures both men as afflicted: "Lazarus had crippled bones / But Dives a crippled heart."

Baxter's Lazarus is non-complaining, grateful to God simply for being alive, thankful for the sun "that shines upon my coat." Dives is angry. He's furious that any of his taxes would go to carry the "dead weight" of crippled Lazarus.

Ironically, it is Dives' crippled heart that is the true dead weight. He is stuck inside his house, full of anger, staring "both night and day / At a production chart."

God wants to exchange our hearts of stone for human hearts. A human heart leads us outside of ourselves, where we find him in one another.

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Wednesday Morning Men's Ministry. Men, we have a NEW morning reflection ministry! "Crossing the Goal" is a dynamic men's talk show aired on EWTN. We will utilize it to learn more about the Lord's Prayer and how we can incorporate it more deeply into our lives. The program will run for eight weeks, beginning September 29th. Start time is 6 a.m. each Wednesday, with coffee and bagels. There will be a 25 minute video followed by a 30 minute discussion. You will be out by 7 a.m. and will have had your morning coffee and your morning connection to your faith. What a way to start the day! What a way to keep on course during the work week! Email Rob Hudson at robhudson91@tampabay.rr.com with any questions or to confirm your ability to join us.

New Parishioner Meeting is next Sunday, October 3rd, in the Parish Center after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. 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. These meetings are the first Sunday of every month.

The food collection for St. Vincent de Paul Food Center is next Sunday, Oct. 3rd, the first Sunday of the month, at all Masses. Please bring canned goods or non-perishable food for this worthy cause. Deposit these items in the bins at the foot of the altar before Mass.



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

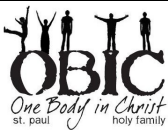
Offertory total for Sunday, September 19, 2010:

276 Envelopes.....	\$	8,782.50
Loose.....	\$	2,011.50
AOP (debit).....	\$	2,087.00
AOP (credit).....	\$	0.00
Total.....	\$	12,881.00

*'Show us your greatness of heart, O Lord,
and treat us with your unbounded kindness.'*
(Today's Entrance Antiphon, from Daniel 3:42)

God's unbounded goodness to us prompts us to imitate his lavish generosity.

- Parish Websitestpaulstpete.com
- Parish Offices.....727.822.3481
- Admin. Assistants.....Charie Wassmer & Mary Carney
- Pastoral Associate.....Annamaria Dickhaus
- Outreach Ministry.....Sr. Kathleen Stagnaro, OSF
- Youth Ministry.....Katie Muller ext. 12
katie@stpaulstpete.com
- Youth Ministry Website.....obicyouth.catholicweb.com
- Organist & Choir Director.....Paul Dixon
- St. Vincent de Paul Societyext. 50
- Children's Center.....Toni Johnston..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



YOUTH NEWS

High School. Each Sunday 7- 9:15 p.m. St Paul Youth Rm
September 26th - "Thirst For Change": Bring your spare change -- we're taking donations for W.A.T.E.R. (Water in African through Everyday Responsiveness), an organization that provides water and sanitation to the most rural African villages. Check out their website: www.waterinafrica.org. Join us for an eventful evening! Come thirsty!

October 3rd - "Is it Safe to be Social?"

Middle School. 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month. 6.- 8 p.m. in the Cafeteria of Holy Family School.

October 3rd, 1:30-4 p.m. Come to a youth celebration! Join the quest for some fun as we play ancient Roman games. There will be a contest for the most creative toga, so bring your homemade toga.

Congratulations to Ben Brackett. Our parishioner Ben has just been named a National Merit Semi-Finalist. He is a graduate of St. Paul Catholic School, Class of 2007. He joins Katie James as the second St. Paul's parishioner and St. Paul Catholic School graduate who has received this year this prestigious academic honor.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults began enthusiastically with 27 people attending the first Session on Sept. 16th. The grace of God and the lively and lovely parish community of St. Paul drew them to this Journey of Faith. Let us pray for the gift of perseverance for these newcomers while the Spirit-filled RCIA team readies to assist them in their discernment.

During the second session on Sept. 23rd, Msgr. Robert Gibbons gave a presentation on Creed which contains the basic Beliefs of our Catholic Faith. You can still invite your family and friends to our Faith. We meet every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the parish center.

Columbiette Membership Drive September 25th - 26th

The Columbiettes is an active Catholic women's ministry. We are volunteers, dedicated to serving our parish, school and community.

If you are interested in joining or would like more information about the Columbiette auxiliary, please speak with one of our members after any Mass this weekend, September 25th & 26th. Or you may contact Joan Walker: 727.239.6455, liam99_djw@yahoo.com (underscore after 99) or Kathryn Thomas: scrape1020@hotmail.com, 727.576.8695

Our next "First Degree Ceremony" for new members is Tuesday, Oct. 5th at 6 p.m. in the parish center. A Columbiette meeting will follow at 7 p.m.



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

Julia Chesser	Jack Conway	Diane Decresie
Rex Estelle	Rolando Ferrer	Robert Swan
Anna Evlantiew	Ellie Gallaher	Bill Lacy
Mary Coley	Marte Sciarabba	Dale Holland
Jerry Howe	Barbara Kelly	Jim Kirby
Jeanne Klarman	Sal Forte	Leslie Curran
Polly Leavengood	Ansley Kerrigan	Mary Ann Martin
Joe McCourt	Marcelo Lynch	Chester Regeski
Lois Smith	Beverly Smock	Angela Swift
Frederick Stagnaro	Liz Rosenberger	Susan Welch
Vinkica Vucemilovic	Margaret Caputo	Michael Rusin
Frances Jones	Jim Pettengill	Tom Carberry
Fr. Cletus Watson	Alibek Dagly	Mary Simpson
Marie Eckerd	Joyce Trace	Lucius Cushman
Robert Protomaster	Joe Banks	Brian Schauder

To add a name to this list, please contact the parish office.

We Remember our Loved Ones Serving in the Military. We ask your prayers for all men and women serving in our armed forces, especially Hank Michaud, Joel Klein, Alibek Dagly, John Gordon, Adrienne Sproul, Kevin Wulff, John Doolittle, Leif Mollo, Rob Strandquist, Chad Silva, Cody Deveraux.

Save the dates. "Draw Near to God" November 14-16. Prepare to join in at St. Paul's Church for three special days of prayer and adoration. Watch for more details in weeks to come. *Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.* (James 4:8)

In honor of St. Francis, please join in a celebration "Praising God for His Creation" Monday, October 4th at 6:30 p.m. on the parish grounds. All are invited to bring their family pet for a special blessing. *And God created the great sea monsters, and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarmed after their kind, and every winged bird after its kind; and God saw that it was good.* Gen. 1:21

From Msgr. Gibbons' e-mail In Box: Msgr. Gibbons received this message last Tuesday from Jim Stitt of our Partners with Haiti Ministry, who is in Haiti with a team from St. Paul's: *"This email sent from Kliniq Bon Samareten [Good Samaritan Clinic] in Plen Mapou. Lots of work ahead for the next few days. We met with the village's governing 'committee' last night. They all made little speeches thanking and praising God for fulfilling their dream of a clinic. It was beautiful to hear."* Our medical clinic in Haiti is set to open its doors tomorrow as a full-time, year-round service to our brothers and sisters in Haiti. Thanks to our parishioners for your continuing generosity that makes this possible. Those wishing to donate, please make checks payable to "Partners With Haiti, Inc." and place in an envelope marked "Haiti."



Eucharistic Exposition And Adoration

October 7th (Thursday)

from 12 noon until 3:00 p.m. in the Church
Rosary is recited at 2:30 p.m.

Pope Benedict XVI states, "The act of adoration outside Mass prolongs and intensifies all that takes place during the liturgical celebration itself." Please join us for any amount of time you can spend in this quiet time for prayer. *"Be still and know that I am God." Ps. 46*

St. Paul Helping Hand is a new ministry to collect and distribute personal hygiene & household cleaning supplies to those in need within our community. Items such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, and laundry detergent. The donations will go directly to St. Vincent de Paul Society for distribution. Please place cash or check donations in an envelope marked "Helping Hand" and place in the Sunday offertory or send to the parish office. For item donations contact Robyn Wray at 727.424.1794 or robynwray1@gmail.com for pickup. Please do not leave items in the church.

Knight's of Columbus Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament will be held on Saturday, October 16th at the St. Paul's school cafeteria. Registration starts at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$35.00 per player in advance and \$40.00 at the door. Spectator tickets are \$5.00 in advance and \$10.00 at the door. There will be fantastic prizes for tournament winners along with plenty of food and beverages. For tickets stop by the Parish Office or contact Jeff Rettig at 813.205.3853 or Bobby Rickling at 727.234.3973 for more information. Table, Prize, and Event Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

Florida Orchestra Concert in the Vinoy Park Free concert by the Florida Orchestra in Vinoy Park, downtown St. Petersburg, on Saturday, October 16, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.. Fireworks at the end. Please come early and bring can goods for the homeless. Last year we collected 4,500 lbs. Fireworks after the music. All are welcome! Sponsored by "Homes by Helen, Inc."

**Annual Pastoral Appeal 2010
Diocese of St. Petersburg
as of September 21, 2010**

Our parish's assessment.....	\$153,599.00
Total pledged.....	\$50,833.39
Number of pledges.....	274
Average pledge.....	\$185.52

*Pledge on-line through the parish website
www.stpaulstpete.com. On the home page, click on
"ONLINE PAYMENTS," then on "Pastoral Appeal Gift."
You may also use the forms previously mailed to you.*

*Please join us
On Sunday, October 17th, for a
Parish Picnic*

The fun begins at 12:30pm, on the parish grounds.
Please bring a dessert or covered dish to share.
The Parish will provide the hamburgers and hotdogs.
Each family is responsible for its own chairs and drinks.
Please RSVP to the parish office by October 14th.

SEE YOU AT THE PICNIC!

During the 40 Days of Life, starting September 21, we unite in prayer for an end to abortion. St. Paul Catholic Church will devote two entire days to the *40 days for Life*: October 3 and October 29. We will be praying outside the abortion clinic at *All Women's Health Center at 4131 Central Ave. St. Petersburg, Florida*. If you have already done so, thank you for your participation in this holy witness. If you have not yet signed up, please consider praying for one hour in front of the abortion clinic. It may seem like a small thing to do, but your prayers could save the life of a child. Please join us. For more information, contact Francesca McEntegart at francescattm@gmail.com or at 727.452.0641.

New Ministry for College-Age Students called *In Situ*. Weekly meetings are on Wednesdays, from 7 – 9 p.m. a in the Pastoral Center in the Diocese of St. Petersburg (located at 6363 – 9th Ave. N., St. Petersburg). This is an opportunity to hear dynamic speakers, to pray before the Blessed Sacrament and to share your faith with others who are also living the college experience. Check out our facebook group, *InSitu Dosp*, or contact us at insitu.stpete@gmail.com for the schedule of events. All people of college or graduate school age are invited.

Did You Know?

There is only one major Theologate
In the state of Florida
St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary
in Boynton Beach
www.svdp.edu

A Prayer to St. Joseph The Worker for Employment

God, our Father and our Creator, You bestow on us gifts and talents to develop and use in accord with Your will.

Grant to me, through the intercession of St. Joseph the worker, as model and guide, employment and work, that I may, with dignity, provide for those who depend on me for care and support.

Grant me the opportunities to use my energy and my talents and abilities for the good of all, and the glory of Your name.

Grant this through Christ the Lord. Amen.

Priests of the Sacred Heart

Sacramental and Parish Information

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.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA): This program prepares adults interested in becoming Catholic, or Catholic adults not yet confirmed, for the sacraments of initiation or reception into the Church at Easter. A similar program is offered for children from third grade through high school. Contact the parish office.

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion: Diocesan sacramental guidelines require a minimum of two years of Catholic religious instruction before the reception of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. If you have a child who is five or six years old, and is baptized, but not currently a student in a Catholic School or the Family Religious Education program, please contact Annamaria in the parish office.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Confirmation is usually administered to parish teens once per year in the spring. The preparation program is open to all ninth graders and above. Preparation classes usually begin in January. Contact the parish office for more information.

Sacrament of 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 church whenever possible by speaking to one of our priests. The infirm may receive the sacraments at home by calling the parish office.

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 three) through eighth grade. Our Children's Center provides quality day care for children age two 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.

