



Mass
Intentions
Of The Week

Monday, October 6th

7:00 A.M. John Dirrigl

Tuesday, October 7th

7:00 A.M. John Dampf Sr.

Wednesday, October 8th

7:00 A.M. Peggy Aldrich

8:15 A.M. Intentions of Charie Wassmer

Thursday, October 9th

7:00 A.M. Intentions of Sr. Joan Carberry

Friday, October 10th

7:00 A.M. Prayer for Vocations

Saturday, October 11th

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

5:30 P.M. Intentions of Linda and Chris Moore

Sunday, October 12th

7:30 A.M. Emily Lester

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

11:30 A.M. Bernard Misner

6:00 P.M. Camilla Ryder



*"Let the sisters and brothers
live according to the poverty, the humility,
and the holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
which they have solemnly promised to observe."
(Rule of St. Francis)*

Today our parish has the joy of celebrating Sister Joan Carberry's Golden Jubilee as a Franciscan Sister of Allegany. Fifty years of dedicated service to God and to the People of God. Much of that service has been right here at St. Paul's.

She moved to St. Paul's Convent 20 years ago from West Palm Beach and worked initially as hospital chaplain at St. Anthony's. Then, sixteen years ago, she began working in our school, where she serves as assistant principal. To say that she is a key reason for the high esteem our school enjoys with parents, alumni, and the parish at large is hardly an overstatement. It's difficult to imagine St. Paul's School without her.

Religious sisters bring something special to a parish or school, something that's hard to pin down or explain or quantify. It's a certain spirit, a *charism* (to use the theological term). In Sister Joan's case, it's the Franciscan charism----a spirit of hospitality, welcome, gentleness, peace. She embodies that spirit with such graciousness. But she also insists, in her quiet way, on high standards of discipline, study, and mutual respect within the school.

I personally owe a huge debt of gratitude to Sister Joan. I could not be the priest and pastor I am without her encouragement, support, and assistance. During my twelve-plus years here, I have relied constantly on her advice, experience, and common sense, which are pervaded by a deep faith.

Thank God he called her to religious life and has given her the grace to say "yes" for fifty years. Thank God he sent her to us. We are the better for it.

Msgr. Robert C. Gibbons, Pastor

Golden Jubilee Reception for Sr. Joan is today, October 5th, in the Gym after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Everyone is invited. Please come!

New Parishioners Registration Meeting is today after the 9:30 a.m. Mass in the Parish Center. Current parishioners and staff members will be present to welcome newcomers and answer questions about parish services and activities. These meetings are held the first Sunday of every month.

That Man Is You! continues every Wednesday morning in the Cafeteria. Eighty-nine (89) men are participating. It's not too late to join in this men's spiritual development process. Continental breakfast begins at 5:30 a.m. Program begins at 6 a.m. and ends promptly at 7 a.m. Walk-ins are welcome, but pre-register if you can by contacting parishioners Rob Hudson at rhudson@photoscience.com or Bill Teska at 917.804.5265.

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

**Elliot Kent Heinicka
Julia Kate Novak
Marian Joyce Perkins**



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

Offertory for Sunday, September 28, 2008:

280 Envelopes.....	\$ 8,700.84
Loose.....	\$ 1,911.00
AOP (debit).....	\$ 2,011.00
AOP (credit).....	\$ 0.00
Total.....	\$ 12,622.84

*'I have chosen you,
to go and bear fruit that will remain,'
says the Lord.
(John 15:16)*

A good steward of God's gifts, like Sister Joan,
bears lasting fruit.

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

- 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.....Gail Marinari
- Organist & Choir Director.....Paul Dixon
- St. Vincent de Paul Societyext. 50
- Children's Center.....Valerie Gervais, ext. 18
- Prayer Team.....727-894-8846 or jhdmmary@aol.com
- School.....Mrs. Elizabeth Fulham, Principal
727-823-6144
- Counseling Ministry.....Mary Ann Holtz, LMHC
727-327-5045



St. Paul Says:

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God."

Philippians 4: 6

Columbiettes invite all Catholic women of the parish to an open meeting on Tues. Oct. 7. We will gather at the grotto at 7:00 p.m. for the rosary, then proceed to the parish center for a business and social time. Join the Columbiettes and enjoy the challenges and satisfaction of making a difference. Contact Cheryl Carver 866-8888 chcarver@yahoo.com, or Jean Davison 898-8884 civexgovjd@aol.com.

YOUTH NEWS

Tonight, Oct. 5th, we kick off our youth program with a cook out at St. Paul's from 7:15-9:00 p.m. for middle and high school students. Hope to see many of you there!

Starting next Sunday Oct. 12th, high school will meet at 7:15 p.m. at St. Paul's in the youth room. Middle school will meet Wednesday, Oct. 15th at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Family in the school room #121 (the all-purpose room).

Core Team: Mon., Oct. 6, at 7 p.m. in St. Paul's youth room. We still need volunteers for our middle school program. Come to the meeting or call or email Gail at ymgailcow@yahoo.com.

Parent information meeting will be held on Tuesday night, Oct. 14th, at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Paul's youth room.

Safe Environment Training for our parish will be held on Friday, October 10th from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. in the Gym. 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 Rite of Christian Initiation of Children begins weekly sessions on Sun., Oct. 12th, after the 11:30 a.m. Mass, in the Parish Center. These sessions are for children in 3rd grade, or older, who have not received the sacraments of Baptism or First Eucharist. One parent must attend with their child/children. Please call the parish office for information.

St. Paul, A Bible Study Guide for Catholics is offered by the parish as part of our Jubilee Year Celebration of the Apostle Paul. Thanks to parishioners Jackie Mallory, Pat Wiand and Rhona Beettam, all former Directors of Religious Education, for conducting this study in conjunction with our Family Religious Education program. For information or to register, please call Annamaria in the parish office. Classes begin Sun., Oct. 12, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass and meet bi-weekly in the Parish Center Blue Room through May.

Christ Renews His Parish for Men is a spiritually rewarding retreat 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 next retreat is Oct. 17th-19th from Friday evening to Sunday mid-afternoon. Call the parish office for more information.

RCIA: So far 18 people have come forward to journey through the Rite of Christian initiation of Adults. We have a variety of speakers and a dedicated team to lead these newcomers on this journey of Faith. Join us on Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center.

St. Vincent de Paul needs your help. Our funds are very low. Many of our neighbors are in need of help with rent and utility payments. Please be generous with donations in the Poor Boxes every week. These funds provide food for families, prevent electric from being turned off and assist in other ways. Help us to "be Christ to others" in their time of need. New members are always welcome. If you are interested, contact Geni at 698-4970 or Penny at 430-8964.

Florida Orchestra's Annual Free Concert in the Park sponsored by 'Homes by Helen, Inc.' (parishioner Helen Torres), celebrates its 15th year on Saturday, Oct. 18th from 7-9 p.m. at Vinoy Park in St. Petersburg.

Join St. Paul's Green Team for "I'm Dreaming of a Green Christmas", Oct. 25, Saturday, 9-11 am. View "The Story of Stuff" video, reflect on consumerism in the light of our faith, and browse the Alternative Christmas Bazaar. Contact Diana Jordan, jordandg@earthlink.net, 821-8469.

Green thumb? For many years parishioner Marcia Scully faithfully tended the two urns on the front steps of the church, making sure they had attractive plants and flowers growing in them. Marcia died earlier this year, and may she rest in peace. If anyone would like to take up this quiet service, please call the parish office and speak with Mary or Charie.

Make a mini-pilgrimage to St. Paul Catholic Church. On Nov. 1st at 4:00 p.m. we will gather at the St. Paul Parish Center to begin our walking journey. Our 'steps' will lead us through the parish grounds, stopping along the way at the steps of some of our buildings and coming to a conclusion at "Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto." Join us for this procession as we reflect on St. Paul's life and teachings. There will be reflection, prayer, and music. This journey will fulfill one of the components required for a plenary indulgence for the Pauline Year. If you have any questions email Malinda Hill at ML850JH@aol.com or Joan Dirrigl at jhdmary@aol.com or call the parish office.

New Life Ministry. Diocesan support group for widowed, separated and divorced. Monthly meeting at Sacred Heart parish center (80th Ave and 46th St.), Wed. Oct. 8th at 7 p.m. \$2.00 donation at the door. Call John Tallman 219-0046.

Partners with Haiti asks us to designate Fridays through the end of hurricane season as days for prayer and sacrifice for our family of St. Isidore in Haiti. Skip a meal or drink and donate money saved for meals, water, rebuilding. Make checks to Partners with Haiti, Inc., memo "hurricane relief".

St. Petersburg Catholic High School invites parents and guardians to visit and tour our campus on Friday, Oct. 10. Experience for yourself the loving kindness and care that has helped so many young people "to live a Christian life as responsible citizens of the community." Tours are 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. and include a continental breakfast. Contact Sue McGough at smcgough@spchs.org to attend.