



Mass  
Intentions  
Of The Week

**Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 A.M. Prayer for Vocations

**Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 A.M. Living and Deceased Members of the O'Brien and Thornton Families

**Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 A.M. Bea Guild

8:15 A.M. Intentions of the St. Paul School staff

**Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 A.M. Living and Deceased Members of the McCoy and Ford Families

**Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 A.M. Anna Regeski

**Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 A.M. Rose Soule

5:30 P.M. Intentions of Dorothy Roubal

**Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 A.M. Frank Grasso

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

11:30 A.M. Leonard Bronikowski

6:00 P.M. John Webb



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

**Offertory for Sunday, October 5, 2008:**

279 Envelopes.....	\$	9,329.25
Loose.....	\$	2,512.56
AOP (debit).....	\$	8,355.33
AOP (credit).....	\$	6,752.50
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>26,949.64</b>

*'My God will fully supply whatever you need.'*  
(Philippians 4:19)

Our generous stewardship exhibits our trust  
in God's promise.

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

- Website .....stpaulstpete.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 Society .....ext. 50
- Children's Center.....Valerie Gervais, ext. 18
- Prayer Team.....727-894-8846 or jhdmay@aol.com
- School.....Mrs. Elizabeth Fulham, Principal  
727-823-6144
- Counseling Ministry.....Mary Ann Holtz, LMHC  
727-327-5045



*Even though I walk in the dark valley  
I fear no evil; for you are at my side  
with your rod and your staff  
that give me courage.  
(Psalm 23:4)*

I remember as a child being scared of the dark. And my parents didn't believe in night lights. So I had to endure it. When I lay in bed, in the dark, I just knew there must be a wolf in the next room, just like the ones I heard about in the fairy tale, with great big teeth, ready to devour me. Why, I could even see him.

All of us probably had such childhood fears, now hardly remembered. When we get older, though, we don't usually become fearless. Rather, our fears spring more obviously from the reality of our lives. Fears about jobs, or finances, or being left alone by the death of a loved one, or of being caught for that mistake we made sometime in the past, or of failing health. You can add your own particular fears. They make the valleys in which we walk dark and scary.

It's then that we need to recall the last promise of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel, *'Behold, I am with you always.'* (Matthew 28:20) The Lord is with us, *at our side*, as we walk in the dark valley. He protects us *with his rod and his staff* against even the most aggressive enemy. We are never alone. *We can do all things in him who strengthens us.*

This gives us the courage to keep walking, even in the dark.

Msgr. Robert C. Gibbons, Pastor

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To my St. Paul Family,

Thank you for sharing with me in the joy of my 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee as a Franciscan Sister of Allegany. Twenty of these 50 years have been spent here at St. Paul's. You are my extended family and I thank God for the gift each of you is to me. The love and support that you have shown me over 20 of these years, has filled my heart with joy and gratitude.

Thank you for any part you may have had in the reception on Sunday. Whether you sent in flowers, food, baked goodies, served food, or stopped by to wish me well; you helped to create a memorable day. I am deeply grateful to the wonderful ladies who planned the reception and carried it out to a T.

It is my prayer that God will bless each of you and your families with as much joy and gratitude as you have given to me over these 20 years. You will always have a special place in my heart and in my prayers.

Gratefully,



Sister Joan Carberry, OSF

**St. Paul Says:**

"I can do all things in him who strengthens me."

*Philippians 4: 13*

**That Man Is You!** continues every Wednesday morning in the Cafeteria. Ninety-five (95) men are participating. Continental breakfast at 5:30 a.m. Program begins at 5:45 a.m. and ends promptly at 7 a.m. New participants always welcome. Pre-register if you can by e-mailing Rob Hudson at [rhudson@photoscience.com](mailto:rhudson@photoscience.com) or call Bill Teska at 917.804.5265.

**YOUTH NEWS**

**Our Kick off was a great success!** Not even rain could dampen the night! I would like to thank all the core volunteers for all their help and Todd and his crew for all the cooking!

**The high school group** will meet tonight, Sunday, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>, from 7:15 - 9 p.m. in the youth room at St. Paul.

**The middle school group** will meet Wednesday Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, at Holy Family from 7 - 8:30 p.m. The nights are entitled "Big House."

**Parent meeting** will be held Tuesday night, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul at 7p.m. and Thursday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> at Holy Family at 7 p.m.

**The Rite of Christian Initiation of Children** begins weekly sessions today, Sun., Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>, 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. Come today or call the parish office.

**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. Classes begin today, Sun., Oct. 12, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass and meet bi-weekly in the Parish Center Blue Room through May.

**Parish Capital Campaign Update  
as of September 30, 2008**

Amount Pledged .....	\$2,320,432.86
Amount Paid .....	\$1,692,204.37
Balance .....	\$ 628,228.49
Number of families pledging .....	672
Average gift .....	\$3,453.03

*The campaign has been financing the renovations of our church & school buildings.*

*With the funds now being paid, we are paying off the cash advance loan that financed this summer's renovation of the south wing of the school.*

*It's not too late to make a pledge!*

*Call the parish office or e-mail [parishoffice@stpaulstpete.com](mailto:parishoffice@stpaulstpete.com)*

*Thanks to everyone for the tremendous generosity.*

**Evening Bible Study.** Our evening study will meet on Tuesday, October 14, at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center in the second floor lounge room. We welcome you to join us at any time. We meet twice a month. We follow "Our Father's Plan"

narrated and explained by Jeff Cavins and Scott Hahn of EWTN. We are continuing this fall with Judges and the book of Ruth. Karen McKenna is the facilitator. Call 543-4076 if you have questions.

**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. 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> from Friday evening to Sunday mid-afternoon. Call the parish office for more information.

**RCIA:** It's never too late to learn about the Catholic faith. We have a variety of speakers and a dedicated team to lead newcomers on this journey of Faith. Join us on Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center. New participants are welcome any time.

**Make a mini-pilgrimage to St. Paul Catholic Church.** On Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:ML850JH@aol.com) or Joan Dirrigl at [jhdmary@aol.com](mailto:jhdmary@aol.com) or call the parish office to leave a message for Malinda or Joan. "When our days there were ended, we left and started on our journey." Acts 21:5

**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.

**40 Days for Life!** Let's celebrate life together. Everyone is invited to a Pot Luck dinner on Tues., Oct. 14, at 6 p.m. at St. John Vianney's Church Hall on St. Pete Beach. Bring a dish to share and just come. Contact Francesca McEntegart 727-452-0641 or [francescattm@gmail.com](mailto:francescattm@gmail.com).

**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".

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