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Rev. Fr. Joshua Hare, Parochial Vicar

March 1, 2020

First Sunday of Lent

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
Saturdays
4:30 - 5:15 p.m.
Sundays
5:00 - 5:45 p.m.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Thursdays
5:00 - 6:45 p.m.

Lenten Mexican Feast

Please join us for a tasty Mexican meal
Cheese & Veggie Enchiladas, Cheese Quesadillas, Spanish Rice
Refried Beans, Nacho Bar, & Dessert.
Homemade Sangria, Beer & Soda

Adults $10 & Children $5
Friday, March 6th - 5:30PM to 7:30PM
St. Paul’s Catholic School Cafeteria

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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.
The devil said to Jesus,
“All these kingdoms I shall give to you,
if you will prostrate yourself and worship me.”

At this, Jesus said to him,
“Get away, Satan! It is written:
‘The Lord, your God, shall you worship
and him alone shall you serve.’”

( Matthew 4: 8-10)

Remember the first temptation, back in the beginning? The serpent tempted Adam and Eve to worship themselves, rather than worship the one true God. “If you eat that forbidden fruit,” the devil told them, “you will be like God.” (Genesis 3:4)

We’re always going to end up worshiping someone or something as god, whether we call the object of our worship “god” or not. So even if we decide that we don’t believe in the existence of God, we invariably end up making a god—and worshiping it. Often in that case, like poor Adam and Eve, we make a god of ourselves.

Today in the Gospel, Jesus reminded Satan—and reminds us—that we are made to worship and serve The Lord, our God, the God who made us, who loves us, and who sustains us in being, the God who is the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Lenten Mexican Feast Fri., Mar. 6

Lenten Mexican Dinner on Friday, March 6th, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria. Come enjoy authentic cheese & vegetable enchiladas and quesadillas, sides and a full nacho bar. Includes beverages and dessert. Adults $10, kids $5. Tickets available after Mass Feb. 29th & Mar. 1st, or in the Parish Office. Only 100 tickets will be sold. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Nursery During 9:30 Sunday Mass

Nursery is available on Sundays during the 9:30 a.m. Mass, in the Parish Center, for children ten months through five years old. Experienced adult supervision.
Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults

If you have already been baptized as a Catholic, and are attending Mass regularly, but have never received the Sacrament of Confirmation, you are invited to prepare for this Sacrament. The initial meeting for those interested will be Wednesday, March 11th, at 7 p.m., in the Parish Center. Please email parishoffice@stpaulstpete.com to indicate you plan to attend. Bring a copy of your baptismal certificate, if you have it. This preparation is also intended for those baptized persons who have never made their First Confession or received their First Holy Communion. Contact Msgr. Gibbons or Fr. Josh if you have any questions.

New Parishioner Meeting Today, Mar. 1

The monthly meeting for new parishioners is today, Sunday, Mar. 1st, 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. These meetings are held the first Sunday of each month.

Young-at-Heart Meeting Tues., Mar. 3

The Young-at-Heart Club will hold its monthly business meeting in the Parish Center on Tues., March 3rd, at 1 p.m. Bring a bag lunch and come at 12:30. Coffee and dessert furnished.

Columbiette Business Meeting Tues., Mar. 3

The Columbiettes will hold their monthly business meeting on Tuesday, Mar. 3rd, in the Parish Center Franciscan Room. Dinner at 6 p.m., with meeting commencement at 6:30 p.m. Contact Diane Traxler with any questions at 727.804.4599.

Lenten Meditation Booklets

Booklets are at the doors of the Church. One per family, please.

Lenten Regulations

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of FAST. On days of fast, one full meal is allowed and eating between meals is not permitted. Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are bound to fast.

Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent, including Good Friday, are also days of ABSTINENCE. On days of abstinence, meat may not be taken. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics fourteen years and older. If members of the faithful are unable to observe the fast and abstinence regulations because of ill health or other reasons, they are urged to practice other forms of penance and self-denial suitable to their condition.

Weekly report on 2020 Annual Pastoral Appeal

Since last week’s report, sixteen (16) additional St. Paul’s parish families or individuals have pledged to the Diocese’s APA for 2020, for a total of fifty-nine (59) pledges. The average pledge is $412. The total amount pledged so far is $24,357. Twelve (12) families have pledged $500 or more to the campaign. The APA is vital in helping our parish meet its $183,485 annual assessment obligation to the Diocese. Your APA contributions reduce the assessment dollar-for-dollar. Plus you support the ministries of our Bishop and the Diocese. To make an APA pledge or donation on-line, go to https://s.dosp.org/give.

Child Hunger Initiative Update

Our new St. Paul’s Child Hunger Initiative has two components: (1) Aiding families with children who are transitioning from the homeless shelter, and (2) Making sure hungry children have food for the weekend, when school breakfast and lunch programs are not operating.

To launch the first component, St. Paul’s parishioners have donated $1,625. Combined with donations from the Columbiettes ($700) and the Young-at-Heart Seniors Group ($500), we have received $2,825. Donation checks should be made payable to St. Paul’s Church, with the notation “child hunger initiative.”

The cash funds are used to provide the families in transition from the homeless shelter with a laundry basket full of household goods, worth $100, and to provide additional personal items that the family may have requested, such as clothes, toys, special items for the house, etc. If you or your family would like to shop at your expense (not to exceed $100) for these personal items for a particular family, please call the parish office or e-mail parishoffice@stpaulstpete.com. This is a beautiful way to perform a corporal work of mercy. Six (6) parish families have thus far offered to shop for items needed by homeless families in transition.

The children of St. Paul’s have stepped forward to provide the second component of the Initiative, to supply chronically hungry children with weekend food. Our St. Paul Catholic School children and Family Religious Education children are gathering food items as a Lenten project, which they will donate to The Kind Mouse. This agency provides weekend food packets for hungry children in various St. Petersburg schools.

Food Donations for SVdP Feb. 29-Mar. 1

Food Collection for St. Vincent de Paul is this weekend. Especially needed at this time are Canned Fruits, Shelf-stable Milk Products, Pasta Sauces, Cereals, Cookies/crackers, and Toilet Paper. Please bring your non-perishable food items and place them in the bins before Mass. Thank you for your continued generosity to help those in need.
Please Pray for the Healing of the Sick, especially:

- Michael Angelo
- Kathy Grabowski
- Ladaisha Kelzer
- Mary Kay Thornton
- Madison Stagnaro
- Father Jerome
- Patrick Gilin
- Jean Shafer
- Luis Antonio Gaviria
- Amy Revennaugh
- Nancy Kirk
- Betty Jo Wray-Fears
- Marcella Moreno
- Brian Nelson
- Jane Huffman
- Decker Sawicki
- John Mazzella
- Florentino Rodriguez
- Monica Gray
- Scott Greu
- Mark Shames
- Lisa Romeo
- Barbara Callahan
- Rose Multer
- Janet Kincaid
- Mark Borden
- Cherie Marceano
- Jesus Moreno
- Gene Brock
- Carol Baer
- Cady Deso
- Mike Gordon
- Ashlea McDaniel
- Erin Patrick Huffman
- Bill Glim
- Mary Ann Mauceri
- Deborah Burke
- Lee Fulmer
- Richard Brannely
- Kay Sherman
- Eric Nelson
- Kay Sherman
- Brian Kuhn
- Ellen O'Brien
- Mike Becker
- Pauline Wilkens
- John Heuer
- Ken Ford
- Don Parker
- Michael Baer
- Susan Johnson
- Jim Locker
- Janet Sousa
- Serena Seasoba
- Faith Kriner
- Sean Murphy
- Brian Schauder

To add a name to this list, please contact the Parish Office.

Please Pray for Our Military


Cantors for Weekend Masses

We are seeking cantors for the Saturday 5:30 p.m. Vigils and Sunday 7:30 a.m. Masses (with organ). Requirements are to have a strong voice, to be able to lead hymns, responsorial psalm, and Mass parts. Please respond to Cathy Cole in the Parish Office.

Fish Fry Dinners on Mar. 13 and Apr. 3

St. Paul’s Boy Scouts will sponsor a Lenten Fish Fry dinner on two Fridays, March 13th and April 3rd, from 6 - 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Adults $10; Children $5. Fried fish, fries, mac n’ cheese, coleslaw, corn bread and brownie (cheese pizza for the kids). Tickets will be on sale in the parish office and in the school office. A limited number of tickets will be for sale at the door. Join us for an evening of fellowship and great food while supporting our Boy Scouts!

Shrines of Italy Hosted by Msgr. Gibbons  Oct. 26 – Nov. 5, 2020

The Italy trip is currently “sold out,” but, in the event of cancellations, we are accepting registrations for the wait list on a first come, first served basis. If you are interested in being placed on the wait list, please contact Liz in the Parish Office at liz@stpaulstpete.com or 727.822.3481.

St. Paul Parish Festival, March 19-22

Save the dates! Everyone is invited for food, rides for the entire family, live nightly entertainment, Bingo, and more. Ride tickets may be purchased from March 9 until noon on March 19 at the Parish Office or by using the link on our parish website. These choices will be offered: 4-Day Unlimited Wristband, Sunday Unlimited Ride Wristband and Discounted Ride tickets.

God’s GIFT* Special Mass Sun., Mar. 22

(*Gathering In Faith Together)

The Cathedral of Saint Jude the Apostle, (5815 5th Ave N, St. Petersburg), is inviting all those in the diocese with disabilities to attend the God’s GIFT Mass at the Cathedral on Sunday, March 22nd, at 11:30 a.m. We encourage all Catholic families who have members with special needs or disabilities to join us knowing they are surrounded by a loving and accepting community. A Sign Language interpreter will be present. If you have any questions or require assistance, please call Tracy Capella in the Parish Office, 727.347.9702.

Thank You for Clothing for Haiti

Thanks to everyone who donated new or nearly-new clothing to be shipped to St. Isidore, our twin parish in Haiti. Ten (10) large tubs were packed with the clothing for shipment to St. Isidore. The youth group there operates a little store where they sell the clothes to help fund parish activities and improvements.

Catholic Lenten Resources on FORMED

FORMED Join us throughout Lent toward a life with a deeper reliance on Christ. Receive daily reflections and challenges to fuel your Lenten journey. To register follow these steps: 1. Go to Formed.org/signup 2. Select our parish by entering our code, DF767R, or search by our parish name, St. Paul, and choose the St. Paul parish with our address (1600 -12th St N, St. Petersburg, FL). 3. Enter your name and e-mail address to complete the registration.

Shroud of Turin Encounter Sat., Mar. 28

Shroud Encounter is coming to Blessed Trinity Catholic Church (1600 54th Ave S, St. Petersburg, FL) on Sat., March 28th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Admission is $10 for adults; children 18 and under are free. This presentation by international expert Russ Breault is a fast-moving, big-screen experience using over 200 images covering all aspects of Shroud research. A museum quality life-size replica will also be on display. The Shroud is a 14 foot long linen cloth that has been in Turin, Italy for over 400 years and bears the faint image of a crucified man with apparent wounds and bloodstains that seem to match the crucifixion account in the Bible.

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We are committed to empowering a generation of middle and high school teens to live authentically through everyday encounters of Christ.

**Life Nights:** Sundays 7-9 pm immediately following the 6 pm Mass. High school teens are invited to sit in our teen seating at Mass.

**Edge Nights:** Fridays 6-7:30 pm. During summer all middle school teens are invited to attend our Edge Nights. During the Fall our Edge nights are tailored to specific age groups. See our website for details.

**Website:** stpym.com Check out photos, blog posts and more!
To join our Flocknote for updates on events, text: StPaulLT To: 84576

(Right, 3 photos) St. Paul’s Knights of Columbus & St. Paul’s Cub Scouts teamed up to cook and serve a meal to the homeless at St. Vincent de Paul Food Center.

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(Clockwise from left ) Mackenzie Lauren Dzioba, daughter of Kelly & Michael Dzioba, was baptized at the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sun., Feb. 23.

Christopher & Molly Sellecchia presented their son, Christopher Joseph, Jr., for Baptism at the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sun., Feb. 23.

Nolan Haven Sulte (in dad’s arms), son of Cameron & Ryan Sulte was baptized on Sat., Feb. 22, at St. Paul’s. Godparents are his uncle Will Haven (at far left) and NgaTran (at far right).

Jacob Bradley & Charlotte Ryann Goodbread, children of Tyson & Ashley Goodbread, were baptized on Sat., Feb. 22. Godparents are Hank & Christine McAlarney

Welcome 11 New Columbiettes!

Girl Scout Cookie Sale last weekend. Fr. Josh at right.
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