March 8, 2020
Second Sunday of Lent

St. Paul’s Catholic Church
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Rev. Msgr. Robert C. Gibbons, Pastor
Rev. Fr. Joshua Hare, Parochial Vicar

THE 40 DAYS 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.

Friday, March 13th & Friday, April 3rd
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
In the Cafeteria

Adults $10  Children $5
Tickets available
in the Parish and School Offices.

Sponsored by our Boy Scouts.
Everyone is invited!

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, March 9th
7:00 a.m. Tim Rieman

Tuesday, March 10th
7:00 a.m. Intentions of Madison Stagnaro

Wednesday, March 11th
7:00 a.m. Barbara McCall

Thursday, March 12th
7:00 a.m. Mary Phillabaum

Friday, March 13th
7:00 a.m. Dylan Crane

Saturday, March 14th
5:30 p.m. Jack Fiamingo

Sunday, March 15th
7:30 a.m. Rito Regis
9:30 a.m. Intentions of St. Paul Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Mark Chiesa
6:00 p.m. Tony Casorio

**Stewardship**

Is what I do after I say “I believe”...

Offertory total for March 1, 2020:

- 241 Envelopes $10,299.80
- Loose $6,137.00
- AOP (debit) $14,972.00
- AOP (credit card) $15,916.67
- ConnectNow Online $7,981.87
- Offertory Total $55,307.34
- SVdP Poor Boxes $330.62

May your kindness, O Lord, be upon us who have put our hope in you. (Psalm 33)

Because our hope is in the Lord we gratefully present our offerings.

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From the cloud came a voice that said, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.’

(Matthew 17:5)

This direct command of the Father, to Peter, James, and John—and to us—is that we “listen” to the Son, Jesus Christ. St. Benedict understood well the importance of this command. His Rule for monastic life begins: Listen, O child, to the master’s precepts; incline the ear of your heart.

The underlying assumption of the command to listen is that God in Christ is speaking to us, to you and to me. We need to be listening for his Word, and opening our heart to receive it.

God speaks to us in myriad ways. Through the scriptures, through the sacraments, through other people, through the circumstances of our life, through the beauty of his creation, and on and on.

Let this be our Lenten prayer: Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening. (1 Samuel 3:9)

Msgr. Robert C. Gibbons, Pastor

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**St. Paul Parish Festival, March 19-22**

Everyone is invited for food, rides for the entire family, live nightly entertainment, Bingo, and more. Here are ways to help:

- Wristbands and discounted ride tickets are available at the parish office or on parish website, stpaulstpete.com. 4-Day and Sunday-only unlimited wristbands are ONLY available until Thurs., March 19th, at noon.
- Volunteer sign-up at signup.com/group/76374080097
- Festival setup begins Sunday, March 15th, at 12:30 p.m. on the field.
- 50/50 Festival Raffle tickets have been mailed. Please fill out and return them to the parish office. Raffle tickets are also available in the parish office.
- Bingo prize donations - contact Rachel DeSanto at rachelmaddux@gmail.com or 727.512.9853.
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.

Men’s Ministry Meeting Tues., Mar. 10
Men of the Parish are invited to join. We meet from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Center the 2nd Tuesday of every month. The next meeting is Tuesday, Mar. 10th. We are viewing and discussing Bishop Barron videos. For more info contact Alex McKenna at alex@mckennagroupintl.com or 727.251.4734.

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 6:00 - 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!

Prayer for Lent
O God, bless us during this season of spiritual renewal. Fill our minds and hearts with love, that we may be a sign of Jesus to all those living in our midst. Amen.

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.

Twenty-four new pledges to 2020 APA
Since last week’s report, twenty-four (24) additional St. Paul’s parish families or individuals have pledged to the Diocese’s Annual Pastoral Appeal for 2020, for a total of eighty-three (83) pledges. The average pledge is $438. The total amount pledged so far is $36,385. Twenty-two (22) 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. Or you may use the pledge materials or envelopes you received by mail. APA envelopes are also available in the Church vestibule.

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 $2,075. Combined with donations from the Columbiettes ($700) and the Young-at-Heart Seniors Group ($500), we have received $3,275. Donation checks should be made payable to St. Paul’s Church, with the notation “child hunger initiative.” We have now helped three families transition from the St. Vincent de Paul Homeless Shelter into a more stable housing situation.
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.

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.
Please Pray for the Healing of the Sick, especially:

Michael Angelo
Kathy Grabowski
Ladaisha Kelzer
Mary Kay Thornton
Madison Stagnaro
Father Jerome
Jean Shafer
Luis Antonio Gaviria
Amy Revennaugh
Nancy Kirk
Betty-Jo Wray-Fears
Marcello Moreno
Brian Nelson
Jane Huffman
Decker Sawicki
John Mazzella
Florentino Rodriguez
Monica Gray
Cherie Marceano
Cassidy Otto
Mark Shames
Lisa Romeo
Barbara Callahan
Rose Muler
Janet Kincaid
Mark Borden
Lorraine Kreiger
Jesus Moreno
Gene Brock
Carol Baer
Cody Deso
Mike Gordon
Ashlea McDaniel
Erin Patrick Huffman
Bill Glim
Mary Ann Mauceri
Deborah Burke
Lee Fuller
Scott Greu
Gerard Pickhardt
Richard Brannelly
Kay Sherman
Eric Nelson
Kerry Sherman
Brian Kuhn
Mike Becker
Pauline Wilkens
John Heuer
Ken Ford
Don Parker
Michael Baer
Susan Johnson
Jim Locher
Janet Sousa
Serena Seasioba
Faith Kriner
Sean Murphy
Brian Schauder
Sean Murphy
Irene Zon

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

Please Pray for Our Military


Catholic Young Adults of St. Pete Young Adult Retreat Sat., April 4

Save the Date! Catholic Young Adults of St. Pete will be hosting an awesome Young Adult Retreat at the Cathedral of St. Jude on Saturday, April 4th, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. This retreat will help lead us directly into Holy Week. You won't want to miss it! Earlybird $30. Register online at tbyaretreat@weebly.com.

Engraved Pavers Available

Engraved pavers are once again available to our St. Paul Parish family for the Grotto Garden and the Franciscan Garden. Brick size is 6 in. x 9 in., and allows 4 lines per brick. Cost is $150 per brick. Paver order forms are in the Parish Office. These are a wonderful remembrance.

Mission to Haiti Mar. 10-17

Our 55th mission to Haiti departs this Tuesday, March 10th. Lou Pekrul, Mark Morris, Valentina Gray, Anne Richter, Jean Guidi, Evan Alfonso, Mick Wack, and Chris Sergio will spend five busy days on La Gonave to further our education, medical, and clean water projects, and to advance our 21-year twinning relationship with St. Isidore Parish. Please keep them in your prayers.

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.

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 (1800 12th St N, St. Petersburg, FL). 3. Enter your name and e-mail address to complete the registration.

Remember St. Paul’s in your Will

Please remember St. Paul’s Catholic Church or St. Paul’s Catholic School in your Last Will & Testament. This is a wonderful way to leave a legacy of faith and gratitude. Please include our address in your bequest: 1800 – 12th Street N, St. Petersburg, FL 33704.

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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Faith Community Nurse Program

The Faith Community Nurse Program is active in St. Paul’s Parish. The Ministry’s mission is to:

* Respond to the health needs of the congregation
* Minister to the whole person
* Increase awareness of and access to community resources
* Emphasize wellness, disease prevention and health education

For more information, please contact the Parish Office.

Welcome New Parishioners

Chad & Carmel Collard
Mark Mooney
Jaime & Brandi Mercado

Darryl & Gina Braun
David & Christi Insogna
Joe Tyszko

Chris Conese and Talia Pandolfi
George Kleter and Susan Horning

Matthew & Kristina Egan
Mark & Liz Teague

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Above: Congratulations to our parishioner Oliver Petrillo. He’s on the Jesuit High School Soccer Team which just won the State Boys Soccer Championship in Class 5A. Oliver attended St. Paul Catholic School through 8th grade. He grew up playing soccer on our St. Paul’s field! He’s pictured here with Fr. Hermes, president of Jesuit HS, Tampa.

Left: Our parishioners Joanne & John Lovett were married civilly on Feb. 29, 2016. They had their marriage blessed in the Church on Feb. 29, 2020 at St. Paul’s.

Right: Congratulations to our parishioner Michael Gerardo who was promoted to the rank of Captain with St. Petersburg Fire Rescue on Feb. 26th.

New Child Hunger Initiative

Our new St. Paul’s Initiative has now helped three families transition from the St. Vincent de Paul Homeless Shelter into a more stable housing situation. Our parishioner Rees Vaughn (at right) installing blinds throughout the home.

Youth Confirmation Retreat in Parrish (Manatee County)

Lenten Fish Dinner on Friday, February 28
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Pray often for the souls of your loved ones and please consider joining us at the Month’s Mind Mass on the last Saturday of every month at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel of the Resurrection.

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