March 15, 2020

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.

Carnival rides, games, crafts, delicious food, live music & dancing, Bingo, and more! Come joint the fun - great for all ages!
Tickets available online and in the Parish Office.
Festival Hours:
Thursday, March 19th 5 - 10 p.m.
Friday, March 20th noon - 11 p.m.
Saturday, March 21st noon - 11 p.m.
Sunday, March 22nd 12:30 - 8 p.m.

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.
**St. Paul’s Catholic Church**

**Mass Intentions**

**FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, March 16**th
7:00 a.m. Olga “Micki” Barnes

**Tuesday, March 17**th
7:00 a.m. Peggy & Jack Aldrich and Jim Aldrich

**Wednesday, March 18**th
7:00 a.m. Arthur S. Gibbons

**Thursday, March 19**th
7:00 a.m. Mary Jane Graziano

**Friday, March 20**th
7:00 a.m. Intentions of Cheryl and Rebecca Lance

**Saturday, March 21**st
5:30 p.m. Blake Parker

**Sunday, March 22**nd
7:30 a.m. Martha Reedy Hine
9:30 a.m. Intentions of Jim & Marie Reidle
11:30 a.m. Intentions of St. Paul Parishioners
6:00 p.m. Mary Anne Barnes

---

**Stewardship**

A way of life

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

**Offertory total for March 8, 2020:**

- 190 Envelopes $7,142.00
- Loose $3,896.50
- AOP (debit) $2,624.50
- AOP (credit card) $0.00
- ConnectNow Online $0.00
- Offertory Total $13,662.50
- SVdP Poor Boxes $389.42

---

**Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial offerings.**

(Offertory Prayer, 3rd Sunday of Lent)

We present our treasure offerings to God in a spirit of humble prayer.

---

**Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well...**

A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, ‘Give me a drink.’

(John 4:6-7)

Jesus would say the same thing again, in effect, from the Cross: *I thirst.* (19:28) Mother Teresa insisted that those words of Jesus—*I thirst*—should be painted in bold, black capital letters alongside a large crucifix on the wall of any chapel of her religious order, the Missionaries of Charity.

She explained to her Sisters, “At this most difficult time Jesus proclaimed, ‘I thirst.’ And people thought He was thirsty in an ordinary way and they gave Him vinegar straight away; but it was not for that thirst; it was for our love, our affection, that intimate attachment to Him, and that sharing of His passion. He used, ‘I thirst,’ instead of ‘Give Me your love’... ‘I thirst.’”

Mother Teresa made Jesus’ statement ‘I thirst’ so personal that she told her Sisters to imagine Jesus saying those words directly to them.

That is good spiritual advice. Imagine Jesus saying those two words directly to you. And remember what He means: He wants your love, your affection, your intimate attachment to Him, and your sharing of His Passion.

Msgr. Robert C. Gibbons, Pastor

---

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

Everyone is invited for food, rides for the entire family, live nightly entertainment, Bingo, and more.

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.
March 15, 2020

Third Sunday of Lent

Lenten Fish Fry Dinner on Fri., Apr. 3

St. Paul’s Boy Scouts will sponsor a Lenten Fish Fry on Friday, 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 on sale in the parish and school offices. 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!

Columbiettes Easter Flower Sale

St. Paul Columbiettes are selling Easter flowers again this year! At an affordable $20.00 each, these lovely plants are a perfect way to celebrate Easter and the risen Christ. You may donate an Easter Flower to the Church in memory of a loved one (names listed in the bulletin), or for delivery to the homebound. Order forms are available in the Parish Office and on the parish web site. Columbiettes will be taking orders after Masses the weekends of March 21-22 and March 28-29. Orders must be placed by April 1st for names to be listed in the Easter bulletin. All proceeds will benefit the St. Paul Columbiettes, allowing us to continue to assist others throughout the year.

Dispensation Granted

Msgr. Gibbons, acting as pastor of St. Paul’s, grants a dispensation from the obligation of abstaining from meat for Friday of the Third Week of Lent (March 20, 2020). This dispensation is effective only on the grounds of St. Paul’s Festival. For those wishing to observe the Lenten obligation in its rigor, fried fish sandwiches will be available at the Festival in the All American Booth. Those who take advantage of the dispensation are encouraged to substitute another penance in its place.

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.

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.

Fifty-four pledges this week to 2020 APA

Since last week’s report, fifty-four (54) additional St. Paul’s parish families or individuals have pledged to the Diocese’s Annual Pastoral Appeal for 2020, for a total of 137 pledges. The average pledge is $347. The total amount pledged so far is $47,550. Thirty-two (32) 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.

We are happy to report that St. Paul’s parishioners have thus far donated $4,025 towards this effort. That includes donations from the Columbiettes ($700) and the Young-at-Heart Seniors Group ($500). Donations should be made payable to St. Paul’s Church, with the notation “child hunger initiative.”

The children of St. Paul’s have stepped forward in a big way 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 have brought in a huge amount of 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.

Vacation Bible School 2020 at St. Paul’s

Save the Date! (More information to follow.)
Vacation Bible School 2020 June 29th - July 3rd
Rocky Railway Jesus’ Power Pulls Us Through

Catholic Lenten Resources on 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.
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
Karson Gallaway

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

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. 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.

Dioscean Marian Congress Sat., May 2

Make plans to attend the Diocese of St. Petersburg Marian Congress – a special day for growing in closeness to Jesus Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary. Learn to live with more hope, joy and peace at the Marian Congress, a multicultural celebration that showcases the beauty of our universal Church.

Our theme is “Courageously Living the Gospel Like Mary” and our speakers will share insights into the courageous life of Mary and how she intercedes with her Son, Jesus Christ, on our behalf.

Join us on Saturday, May 2nd, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. including Mass with Bishop Parkes at 4:00 p.m. Visit www.dosp.org/HeartofMary to learn more.

Catholic Charities Fundraiser

Help Catholic Charities provide basic medical care to our brothers and sisters in Christ by making a donation during the Valspar Open Golf Tournament being played at Innisbrook Golf Resort in Palm Harbor, March 16 – 22. Two ways to give: 1. Pick the total number of birdies the field will make during the tournament and make a per birdie pledge (min. 1¢ per birdie); 2. Make a one-time gift ($10 minimum).

For more info: 1. Text BIRDIES to 91999; 2. Online: igfn.us/form/ofqcEA; 3. Call 727-893-1314 x104; or 4. email: tricardo@ccdosp.org.

Summer Jobs at Good Counsel Camp

Our Lady of Good Counsel Camp, our Diocesan youth camp located in Floral City, Florida, is looking for camp counselors to live and work at camp from June 6th ~ August 1st. Do you love working with kids and the outdoors? Do you feel a strong call to God and are confident in discussing your faith? Are you fun and outgoing but at the same time responsible and understand that the safety of a child is your top priority? If so, working as a camp counselor may be for you. We are looking for young men and women who will be at least 17 years old by this summer. For an application, email Stephen Watkins at swatkins@goodcounselcamp.org. For more information visit our website at www.goodcounselcamp.org/now-hiring.

Catholic Young Adults of St. Pete

Young Adult Retreat Sat., April 4

Catholic Young Adults of St. Pete are hosting an awesome Young Adult Retreat at the Cathedral of St. Jude on Sat., 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.

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com
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

---

Eckerd Basketball Champions

(Below) Congratulations to our parishioner Coach Paul Honsinger. He coaches the Eckerd Women's Basketball Team which won the Sunshine State Conference championship last weekend.
Our parishioners Tyler and Jake (third and fourth from right) were presented to Bishop Parkes at the Cathedral on Sunday in the Rite of Election. They are preparing for Baptism at Easter.

St. Paul's Girl Scouts were out in full force for Girl Scout Sunday on Mar. 8th at St. Paul's Church. About 50 girls participated in the Mass. Outstanding adult leaders plus dynamic girls!

Mr. Wassmer, our school's IT teacher, and these fifth graders love the new interactive flat panel.

Students in St. Paul Catholic School raised over $8,500 in the Walk-a-Thon during January's Catholic Schools Week. On Mon., Mar. 9th, the money was presented in a bank check to representatives of our Partners With Haiti ministry. The funds will be used for various projects at St. Isidore's, our twin parish in Haiti.

St. Paul’s Catholic Church
St. Petersburg, FL

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com