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.

“The Lord is near to us whenever we call upon him.” (Deuteronomy 4:7)
St. Paul’s Church is open for prayer each day, 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

March 29, 2020

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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 30th
7:00 a.m. Ruth Ardini

Tuesday, March 31st
7:00 a.m. For an end to the pandemic

Wednesday, April 1st
7:00 a.m. Joan Gerardo

Thursday, April 2nd
7:00 a.m. Shirley Alford

Friday, April 3rd
7:00 a.m. For the health and safety of our parishioners

Saturday, April 4th
5:30 p.m. Dolores Hagemaster

Sunday, April 5th
7:30 a.m. Intentions of St. Paul Parishioners
9:30 a.m. Intentions of Lee & Ron McKeska
11:30 a.m. Ken Drayton
6:00 p.m. Anthony Casorio

Stewardship
A way of life

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

Offertory total for March 22, 2020:

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I trust in the Lord;
my soul trusts in his word.
(Psalms 130)

Thank you for your support
of our parish in these difficult days.

Sunday Mass will be live-streamed Mar. 29

Sunday Mass for the 5th Sunday of Lent will be live-streamed from St. Paul’s Convent Chapel on Sunday, March 29th, at 9:30 a.m., on our parish Facebook page. It will be available starting at approximately 9:20 am. Fr. Josh will be principal celebrant, with Msgr. Gibbons as homilist. If you do not have a Facebook account, you will be able to access it on your computer, tablet, or phone by using this link: www.facebook.com/my.stpaulstpete/ Following the conclusion of Mass, the full video will be available on the parish’s YouTube page. Search for “St. Paul’s Catholic Church St. Petersburg” on YouTube.

Daily Mass Intentions

Daily Mass intentions listed in the bulletin will be remembered at Masses offered by Msgr. Gibbons and Fr. Josh Hare each day in the Rectory Chapel. Sunday Mass intentions as well as the Daily Mass intentions for the coming week will be announced at the Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass live-streamed from the Convent Chapel.
St. Paul's launches on-line Faith Sharing Group

Since we can't gather as a parish community in-person at the present time, we're launching an on-line faith sharing group on Facebook. It focuses on the Sunday Readings for the upcoming Sunday's Mass. To find the Group, search for "St. Paul's St. Pete Weekly Faith Sharing Group" on Facebook. Thanks to parishioners Jeff Johnson & Caitlin Johnston for spearheading this initiative.

Parish Group Rosary via Facebook

We will be praying the Rosary with our parish over Facebook Live. Msgr. Gibbons, Fr. Josh Hare, Don Amadeo, and St. Paul's parishioners will take turns leading the Rosary. Everyone is invited to join us from their homes. (www.facebook.com/my.stpaulstpete/) Schedule this week:

Monday, March 30:  1 p.m. (joyful)
Tuesday March 31:  5 p.m. (sorrowful)
Wednesday, April 1:  9 a.m. (glorious)
Thurs., April 2:  1 p.m. (luminous)
Friday, April 3:  9 a.m. (sorrowful)
Saturday, April 4:  1 p.m. (joyful)
Sunday: Off

Columbiettes Easter Giving Project

The Columbiettes are participating in their annual Easter giving project, with a few changes. This year, instead of preparing baskets of food for an Easter dinner, we are distributing gift cards for local stores, to 50 families in need. Parishioners who wish to join in this effort can make donations to St. Paul's Church, designated for either St. Vincent de Paul or the Child Hunger Initiative. These can be mailed or dropped off to the parish center office between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m., Mon. through Fri. Please note if you are a Columbiete. Your help will be a blessing during this time of great need - thank you for your generosity!

Church is Open for Prayer

Remember that St. Paul's Church is open for prayer, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. till 6:30 p.m. You are welcome to stop in to pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the tabernacle.

Please Continue to Support St. Paul's Church

During this time we are not able to participate in Mass in-person, please don't forget to continue to support our parish financially, to the extent that your circumstances allow. You may transmit your offertory donation through online giving or by mail. Sign-up for online giving by clicking the “Giving” tab on the homepage of the parish website, www.stpaulstpete.com. Or mail your offertory donation to St. Paul's Church, 1800 – 12th Street North, St. Petersburg FL 33704. Call Liz in the parish office if you have questions. Phone 727.822.3481.

Number of APA Pledges Reaches 150

Since last week's report, thirteen (13) additional St. Paul's parish families or individuals have pledged to the Diocese's Annual Pastoral Appeal for 2020, for a total of 150 pledges. The average pledge is $351. The total amount pledged so far is $52,710. Thirty-four (34) 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.

Help for the Poor and Needy

Because of the economic disruption caused by the Coronavirus, more people than usual will need the vital financial assistance of our St. Vincent de Paul Society. Please consider making a monetary donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Please mail your check, payable to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, to St. Paul’s Church, 1800 – 12th Street North, St. Petersburg FL 33704.

Also, you might also wish to consider donating to our parish's Child Hunger Initiative. Make your check payable to St. Paul’s Church, and indicate “Child Hunger Initiative” on the memo line. Mail to the parish address shown in the previous paragraph.

These are two great opportunities to show our solidarity with our brothers and sisters in these difficult times.

Making a Spiritual Communion

If we are unable to participate in Mass and receive Holy Communion during the pandemic, we should make what is called a "spiritual communion." This practice consists of consciously raising our heart and mind to God in prayer, contemplating his presence in the Holy Eucharist, and saying the following or similar words:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Regarding spiritual communion, St. John Vianney wrote: “If we are deprived of Sacramental Communion, let us replace it, as far as we can, by spiritual communion, which we can make every moment; for we ought to have always a burning desire to receive the good God.”

Winner of the “Festival” 50/50 Raffle

Congratulations to Carolann Miller! She is the lucky winner of $1,721 in our 50/50 raffle. The drawing was held on Monday, March 23rd, at 1 p.m. in the parish office.
Please Pray for the Healing of the Sick, especially:

Michael Angelo
Kathy Grabowski
Ladaisha Kelzer
Mary Kay Thornton
Madison Stangaro
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
James and Lucia Martin
Brittany Newton

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 Gilm
Mary Ann Mauceri
Deborah Burke
Lee Fulmer
Scott Greu
Carlen Maddux
Lawrence King
Patty Thornton
Declon Newton
Richard Brannelly
Kay Sherman
Eric Nelson
Kay 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
Irene Zon
Eleanor Jonasson
Becky Clark
Jackie Blosser
Aloyse Larson

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

Please Pray for Our Military


Resources for Deepening Faith at Home

To help our parishioners stay connected to our Catholic faith and practice during this time of Coronavirus, here are some links to valuable spiritual resources:

- A website where you can find Catholic Mass and other Catholic broadcasts on the web: http://www.catholictv.org/
- Many options for viewing religious materials are available at Formed.org. Follow these steps to gain access: (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 faith formation videos, children’s videos, and audio talks.
- Two popular booklets are offering complimentary access to their online versions during these difficult times. “Give Us This Day” can be accessed at: https://giveusthisday.org/Digital. “Magnificat” is available at https://us.magnificat.net/home. These two resources include brief daily Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer, inspirational short biographies of saints, daily Mass texts, and daily reflections.

Public Masses Suspended

Bishop Parkes suspended the public celebration of Masses throughout the Diocese of St. Petersburg, until such time as it is determined safe to return to normal schedules and public worship. During this time our parishioners are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass.

2020 Census Outreach

Due the present social distancing, Census Partnership Specialists are encouraging everyone to complete the 2020 Census via internet, or by telephone 844.330.2020. Accurate counts are important for funding allocations.

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.
Novena Prayer to St. Rocco

O Great St. Rocco, deliver us, we beseech thee,
from the scourges of God;
through thy intercession,
preserve our bodies from contagious diseases,
and our souls from the contagion of sin.
Obtain for us salubrious air;
but, above all, purity of heart.
Assist us to make good use of health,
to bear suffering with patience;
and, after thy example,
to live in the practice of penance and charity, that we may one day enjoy the happiness which thou hast merited by thy virtues.

St. Rocco, pray for us (say three times)
Our prayers are with you and may the Holy Spirit continue to guide us through the times of uncertainty.

God bless and be well,
Your Friends at Diocesan

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