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Rev. Fr. Joshua Hare, Parochial Vicar

March 22, 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.

Feast of the Annunciation
Wed., March 25th

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 23rd
7:00 a.m. Joanne Terlip
Tuesday, March 24th
7:00 a.m. Joyce Brown

Wednesday, March 25th
7:00 a.m. Maria Ansorio
Thursday, March 26th
7:00 a.m. Dottie Ardini and Josephine Rieman
Friday, March 27th
7:00 a.m. Patrick O’Brien
Saturday, March 28th
5:30 p.m. Rose Marie Ladouceur
Sunday, March 29th
7:30 a.m. Anthony Casorio
9:30 a.m. Intentions of St. Paul Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Richard Crocetti
6:00 p.m. Holly Burich

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

Offertory total for March 15, 2020:
125 Envelopes…………………….. $ 4,219.94
Loose………………………………… $ 1,718.00
AOP (debit)………………………….. $ 2,654.00
AOP (credit card)…………………… $ 0.00
ConnectNow Online………………… $ 0.00
Offertory Total……………………… $ 8,591.94

With joy we place before you,
O Lord, these offerings.
(Offertory Prayer, 4th Sunday of Lent)
We give back to the Lord,
who has been so good to us.

Jesus’ disciples asked him,
‘Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents,
that he was born blind?’
Jesus answered,
‘Neither he nor his parents sinned;
it is so that the works of God
might be made visible through him.’
(John 9: 2-3)

We are often ashamed of what we perceive to be
our weaknesses and failures. We go to great lengths to
keep them hidden as best we can.

But St. Paul, on the other hand, delighted in his
weaknesses. He grasped the paradoxical truth: “When I
am weak, then I am strong.” (2 Corinthians 12:10)

When we face up to our weaknesses and failures,
and embrace them as gifts, we become compassionate
towards the sufferings of others, for we see our connection
to them. And we become overwhelmed by the awareness
of how much God loves us in spite of----or perhaps
because of------our weaknesses and failures.

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K of C Business Meeting Tues., Mar. 24
Knights of Columbus Business Meeting will be
held via conference call on Tuesday, March 24th at
7:00 p.m. Dial 425-436-6316, Access Code
565139 , Meeting ID paultraxlerkoc13657.

Please Update Your Contact Information
So that Msgr. Gibbons, Fr. Josh, and the parish office staff
can more effectively keep in communication with our
parishioners during the Coronavirus disruption, please e-
mail parishoffice@stpaulstpete.com with your current
contact information. Make sure to include your name,
phone number, and e-mail address.

Fish Fry Fri., Apr. 3 is Cancelled
St. Paul’s Boy Scouts cancelled their Fish Fry scheduled
for Friday, April 3rd , at St. Paul’s Cafeteria.
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**Church is Open for Prayer**
Remember that St. Paul’s Church is open for prayer, Monday through Friday, from 6:30 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.

**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/](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](http://www.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.
- 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](https://giveusthisday.org/Digital). “Magnificat” is available at [https://us.magnificat.net/home](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.

**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.”

**Columbiettes Easter Flower Sale**
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. Cost is $20 per plant. Order forms are in the Parish Office and on the parish web site. Mail form with payment to the Parish Office by April 1st.

**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](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.

**Please Continue to Support St. Paul’s Church**
If we are not able to participate in Mass during the pandemic, please don’t forget to continue to support our parish financially 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](http://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.

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

Michael Angelo  Mark Shames  Richard Brannelly
Kathy Grabowski  Lisa Romeo  Kay Sherman
Ladaisha Kelizer  Barbara Callahan  Eric Nelson
Mary Kay Thornton  Rose Multer  Kay Sherman
Madison Stagner  Janet Kincaid  Brian Kuhn
Father Jerome  Mark Borden  Mike Beaver
Jean Shafer  Lorraine Kreiger  Pauline Wilkens
Luis Antonio Gavria  Jesus Moreno  John Heuer
Amy Rennenaugh  Gene Brock  Ken Ford
Nancy Kirk  Carol Baer  Don Parker
Betty-Jo Wray-Feers  Cody Deso  Michael Baer
Marcello Moreno  Mike Gordon  Susan Johnson
Jane Huffman  Ashlea McDaniel  Jim Locher
Brian Nelson  Erin Patrick Huffman  Janet Sousa
Jane Huffman  Bill Glim  Serena Seasioba
Mary Ann Mauceri  Faith Kriner  Sean Murphy
Deborah Burke  Lee Fulmer  Brian Schauser
Cherie Marceano  Scott Greu  Irene Zon
Cassidy Otto  Gerard Pickhardt  Eleanor Jonasson
Karson Gallaway  Lawrence King  Becky Clark
James and Lucia Martin  Patty Thornton  Jackie Blosser
Brittany Newton  Decon Newton  Aloyse Larson

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

Please Pray for Our Military


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

(L) Knights of Columbus presented a check to our St. Vincent de Paul Society for $2,393, representing proceeds from the fall’s poker tournament. A check for the same amount is also being given Pinellas Hope. (R) Our parishioners and scout leaders Rob Hudson & Tom Loney received awards at the Boy Scout Skyway District Banquet. Rob received the District Scouter of the Year Award, and Tom was given the Scoutmaster Veteran Award. Rob & Tom have been key players in the founding and growth of our Troop 209.

Enjoying EC-4’s Bike-a-Thon on March 13th at St. Paul’s.