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, April 20th
Dorothy Kletchie

Tuesday, April 21st
For an end to the Pandemic

Wednesday, April 22nd
James Darby

Thursday, April 23rd
For Priestly Vocations

Friday, April 24th
For the Sick

Saturday, April 25th
Wendy Rosa

Sunday, April 26th
For St. Paul’s Parishioners
Virginia Jimenez
Marjorie D’Annunzio
Andrzej Baniukiewicz

9:30 a.m. (On-line Mass).

Stewardship

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

Offertory total for April 12, 2020:

101 Envelopes ...................................................... $ 13,608.00
Loose ...................................................................... $ 3,745.00
AOP (debit) .......................................................... $ 2,654.00
AOP (credit card) .................................................. $ .00
ConnectNow Online .............................................. $ .00
Offertory Total ....................................................... $ 20,007.00

Accept, O Lord, we pray,
the oblations of your people.
(Offertory Prayer, Second Sunday of Easter)

Thank you for your support
of the Easter Sunday collection.

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From the Pastor

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
in his great mercy,
gave us a new birth to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
(Cf. 1 Peter 1: 3)

The Easter Vigil liturgy tells us that the sanctifying
power of the Easter event dispels wickedness, washes
faults away, restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to
mourners, drives out hatred, fosters concord, and brings
down the mighty. (The Easter Proclamation, Exultet)

So let us allow this unfathomable power of the
Resurrection to wash over us, to be infused into us, so
that God can thus renew us, fill us with hope and
confidence, and raise us up to newness of life.

Let us open our hearts to this sanctifying power by
simply asking, in humble prayer: O Lord, raise me up with
Christ to newness of life. Amen.

Msgr. Robert C. Gibbons, Pastor

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Daily Reflections
from Msgr. Gibbons and Fr. Josh

In place of their daily Mass homilies, Msgr. Gibbons and Fr. Josh
will offer a daily reflection on our parish Facebook page
(www.facebook.com/my.stpaulstpete/) to remind
everyone of the joy and love of Christ in this challenging
time.

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Sunday Mass will be live-streamed Apr. 19

Mass for the Second Sunday of Easter will be live-streamed
Sunday, April 19th, at 9:30 a.m., on our parish Facebook
page. It will be available starting at approximately 9:20 a.m.
If you do not have a Facebook account, you can 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.
K of C Offers Special Service

St. Paul's Knights of Columbus would like to offer our parishioners a special service during the Coronavirus disruption: If you for any reason are unable to leave your home and need pickup and delivery of essential items from the grocery or drug store, a member of the Knights will do the pickup and delivery. You simply pay the cost of the items to the Knight; the pickup and delivery service is free. The items will be left at your door, to maintain social-distancing. Please call the Parish office between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. (Monday thru Friday) if you need this service. Phone 727.822.3481.

Church is Open for Prayer

Remember that St. Paul's Church is open for prayer, every day, 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. You may also pray at the Grotto.

Registration of New Parishioners

We normally register our new parishioners at a welcome meeting on the first Sunday of the month. Since public Masses are suspended at present, and gatherings not allowed, we invite all those who wish to register in the parish to e-mail their mailing address to parishoffice@stpaulstpete.com. We will then send you the registration form in the mail. If you have questions, phone the parish office at 727.822.3481.

St. Paul’s on-line Faith Sharing Group

Since we can’t gather as a parish community in-person at the present time, we have launched 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.

Amount Pledged To APA Nears $60K

Thank you to our parishioners who are still supporting the Diocese’s Annual Pastoral Appeal for 2020, despite the unsettled times. Pledges from St. Paul’s families now number 165. The total amount pledged is $58,954. The average pledge is $357. Thirty-seven (37) 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.

Practical Suggestions about Prayer Coping With Distractions

By Msgr. Mike Muhr

Anyone who has ever really tried to pray reflectively knows about distractions and how frustrating they can be. I’m talking about those pesky thoughts that come barreling into our minds when we try to become still and quiet for any length of time. For me, they usually show up about one and a half minutes into my time with God.

St. Teresa of Avila struggled with distractions for almost twenty years before God led her into a way of great interior communion. She suggested to her novices that they hold a picture of Jesus when they prayed so that they could remember that they were talking to a person in prayer and not just making a mental exercise.

The advice I have found most helpful is to imagine distractions as if they were a train crossing through a valley. The train comes into view and will pass on through the valley without our effort. In prayer, we would acknowledge the distraction lightly and then return to prayer as the distraction drifts out of our consciousness.

Trying to push distractions out usually only makes them more persistent and “getting on the train”, well, then we know where that leads. There may be times when a certain distraction keeps coming. This could be a sign that this is exactly what the Lord wants us to pray about. In the end, though, for most of us distractions come with the territory.

Msgr. Muhr is Director of Ministry to Priests in the Diocese of St. Petersburg and Administrator of St. Brendan’s Church, Clearwater Beach.

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 and at the Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass streamed from the Convent Chapel.

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

Michael Angelo
Kathy Grabowski
Ladaisha Kelzer
Mary Kay Thornton
Madison Starnaro
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
Darryl Trosclair
Mark Shames
Lisa Romeo
Barbara Callahan
Rose Muter
Janet Kincaid
Mark Borden
Lorraine Kreiger
Jesus Moreno
Gene Brock
Carol Baer
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Mike Gordon
Ashlea McDaniel
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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
Aloysie 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/](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](http://www.catholictv.org/). 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 this 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.
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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 time 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.”
From Our Counseling Ministry

Following are recommendations from Mary Ann Holtz, our parish's on-campus licensed mental health counselor, for skills to help ourselves, our families, and our community to be the calm in the storm as we face the unknown, during this pandemic: 2 free recordings of webinars: https://www.traumaresourceinstitute.com/free-webinars
1. Cultivating Our Best Selves in Response to COVID-19
2. Cultivating Resilience and Compassion in an At-Home Schooling Environment
And a free app that helps you learn to use these skills: iChillapp.com (with links for both apple and android). These skills work with all ages!

33 Days to Morning Glory, an at-home mini retreat

Our parishioners are invited to participate in “33 Days to Morning Glory,” an at-home mini-retreat. The purpose of the retreat is to prepare us to consecrate our lives and our families to Jesus through Mary, based on the teachings of St Louis de Montfort. The retreat started on Good Friday (4/10) and concludes on the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima (5/13). It consists of one, 75-min weekly meeting via Zoom on Wednesdays at 7 p.m., as well as a few pages of daily reading about Marian devotion as taught by St. John Paul II, St. Teresa of Calcutta, St. Louis de Montfort, and St. Maximilian Kolbe. Contact parishoffice@stpaulstpete.com for more information or to register. It is not too late to join the group.

St. Paul’s Child Hunger Initiative

Our parish's Child Hunger Initiative has been hard at work, even during these times of Coronavirus, helping families in-transition who are moving from the homeless shelter to more stable housing situations. We have just helped two families: One consisted of a single mom, with 4 children ages 12 to 2; the second family includes a mom and dad, with 2 children, ages 5 and 2. The families received welcome baskets from us with vital household supplies, plus food donated by our partner agency, The Kind Mouse. We also supplied these families with their "special request" items that included kitchenware, sheets and blankets, and diapers. Two parish families donated sets of dishes for the recipient families. Thank you to all who have donated to the Child Hunger Initiative at St. Paul's. If you would like to "adopt" a family-in-transition by supplying their "special requests" (maximum $100), please contact parishoffice@stpaulstpete.com. Some photos are below.

Many of our parishioners tuned in to participate in our Easter Sunday Mass virtually. Facebook says "2K Views."

Since the regular barber shop is closed during the pandemic, Don gave Msgr. Gibbons a haircut on Holy Thursday.

Easter Breakfast at the Rectory

Our Giraffe has a new name, "Faith." Siblings Meara and Miles H. and also Mary B. submitted separately this winning name in our Name-the-Giraffe contest. Congratulations!

April 19, 2020

Second Sunday of Easter

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com
He is Risen!
He is Risen Indeed!

Easter Egg Distribution on Easter Sunday (below)
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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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