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Welcome! We hope you enjoy your time with us. Whether you are just visiting or looking for a parish home, it's great to have you with us. Whatever your life circumstances, wherever you have been or whatever has happened in your life, you are welcome here.

OCTOBER 24, 2021 | THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Importance of Listening

On October 28, 2018, Pope Francis celebrated the closing Mass for the Synod of Bishops on young people, the faith and vocational discernment. The Gospel reading for the day was the story of the healing of the blind man named Bartimaues (Mark 10:46-52) that we hear in this weekend's Gospel reading. Pope Francis began his homily for that Mass with these words:

First, let us consider Bartimaeus. His name means "son of Timaeus". That is how the Gospel describes him: "Bartimaeus, son of Timaeus" (Mk 10:46). Yet, oddly, his father is nowhere to be found. Bartimaeus lies alone on the roadside, far from home and fatherless. He is not loved but abandoned. He is blind and has no one to listen to him. Jesus hears his plea. When he goes to him, he lets him speak. It was not hard to guess what Bartimaeus wanted: clearly, a blind person wants to see or regain his sight. But Jesus takes his time; he takes time to listen. This is the first step in helping the journey of faith: listening. It is the apostolate of the ear: listening before speaking.

(vatican.va, Homily of Pope Francis, October 28, 2018)

From these words, I am reminded of the importance of listening. When we listen to our friends, parents, spouse, children, co-workers and others, we open ourselves to an encounter with the other person. Often I find myself wanting to speak before I listen. Sometimes I prepare myself with a point that I wish to make rather than letting the other person's words sink in, allowing space for what they have said to settle into my mind and heart. May we ask for the grace of a heart that listens.

You are invited to my 25th Priesthood Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, October 24 in Brioschi Hall after the 8:45 and 10:30 AM Masses. We will have coffee and donuts after the 8:45 AM Mass. After 10:30 AM Mass, join us for food and beverages and an Open House from 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM. *All are welcome!*

You are invited to a parish meeting on Thursday, October 28, 6:30 PM in Brioschi Hall to discuss options for Father John Ryan Field. From our 2002 parish building project, we currently owe \$3,166,168.61 on our mortgage. At our current pace of mortgage payments, it will take approximately 16 more years to retire our mortgage. An option to consider is reducing our mortgage by selling the 2.25 acres of property owned by our parish across White Bear Avenue from our church and making an advance payment on our mortgage. This property is known as Father John Ryan Field. It has served as a ballfield, school playground, Christmas tree lot, a location for dumping excess winter snow from our parking lots and sidewalks, and it is currently the location of a small garage for our Men's Club to store various items. As you ponder this option, you can assume the property would be put to good use and utilized for something in accord with our values or at least not offensive to us or disagreeable to the neighborhood.

Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for October 2021: *Missionary Disciples.*

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell

Remembrance Masses

November is the month of All Saints and the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, during which the Church prays for all who have died. We will remember and name our beloved dead who were buried from St. Pascal's during the past year at all Masses on the weekend of November 6/7. Please join us to pray for them and for all our departed who are now seated at the heavenly banquet.

We Care Campaign

Social Justice and Caring Committee

On the weekend of October 30 - 31, 2021, St. Pascal's parish will gather the loose change and bills from the collection and donate them to the Social Justice and Caring Committee's next We Care Campaign. The three options chosen by the committee for its fall Campaign are:

1. Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative
Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative is an organization working to end homelessness and advance equitable housing in the Twin Cities.

2. Catholic Charities U.S.A. Hurricane Ida Relief

Money donated to this option will be given to Catholic Charities U.S.A. to be used to assist those impacted by Hurricane Ida.

3. UNICEF U.S.A. Aid to Afghanistan

Money donated to this option will be given to UNICEF U.S.A. to assist those affected by the recent strife in Afghanistan.

We encourage you to consider making a personal contribution as well, using the envelope provided in the packet of envelopes sent by the parish every other month or found on the tables located near the entrances to the church. If you prefer to give to one or more of these charities, please indicate this by marking the appropriate option(s) on the envelope and your contributions will be distributed as requested. Any unmarked contributions will be divided equally among the three options. Thank you for your generosity.

Young At Heart Mass & Luncheon

Thursday, October 28 at 11:00 AM

Welcome, Seniors 55-plus! Fr. John will celebrate the Eucharist with us and then, after a short meeting, we will enjoy a Tinucci's sliced pot roast dinner and *Song and Stories* from musician Jim Berner. We ask a \$12.00 donation, payable on the day of the meeting. All protocols to keep us healthy with loving concern for one another are in place. **Please RSVP by Monday, October 25** to Betty Hensel at 651.714.8958 or bjhensel@comcast.net or to Linda Spence at 651.730.9061. If you are a newcomer, you are most welcome!

October: Month of the Rosary—*Celebrate Our Lady of the Rosary*

We all have many petitions to send for help during these trying times. A small group comes to pray the rosary together every Wednesday at 11:15 AM in the church. We would love to have more people join us. Questions? Contact Betty Hensel at 651.714.8958.

— REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS —

NWEA MAP Growth Testing and Individual Learning Plans

A few weeks ago, the students at St. Pascal Regional completed the NWEA MAP Growth tests in reading and math. These tests help teachers know what skills and concepts the students have mastered or what they need more practice in. These tests also help the principal see the progress of a grade level and the entire school. Now that the testing is over, teachers can begin creating something unique to St. Pascal Regional called ILPs or Individual Learning Plans. In these plans, teachers, students, and their families, create goals to make sure that each student is getting the resources, services, and instruction they need to be a successful student. While the MAP tests only test reading and math proficiency, the ILPs go beyond taking into account the other subjects students may be struggling or need enrichment in as well as the social-emotional needs and strengths of each student. This is the third year that ILPs have been utilized to plan for student growth, and every year, these ILPs have been more and more successful in helping students achieve their goals.

Emergency Food Help

Progressive Baptist Church Parking Lot—1505 Burns Avenue, Saint Paul

If you, your family, or neighbors you know need emergency food items, all are welcome to visit the food shelf curbside drive-up every Saturday from 10:30 AM - noon for a variety of nourishing items. No residency or parish membership requirements.

Veterans Day Prayer Service & Ceremonial Dinner

Thursday, November 11 at 5:30 PM in the Church and Brioschi Hall

Prayer Service begins at 5:30 PM and is free to anyone. Dinner is immediately following. Dinner tickets are available for sale after any weekend Mass or in the parish office. Dinner includes salad, main meal, beverage (punch, beer, wine) and dessert.

Dinner: All veterans are free. If you haven't received a voucher in the mail, please see us at the back table and we will get you a ticket.

Non-Veteran tickets cost \$15.00. All are welcome! You do not need to be a veteran or be with a veteran to enjoy this event.

Sponsor Cards: Please consider sponsoring a Veterans meal. We have options for general sponsors as well as options to sponsor in memory of or in honor of someone special. Sponsor Cards cost \$10.00.

Volunteers: We are looking for volunteers for various duties. Please see us at the table or contact Katee Girling at 651.245.3638.

Keynote Speaker: We would like to have a Veteran from our community talk about their service for approximately 15 minutes. Please let us know if this interests you.

Questions? Please contact one of our chairs: Katee Girling at 651.245.3638, Vicky Westenhofer at 651.249.8010 or Jackie Friesen at 651.295.8717.

— FAITH FORMATION —

Confirmation I Registration

Registration for Confirmation Preparation will be opening soon. Our process is open to those in 9th grade and older, with sessions beginning in January 2022. If you would like to receive registration forms or want more information, please contact Kim Roering in the parish office.

Confirmation II Retreat

On Saturday, October 30 our Confirmation II candidates will be participating in a day-long retreat. Please hold them in prayer.

Winter Warmth Clothing Drive

Friday, November 5 from 7:30-9:30 AM

Cerenity Marian Senior Care

200 Earl Street, Saint Paul

Cerenity Marian will be collecting NEW winter clothing items for those in need. Adult items will be donated to Guild—an organization that empowers those living with mental illness and/or experiencing long-term homelessness by helping them find the tools they need to lead stable, fulfilling lives in communities of their choosing. Children's items will be given to American Indian Magnet School. Items accepted include NEW hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, socks, blankets, boots, snow pants, and jackets. Drive up for coffee, hot chocolate, treats, and a dessert sample from Meals on Wheels! Can't make it on November 5? A donation box will be located just inside the main entrance to Cerenity Marian at 200 Earl Street. Donations accepted from October 15 through November 15. *Please do not drop off items at St. Pascal's.*

C O N T A C T U S

Parish Office

Phone 651.774.1585

Email church@stpascals.org

For after-hours pastoral emergency (death, dying or anointing): Call the parish office.

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Mon-Fri 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Holidays as announced

St. Pascal Regional Catholic School

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School Office Hours

Mon-Fri 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Parish Councils

Parish Pastoral Council

Meetings 1st Tuesday at 6:30 PM

Mary Weyandt, Chair

Parish Finance Council

Meetings 4th Thursday at 6:30 PM

Mike Aeling, Chair

Sacramental Information

Reconciliation

Saturday from 4:00-4:25 PM

or contact Fr. John in the parish office

Communal celebrations as announced

Baptism

Pre-baptismal classes are required.

To register for classes or to schedule a celebration, call the parish office.

Marriage

Arrangements must be made with the pastor at least six months in advance of the desired date.

Parish Prayer Line

8:00 - 10:00 AM 651.735.0004

Mary Butler-Levine

4:00 - 6:00 PM 651.774.3248

Pat Kackman

Parish Communication

Bulletin Notices

Due 3:00 PM Monday

thea.munoz@stpascals.org

Mass Announcements

Due 3:00 PM Tuesday

john.mitchell@stpascals.org

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Mass Times & Intentions

Readings

October 24, 2021

Tuesday, October 26

8:00 AM + Fr. Tim Nolan

Wednesday, October 27

8:00 AM + Caleb Herrera Shanley

Thursday, October 28

8:00 AM + Stephen Flottmeyer

11:00 AM The people of the parish

Friday, October 29

8:00 AM + John Sauber

Saturday, October 30

4:30 PM + Edna Mary & William
Quayle

Sunday, October 31

8:45 AM The people of the parish

10:30 AM The people of the parish

Sunday:

Jer 31:7-9

Ps 126:1-6

Heb 5:1-6

Mk 10:46-52

Monday:

Rom 8:12-17

Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7b, 20-21

Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday:

Rom 8:18-25

Ps 126:1b-6

Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday:

Rom 8:26-30

Ps 13:4-6

Lk 13:22-30

Thursday:

Eph 2:19-22

Ps 19:2-5

Lk 6:12-16

Friday:

Rom 9:1-5

Ps 147:12-15, 19-20

Lk 14:1-6

Saturday:

Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29

Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18

Lk 14:1, 7-11

Next Sunday:

Dt 6:2-6

Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51

Heb 7:23-28

Mk 12:28b-34

Heart Questions

Eyes of Faith

Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Mark 10:52

Adults: What have your eyes of faith helped you see in a new way?

Kids: What do you like most about the story of Bartimaeus? Why?

St. Paul Residents

Rent Stabilization up for vote for on November 2, 2021

St. Paul City Council unanimously approved the rent stabilization ballot language that will be put to voters on November 2. If passed, the measure would institute one of the country's most rigorous rent stabilization policies and the state's first.

What is Rent Stabilization?

1. Rents can only increase up to 3% in a year
2. Landlords can apply for exceptions for capital improvements, maintenance, or swings in property taxes
3. Stays in effect even when the tenant changes

Rent stabilization is not rent control or ceiling. Historically BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) renters face the worst rent spikes. BIPOC households saw a cumulative rent increase of 32% over the past two decades, while white households saw a cumulative increase of just 18%.

Developers will continue to factor in rent, inflation, and taxes into how they set their initial rents. By stabilizing rents, people would be more likely to stay in their house or apartment.

The City Council is also allowed to amend the ordinance 12 months after passage if needed. If passed, the rent ordinance would take effect on May 1, 2022.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, October 24

After Masses Fellowship: Brioschi Hall
After Masses Veterans Dinner ticket sales: Gathering Space
11:30am 25th Ordination Celebration for Fr. John: Brioschi Hall

Monday, October 25

6:30pm Synod Small Group: Brioschi Hall
7:00pm Boy Scouts: Staff Lounge

Tuesday, October 26

10:00am Synod Small Group: Brioschi Hall

Wednesday, October 27

11:15am Rosary: Church
6:30pm Choir: Church
6:30pm 1st Reconciliation Parent/Child Meeting: Brioschi Hall
6:30pm Faith Formation: Campus

Thursday, October 28

11:00am Young at Heart Mass & Luncheon: Church, Brioschi Hall
6:30pm All Parish Meeting: Brioschi Hall

Friday, October 29

No scheduled events

Saturday, October 30—We Care Campaign

10:00am Confirmation Retreat: Brioschi Hall
After Mass Veterans Dinner ticket sales: Gathering Space

Sunday, October 31—We Care Campaign

After Masses Veterans Dinner ticket sales: Gathering Space

Monday, November 1—All Saints Day

Not a holy day of obligation in 2021

8:00am Holy Day Mass
7:00pm Boy Scouts: Brioschi Hall

Tuesday, November 2

No scheduled events

Wednesday, November 3

11:15am Rosary: Church
6:30pm Choir: Church
6:30pm RCIA: Founders Room
6:30pm Faith Formation: Campus

Thursday, November 4

6:30pm SJCC: Zoom
7:00pm Men's Club Board: Brioschi Hall

Friday, November 5

No scheduled events

Saturday, November 6—Remembrance Weekend

11:00am Funeral & Lunch (Barbara O'Connor): Church & Hall

Sunday, November 7—Remembrance Weekend

Daylight Saving Time ends—remember to set your clocks one hour forward at bedtime Saturday night.

After Masses Veterans Dinner ticket sales: Gathering Space
11:45am Baptism (Adamson family): Church

Free Stuff

If you do electrical work, plumbing or handyman work, either as your job or on the side, we may have some materials you would be interested in. St. Pascal's is in the process of cleaning out some of its storage space and we have piping, fixtures, wiring, nuts, bolts and screws and some hand tools that are yours for the taking. If you are interested in seeing what is available, please contact Mike Kelleher at mike.kelleher@stpascals.org to set up a time or if you have any questions.

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