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serve in works of mercy.
Like our patron, Saint Paul,
we are eager to spread the Good News
to the ends of the world, to the honor and glory of God.*

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday at 4:30 PM
Sunday at 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM
Monday thru Friday at 12:05 PM

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Monday (excluding holidays and the months of July and August) immediately after the 12:05 PM Mass until Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 6:30 PM.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are usually celebrated on the last Sunday of the month at 12:30 PM. Please call the Parish Office to register. Parents and godparents are required to attend one baptism preparation session prior to the Baptism.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions)

Saturday from 3:45 PM to 4:15 PM or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Wedding arrangements with the parish priest or deacon should be made about one year prior to the intended wedding date.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS

Interested in becoming a priest? Telephone the Diocesan Office of Vocations at (401) 331-1316 or visit www.catholicpriest.com for more information.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK and HOSPITAL VISITS

If you are or someone you know is going to be hospitalized or would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick, please telephone the Parish Office at (401) 461-5734 for assistance.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

Last week I wrote about the Sacrament of Marriage and how important it is. I finished up with a little teaser questions which I'm often asked, "Father, can I get married on the beach?" Let's break that down together. As you know, Marriage is a sacrament, a moment when God directly acts. Jesus was very clear about what is and is not a sacrament. When it comes to the celebration of sacraments, the Church takes these moments very seriously, because we are dealing with the very presence of Jesus Christ.

Two Catholics are obligated to be married in the church in the context of Mass by a priest. (There are special cases and permissions when a Catholic may be married outside of the church). My question is often; Why wouldn't you want to be?? It is consecrated ground. It might be the place where you were baptized, or where you currently worship. The Eucharist is celebrated. There is no beach, hotel ballroom, or Las Vegas chapel that can be decorated to be so sacred as a church at the moment of a wedding Mass. It's important to remember that the parish church isn't just a "venue" to be "booked" for a wedding, but a sacred space to encounter God.

The same goes for the celebrant. It is proper for a priest or deacon to receive the vows of the couple as a representative of the Church. You wouldn't go to a Justice of the Peace or a rent-a-minister for confession, or for the Eucharist, or for the anointing when you are sick. Why would you hire one for your wedding?

All this being said, I want to encourage you. First, to pray for your own marriage and for married people. Secondly, if you need to see me or the deacon about having your marriage blessed in the church, it is easy and quite beautiful! I really enjoy that! Next week I want to discuss what we should do when marriages break down and end in divorce. Are we excommunicated? Are we "less Catholic"? Not in the least.

In Christ,

Fr. Young

Holy Mass This Week ...

Saturday - September 22

4:30 PM Edgar J. Higgins (Memorial)

Sunday - September 23 (Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time)

8:00 AM Joseph D. McCarthy (23rd Anniversary)

9:30 AM Patricia Gaskell (11th Anniversary)

11:30 AM Patricia A. McGee (3rd Anniversary)

Monday - September 24

12:05 PM Patricia Branca (Birthday Memorial)

Tuesday - September 25

12:05 PM The Intention of the Celebrant

Wednesday - September 26 (Sts. Cosmas and Damian)

12:05 PM The Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday - September 27 (St. Vincent de Paul)

12:05 PM The People of Saint Paul Parish

Friday - September 28 (St. Wenceslaus, and

St. Lawrence Ruiz)

12:05 PM Dennis Healy (Birthday Memorial)

Saturday - September 29 (Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael)

4:30 PM Peter Kiernan (14th Anniversary)

Sunday - September 30 (Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:00 AM The Sanna & Cochran Families (Memorial)

9:30 AM Joseph Macera (7th Anniversary)

11:30 AM Octavio Pereira, Jr. (2nd Anniversary)

St. Paul Parish Prayer Chain

Pray for all those on our long-term sick list: Joseph Harris, Norma Harris, Will Oberg, Patricia (Given) Thomas, John (Tony) Napolillo, Jim Rickard, Jude Walsh, Richard Darezzo, Richard Kettle, Mia Walters-Meglio, Joel Kahn, John Vittorio, Emily Woodhouse, Kathleen Rush, Ginny Murphy, Madeline Ursillo, Luigi Montanaro, Mary Cerullo, Chen-Chin Lin, Ritamarie Cimini, Diane Rosa, Melissa Britto, David Miles, Bentley Bryant, Kathleen Horn, Theresa Whaley, Constance Rameaka, Jordan Caskey, Peter Almagno, Angela Salvadore, Kyle Cordeiro, Kathie Cimini, Mary O'Leary, Mary Ellen Perry, Mario Rodriguez, Bob Vermette, Everett Amaral, Albert Willis, Linda Vaillant, Frances Nicholas, Charlie Quinn, Joseph Cabral, Donald Cornett, Margaret Hall, Monica Dalton, Diane Vendetoli-Bisceglia and all those who are sick at home, in hospitals, or living in nursing facilities.

Because of limited space, names on the prayer chain will be removed after 60 days unless the Rectory is notified otherwise. Please notify us if any of these names can be removed now.

School Bus Project



Thank you to all who so generously responded to our request for Back to School Supplies for the children of our school and community as well as the monetary donations for Katie's Kids. What an overwhelming response! Your generous participation will greatly benefit students returning to the classroom. We know how costly it can be to provide the essential supplies. In their names and in the names of their families, many thanks!



“If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” Taking a child, he placed it in the their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me.”

— Mk 9:35b-37a

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass (©2001, 1998, 1970 CCC).

Readings for the Week of September 23, 2018

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16--4:3/
Mk 9:30-37
Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1]/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 [35]/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 [105]/
Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc [1]/Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 [1]/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51
Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Weekly Sacrificial Giving Report

- The collections of September 8 and 9
- ♦ Budget: \$7,230.50 (\$6,122.00 in budget envelopes and \$1,108.50 loose)
- ♦ H.E.L.P (Heat, Electricity, Light, Power): \$25.00
- ♦ Monthly Collection: \$2,065.00
- ♦ Assumption Collection: \$10.00
- ♦ Peter's Pence Collection: \$5.00
- ♦ Votive Candle Offerings: \$234.50

Thank you for your generosity.

Military Prayer List



Please pray for all those currently serving in the Armed Forces

- LTJG Peter Schofield, U.S. Coast Guard
- BM1 Christopher Rantuccio, U.S. Coast Gurard
- SGT Sean Andrade, RI Army National Guard
- AB Ryanna L. Vittorioso, RI Air National Guard
- CAPT Patrick Timothy Drury, U.S. Army
- CAPT Charles Kelly; U.S. Army
- SSG Brian Andrade, U.S. Army
- SGT Matthew Jeff, U.S. Army
- PFC Grant Graham, U.S. Army
- SGT Zachary Maguire, U.S. Army
- PFC Scott Ryan Marcinko, U.S. Army
- PFC Alex Brant, U.S. Army
- LT Matthew Lutynski, D.O., U.S. Navy
- SSGNT Lena Lau, U.S. Air Force
- AMN Sean Drumm, U.S. Air Force
- Major John O'Gorman, U.S. Marine Corps
- PFC Andrew Clermont, U.S. Marine Corps
- PFC Joshua S. Plouffe, U.S. Marine Corps

September Youth Group- Friends, Faith & Fire!



All middle- and high-school students are welcome to participate in our parish Youth Group, which usually meets the last Sunday of every month from 6-8PM in Msgr. Canning Hall. This month we will gather on September 30th for a bonfire! Pizza and s'mores are on the menu, so encourage a young person you know to come join the fun. The best of friendships are formed around the fire!

Next month: Youth Group will take a trip to the Haunted Labyrinth at the Rejoice in Hope Youth Center! Details coming soon...

**Catholic Women's Conference
Saturday, October 6, 2018**

8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Featuring: Kelly Nieto and Danielle Bean

The day begins with Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Tobin and will include inspiring dynamic and encouraging talks, live music, prayer, swag bags, morning coffee an' and lunch. The Women's Conference will be held at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul. For more information and to register, please visit www.discovercatholicfaith.org/womens-conference, or call the Diocesan Office of Faith Formation at 401-278-4646.

Faith Formation News -



Faith Formation Dates

Sunday, 9/23 & 9/30 – Grades 1-5 and Confirmation Prep meet after the 9:30AM Mass until 11:45AM.

Monday, 9/24 & 10/1 – Middle School Faith Formation meets from 6:45-8:00PM in the school auditorium.

Faith Formation classes do not meet on Sunday, October 7th or Monday, October 8th. Enjoy the long weekend! Classes resume as usual the following week.

Life News

Human Life Guild Mass

All are invited to attend this special Mass on Saturday, September 29th at 9:00AM at the Cathedral of Ss. Peter and Paul. A reception and program will follow in the Cathedral Hall. Learn about compassionate understanding of transgenderism and the Catholic perspective. For more information, contact Carol at 421-7833x218.

40 Days for Life...

...kicks off on Sept. 29th with a rosary at Planned Parenthood followed by Mass at the Cathedral. We at St. Paul will participate by pledging to say a rosary for 40 days. Contact Cindy at 941-5054.

Annual Life Chain Sunday...

...will be observed at St. Paul on October 7th from 2PM to 3PM in front of the Church. We will stand in silent, respectful vigil for an end to abortion, euthanasia, and physician-assisted suicide.

Happy Anniversary!



This weekend, two hundred and four couples from all over the diocese attended a special wedding anniversary Mass at the Cathedral celebrated by Bishop Tobin. Congratulations to the four couples from St. Paul's who will be celebrating milestone anniversaries:

- John and Mary O'Connor – 25 Years
- Thomas and Melissa Yakey – 25 Years
- Kevin and Kathleen Mangan – 61 Years
- Ray and Mary Mountain – 64 Years

Attention 8:00AM Mass Goers!

We are in need of a head usher to coordinate the collectors during the Mass. Mr. Ed Horn has faithfully carried out this duty for many years and is looking to "retire". If you are able to assist in this very important task, please see Fr. Young. Thank you!

Help St. Paul School raise CASH by shopping at Stop & Shop!

St. Paul School, ID# 05803, has the opportunity to participate in and earn CASH from A+ School Rewards, a great fundraising program run through your local Stop & Shop. Use your registered Stop & Shop card each time you shop at any Stop & Shop, and you will earn cash for our school!

- 1.) Visit stopandshop.com and select SIGN IN at the top right to log into your online account. Once logged in, select MY ACCOUNT, MANAGE MY ACCOUNT, then REWARDS & SAVINGS to select your school. (You do not need to re-register if your school selection(s) remains the same as last year)
- 2.) If you do not have an account visit stopandshop.com and click REGISTER. Follow the prompts to create your online account and once logged in follow the instructions listed above.
- 3.) You will need your 13-digit Stop & Shop card number and the School ID number listed above. If you need assistance call 1-877-366-2668, Option #1.

At the end of each month, your points are calculated and converted to CASH rewards. St. Paul's will receive one CASH rewards check at the end of the program and can use this cash for any of our educational needs. This year's A+ Program runs from September 7, 2018 through March 16, 2019.

Thank you for your support!



Alpha begins this Thursday!



All are welcome to the introductory evening this Thursday at 6:30PM. It's Mexican night! Tacos/taco salad and rice and beans will be served, and the title of the first video is "Is there more to life than this?" Postcard invitations are available at all the entrances to the church. Feel free to take several and invite people wherever you go: the server at your favorite restaurant, the lady at the cleaners, the teller at your bank, and all of your friends and family. There's no cost, no commitment and no pressure, but there is good food, great company and wonderful conversation. Parents take note – childcare is available, so come and enjoy a night out! If you have any questions or if you are planning to attend this Thursday evening, please sign up in the vestibule or contact Julie Bradley at 941-5576 or faithform@saintpaulcranston.org. Drop-ins will be warmly welcomed, but RSVP's are very helpful for planning purposes.

Supporting the Alpha program

Thank you very much to everyone who has already made a donation of any kind to help get our fifth Alpha series get up and running. If you still have items to return, the collection bins will remain in the church through next weekend. We are expecting this to be our largest Alpha yet, so every item and every penny is enormously helpful. Thanks, too, to the bakers who have signed up to provide a dessert for a night or two. You will receive a phone call reminder at the beginning of the week when it's your turn to bake.

America may run on Dunkin, but Alpha runs on prayer! Please pray the Alpha prayer this week and throughout our Alpha series, which runs through December 13th.

Alpha Prayer

Heavenly Father we are about to embark on the Alpha Program in which we will invite people to develop a closer relationship with you. We know that many obstacles will be placed in our way, but we must follow the words of your Son, Jesus, who told us to go out and preach to all nations as well as going after the lost sheep. And so we ask you to watch over our Pastor, Father Young, and the team who will run this program. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon those who will participate; to open their hearts, their minds and souls, and be moved to draw closer to you. We ask all of this in your Son's name, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

Saint Paul, our parish patron, pray for us.



The Week Ahead!

Thursday, September 27

- Alpha begins at 6:30 PM in Canning Hall

Sunday, September 30

-Youth Group will meet from 6-8PM in Canning Hall

Pray for Priests

O Jesus, our great High Priest, Hear my humble prayers on behalf of your priest, Father [N]. Give him a deep faith, a bright and firm hope and a burning love which will ever increase in the course of his priestly life.

In his loneliness, comfort him in his sorrows, strengthen him In his frustrations, point out to him that it is through suffering that the soul is purified, and show him that he is needed by the Church, he is needed by souls, he is needed for the work of redemption.

O loving Mother Mary, Mother of Priests, take to your heart your son who is close to you because of his priestly ordination, and because of the power which he has received to carry on the work of Christ in a world which needs him so much.

Be his comfort, be his joy, be his strength, and especially help him to live and to defend the ideals of consecrated celibacy.

Amen.

This week please pray for:

*Fr. Donald Bouressa
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