

# St. Paul Parish Newsletter

## March 2013



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### Parish News

Our Annual Parish Meeting was held on Sunday, February 10th. There were 75 parish members who attended the meeting. Officers, Board of Directors, Auditors and Tribunal positions were voted on. A letter of approval has been received from our Diocesan Bishop. Your Parish Committee for the year 2013 are as follows:

**Chairman:**

Gail Lazenby

**Vice-Chairman:**

Diane Hollinsworth

**Treasurer:**

Bob Canfield

**Financial Secretary:**

Debbie Niznik

**Recording Secretary:**

Gary Hollinsworth

**Board of Directors:**

Lydia Kowalski Cane

John Rykaczewski

Charley Stoykovich

**Tribunal (2 year term):**

Travis Thorpe

**Auditors:** Angelo Pierrro,  
Susan Hilt, Barney Madden

### Stations of the Cross



Stations of the Cross will be at 10:00am on the following Friday dates:

March 1st, 8th, 15th

March 22nd 10:00am and 6:00pm

### Cleric Angelo to be Elevated

On Saturday, March 9th, our beloved bishop, The Rt. Rev. Stanley Bilinski, Jr. will elevate Cleric Angelo to the order of Deacon in our Holy Church. The Mass of Ordination will begin at 10:00 am here at St. Paul's, followed by a reception luncheon at Pasta Faire Restaurant in Bellevue. We hope you are able to attend this Mass, as Cleric Angelo has been prepared in his formation to become "Deacon Angelo." It's an incredible honor to have the bishop here with us, once again, but due to the bishop's schedule, he will not be able to stay for the regular scheduled Saturday and Sunday Masses. He will have to depart at noon, in order to catch his flight, so please consider attending your weekend Mass on Saturday morning in support of Cleric Angelo, our bishop and our beloved church.

### Holy Week Schedule



March 24th

10:00am

**Maundy Thursday:**

March 28th



**Good Friday Pre-Sanctified Service**

March 29th

10:00am



**Holy Saturday Service:**

March 30th 10:00am

Blessing of Easter Baskets & Breads

**Easter Vigil Mass: 4:00pm**



**Easter Sunday:**

March 31st

10:00am

**Resurrection Mass**

## Spaghetti Dinners



Come and bring your friends to our weekly all you can eat spaghetti dinners on Fridays 4:00-7:00pm. Dinners include salad, roll & butter and your choice of a free beverage, either coffee, iced tea or lemonade. Adults are just \$5.00 and Children 12yrs and younger are FREE. There are also homemade desserts from our Ladies ANS Society for only \$1.00 each. If you are bringing a large group, please contact Bob Canfield at 352-433-8654 and let him know how many in your party and what time you will arrive, and he will reserve your table(s) for you.

## YMS of R Men's Group

The next YMS of R meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 6th at 9:00am at Cal's Restaurant in Belleview. All men from the parish are encouraged to attend. If you are new to the parish, this is a good opportunity for you to meet some of the men of our parish.



## St. Paul Choir

We have a fantastic, spirited choir here at St. Paul's, under the direction of Charley Stoykovich. We are still looking for singers for our Saturday Mass. Anyone interested in joining the choir can meet here at the church on Tuesdays at 6:00pm for practice.



## Ladies Adoration Society

All praise and glory to God and we thank Him for our great success.

Our annual retreat, January 31st thru February 2nd, was on of the best yet as we all gathered together as sisters in great camaraderie and prayer at the Lake Yale Conference Center in Lessburg to honor our Lord. The dates for next year's Retreat 2014 are February 5th, 6th and 7th. It is open to all the ladies of the parish.

We broke all records with our Victorian Tea. It was a wonderful success and a good time was had by all. We are already working on a date for next year.



Easter Bread: We will again have this beautiful delicious bread, with a braided cross and colorful hard-boiled egg in the middle, lovingly baked by Pete Tokas of Tierra Del Sol Restaurant in The Villages. This "Cross" bread represents the instrument of our salvation and will be blessed by Father Mark on Holy Saturday.



Easter Butter Lambs: This Butter Lamb represents Christ resurrected and is a Polish Easter tradition. These Lambs are beautifully boxed for gift giving.

Tickets for both items will go on sale March 10th and they can be picked up on Holy Saturday in the social hall after the Blessing of Easter Baskets and Bread.

Easter Bread \$6.00 each and Butter Lambs \$6.00 each of both for \$10.00.

Our next meeting will be on March 17th following the 10:00am Mass in church.

I wish you all God's choicest blessings during this Lenten Season.

In His Service,

*Dori Canfield, ANS President*

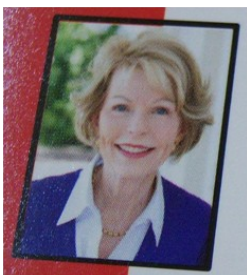
### ANS Retreat Jan. 31 - Feb 2nd



Guest speaker  
Tricia Bennett from  
Polly's Pantry Tearoom



### ANS Victorian Tea Feb. 16th



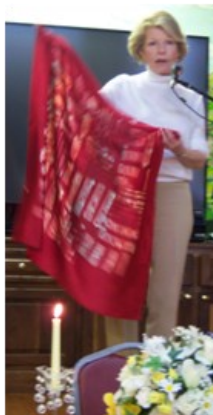
Guest Speaker  
Clare Spiegel



*Victorian Tea Luncheon*  
Saturday High Noon to 3:00  
February 16, 2013  
Donation - \$10  
Benefit of  
St. Paul Parish Adoration Society



Quiche with Spinach Salad



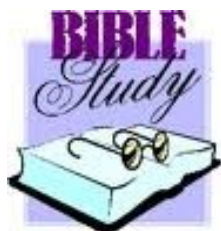
Debie Ball preparing the Quiche for the oven and Valda Niznik putting the finishing touches on the Spinach Salads





We welcome our new members of our church family who have joined in the month of January.

Charlotte Stoykovich  
Ray Dwyer  
Joseph & Helen Berdechowski  
Lena Botor  
Will & Sue Nordman



Father Mark is conducting bible class on Thursdays, 10:00am at Church On The Square in The Villages. This ongoing class is for everyone interested in finding out more about their faith. Father Mark brings us many pearls of Scripture each week and whether you are a first time bible reader or an astute learned scriptural connoisseur, there's something special in the Word of God for everyone. You are encouraged to bring a friend.

## Backpack Program



This is another of our school support programs that we are helping out with. Teachers distribute care packages to families in need. **Sample size** personal care products are most appropriate. There are plastic bins in the back of the church to drop off these supplies.



## Birthdays

- 1st** Donna Custer  
Debbie Emmerson  
Mary Ann Marchewka
- 2nd** Hank Charpentier  
Lucy Dowling
- 3rd** Fran Chadwick
- 4th** Alex Yackowski
- 6th** Joanne Q. Doran
- 7th** Ed Ball
- 8th** Jim Hamuka
- 11th** Marie Brown-Hurley
- 19th** Rosalee Stein
- 21st** Diane Booth
- 24th** Jim Long
- 25th** Mary Ann Cafaro  
John DalNegro
- 26th** John Turan

### Daylight Savings



Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour on March 10th.



## Anniversaries

- 5th** John & Mercy Turan
- 8th** Bob & Emily Maciok
- 10th** Ed & Debie Ball
- 29th** Ken & Caroline Hoffmann
- 31st** Jack & Donna Ross

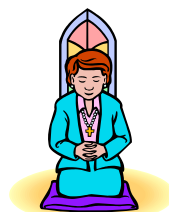
\* Members, if your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please inform Debbie Niznik.

## Easter Flowers



For the month of March, please use your envelope for "**Easter Flower Fund**". This offering will be used for the Easter Lillies that will be in the church on Easter Sunday.

## Womens Prayer Group



The Ladies Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday, March 6th and 20th.

Rosary at 3:00pm

Prayer Group at 3:30pm.

All the ladies of the parish are welcome.

## Easter Luncheon



On March 31st, following the 10:00am Easter Sunday Mass, we will have a traditional Polish Easter lunch in our social hall. Tickets for the luncheon are \$15.00 per person and will be available for purchase starting on Saturday, March 2nd. Seating is limited, so make sure to get your tickets early. Pasta Faire will be catering the event, so you know it will be wonderful. Please see Debbie Niznik for your tickets.

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## Vice-Chairman Retires



On Sunday, February 17th, Father Mark presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Vice-Chairman, Ron Pereyo for his years of service on the parish committee from 2006 - 2012.

## Words for Thought

*All the things in this world  
are gifts and signs of God's love  
to us. The whole world is a  
love letter from God.*

Peter Kreeft

## Girl Scouts



Girl Scouts Isabelle McCoy and Mena Segura (members of our Youth Group) would like to thank everyone here at St. Paul's that supported their Girl Scout Cookie booth outside of the church for the last 2 weekends. There was a total of 162 boxes of cookies that were purchased.

## Sunday Coupon Flyers

Debbie Niznik wants to thank all of you for bringing in your Sunday coupon flyers each week. At the annual parish meeting on February 10th she showed everyone the 199 free items that she was able to obtain for the Backpack Program.

This will be an ongoing project for Debbie.



Our next **Backpack Scramble** will be held at the Hacienda Hills Golf and Country Club in The Villages, on Thursday, May 2, 2013. There will be a lunch and dinner banquet. Shotgun start will be at 2:00pm. Details are on the flyers in the social hall. You won't want to miss the amazing prize opportunities at this tournament. Please contact Susan Hilt ASAP for your reservation: 352-307-2129. Please do not email Debbie Niznik as she is not involved with any of the scheduling for the golf tournaments. Please contact Susan Hilt with any questions you may have. This next tournament is going to be beyond incredible!!!! Check out the flyer!!!



## ITEMS TO BE BROUGHT IN AN EASTER BASKET FOR HOLY SATURDAY

(Candies and toys are also acceptable):



- **EGGS** - Brightly decorated eggs are a symbol of the New Life that is ours in Christ. Eggs are a sign of hope and resurrection. Jesus comes forth from the tomb as the chick breaks the shell at birth. Because of the special meaning, it is fitting that the eggs to be blessed be decorated with symbols of Easter, Alleluia, etc...
  - **PASCHA** - The Easter Bread - A sweet, yeast bread rich in eggs, butter, etc... Symbolic of Christ Himself who is our True Bread. Usually a round loaf baked with a golden crust decorated with a symbol indicative of Christ. Sometimes a cross (+) of dough is placed on top encircled by a plate, giving it a crowned effect or Greek abbreviations for the name of Christ. The letters XB indicate the Polish for Christ is Risen.
  - **KIELBASA** - A spicy or mild, garlic sausage of pork products, indicative of God's favor and generosity. Sausage is an ethnic addition to enhance the celebration; its links remind us of the chains of death which were broken when Jesus arose.
  - **BACON** - A piece of uncooked bacon cured with spices. Symbolic of the overabundance of God's mercy to us.
  - **HAM** - Ham celebrates the freedom of the New Law which came into effect through Jesus' resurrection, in distinction to the Old Law which forbade certain meats. This fresh meat is popular with the Polish as a main dish because of its richness and it is symbolic of the great joy and abundance of Easter. Some may prefer Lamb or Veal. This is usually well roasted or cooked as well as other meats so that the festivity of the day will not be burdened with preparation and all may enjoy the feast!
  - **CHEESE** - A custard-type cheese shaped into a ball having a rather bland but sweet taste indicative of the moderation of Christianity. Also, creamed cheese is placed in a small dish and both are decorated with symbols made out of cloves of pepper balls.
  - **HORSERADISH** - Represents the bitter herbs prescribed in the original Passover meal as a reminder of the bitterness and harshness of life in Egypt. It reminds us of the bitterness and suffering of Christ which culminated in the Resurrection.
  - **SALT** - Reminds us to flavor our dealings with others by the example of Christ.
  - **LAMB SHAPED BUTTER** - This favorite dairy product is shaped into a figure of a Lamb. The lamb is the ancient Passover food by whose blood the Israelites were saved. Jesus is our Paschal (Passover) Lamb by whose blood we are saved. It also reminds us of the goodness of Christ that we should have toward all things.
  - **WINE** - Wine is the drink of the Passover meal and the Last supper. Its sparkle reminds us of the glory of Easter. Wine gladdens our hearts and helps us enter into the joy of the Resurrection.
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