

St. Paul Parish Newsletter

March 2017



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Annual Meeting

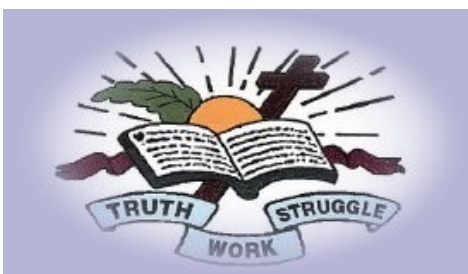


Our Annual Parish meeting will be held on Sunday, March 19th inside of the church following the 11:00am Mass. We will be voting for the following offices of the Parish Committee:

Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Recording Secretary, 3 Board of Directors, 3 Auditors and 1 Tribunal person.

Requirements are that you have been a member of the church for 1 year and have met your financial obligations. Anyone that is interested in one of these positions, please see Cleric Angelo Pierro, Nominating Committee Chairperson, so your name may be added to the voting ballot.

Please mark your calendars for this important meeting. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting. Remember, as a member of this church, you have a voice and a vote at this meeting.



The season of Lent begins on March 1st, Ash Wednesday. There will be one Mass with the distribution of ashes at 10:00am. At 7:00pm there will just be the distribution of ashes.



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

March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st
April 7th at 7:30pm



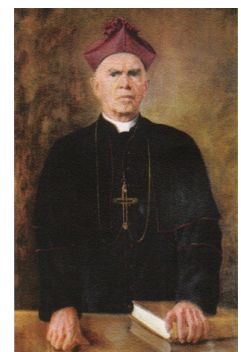
Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour on March 12th.

Institution of the PNCC

Each year, the second Sunday in March is designated for the Institution of the Polish National Catholic Church. Below are some facts of our organizer, Bishop Francis Hodur.

Bishop Hodur was devoted to Christianity, and believed that Christ's ideals should be lived by everyone. He sought to promote the human dignity of the Polish people.

For more information on Bishop Hodur and the PNCC, please go to the website: pncc.org



Thank You

Deacon Angelo Pierro, Father Mark & Valda Niznik, Debbie Niznik and Donna Sittard would like to thank everyone for all your prayers, cards, flowers and generous donations to the *Clean Kids Back Pack Program* in memory of *Jean Pierro*. Also, they would like to thank all that helped out in any way with the repast luncheon that was in honor of Jean. She will surely be missed by everyone.



YMS of R Men's Group

The next YMS of R meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 15th 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 and Sunday Masses. Anyone interested in joining the choir can meet here at the church on Tuesdays at 6:00pm for practice.



Ladies Adoration Society

Our Adoration Society annual retreat was held January 12th, 13th and 14th at the beautiful Lake Yale Conference Center in Leesburg, Florida. We were so honored to have our Prime Bishop, Anthony Mikovsky, attend as our keynote speaker. During the 3 days we came to know him well and he became a friend to all of us. He really enjoyed his time with us and is thinking about returning next year - hopefully he will.

Our guest was Christian speaker, Gaye Martin. Gaye spoke about her childhood and growing up and kept us laughing most of the afternoon. She was a delight and charmed us all. Gaye will be our guest speaker at Retreat 2018. I say this every year, but I do believe this was the best one yet...

Mark your calendars for Retreat 2018, next January 25th, 26th and 27th.

Thank you, Dear Lord, for our great success.

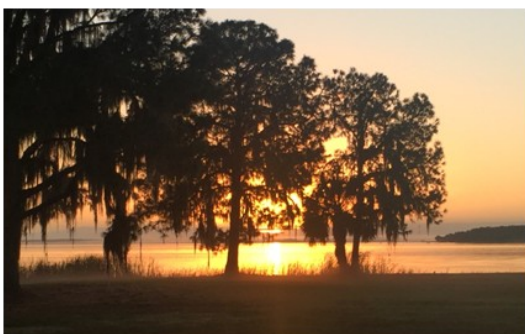
In His service,

Dori Canfield

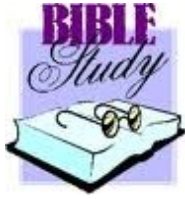
ANS President



Prime Bishop
Anthony Mikovsky



Sunrise at Lake Yale Conference Center



Father Mark's bible study class meet at 10:00am here at St. Paul's social hall. 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.

Golf League



Our church golf league meets each Tuesday of every month at 8:30am at Spruce Creek Del Webb in Summerfield. Golfers are paired into groups of 4 players in scramble format. If any men or women are interested in joining our fun league, please contact Susan Hilt at 352-307-2129. Bring your friends. All are welcome. Sign up sheets will be posted in the social hall.



Birthdays

- 1st** Donna Custer
Debbie Emmerson
Carol O'Donnell
- 2nd** Lucy Dowling
- 3rd** Fran Chadwick
- 4th** Joseph Berdechowski
- 5th** Grace DelleFave
- 6th** Joanne Q. Doran
- 7th** Ed Ball
- 9th** Eileen Davis
- 11th** Marie Brown-Hurley
- 18th** Josie Runnels
John Junker
- 19th** Rosalee Stein
- 20th** Nancy Kirschenbaum
- 21st** Diane Duguay
- 22nd** Jack Doblosky
Sue Wiehn
- 23rd** Helen Marie Lee
- 24th** Jim Long
- 25th** John DalNegro
- 29th** Meghan Cimini



Backpack Program

Our mainstay charitable program provides local homeless school children with personal care/hygiene items all year round. Please drop off items anytime on the rectory porch or at church on Sundays in the bins at the back of the church.



Anniversaries

- 8th** Bob & Emily Maciok
- 10th** Ed & Debie Ball
- 12th** Helen Marie Lee & Mark Statler
- 14th** Will & Sue Nordman
- 29th** Ken & Caroline Hoffmann

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

Special Offering Envelopes

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.



2017 Offering Envelopes



For those members: who have not yet picked up their 2017 offering envelopes, please see Membership Chairman, Debbie Niznik

Spaghetti Dinners



Come and bring your friends to our weekly all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinners on Fridays from 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 \$6.00 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 352-454-8673. Please let him know how many are in your party and what time you will arrive, and he will reserve your table(s) for you.

Words for Thought

O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me You both precede and follow me, and place your hand of blessing on my head.

Psalm 139:1,5 TLB

Finding Peace in the Face of Loss Support Group

Loss is never easy and somehow the effects of losses are more keenly apparent throughout the holiday season. Loss has many faces - the passing of a loved one, the loved one who is still present but incapacitated through trauma or disease, personal changes in your own ability to participate in life as you once did due to illness or other circumstances, and loss of family or loved one's presence due to moving, imprisonment, or addictions. It is also present in the feeling of helplessness with the loss of employment and the subsequent impact and anxiety of the financial stresses that ensue. These are just a few of the circumstances in life that leaves us struggling to find the peace and strength to move forward.

In response to folks desiring better understanding and to help foster a more peaceful spirit, Father Mark has approved the establishment of a support group here at St. Paul's. The next meeting for the *Finding Peace in the Face of Loss Support Group* will meet inside the social hall on Saturday, March 4th following the 10:00am Anointing of the Sick & Intentions for Departed Mass.

Sunday Breakfast Buffet



Come join our Sunday morning Breakfast Buffet in our social hall from 9am to 1pm. Enjoy a spectacular all-you-can-eat buffet filled with lots of different breakfast items to select. Pancakes will be made to order at the kitchen window and the buffet includes: French toast, farm fresh scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, corned beef hash, home fries, fresh fruit, bagels & cream cheese, cereals, along with Complimentary coffee, milk and iced tea. All for only \$10! Children 9 & under are only \$5! Now, here's the other really cool part: If you are a customer at our Friday night spaghetti dinner, you will receive a \$2 discount coupon to that Sunday's Breakfast Buffet!