

# St. Paul Parish Newsletter

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## From the Desk of Father Mark

Greetings and Salutations Children of God! May Jesus be praised always and forever more!

I want to thank each of you who have been striving to support our beloved parish throughout all this time we have been utilizing strict protocol during the COVID pandemic. On behalf of Valda and my sister Debbie and my other sister Donna, we have appreciated your love and prayers for our family members who contracted and died from this horrible virus. In December of 2020, we lost Deacon Angelo Pierro who was my stepdad. In the middle of January, we lost some family members. And our family continues our prayers for all of you who face your own continued challenges.

These deaths and the continued illness rates along with a few folks from our own church family that have contracted the virus have given me confidence in that I have and continue to make the right decision about the limited access to the reception of the Holy Eucharist on Sundays from 9am – 12noon.

With safety protocols still in full effect, I have decided to additionally proceed with the imposition of ashes on **Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021 from 1:00pm – 2:00pm, and from 6:00pm-6:30pm.** Please make sure your hands have been sanitized and you wear a mask over your mouth (and nose please), prior to entering the church. Come up the center aisle, lift your hair up off your forehead (a few of you might be able to skip that step, LOL), receive the sign of the cross in ash upon your forehead and exit the church by walking to your left, leaving a donation and head down that side aisle and out the church without touching anything with your hands the entire time. Please follow these instructions as they are paramount to everyone's well-being.

So, the season of Great Lent will be upon us shortly and it seems that we already have plenty to pray for in our day to day existence. What I'm hoping, is that we recognize how fragile our earthly lives really are and that we contemplate our mortality with a viewpoint of the absolute significance of building the kingdom of heaven here, one soul at a time, for the return of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. In a recent sermon, I spoke of how it takes a death of a loved one to bring a refocus on what's truly important in life and we have certainly been suffering through that realization time and time again. The idea of God just keeps making more and more sense. So, if this is the case, then it should be even easier for us to repent over where we missed the mark in our lives as we seek God's forgiveness and the grace that flows from it. This will be a season to remember the Blood of the Cross has acquitted you and covers you now in salvation. As Jesus began His ministry with two direct commands, we would be so very wise to follow them – "repent and believe." If this is our path, then our journey's destination is in Christ, and once reached by His outreached hands, the celebration of His Resurrection on Easter Sunday has the potential of being the most remarkable and joyous celebration of your entire life this year! Yes, Jesus' resurrection is that amazing, but it can only be shared through our repentance and belief. So, please contemplate this sacrifice that Jesus has made for you out of His love and desire for you. Let Him hold you close, protecting and securing your soul for the most amazing life to come in eternity to which you will be raised to one day, when the Father makes that call and sends His Son back to us one more time to collect us into that reward that is beyond measure. In His name, Amen.

## Spaghetti Dinners



Our Friday Night Spaghetti Dinners are now cancelled until further notice.



## Ladies Adoration Society

### Prayer Blankets



A heartfelt thank you to the ladies of St. Paul's who quietly take the time to knit or crochet the most beautiful Prayer Blankets. Each one is blessed and then given to offer comfort and support to those in need. To date we have given over 100 blankets from Belleview to Orlando, Tampa, Chicago, Wisconsin, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, and New Jersey to name a few. I wish you God's choicest blessings.

*Dori Canfield,  
Prayer Blanket Coordinator*

## YMS of R Men's Group

YMS of R meetings are cancelled until further notice.



## St. Paul Choir

Choir practice has been cancelled until further notice..



For God  
SO LOVED THE WORLD  
THAT HE GAVE HIS  
ONLY  
BEGOTTEN  
SON SO  
THAT WHOEVER  
BELIEVES  
IN HIM SHALL  
HAVE EVERLASTING  
Life  
John 3:16





Father Mark's bible study class has been cancelled until further notice.

### Golf League



Our church golf league has been cancelled until further notice.



### Birthdays

- 1st Shawn Doome  
Kathy Elstad
- 2nd Bernice Karson
- 4th Robert Casavant  
Pat Mason
- 5th Sandy Walver
- 6th Ann Murray
- 7th Marilyn Clark  
Christine Kurlapski
- 9th Sheila DeFoe
- 10th Stan Kustron  
Kathy Stupak-Thrall
- 12th Charley Stoykovich
- 14th Don Klein  
Gerry Zippilli
- 17th Irene Torresin
- 18th Frank Stucynski  
Dominick Suarez
- 26th Ray Murphy



### Anniversaries

- 14th Bob & Dori Canfield  
Al & Donna Servidio
- 16th Harry & Deb Moebis

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

### Special Offering Envelopes



The month of January was designated for the **Music Scholarship Fund**. Parish members are encouraged to donate to this fund. If you are not a member and would like to donate to this fund, please use a Love Offering envelope that are in the front of the church and mark it "**Music Scholarship Fund**." This fund is used for giving scholarships to PNCC members who pursue music education.

### Words for Thought

*An infinite God can give all of Himself to each of His children. He does not distribute Himself that each may have a part, but to each one He gives all of Himself as fully as of there were no others.*

**A. W. Tozer**



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