

St. Paul Parish Newsletter

January 2023



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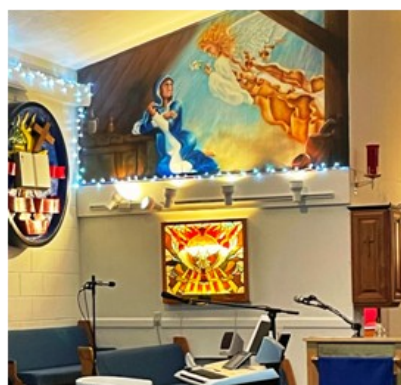


Membership Drive

It's that time again for our annual membership drive for 2023. Now is a great time to join the church if you have been a visitor and feel like this is your church home. Please see Debbie Niznik after each Mass and she will handle your membership. If you are a new member or already a member of St. Paul Parish, Diocesan and General membership dues for the year **2023** are **\$125.00** per person or **\$250.00** for a couple or family. (\$25.00 for Diocesan dues and \$100.00 for General dues) Please remember that these dues do not stay with the parish and are submitted to the diocese. There is a special offering envelope for your 2023 membership. Please make your check payable to: **St. Paul Parish**. On the memo line of your check write: **2023 Membership**. By being a member of St. Paul Parish, you will have a voice and vote. Let's strive to make this our most successful year ever! Members, if you have not yet picked up your 2023 offering envelopes you can find them inside of the social on the information table.



Christmas Concert December 13, 2022





Dine with us from 4 - 7pm each Friday for an outrageously great New England Style fish dinner. For those of you that prefer, you can substitute chicken for your fish. Coffee, Tea (Sweet and Unsweet) and Lemonade are complimentary and the best part is no tax, no tipping. If you are interested in volunteering on occasion, please see Bob Canfield and he will schedule you and help you select duties for the Fridays you participate. You are appreciated! The donation is \$15 per dinner and if you want one of our famous amazing ANS desserts, they are only \$2!

YMS of R Men's Group

The next YMS of R meeting will be Thursday, January 19th at 12:00 noon in the social hall following the bible study class at 11:00am and lunch afterwards at Pasta Faire. All gentlemen of the parish are invited and encouraged to join us in fellowship. If your are new to the parish, this is a good opportunity for you to meet some of the men of our parish.



St. Paul Choir

Choir practice has been cancelled until further notice.

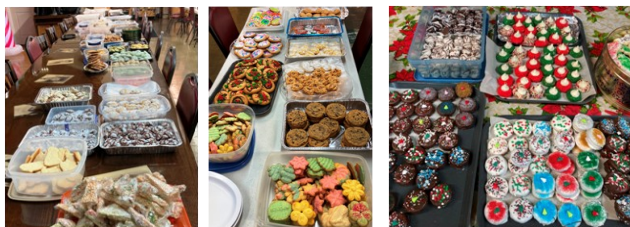


Ladies Adoration Society

The Ladies Adoration Society want to thank everyone that baked cookies for their Christmas Cookie Tray Raffle. It was a huge success! After spending many hours baking dozens of delicious cookies, we all gathered in the social hall in great fellowship as we filled the beautiful trays. There were 24 winners. Pictures below.



COOKIES



AND MORE COOKIES



ANS Church Cleaning Crew out for dinner and to see the Christmas Lights on the Square in Ocala.





Father Mark's bible study class meets every Thursday morning at 11:00am 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.



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 front of the church.



Birthdays

- 1st** Rita Ferraro
2nd Jan Nowak
 Ron Thompson
5th Gerri Gagliano
7th Barney Madden
9th Denise Kafer
13th Tom DeFoe
14th Sandy Harris
17th James Kurlapski
 Susan Varela
20th Deb Moebs
21st Mary Jeffery
22nd Bernie Schaler
24th Cindy Wozniak
26th Richard Wdowiak
29th Kevin Sarnowski



Anniversaries

- 26th** Bob & Vera Pitel

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

Special Offering Envelopes



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

Words for Thought

*Life is so full of meaning
 and purpose, so full of beauty,
 beneath its covering,
 that you will find the earth
 but cloaks your heaven.*



Fra Giovanni

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YMS of R MEN'S RETREAT

The first ever Young Men's Society of Resurrection will be held on March 16-17-18, 2023 at The Retreat at Silver Springs in Ocala, just 13 miles from St. Paul. This is a full-service retreat facility run by The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The pictures to the left show the entry to the Retreat Center, the dining hall, one of the conference rooms, and one of the lounge areas. The Retreat also has sleeping quarters, an outdoor worship area, and a fire pit for outdoor relaxation and camaraderie. The cost will be approximately \$160 for the three-day event.

We will start off on Thursday, March 16th at 11:00am at the St. Paul Bible study with Father Mark. Following that, the group will go to lunch at Pasta Faire. We then proceed to Silver Springs and check in. This will allow a little down time. Dinner will be at the Retreat in the dining hall. Following dinner, the first session will be held in one of the conference/classrooms. Relaxation and socializing will follow.

Friday morning starts with breakfast, followed by a Holy Mass conducted by Father Mark and Deacon Gail. A shortened session (#2) will follow before lunch. Sessions #3 and #4 will be held Friday afternoon followed by dinner. The day ends with social time around the fire pit (weather permitting).

Saturday kicks off with breakfast in the dining room. From there we will have a final session that will last till about 11:30am. The retreat will be concluded with prayers. The retreat ends at 12 noon.

Father Mark and Deacon Gail will be working on the program for the sessions. Suggestions are welcome.

While this is a YMS of R event, any male member of St. Paul in not only welcome but encouraged to join us. This will be a special event that will help solidify your faith in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. If interested, please see Deacon Gail.