

St. Paul Parish Newsletter

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Parish News

To: The Faithful of St Paul Parish

Praised be Our Lord Jesus Christ!

Dear Friends,

As I write this to you I am filled with myriad emotions. For nearly nine years Carol and I have been members of this Spiritual Oasis of St Paul's. My ministries of both Deacon and Priest have been spiritually rewarding in service the faithful. During my tenure I have come to know many of you on a personal basis sharing intimately in our faith. We have laughed, cried, joked and celebrated each other, keeping God first and foremost in our lives.

Every book, every story has a beginning and ending made up of chapters and passages. These stories are often reflections of our lives. And now, in our faith journey, it is time for Carol and I to close one chapter and begin another. We are headed back to our beginnings in Pennsylvania as I am truly compelled to assist my family as a caregiver to my mom. On the front side of time, Carol and I will get to experience our new grandson Conor growing up.

Carol and I are looking forward to seeing everyone soon as we are planning trips back to Florida to visit with our other daughter, Jen who resides only a couple of hours away. Jen is also a member of our parish.

I give thanks to Almighty God for leading us to St. Paul Parish. I thank our dear pastor and friend, Father Mark for his leadership and guidance, to Valda for her ongoing hospitality and friendship, to our deacons for their brotherly love and assistance, to our Lectors who proclaim the Word of God, to the parish committee for assisting Father Mark in the development of the parish, to Gnarley Charley and our entire music ensemble, to our beloved altar servers and Adoration Society that hold the symbolic light of Christ during the Mass, to the steadfast YMS of R, to our greeters, ushers and all our volunteers that work together as the body of Christ, to our builders, church maintainers and our donors, our unending gratitude for your generosity. And to all those who found St. Paul Parish before finding their eternal citizenship, our prayers of hope through the assurance of Christ remain.

I will continue to serve Our Holy Mother the Church in the Central Diocese as a reserve priest under the Bishop of that Diocese. We will take a piece of all of you with us. May Christ Our Lord bestow His Choicest Blessings upon all of you and may He shower you with His abundant goodness.

In His humble service, we remain,

Father Tom and Carol





Father Tom Basta's last Mass on June 17, 2018. Pictured are Deacon Gail Lazenby, Father Tom and Deacon Angelo Pierro before the Mass began.

YMS of R Men's Group

The YMS of R Men's Group will be taking a summer break until the fall and will resume at that time.



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 4:00pm for practice.



Memories through the years with Father Tom Basta



Easter 2010 He was Deacon Tom .



Confirmation Class of 2011



11-10-12 Ordination to the Priesthood

WE
LOVE
YOU
FATHER
TOM



ANS Retreat 2013



ANS Retreat 2014



Blessing of the Animals 2015



Confirmation Class of 2016

Holy Saturday 2017



June 17, 2018
Father Tom at St. Paul Parish Good-bye Mass



Father Mark's bible study class meets every Thursday morning 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** Al Servidio
- 3rd** Cathy Bluemling
Clyde Caiazza
- 6th** Merlin Decuir
Joann Mathias
Dotty Smith
- 8th** Marie Aneiro
Marlene Irwin
- 9th** Bob Canfield
Marge Cappelli
- 10th** Janet Casavant
- 11th** George Meidhof
- 14th** Bernie Kress
Gail Zippilli
- 15th** Vi Michalek
Jim Runnels
- 16th** Bettina Smith
- 17th** Anastasia DeSantis
Barbara Stanton
- 19th** Diana Tatum
- 24th** Ellen Kustron
- 26th** John McGuire
- 28th** Kim McClearn
Jen Platt
- 31st** Tom Bluemling



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

- 2nd** Barry & Rosalee Stein
- 13th** John & Gerri Gagliano
- 30th** Terry & Helen Grimes

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



*Congratulations to
Father Mark
on his 18th year
Anniversary here at
St. Paul Parish*



Happy 4th of July!

Special Offering Envelopes

The month of June was designated for the *Clergy Pension Fund*. Parish members can still donate to this fund by using your Clergy Pension Fund envelope. Also, 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 "*Clergy Pension Fund*".

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

A living, loving God can and does make His presence felt, can and does speak to us in the silence of our hearts, can and does warm and caress us till we no longer doubt that He is near, that He is here.

Brennan Manning

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!



Our Friday Night Spaghetti Dinner and Sunday Breakfast Buffet has been a huge success and now we are in need of more volunteers. If this is something that you can help us out with, please see or contact Father Mark or Bob Canfield 352-454-8673 Even if you can only volunteer once a month it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!!

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