

St. Paul Parish Newsletter

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Masses: Cancelled until
further notice
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From the Desk of Father Mark:

All glory to the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world.
My dear children in Christ,

This day finds us in an even more precarious pandemic than originally thought, as we are seeing tremendous positive testing numbers in Florida. At the moment, they seem to manifest mostly in the southern part of the state, but our area has seen an uptick in COVID-19 cases also. There is a silly notion that the numbers are going up, because there is more testing – as if there would be less people with the virus, if we just stopped testing. The numbers are going up, because MORE people are contracting the virus.

I have tried to be responsible in my efforts in keeping our parish family safe. Originally, I looked at possible re-open date in August. Now, precaution dictates I move the potential open date to September. As you know, in order to serve our membership, we have embraced a first rate video production of the Mass and I have been introducing video daily prayers on my Facebook and Instagram and TikTok pages. With your help in subscribing, I opened a Youtube channel to view archived sermons. Needless to say, I wasn't able to do any of this myself and required the help of a technical team, so you the viewer at this time might benefit in keeping tightly connected to your church. I've seen multiple religious services by our sister churches up north and other parishes in our area and am so very pleased with our results to date.

It has been my hope that you experience “church” as best as possible while having to wait this out in the safety of your homes. I want to thank all of you for the overwhelming positive feedback and again, I cannot stress enough the importance of contributions from our full membership in order for our parish to continue to be productive. On a plus note, we have received contributions from non-church members who have begun to watch our video Masses.

As I just hit a 20-year anniversary milestone here at St. Paul's, I intend to continue our video production process into our future with the hope of bringing more souls to salvation through the means and pathways the Lord has opened for us. May we bless Jesus by embracing and utilizing the skill sets and support of each member of our church family. We have been working hard making modifications in our sanctuary and social hall with the foresight of utilizing technologies developed for the purpose of enhancing the spiritual and overall experience of those who walk through our doors. May we grow as the body of Christ through and through, pleasing God our Father by allowing the Holy Spirit to continue to ignite our hearts in the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour of the world. There's plenty of space on my Facebook page to click “likes” and to add positive commentary, so those currently outside the church doors may join us once those doors can safely open to receive the next soul seeking the kingdom of heaven.

I so wish I could hug each and everyone of you, so you may know you are important in the eyes of the Lord and mine. I miss you very much, my beloved children. Please stay safe out there.

In Christ's service and yours, I remain,
Father Mark, Pastor



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..



Here are a few pictures of the weekly filming of the Sunday Mass which is downloaded to our church website.





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 Al Servidio
- 3rd Cathy Bluemling
Clyde Caiazza
- 6th Joann Mathias
Dotty Smith
- 8th Marie Aneiro
- 9th Bob Canfield
Marge Cappelli
- 10th Janet Casavant
- 14th Bernie Kress
Gail Zippilli
- 16th Bettina Smith
- 17th Barbara Lochiatto
- 20th Paul McNeill
- 24th Ellen Kustron
- 26th John McGuire
- 28th Jen Platt
- 31st Tom Bluemling



Anniversaries

- 2nd Barry & Rosalee Stein
- 13th John & Gerri Gagliano
- 22nd Russell & Mara Polisoto
- 30th Terry & Helen Grimes

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

Words for Thought

*Evening after evening in
the summer, I have gone to see the
white clover fall asleep in the meadow....
Everywhere in the dusk the white
clover leaves are sleeping in an
attitude of worship.*

Mary Webb



Spaghetti Dinners



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

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