

# St. Paul Parish Newsletter

July 2021



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## Parish News

From the Desk of Father Mark:

Greetings Children of God! May Jesus be praised always and a blessed welcome back on this 4th of July!

It seems like we have been apart for over 10 years as we were forced to pause all operations here at St. Paul's at the beginning of the pandemic. Now, well over a year later and some personal trials and tribulations, I have had my second vaccine shot three weeks ago and feel confidently safe enough to get back into the church saddle and lead our congregation again on our continued journey together in Christ.

I wish to thank all those who have stayed with the parish throughout and for those who are coming back to the church family. I attempted to create an environment of connection with everyone as I began a video Mass and eventually opened the doors for the reception of the Holy Eucharist. Particular thanks goes out to Deacon Gail for his dedication to the church effort during all this time. He is truly a Godsend.

Over the past year plus, it was great to see our ANS and YMS of R societies continue to be active in such a safe manner. The church inside and out remained beautiful throughout. Kudos to our beloved Carmine for the special projects he took on in this beautification. My undying gratitude extends to Bruce (and his beloved wife and helpers) for the amazing transformations inside the church and social hall.

Over this time, we completed so very much needed repairs and renovations on our campus. We took on a major landscaping project, continued to fight roofing issues, put up parking lot lights, resurface our parking lot, upgraded and replaced kitchen, refrigeration and A/C system. We renovated and remodeled our social hall bathrooms, added storage closets, built a studio, replaced and introduced an entirely new A/V system to video our Sunday Masses and produced over 200 short videos, including a vocations recruitment video. At this time, the pastor's vehicle is paid off and we are up to date with all our bills. I want you to all know I utilized the time to accomplish many goals I set out to perform in the name of the Lord. I made a hiring agreement with our Social Media Director and Community Organizer, Kevin Robert and brought home here from Portland. I have known Kevin for over 20 years and he has been brilliant and vital to the success of the parish.

I am also humbled by the generosity of a handful of parishioners who sacrificed so much to keep our church above water through this pandemic and continue their support into our upcoming future. They realize our church family population has diminished by over 50 percent and have been miraculously encouraging me to keep the faith as we will rebuild the kingdom of heaven here one soul at a time like we always do. To everyone that has continued their support in any measure, you are appreciated!

Our hearts mourn over the passing of a handful of people; especially our beloved Deacon Angelo. The outpouring of love and support we experienced recently gives us hope going into our tomorrows.

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(From the desk of Father Mark continued)

I want to personally thank Dori Canfield for her fierce loyalty to our church, as she refused to let complacency show up in any form. I value her spirit and love our entire Adoration Society members. It was so great to see the guys from the YMS of R gather consistently, offering fellowship and fidelity to the parish. Both groups remain with open arms for anyone wishing to be a part of the church family in these special ways.

There are so many names that should be listed here in view of the love and care you folks have offered me, my wife Valda and this parish. Please know I know your fondness and how much you value us and the church. Thank you one and all.

Out of the darkness, the light of Christ has continued to shine upon St. Paul Parish. There have been many churches across our nation that have not survived the pandemic and many have had to sell off assets in their attempts to continue as a church. Like everyone, my concerns continue, but they are coupled with faith, hope and love provide by the Lord through each of you.

May each of you receive blessings of health as a reward for your kindness and mercies you manifested throughout the pandemic. May the souls of those who passed into the bosom of Abraham rest in peace. I am truly blessed and honored to have been your pastor these past 21 years. On behalf of my wife and I, we thank you and bless you in Jesus' name. Amen.



*Father Mark on your 21st year Anniversary here at St. Paul Parish.*

## 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..



## Ladies Adoration Society

### Prayer Blankets

A big thank you to the Ladies that take the time to knit or crochet these beautiful blankets. These blankets are blessed and given to individuals experiencing difficult times. A sign of healing, peace, joy and spiritual support for those receiving it, for they are not alone in their struggle.

Right now we are in need of Prayer Blankets. If you can knit or crochet and would like to make a blanket, we would be so grateful. To date we have gifted 100 plus blankets. These blankets are made with love and filled with prayers. The blanket size is about 32 inches by 32 inches. This is just a guide, it does not need to be exact. If you have any questions, or are in need of a blanket, please contact me at 352-233-9661 or email me: [doricandfield@gmail.com](mailto:doricandfield@gmail.com)

In his service,  
*Dori Canfield, ANS President*





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

### 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 Al Servidio
- 3rd Cathy Bluemling  
Clyde Caiazza
- 6th 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
- 21st Pat Kirby
- 24th Ellen Kustron
- 28th Jen Platt
- 31st Tom Bluemling



### Anniversaries

- 13th John & Gerri Gagliano
- 22nd Russell & Mara Polisoto

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

### Sunday Coupon Flyers

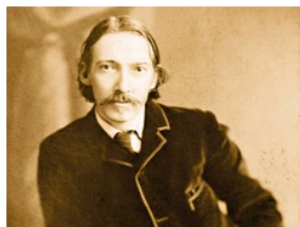


Debbie has been on a mission to get as many free or next to free items for our "Clean Kids" Back Pack Program and she needs your help. If you receive the Sunday newspaper, and you just throw out the Sunday coupon flyers or you just cut out a few coupons and throw the rest of the flyer away, **STOP** and bring the flyers and put them in the second plastic bin drawer labeled Sunday Coupon Flyers inside of the church. Thank you.



### Words for Thought

*There is nothing but God's grace.  
We walk upon it; we breathe it; we live and die  
by it; it makes the nails and axles of the universe.*



**Robert Louis Stevenson**

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