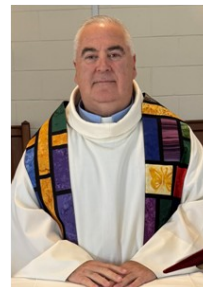


St. Paul Parish Newsletter

September 2026



Rev. Fr. Mark J. Niznik - Pastor
Mass: Sundays 10:00am
5245 SE 112th Street
Bellevue, FL 34420
(352) 245-2061
Email: fathermark1@gmail.com
Website: stpaulfl.com



From the Desk of Fr. Mark:

This year, four members of our parish had the wonderful opportunity to attend the Youth Convocation of our beloved Polish National Catholic Church in New Hampshire. Among them were two of our young people, Ardyn & Bella, who returned home jubilant and eager to share their many positive experiences with our congregation.

One of the most memorable moments of the convocation was the celebration of an outdoor Holy Mass at the beautiful Cathedral of the Pines. Surrounded by the natural beauty of God's creation, the young people gathered in prayer and worship, experiencing the presence of Christ in a peaceful and inspiring setting.

The convocation also gave our youth the opportunity to meet other young people from PNCC parishes throughout the country. They formed new friendships, shared their faith, and discovered that they are part of a much larger church family. Through prayer, worship, discussions, fellowship, and a variety of enjoyable youth activities, they were able to grow spiritually while also having fun together.

Experiences such as these help our young people understand that faith is not limited to Sunday worship. It is lived through friendship, service, learning, laughter, and fellowship with others who share the same Christian values. The convocation encouraged them to deepen their relationship with Christ, become more involved in the life of the Church, and carry their enthusiasm back to their own parish community.

We are very proud of all four parish members who represented us at the convocation, especially our two young people. Their excitement upon returning was contagious, and their stories reminded us of the importance of supporting the youth of our Church. They are not only the future of the PNCC—they are an important and valued part of the Church today.

We asked the kids a few questions and this was the outcome:

Q: What was your favorite part of the trip to New Hampshire?

A: Our favorite part of the trip was the end-of-night bonfires with the biggest S'mores we have ever seen!

Q: What was something new or surprising that you experienced?

A: Something new and surprising that we experienced was going to daily mass.

Q: What was your favorite place that you visited, and why?

A: Our favorite place that we visited was The Cathedral of the Pines, where we attended an outdoor mass.

Q: Did the trip change or strengthen your faith in any way?

A: Yes, because we read our bibles daily and learned more about the word of God.

Q: Was there a church, service, or religious activity that stood out to you the most?

A: Yes, we did an activity where we had to choose a parable that stood out to us and depict it in a painting.



Spaghetti Nights

Come and bring your friends to our weekly spaghetti night on Fridays from 4:00-7:00pm. Dinners include spaghetti & meatballs, side salad, bread, and your choice of a beverage, either coffee, iced tea, or lemonade. Adults are \$12.00 and Children under 12 years are \$7.00. There are also home made desserts from our Ladies ANS Society for \$3.00 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.

The Young Men's Society of Resurrection (YMS of R)



The YMS of R now meets twice monthly at 5:00pm.

The 2nd Tuesday a get together. (September 8th)

The 4th Tuesday a get together and monthly meeting. (September 22nd)

The YMS of R group is open to all the men of the parish.

For any questions, please see or contact Mark Gilbert at: (410) 419-0321

YOUTH CONVO 2026





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.

Clean Kids Back Pack 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.

Words for Thought

May you be blessed



His Prayer Garden

May the wholeness
Jesus has secured for you
restore every area of
your life that has been
wounded.



Birthdays

- 9th Gail Lazenby
- 12th Dottie Edmiston
- 15th Maura Mack
- 16th Craig Von Tevber
- 18th Dave McKeon
- 19th Laura Alfano
- 21st Sam McDowell
- 22nd Louis Mancuso
Michalina Ryk
- 23rd Dian Gerstner
Kelly Hunter (Altar Server)
- 24th John Rykaczewski
- 25th Elaine Beckler
- 27th Paula Derkowski
Fred Dowling
- 29th Joan Waldo
- 30th Florence Heffernan
Dennis Wozniak



Anniversaries

- 23rd Paul & Brandy McNeill
- 26th Ivan & Mary Jane Madore
- 30th Dennis & Cindy Wozniak

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



Special Offering Envelopes

The month of September is designated for the *Spojnia Manor Fund*. Parish members can donate to this fund by using their Spojnia Manor Fund envelope. Also, if you are not a member and would like to donate to this fund, please use a Love Offering envelope located in the church pews and mark it "*Spojnia Manor Fund*". This fund is used for an assisted living home for the elderly.

HIERS-BAXLEY
Funeral Services



Robert T. "Bob" Roche
Location Leader
Robert.Roche@Hiers-Baxley.net

(352) 245 - 2424
Hiers-Baxley.com
5946 SE Robinson Rd • Belleview 34420

Blessing of the Animals

On Saturday, October 10th at 10:00am, we will have a service for **Blessing of the Animals**. We encourage everyone to attend this service with your beloved pets. It will be held outside under the canopy in front of the church.



Here is our Get Together schedule for September:

Monday, September 7th at 6:00pm

Wednesday, September 16th at 2:00pm

The Women's Prayer Group is open to all the women of the parish. For more info please see Paula Sassano.

What is St. Paul's Prayer Group?

We use Text Messages and Emails to let the Group who needs Prayer. It could be family, friends, neighbors, etc. Contact us with a text to 315-571-5589 or email: Prayers4stpp@gmail.com Our monthly get togethers are on the 1st Monday and 3rd Wednesday are a time for Fellowship and fun. A chance to spend some relaxing time with you Prayer Sisters! We'd love for you to join us!

YMS of R Men's Group Annual Membership

Looking for new members. Our annual membership drive is Saturday, September 19th at 4:00pm. We will be serving Fish topped with Crab Imperial. Cost is \$5.00 for current members and \$15.00 for new members. For more info contact Mark Gilbert at 410-419-0321.

VENDORS WANTED

for St. Paul Parish
Craft Fair & Author Event

All proceeds support St. Paul Parish

When:
October 17, 2026
from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM
Setup begins at 8:00 AM

Where:
St. Paul National Catholic Church
5245 SE 112th St.
Bellevue, FL 34420



70's Dinner Dance

Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 24th for our next dinner dance. Live music with Danny & Ralph. There will be a delicious meal featuring Chicken Cordon Bleu. Doors open at 4:30pm. Donation of \$25.00 per person. For tickets please contact Mark Gilbert at 410-419-0321