

St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church

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July 13, 2008
Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

*Our mission is
to serve God and
to welcome all people
to God's love*

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Welcome!

We sincerely hope you feel at home and among friends. If you are a visitor just for today, we bid you God speed on your journey.

If you are seeking a parish community, we will be delighted to welcome you into our family! Please call the Office.

Celebration of the Eucharist

Sunday 8:30 am
at St. Paul's

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 10:30 am
at St. Joseph's

Holy Day Masses
7 pm at St. Joseph's

Reconciliation

By appointment with Fr. Kirwin
Please call 306-5487 or
email jkirwin@nycap.rr.com

Prayer Line

Barbara Holton 306-5161

Announced Masses

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Please contact the Office.

FAITH FORMATION TEAM

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Deacon Gary, Lori Fitzgerald, Kathy Zanella, Laura & Serge Roy, Sandra Tarkleson, Pat Gratton, Lida Varone

Our bulletin cover is being redesigned. Please share your thoughts.

I. PRAYER & WORSHIP

Sunday, July 13: At this Eucharistic Celebration we remember **St. Paul's Parish Family.**

Lector: Jim Loviza

Eucharistic Ministers: Pat Samascott

Ushers: needed, please sign up

Altar Servers: Maggie Zink



"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:22-23

Reflection of the Week...

Do you have a loose grip???

Golf professionals say that most golfers grip the club too tightly. You may have to loosen your grip.

What difference does the tightness of the grip make? Simple. It affects the rest of the body. The forearms will be stiff, and that tends to tighten the shoulders and the upper body, even the legs.

A loose grip results in a fluid swing. And a fluid swing is a powerful swing.

The analogy with stewardship is not subtle. To be tight-fisted with our time and skill and money tightens up everything else in our life.

To loosen our grip by freely and regularly giving a portion off the top to the Lord brings a sense of freedom and peace.

Anyone up for a game of golf?

The Four Pillars of Every Relationship

Every loving relationship includes the following four principles:

1. You love that person because you **believe** certain things about him or her to be true: he/she is good, kind, forgiving, fun to be with or any number of qualities.
2. You **express** your love for that person in a variety of ways: cards, flowers, gifts, hugs, kisses, a gentle touch, a passionate embrace.
3. You **act** toward that person in a way that shows you love and respect him/her.
4. You **communicate** with that person in an ongoing manner, even if separated by distance.

In a similar way, each of us has been baptized into a deep, intimate and loving relationship with God and with one another. This relationship is supported by:

- What we believe about God (the Creed)
- How we express our love for God and how God expresses his love for us (the sacraments)
- How we act toward God and toward others (the moral life)
- How we communicate with God (prayer)

From the Deacon's Desk:

Dear Parishioners:

Summer is here. The fields are green and fertile and producing abundant yields – a perfect time for each of us to dig around a bit within the fields of our souls to assess our yields. What is our condition? Are we fertile, soft, warm, welcoming? Or are we hard and rocky, overgrown, trampled upon? Let us remember that many vacationers will be visiting us now and in the next few weeks. When they leave, what will be their assessment of our fields? During these summer months, let's remember to take some time to grow our own personal gardens with God.

Also this weekend, members of our Faith Formation Team will begin to speak about how our community can nurture the seeds of our children during our upcoming fall program. Be sure to consult this weekend's bulletin insert for more information.

And finally, with the Called to be Church draft plans and programs now completed and submitted, I wish to thank everyone – on behalf of our Bishop - who gave of their time and talent to bring this 18-month process to a successful conclusion (see our Bishop's letter in this weekend's bulletin insert). If there is one disheartening aspect of this entire process, however, it would be the fact that despite widespread communications to the contrary, rumors still abound that St. Paul's is closing. This week, for example, I heard that a number of priests in our diocese believe this to be the case.

To further clarify the content of our Local Planning Group's recommendations regarding the closure of parishes within our area, allow me to quote from our plan: *No closures are recommended because all parishes meet the 5-year financial viability criteria as well as the criteria for keeping worship sites open. In addition, population projections for Saratoga County suggest eventual future growth in all parishes. Mergers are not recommended because each parish is solid and established in mission, growth and attendance. In addition, mission churches represent a stable Catholic presence in their respective geographical areas. Linkages will be addressed in Sections B and C below.*

What this means is simple: the future of our parishes is in our hands and not in the hands of our Diocese. Together, we have all the gifts and resources necessary for the gardens of all of the 6 communities within our area to thrive. Throughout the summer, we will continue within our St. Joseph and St. Paul communities to streamline communications and decision-making. Then in the fall, we continue at the area-wide level to till the soil for the future, as outlined in our plans.

If you encounter anyone who is still questioning or doubtful about our parish plans for the future, please have them contact me. Enjoy the warm weather.....God Bless.....

Deacon Gary Picher

Keeping in Touch

Father John Kirwin has asked us to place his email and telephone number within our bulletin if you should have any questions, comments or wish to make an appointment to see him for a sacrament or visit. You may reach Father John Kirwin at 306-5487 or jkirwin@nycap.rr.com.

Prayer & Worship Team is Starting

Have you ever wondered why our liturgies are structured the way they are, or the reasons for the changes we are making? Have you ever felt a desire to "get more out of" our weekend Eucharistic celebration through understanding? Are you interested in preparing future liturgical celebrations?

If your answer is "yes" to any of the above questions, then you are more than welcome to come to the initial reorganizational meeting of the SJ/SP Prayer & Worship Committee.

Meetings will be initially facilitated by Deacon Gary and Fr. Kirwin, and will meet monthly for 2 hours. Mark your calendars now..... ALL ARE WELCOME to join us at St. Joseph's hall on Monday, August 4th at 7PM.

FAITH FORMATION

K-6th Margie Carroll 698-9000
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SOCIAL OUTREACH

Food Pantry

Thank you to all who responded to the call for help the past few weeks. The shelves are pretty well stocked for now. The Pantry is open every Tuesday from 9 – 11:30 am for anyone in need.

Adopt a Soldier

Through the month of July we will be collecting items to make care packages for our service men and women stationed around the world in conflict areas.

You can find a list of items in the literature rack in the vestibule, see the July 6 bulletin on line or contact Lori Fitzgerald at 587-6293.

ADMINISTRATION

Parish Council Meeting

We are on a roll! Our parish is alive and thriving. There was so much to report from the meeting that we had to put it all on a separate insert to last week's bulletin. If you weren't here last week, you can pick up a copy from the literature rack in the main vestibule.

Thank you for your generosity!

The Collection from last week \$703.00
The Children's Collection from last week \$6.75
Next week there will be one collection.

There will be a second collection this week for...

The Evangelist

Bishop Hubbard has requested that all parishes provide *The Evangelist*, our diocesan newspaper, to all Catholics within our diocese. St. Paul's subscribes all registered families of our parish. The cost to the parish is \$15 per family. If you would like to help defray the cost of this year's subscription, there will be a second collection this weekend for this purpose. Or you can drop an envelope marked "Evangelist" in any collection at any time.

PARISH LIFE

St. Paul's All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast Buffet **Next Sunday July 20 from 8 to 11 AM**

Pancakes Plain & Blueberry, French toast, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Home fries, Fried Onions, Juice, Fruit, Tea & Coffee

\$7.00 Adults & Children over 10 yrs.

\$4.00 Children 5-10 yrs.

Children 4 and under are Free

Seeking volunteers to shop on Friday, prep and set up on Saturday evening from 5 – 7 pm and a variety of helpers for Sunday. An hour or two is all we ask. Please offer your time and talent to Margie Carroll (698-9000.) If you can't spend a little time working this time, maybe you can plan to stop in and enjoy a great breakfast.

A Mary Garden will be planted in the Oak Island in the parking lot. It will be an area for reflection, filled with flowers and plants named for Our Lady and Jesus.

Donations of good top soil, some peat and compost are needed as this area is in desperate need of prep work.

Laura and Serge will be working on this project on Wednesday evenings starting at 6:00 pm. Please stop by and lend a hand (bring tools.)

BRAG BOX

The Klingenberg Family is proud to announce that Teagan's 2nd Annual 5K was a success. Over 200 participated in this annual event to help a local family battling childhood Leukemia. Many local businesses offered sponsorships and raffle prizes. This year's proceeds will go to help the medical expenses for Mikayla Neahr, a 5 year-old from Galway who was diagnosed with Leukemia (ALL) in March 2008. The run is named after Teagan Klingenberg, a 3 year-old from Ballston Spa who battled Leukemia (AML) last year and is currently in remission. The Klingenbergs hope the event continues to grow each year and that the funds raised can help various families going through this devastating time.

Are you proud of an achievement? Would you like to share your child's accomplishments? Do you have a special event coming up? Send an email to the bulletin editor (sjoegctr@nycap.rr.com) and we'll be happy to tell everyone.

NEXT WEEK

Sunday, July 20: Please call Elinor Miller (885-7667) if you would like to have a loved one remembered at this Eucharistic Celebration.

Lector: Sue Shaver

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Gary, Hazel Mahar & Larry Mahar

Ushers: needed – please sign up

Altar Servers: Tim Fitzgerald

See the bulletin insert below

St. Joseph / St. Paul Faith Formation

The Word of God is the inexhaustible source of life for the Church.

From the earliest days of the Church, the Holy Spirit has strengthened men and women to share in the mission of spreading the Gospel.

This year, the theme for our Faith Formation program is "Enriching the Faith of Our Families through the Word of God."

How can you share in this mission?

Consider becoming a catechist

What is a Catechist?

A catechist is willing to give of their time and talent, not only to catechizing others, but to their own growth and understanding of the faith.

A catechist is one who echoes the faith.

A Catechists has a vocation...a calling from the Lord rooted in their Baptismal promise to carry out His teachings of the Gospel.

A catechist is a model of Catholic Christian faith and lifestyle

A Catechist is called to serve through teaching, witness, prayer, service and building community

How can you find out more about becoming a catechist??

Talk to anyone on our Faith Formation Team:

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