

FROM FATHER BILL: HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to OUR MOM'S. Thank you for the gifts of *LIFE* and *LOVE* you have given us. Without you, we would NOT BE. Thank you for always taking such good care of us. We hope all of our wonderful MOTHER'S will enjoy this, their special day. For a moment, let us pause; bow our heads and remember our Mother's who have died. We'll NEVER forget you Mom. WE LOVE YOU!

Recently, Sister Martha Wachtel CSJ celebrated her 60th Anniversary of Religious Life as a Sister of St. Joseph. Sister Martha was organist and choirmaster here for several years back in the days of Father Flanigan. She was also one of Father Bill's piano teachers way, way back when she was stationed at St. Peter's as a young Nun. In those earlier days, Sister Martha was known by the name, Sister Cecilia Therese. God bless you Sister Martha. Happy Anniversary and Best Wishes! Father Bill concelebrated her Jubilee Mass at St. Joseph's Provincial House last Saturday, May 2.

PRAY: God grant me the SERENITY to accept the things I cannot change, the COURAGE to change the things I can and the WISDOM to know the difference. Grant me PATIENCE with the changes that take time, an APPRECIATION of all that I have, TOLERANCE of those with different struggles, and the STRENGTH to get up and try again, one at a time. AMEN!

ST. PAUL'S 4:00 pm MASS BAPTISMS: God Bless THOMAS PHILIP GEER III, who was baptized at St. Paul's this weekend. Congratulations to his mom and dad, Tom and Jessica, and his honored God-parents, John and Crystal. The Lord give Thomas a long, healthy, happy and holy life. The Lord also bless AIVEN JOHN GEER baptized at St. Paul's this weekend. God grant Aiven a long, healthy, happy, holy life. Congratulations to his mom and dad, Tom and Jessica and to his honored god – parents, Wesley and Lauren.

CALLED TO BE CHURCH – IMPLEMENTATION PHASE PRAYER: Loving God, you who are present with us in all of life's moments, make yourself known in these challenging times of parish closure, merger and linkage. Comfort those who mourn. Receive and transform the anger of those who feel powerless. Ease the minds of the fearful. Give wisdom to our leaders and patience and insight to your people. Help us to appreciate the way you are re-creating your Church. Make us partners with you in this effort. We pray this in the name of Jesus, who is Lord and brother through the grace of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

ST. PAUL'S PERPETUAL ADORATION DEVOTION will move to St. Augustine's Church, Lansingburgh, NY on Saturday, May 23, 2009. An 8:00 am Mass will be celebrated at St. Paul's Adoration Chapel on Saturday morning, May 23. Father Bill will be the celebrant and Father Jim Spenard, OSA, pastor of St. Augustine's, will concelebrate the Mass. Following the Mass, Father Spenard will lead a vehicle procession, with the Blessed Sacrament in the lead vehicle, to St. Augustine's church. Eucharistic Adoration will begin immediately at St. Augustine's upon the arrival of the Blessed Sacrament there. We are grateful for the 26 years of Perpetual Adoration here at St. Paul's and we pray that it will continue for a long, long time at St. Augustine's Church. *O COME LET US ADORE HIM!*

CONGRATULATIONS to MICHAEL and TAMMY PSZENICZNY who were married at St. Paul's 10 years ago and renewed their Marriage Vows this weekend at the Saturday 4:00 pm Mass.

OUR ST. PETER'S CEMETERY ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY MASS will be celebrated at the CEMETERY on Monday, May 25th at 9:00 AM. – RAIN or SHINE! Please bring a strong folding chair and an umbrella (if needed). Come and pray at this Mass for ALL of the Faithful Departed Souls. The Mass is open to the Public.

BEST WISHES to OUR COLLEGE and UNIVERSITY STUDENTS and GRADUATING CLASSES Have a great summer and CONGRATULATIONS to our GRADUATES. Father Bill thanks all the RPI students who have been so helpful to him for the last 5 years, especially at St. Paul's. They've done everything but say Mass!!

VOCATIONS – “God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power.” Are you being called to proclaim the new life of the resurrected Christ to the world with His Spirit and His Power? Talk to your pastor or visit www.myvocation.net.

CONCERNING OUR CLOSING MASSES

- There will be **NO COLLECTION TAKEN UP** at St. Paul's and St. Peter's closing Masses on May 30 and 31. If you wish to place your May 31 regular offering envelope in the basket, **do so on Sunday May 24**, along with your other envelopes.
- There will be **NO PARISH BULLETIN** printed for the Final (Closing) Masses at our Parishes.
- Please **DO NOT LIGHT** any devotional candles on Saturday, May 30 or Sunday May 31.
- **THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** will be removed from the Tabernacle at the end of the closing Masses.
- Father will lock the doors of our Churches one hour after the conclusion of our Closing Masses.
- Photographs may be taken during the Final Closing Masses.

FIRST COMMUNION at ST. PETER's will take place next Sunday, May 17th at the 10:30 am Mass.
Congratulations First Eucharist Class: Matthew William Spain John Willard Mc Night and Jamie Lynn Mc Night
AND to their teacher, Beth Thayer.

CLOSING (FINAL) MASSES AT OUR PARISHES

St. Peter's – NEXT SUNDAY, May 17 – LAST TRIDENTINE MASS AT ST. PETER'S - NOON

St. Paul's – Saturday, May 30 - 4:00 pm Mass for all parishioners and former parishioners.

NO MASS at St. Paul's on Sunday, May 31, 2009.

St. Peter's -10:30 AM English Mass for all parishioners and former parishioners, Sunday, May 31.

THE PRAYER of ST. FRANCIS

Lord, make me a channel of your peace;
that where there is hatred, I may bring love;
that where there is wrong, I may bring the spirit of forgiveness;
that where there is discord, I may bring harmony;
that where there is error, I may bring truth;
that where there is doubt, I may bring faith;
that where there is despair, I may bring hope;
that where there are shadows, I may bring light;
that where there is sadness, I may bring joy.
Lord, grant that I may seek rather to comfort than to be comforted;
to understand, than to be understood;
to love, than to be loved.
For it is by self-forgetting that one finds.
It is by forgiving that one is forgiven.
It is by dying that one awakens to eternal life. AMEN.

PRAYER IN TIME OF CHANGE:

Beloved Jesus, anoint us to do your will.

May the joy of your dwelling in us draw us closer to each other,

Expand our vision to recognize your plan;

Warm our hearts by the flame of your love;

Open our lips so that we can embrace each other as your people; speak to us so we can discern the role you have for us,

Your body, your Church.

Fill us with your Holy Spirit,

Empowering us to become a vital expression of growth

In your changing Church.

Your Kingdom is now!

Help us to discover and live your will. AMEN.

A \$5,452.00 Donation was made to Father Flanigan's Marching Band (located at St. Augustine's School) as a result of St. Peter's 185th Anniversary Celebration honoring Father T. K. Flanigan. THANK YOU ALL!

Catholic Information: 1-800-MY FAITH

Pro-Life Pregnancy Hotline: 1-800-848-LOVE

PRAY for the SOUL of Father Michael W. Zakens. God grant him Eternal Life.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Jim and Pat Matthews, of St. Peter's Parish, who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary last weekend.
Bless you both!

THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF ST. PETER and ST. PAUL, MAY OUR RISEN LORD JESUS PROTECT US AND GIVE US A BRIGHT FUTURE.

Happy Birthday to Father Edward Sipperly who celebrated his birthday this past week.

VOLUNTEERS - Hands That Serve - Hearts That Love!

EVANGELIZATION: "Holy Mary, Mother of God!.....Santa Maria, Madre de Dios!"