

FROM FATHER BILL: Our Latin Tridentine Mass Community celebrates their final Mass at St. Peter's today. For ten years, the Latin Mass has been celebrated at St. Paul's, first, then, St. Peter's. It is a beautiful Rite of the Mass and I have enjoyed celebrating it for five years. Best wishes to the Latin parishioners and Father Sipperly as they now begin celebrating this Traditional Mass in their new home, St. Joseph's Church, South Troy. "Ite ad Joseph!" Congratulations to our three First Communicants who celebrate the Sacrament of First Eucharist today at the 10:30 am Mass. I celebrate my 36th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood, this Tuesday, May 19. Bishop Edwin B. Broderick ordained me a Priest at our Cathedral in Albany on May 19, 1973. I am grateful to God for calling me to this blessed Vocation and I ask your prayers on Tuesday! We celebrate a HOLYDAY of OBLIGATION this week. God bless!

THE ANNUAL DEVOTION to Our Lady of Fatima will held at St. Augustine Church, Fourth Avenue and 115th Streets, North Troy, this Monday, May 18th at **7:00 pm**. Holy Mass is part of this devotion. **ALL ARE ENCOURAGED to ATTEND.**

THE FEAST of THE ASCENSION of OUR LORD INTO HEAVEN
A HOLYDAY of OBLIGATION
THIS THURSDAY, May 21, 2009

MASSES

8:00 am – St. Paul the Apostle (Upper Church)

NOON – St. Peter's

5:30 pm – St. Paul the Apostle (Upper Church)

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!

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!*

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.

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 Saturday, May 23 or 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.

TODAY

Congratulations again to St. Peter's 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 – TODAY, May 17 –FINAL LATIN 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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

As of Monday, June 1, 2009, St. Peter's parishioners needing assistance with Church records, Mass cards and who need to contact St. Peter's Cemetery Office, should contact St. Anthony's Church, Troy, Father Mario F. Julian OFM, pastor – 518-273-8622. As of the same date and concerning the same information, St. Paul's parishioners should call Our Lady of Victory Church, Troy, Father Randall P. Patterson, pastor – 518-273-7602. You MUST register yourself in the new Parish of your choice. You will not be automatically registered. THANK YOU!

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.

Catholic Information: 1-800-MY FAITH
Pro-Life Pregnancy Hotline: 1-800-848-LOVE

PRAY for the SOUL of Martha Morgan. **God grant her Eternal Life.**

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

NEXT WEEKEND – Special EASTERN EUROPEAN COLLECTION at all Masses. Please be Generous.
Jesus changed the nature of our relationship with God when he told us to address God as “ ABBA ” .

INTERESTING SURVEY: Most pastors admit that only half of parents attend church, even though they bring their children to Faith Formation Classes.

WHAT DOES THE TERM "EASTER DUTY" mean: Because of the central importance of Easter to the Christian faith, the Catholic Church requires that all Catholics who have made their [First Communion](#) receive the Holy Eucharist sometime during the Easter season, which lasts through [Pentecost Sunday](#), 50 days after Easter. (They should also take part in the [Sacrament of Penance](#) before receiving this Easter communion.) This reception of the Eucharist is a visible sign of our faith and our participation in the Kingdom of God. Of course, we should receive Communion as frequently as possible; this "Easter Duty" is simply the minimum requirement set by the Church.

EVANGELIZATION: **The Blessing.....La Bendicion!**