



St. Paul the Apostle

Catholic Parish of Lighthouse Point

April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Gospel Wisdom

Gospel: *“By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples” (John 15:1-8).*



Bearing fruit—and even more fruit—requires pruning. The pruning tool of the Father-vine grower is the Son’s Word.

Allowing this Word to shape us brings forth a life-giving relationship with Jesus (likened to a branch that remains on a vine) that assures abundant and good fruit.

Five times we are told to bear fruit. Eight times we are told to remain in Jesus. How many times, then, must we be shaped by the Word?

The Second Reading makes very concrete how we remain in Jesus: by keeping His commandment of love in deed and truth.

Every gardener knows the value and necessity of pruning. The hard work of cutting away what is dead, unwanted or overgrown is rewarded by lushness of new growth.

This Weekend’s Second Collection

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal **this weekend, April 27-28.**



More than 40 percent of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal.

To learn more about how donations are used to help our fellow Catholics, visit uscgb.org/home-missions.

The Big ‘Secret’

Did you know that food and welcome are served in the gathering space **every Sunday** after the 7:30 a.m. and 9 a.m. Masses?

Everyone is invited. Please join us!

Family Fun



All are invited to Saint Paul’s All-American BBQ!

We will gather on **Saturday, May 4**, immediately after the 4:30pm Vigil Mass. Enjoy line dancing, kids’ activities, and mechanical bull rides.

The event is free, but donations are requested for the poor who come to the office.

Please make reservations at 954-943-9154 or StPaulTheApostleChurch@gmail.com.

Ladies, Please Join Us

Our own Saint Paul Council of Catholic Women will gather on **Wednesday, May 8**, for the 11am Mass, followed by a brief meeting. All ladies of the parish are invited to join us! Call 954-943-9154 for info.

Hello, Fellow Ushers.

Monsignor Dever has mentioned this a few times and wanted it passed on to all the ushers. As we come up the aisles after the announcements, he ideally would like six ushers to walk up (one in each aisle), genuflect in unison, and start the collection(s). Obviously, this would speed up the process, and, yes, I know it’s often hard to get three ushers, let alone six. As always, just do your best. The main thing is that we look respectful, and not sloppy, and try to get the collection promptly.



There has been talk of returning to a second collection for parish needs, at least once a month. The financial report is pretty bleak; our collections do not cover our monthly expenses, not even close. If you have ideas to improve the situation, let Bob, Ed Fee or me know.

Jeff Graham and the Stewardship Committee are looking for ways St. Paul can become more welcoming to visitors and new parishioners. One idea is to have designated “greeters” at each Mass: thank them for coming, and, if after the 7:30 and 9 a.m. Masses, invite them for coffee and a bite to eat in the Hall. I think it’s a great idea, and, eventually, we’ll have a welcome packet to hand out to visitors. In the meantime, try reaching out to our newcomers.

A lot of the ministries are in need of volunteers; ours is no exception. That’s it for now. Stay well.

~Pete Bergamini

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Schedule

Saturday Masses

11 a.m., vigil 4:30 p.m.

Sunday Masses

7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Weekday Masses

7:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. Mon. to Fri.

Bereavement Group

4 p.m. Wednesdays, St. Joan of Arc

Confession

3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays

Council of Catholic Women

11am Mass followed by meeting
 on 2nd Wednesdays

Legion of Mary

9 a.m. Tuesdays

RCIA

7 p.m. Tuesdays

Religious Education

10 to 11:15 a.m. Sundays

Rosary Cenacle – Women’s

9:30 a.m. Mondays

Rosary Cenacle – Men’s

7 p.m. Wednesdays

Seniors Unplugged

1:30 p.m. on

2nd & 4th Wednesdays

Scouts

Girl: 12 p.m. Sundays

Cub: 4 p.m. Sundays

Boy: 7 p.m. Wednesdays

Sea: 6:30 p.m. Fridays

Paused until further notice

Choir Rehearsal

12:30 p.m. Sundays

Devotion to the Blessed Mother

5:45 p.m. Wednesdays

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 27

4:30 p.m. – + Kevin Keller by the McLanes

Sunday, April 28

7:30 a.m. – + John Daghmighian by his family

9 a.m. – + JT & Tina Guida by Bruce Campbell

11:30 a.m. – + Joan Fallen by Barry &

Janice Laret

Monday, April 29

7:30 a.m. – + Frankie Briggs by Donna

11 a.m. – Special intentions of Colin Ludwick by his family

Tuesday, April 30

7:30 a.m. – + Paul R. Jankowski by his parents

11 a.m. – + Gesner Joseph by Jeff & Paula Graham

Wednesday, May 1

7:30 a.m. – + Emily A. McClintock by the Dudziaks

11 a.m. – + Gilda Spear by her family

Thursday, May 2

7:30 a.m. – Special intentions of Angela Ferdig by Norha

11 a.m. – Special intentions of Jason & Terry Massingo

Friday, May 3

7:30 a.m. – + Deceased members of the Svopa familiy

11 a.m. – + Mary Szczepanski by LPGN

Saturday, May 4

11 a.m. – + Bella Berlocco by Clare

4:30 p.m. – + Fergus Duggan & Sharon Oldehoff

Sunday, May 5

7:30 a.m. – + Alice Huff by Terry Foccaracci & family

9 a.m. – + Catherine Cecil by her family

11:30 a.m. – Special intentions of Dr. & Mrs. Hammond

by the Ludwicks

(+ Deceased)

To have a Mass celebrated in honor of a special occasion or loved one, living or dead, call the Parish Office at 954-943-9154.

PRAY FOR THE SICK & SUFFERING

Rita Colard, Ronald Diner, Diane Jantz,
 Patrick Meier, Felipe Romano,
 Assad & Karen Sabga, Candice Singh,
 Janet Tamburro, Margie Troklus,
 Amaury Alvarez and all sick parishioners

REST IN PEACE

May the angels lead her into paradise. In your charity, please remember and pray for Dulce Ramos, who passed away this past week. She is the mother of Maria Feijoo.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY FAMILY

Spc. Bryce Russo, Army; LTJG Joseph Zingarella, Coast Guard;
 Sergeant Kyle Happney, Army; Dante Milano, Marines;
 Alexander Koester, Air Force; Petty Officer Joseph Schonig;
 CPO Philip Kriznanizh; Lt. Cmdr. Mark Jackson;
 Matthew Gagoudakis, Ensign 6 Navy;
 Lt. Col. Amy Keough Ninneman;
 Cpt. Frank A. Spano;
 Lt. JG Colleen Quinn;
 Lt. Mark J. Marten;
 Major Tony Martinez;
 Mary Jo Williams, PO 3 Navy



Youth in Action

Sights of our youth preparing for the upcoming All-American BBQ is a moment of joy and hope, as is the rehearsal by our children preparing for their soon-to-be-celebrated First Holy Communion.

These children will have their First Holy Communion on **May 5** and welcome your prayers:

Vivienne Barfield, Kaiden Jonathan Cruz, Charles Walter Forum V, Liam Marcello Goolcharan, Addison Jane Klee, Evelyn Jana Polazzi, Julianna Marie Raimondi, Leila Tammy Ross, Jackson Matthew Staab, Benjamin Max Turner, Peyton Eleanor Walsh.



NEW STEWARDSHIP TEAM

A Stewardship Team has been created to build stewardship in our parish. The team members consist of parishioners; anyone is welcome to join. The team's mission statement is: "To increase our parishioners' spirituality and faith by elevating our knowledge, and to grow our parish, fulfilling God's unique calling in our lives."

JUST A THOUGHT

Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower." (John 15:1)

This week's passage about the vine and the branches is a familiar one. Sometimes it's so familiar that I can miss the powerful impact of that imagery, which was not dreamed up by the evangelist, but comes from Jesus Himself. In all the Gospels, Jesus had spoken of how we are united, but here He says He is the vine and we are the branches. This is an actually, close, life-giving union.

This is the way it is. We are connected – not just during Communion, but at every moment of my life.

Connected with Him, I can make a difference in the world.

Help Us Feed the Hungry

We thank everyone for their generosity in helping to feed our neighbors. And we continue to appeal to everyone to help with the Sandwich Ministry by making sandwiches and delivering them to the Parish Office **on Fridays by 10am**.

Also welcome are hard-boiled eggs, peanut-butter crackers and bottled water.

Men's clothing (just men's!) is much needed, too.

JUBILEE OF YOUNG PEOPLE – ROME 2025

Join us for Info Night to learn more about the Jubilee of young People, Rome 2025. We will meet on **Thursday, May 2**, at 7 p.m. at Saint Mark Catholic Church, 5601 South Flamingo Road in Southwest Ranches.



This meeting is required for all student pilgrims, parents and group leaders who wish to participate in the Pilgrimage to the Jubilee of Young People in Rome, Italy, in 2025.

Register at bit.ly/Jubilee2025Info or scan the QR code above.

A Spiritual Bouquet for Mom

Mothers, alive or dead, deserve our utmost praise and thanks. Our mothers live lives as good shepherds, desiring the safety of their children, praying that they listen to true voices and follow the true path.

Mother's Day, **Sunday, May 12**, gives us the opportunity to pray for our mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, stepmothers and all women who have nurtured us, taught us and believe in us.

Should you wish to remember your mother at Mass, please use one of the envelopes in the pews or at the church doors. Her name will be placed on the altar that day.



Have You Made a Will?

Many of our parishioners include the parish in their wills, availing themselves of this opportunity to be remembered perpetually in Holy Mass.

For info, call 954-943-9154.

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