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MASS TIMES
Saturday - 4:30 pm
Sunday - 8:45 & 10:30 am (ASL)
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday - 7:30 am
Wednesday - 9:30 am

St. Pascal’s Welcomes
Shariff Alexander Rasoul
Dear Friends:

On this Easter Day we would do well to reflect upon what it means to profess belief in the "resurrection of the body," which is what we say every Sunday as we recite the Nicene Creed at church. I wonder how often we pause to realize what an astonishing claim of faith that really is. Resurrection! It happened to Jesus and it’s promised to all of us who are faithful to the end. But one of the earliest heresies in our Christian Tradition—and one of the most enduring ones—is the one that believes that resurrection means escape from the body and moving in to the life of pure spirit with God. That’s completely wrong. And it is rooted in the mistaken belief that there is something vile or essentially evil about our bodies. It is easy enough to understand why we are tempted to feel this way. After all, our bodies are those machines that tend to get broken down over time, flabby, cancerous, arthritic, wrinkly, tired, incontinent, achy, and especially, prone to death and decay. It can, and often has, felt reasonable for people--even people of sincere faith--to regard the human body as a kind of prison in which our souls are trapped until the day we die or are made free.

To repeat, that's all wrong. Not that such conditions don't happen, but they are no reason to despise our real fleshly bodies. Our bodies are the media through which we can be "somebodies," and can engage other somebodies through sight, sound and touch. They are the reason that we can make specific decisions to love other people in concrete ways. That doesn’t deny that our bodies can grow sick and weak, or that they can even become occasions for sin, but it is to say that Christians have no reason to hold bodies in contempt. The "real us" is not our souls. It is our souls AND our bodies. That is exactly why our Creed at mass refuses to speak of the "resurrection of the soul." That’s not accidental vocabulary; it was fought over for a few centuries because it was believed to be just that important to get it right.

But what does a resurrected body look like, exactly? Now there’s the question! You will notice a lot of haziness in the gospels during these coming weeks of the Easter season about that question. We will be hearing stories, for example, of Jesus’ risen body that can pass through locked doors, or that can walk for miles with his closest friends without being recognized until dinner time. We will also hear stories about a risen Jesus who gets hungry and asks for food, and who has recognizable wounds left over from Good Friday that can be seen and touched. Whatever a resurrected body is, it is not simply the re-assembly of our skin and bones and blood. (I think most of us of a certain age will be relieved to learn that!) Yet it is not exactly something other than that either. We are dealing in profound, wonderful mystery here, which is why it can be so constriciting to read resurrection stories about Jesus too literally. But at minimum it will mean that every bit of our true "us" will survive beyond the grave. We will know and recognize and love each other in eternity as complete beings, not just as disembodied souls. I don’t want to hang out with the souls of my beloved dead once I see them again. I want all of them. How will all that work out? Who needs to know? But that is the astonishing promise of Easter.

Fr. Mike Byron

Unpacking the Triduum

with Fr. Mike Byron and Sharon Balcom

Tuesday, April 18 from 7:00-8:30 PM in Brioschi Hall

The days leading to Easter are the most important time in the entire church year. Known as the Triduum (Latin for "three days"), the three day liturgy engages all our senses. On Easter Tuesday, we will take time together to remember the Triduum and reflect on how the stories, rituals, signs, symbols and people led us to an encounter with the Christ. This is an evening to let the imagination give insight into who—and whose—we are. Light refreshment will be provided.

Men’s Retreat: Led by the Spirit

Saturday, May 20, 9:00 AM-Noon

Join Deacon Richard and men of St. Pascal’s as we spend a morning discovering the joy of living a life moved by the Spirit. Through scripture, prayer, and sharing, we will see how receiving the Holy Spirit allows the love between the Father and the Son to pour into our hearts. All men are invited. Please contact the parish office to let us know you are coming. Refreshments provided.

Welcome Event for New Parishioners

April 29-30, following all Masses

The Hospitality Committee is hosting welcome receptions for those who have joined our parish since October 21, 2016. Please stop by Brioschi Hall to greet the newest members of our faith community and enjoy some refreshments. Let’s make it a great turn-out!

Young at Heart Mass and Luncheon

Thursday, April 20 at 11:00 AM (Note change to 3rd Thursday)

Attention Young at Heart! Join us for Mass at 11:00 then, following a short meeting, we will have a Magnolia's fried chicken dinner. A donation of $10.00 will be collected on the day of the meeting. This month we are happy to have Randy Rolloff with his unique Musical Entertainment. Please RSVP by Monday, April 17. Contact Betty Hensel at 714.8958, bjhen@q.com or Barb Kendle at 738.3799.

Bloodmobile

Monday, April 17, from 1:00 - 7:00 PM.

Come to our spring blood drive in Brioschi Hall. Please call Margaret at 735.4701 for an appointment time. Walk-ins are welcome.

Volunteer Opportunity

Reception Coordinator

Use your organizational skills to oversee a team of people to help provide service for special occasion receptions at St. Pascal’s such as new member receptions, Adult Faith Formation evenings, and sacramental celebrations. If you are a good leader and can delegate, please consider helping out with this volunteer opportunity. For this—and other parish or school volunteer opportunities—contact Shane Lefler at shane.lefler@stpascals.org.

In Christ We Live Forever

Please remember in your prayers...

Mel Velishek

who was recently buried from our church.

We extend our sincere sympathy to his family and friends, and pray for his soul's eternal peace.
ST. PASCAL’S SCHOOL NEWS

Seeds of Change Grant: School and Community Garden
Great news! Our grant submission for a St. Pascal’s community garden has been approved. It has been added to the Gallery of Growers—check it out now! Just follow the link on the parish website under the school news heading. We need people to VOTE once every day for our garden between now and April 19. The gardens with the highest number of votes will be awarded grants. Thanks for helping get the word out!

Transfer Student Tuition Discount $1,000
Students transferring to St. Pascal’s from a non-Catholic school (public or charter school) for the 2017-18 school year will receive $1,000 off tuition the first year and $500 off the second year. Students do not need to be eligible for financial aid to qualify for this program.

SHARE-THE-SPRIT
Do you know families who are considering a new school? Tell them about St. Pascal’s! Most of our transfer students and new families come to St. Pascal’s school because of your good word and the stories you share. Participate in our family referral program and earn a $25 gift card to Green Mill for every family you refer that registers at St. Pascal’s School.

Shop Online and Support Our School
For every purchase you make on Amazon or Amazon Prime, a portion of your purchase could be donated to St Pascal’s school. Next time you go to shop on Amazon follow the link on the parish website under the school News heading and bookmark it for future use. AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support our school every time you shop, at no cost to you.

Men’s Club Membership Meeting
Thursday, April 20 at 7:00 PM in the Cafeteria
Agenda items to include voting for Hall of Fame inductees, approval of disbursements, and election of executive board officers. Refreshments and food will be served.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Vacation Bible School 2017
Maker Fun Factory: Created by God, Built for a Purpose
DATE: June 19-23
TIME: 9:00 AM – 12 Noon
PLACE: St. Pascal Baylon Church
COST: Only $32/child or $80/family for the whole week.

Are you looking for a place for your children this summer where they not only have fun, but also learn how they have been created by God for a purpose? Then come join us at this year’s VBS. Activities include SoundWave Sing and Play, Bible Discovery, Imagination Station, Game Makers, and more! Children ages 4 (by September 1, 2017) to grade 5 are welcome—bring your friends! Grades 6 and up, as well as adults—come join the fun as leaders! Registration information will be available beginning Easter Sunday.

Interested in helping with VBS? Need more information? Contact Kim Roering at 774.1585 or kim.roering@stpascals.org.

Baptism for Older Children
According to the guidelines of the Church, once a child has reached the age of reason (generally considered age 7), s/he then follows the preparation process for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. This process involves you and your child walking with other children and adults over a period of time to grow into what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. If you have a child over the age of 7 who is not yet baptized, or has been baptized in another faith tradition and would like to become Catholic, please contact Kim Roering in the parish office to begin a conversation.

RCIA—Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is available to any person seeking full membership into the Catholic Church. Each year adults, youth, and children who want to convert from a different faith tradition or finish their sacramental initiation of Baptism, Eucharist, or Confirmation come together to learn about the church through prayer, catechesis and liturgy. It is an initiation process for:

- Adults who have never been baptized
- Adults who have been baptized but have not completed initiation sacraments of Eucharist and/or confirmation
- Adults who have been baptized in another tradition and wish to become Roman Catholic
- Children over the age of 7 who have not been baptized (see notice above)

For more information contact Deacon Richard Moore at richard.moore@stpascals.org or Kim Roering at kim.roering@stpascals.org.

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Parish Office 651.774.1585
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Email church@stpascals.org

Parish Office Hours
Mon-Fri 8:00 - 4:30 PM
Holidays as announced

After Hours Emergency Number
For death, dying or anointing of the sick 651.280.9239

School Contact Information
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Email: laurie.jennrich@stpascals.org

School Office Hours
September - May
Mon - Fri 8:00 - 4:00 PM
June - August
Tue & Wed 9:00 - 2:00 PM
Summer hours also by appointment

Parish Councils
Parish Pastoral Council
Ann Karner, Chair
Meetings - 1ST Tuesday at 6:30 PM
Parish Finance Council
John Knoll, Chair
Meetings - 4TH Thursday at 6:30 PM

Sacramental Information
Reconciliation
Saturday at 4:00 and by appointment

Baptism
Pre-baptismal classes are required.
To register for classes or to schedule a celebration, call the parish office.

Marriage
Arrangements must be made with the Pastor at least six months in advance of the desired date.

Parish Prayer Line
8:00 - 10:00 AM 651.735.0004
Mary Butler-Levine
4:00 - 6:00 PM 651.774.3248
Pat Kackman

Parish Communication
Bulletin Notices
Please email notices to the parish office by 3:00 PM Monday—hard copy notices must be in by 2:00 PM.
Email to thea.muno@stpascals.org.
Bulletin inserts for St. Pascal parish and school events only are limited to 3 inserts per weekend

Mass Announcements
Direct to the parish office by 3:00 PM on Wednesday.
**Tuesday, April 17**
7:30 AM + Don Misukanis

**Wednesday, April 18**
9:30 AM + Don Hensel

**Thursday, April 19**
7:30 AM  The People of the Parish
11:00 AM  The People of the Parish

**Friday, April 20**
7:30 AM  Al Olsen

**Saturday, April 21**
4:30 PM  The People of the Parish

**Sunday, April 22**
8:45 AM  The People of the Parish
10:30 AM  Carlos Calubayan

**St. Mary’s 4th Annual “Catch the Dream Gala”**

*Thursday, April 27 at 7:00 PM*

Dear Friends at St. Pascal’s,

You are invited to the “Catch the Dream Gala” hosted by St. Mary’s Mission in Red Lake. We know it would not be a success without you! The evening begins with a wine reception followed by dinner, a video and guest speaker. Please RSVP to the parish office no later than Monday, April 24. We look forward to seeing you there!

**White Bear Avenue Construction**

Road work on White Bear Avenue has begun. Detours began Monday, April 10. See the website for more information!

**Easter Flowers**

Help enrich our worship space during the Easter Season and remember a family member, loved one or someone who is ill or homebound with a plant or donation (any amount). Please complete the form below and return it with payment to the parish office or place it in the collection basket at Mass. A $10 donation suggested. Thank you for your gift!

I would like to purchase an Easter plant in (circle one)
Honor of / Memory of:

Donated by:

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**Readings for the Week April 16, 2017**

**Easter Sunday:**
Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Col 3:1-4
Jn 20:1-9

**Monday:**
Acts 2:14, 22-33
Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11
Mt 28:8-15

**Tuesday:**
Acts 2:36-41
Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22
Jn 20:11-18

**Wednesday:**
Acts 3:1-10
Ps 105:1-4, 6-9
Lk 24:13-35

**Thursday:**
Acts 3:11-26
Ps 8:2ab, 5-9
Lk 24:35-48

**Friday:**
Acts 4:1-12
Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a
Jn 21:1-14

**Saturday:**
Acts 4:13-21
Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-21
Mk 16:9-15

**Next Sunday:**
Acts 2:42-47
Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
1 Pt 1:3-9
Jn 20:19-31

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**The Week Ahead**

Visit us at www.stpascals.org for more information on upcoming events.

- **Sunday, April 16**—**EASTER SUNDAY**
  No scheduled events

- **Monday, April 17**
  1:00pm  Bloodmobile: BH
  6:30pm  Boy Scouts 294: CF

- **Tuesday, April 18**
  6:30pm  Grace Within women’s group: Room 107
  7:00pm  Reflection on Triduum: BH
  7:00pm  Men’s Club Board Meeting: CF

- **Wednesday, April 19**
  9:30am  School Mass—All are welcome!
  6:30pm  Faith Formation: LB, OC, 101, 105

- **Thursday, April 20**
  11:00am  Young at Heart Mass & Luncheon: BH, CH
  6:30pm  Cub Scouts (Pack): OC
  7:00pm  Men’s Club Membership Meeting: CF

- **Friday, April 21**
  No scheduled events

- **Saturday, April 22**
  9:00am  PreK-K Open House: Preschool
  5:30pm  Friends & Family: BH

- **Sunday, April 23**—**2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER**
  After Masses  New Member Registration: BH
  12:00pm  Confirmation I: OC

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**The Institute for Freedom & Community**

**Spring Series on Religion and Public Life**

St. Olaf College, 1520 St. Olaf Ave, Northfield, MN and [livestreamed](http://institute.stolaf.edu) at institute.stolaf.edu.

**Symposium on Religious and Political Disagreement**

*Thursday, April 20 and Friday, April 21 (session listing below)*

- **Negotiating Difference Without Sacrificing Identity: Religion, Pluralism, and Globalization**
  *Thursday, April 20 at 3:45 p.m., Tomson Hall 280 — Miroslav Volf*

- **Evangelicalism and Politics in the Trump Era: Definitions and Debates**
  *Thursday, April 20 at 7 p.m., Tomson Hall 280 — Amy Black*

  *Friday, April 21 at 3:15 p.m., Tomson Hall 280 — Mitri Raheb*

- **Trying to Live as a Christian in a Polarized Society: Friendship, Church, and Political Life**
  *Friday, April 21 at 4:30 p.m., Tomson Hall 280 — Robert Benne*

**Debating Religious Freedom Today**

*Thursday, April 27 at 7 p.m., Tomson Hall 280*

This panel discussion will address issues revolving around the meaning, justification, and practice of religious freedom.

For detailed descriptions and more information, visit their website at [http://institute.stolaf.edu/events/2016-2017/](http://institute.stolaf.edu/events/2016-2017/)
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord


Coming to the tomb early in the morning, Mary Magdalene is expecting to spend time in the quiet in the darkness before dawn to mourn the death of Jesus. But she finds that the stone has been removed. Peter and other disciples come to the tomb, with their own expectations, and find only the burial cloths. Christ, the Paschal Victim, has been raised from the dead. Where is the stone?

Have you removed the stone that has been blocking your heart? Have the cloths that have covered your buried goodness been set aside? Resurrection is the joy of living fully in Christ. New life in Christ must be celebrated. It is all good news.

Christ, who is our hope, our Redeemer, and our life, is with us. Easter is an opportunity to begin anew. The joy of the Resurrection should be unabashed joy, bold and unafraid. Christ has removed our burial cloths, and our renewal of baptismal promises reminds us that life in Christ is lived in the assembly of the faithful. The whole community shouts for joy: Alleluia! Find your newness of life and name it. Celebrate that new life with wholehearted singing and laughter. What has died within you has been changed into new life for the future. Throw open the windows, let in the light, and sing Alleluia! The Sequence today announces it firmly: Christ is risen from the dead, by this he has given us new life.

Proclaim New Life in Christ

Great and glorious God,
you who have given us life from the creation of the world
you who have raised Christ from the dead,
you who have sent us holiness each day,
dwell in our hearts joyfully.
May our joy never cease,
our faith never waver,
and our life in Christ continue to flourish.
As we proclaim Christ risen and alive,
may we find him each day
in one another, in our homes and our work,
and, strengthened through our lives of faith,
bring all home to new life in him.
We ask this through Christ,
our Risen Savior, who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,

April 16, 2017
Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!

This Week at Home

Monday, April 17
Let Us Rejoice and Be Glad!

We hear in today’s Gospel that the Apostles took hold of Jesus’ feet and worshipped him. This week is full of the joys of the Resurrection. Let this be reflected in your home with flowers, white cloths, and any kind of light, from natural sunlight to candles. May your environment reflect the Alleluia brought to our lips with the Risen Christ.


Tuesday, April 18
I Have Seen the Lord! Alleluia!

“I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.” In Jesus’ words to Mary Magdalene, we are reminded that we are united with Christ through our belief in him. Through the Risen Christ, we are joined to the Father. In being joined to Christ, we are also joined to all who believe.


Wednesday, April 19
Our Hearts Were Burning

When Jesus is walking with us, we can discern the true path. When Jesus is in our conversation, our hearts burn with the understanding that the Holy Spirit brings. When the bread that we break reveals God in our midst, we proclaim: Alleluia! During this Easter season, we may want to seek to open our hearts to the ways Christ is present to us.


Thursday, April 20
Faith in the Name of the Lord

Peter and John heal not by their own power but in the name of the Lord. That faith and that name are our inheritance. Repentance, healing, preaching to all nations—all are to be “in his name.” Carry with you this day that joyful message: that it is God working through us that accomplishes our salvation.


Friday, April 21
God of Surprises

In today’s Gospel, we hear that Jesus provided an abundant number of fish for the disciples when they cast their net as he directed. As these disciples came ashore, he surprised them further with a breakfast that had been cooked over coals. How open are you to the surprises that God has prepared for you?


Saturday, April 22
Rejoice, Believe, and Proclaim

Have you found joy in your encounters this week? We carry our Easter joy especially throughout the Octave of Easter, finding daily opportunities to discover light, happiness, and good news in daily tasks, encounters, and experiences. It is not a time for hardness of heart, as Jesus reminds us in the Gospel today. Let your attitude spread the Good News of Christ, who has died and risen for us. Alleluia!

Nominations are NOW OPEN for our parish LEADERSHIP DISCERNMENT

You're invited to share the names of parishioners, including yourself, who show leadership qualities and may be willing to share those gifts and talents with our parish community.

HOW IT WORKS:
Nomination forms will be available beginning the weekend of April 22/23. Return your completed nomination form by placing it in the collection basket or drop it by the parish office.

You may also e-mail your nomination to church@stpascals.org with LEADERSHIP NOMINATION in the subject line.

Be sure to indicate the gifts/talents you see in your nominee that would make him/her a valuable parish leader in the body of your e-mail.

Nominations will remain open through Tuesday, May 2.
Dear Prospective St. Pascal’s School Parent,

St. Pascal Baylon Catholic School is now enrolling Preschool – 8th grade students for the 2017-18 school year. Today, I am writing to encourage that you consider St. Pascal’s as an excellent option for your child’s spiritual, academic, emotional, social and physical education.

The gift of a Catholic education is a life-long one. The foundation nurtured in the beginning stages of formal education lasts forever. Many of our graduates return to tell us stories of how their lives were impacted by the spiritual and academic preparations they received at St. Pascal’s. We are also aware of the many ways our graduates are contributing to the Church and community.

There is much to be excited about at St. Pascal’s School. We have provided an excellent Catholic education to the community for over 65 years! Just this year we experienced a 14% enrollment increase from last year. Our graduating 8th graders (class of 2016) ranked in the top 2% in the nation in both Reading and Math. All other grade levels are ranked in the top 25% in the nation. We are proud of our growth and the academic excellence offered at our school.

We provide students in preschool – 8th grade an innovative, yet traditional learning environment where each student has the opportunity to grow spiritually and academically – in a caring and nurturing environment. St. Pascal’s offers a rigorous academic program with the following goals to:

- foster each child’s religious development in Catholic faith and Catholic values
- provide a positive environment where each child’s gifts and potential are developed
- create individual learning plans in language arts and math according to each child’s readiness level
- encourage interest in our world through exploration in science and social studies
- develop thinking, problem-solving, listening, and speaking skills
- provide creative opportunities in Art, Spanish, Physical Education, Music and STEM
- offer a band and orchestra program in Grades 4-8
- offer an athletic program in Grades 5-8

The entire staff would welcome the opportunity to meet you and your child/children. School tours are available during the school day and transfer students are invited to spend a day with us. For more information, please contact our Admissions and Enrollment Specialist, Mary McGrath at mary.mcgrath@stpascals.org or call 651.776.0092 ext. 112.

With blessings,

Father Mike Byron, Pastor                                             Laurie Jennrich, Principal
ST. PASCAL’S
PRESCHOOL-KINDERGARTEN
OPEN HOUSE

Calling all little super heroes ages 2-5!

Do you have younger children at home ready to PLANT themselves and GROW with us at St. Pascal’s in our 3, 4, or 5 year old programs? St. Pascal Baylon Catholic School invites you to attend our Open House for new students considering Preschool, Pre-K, or Kindergarten.

EARTH DAY!
SATURDAY, APRIL 22
9-10:30 AM

St. Pascal Baylon Catholic School
1757 Conway Street, St. Paul, MN

For the open house, please park in the lot off of Third Street (north side of the building). Enter the school through Door #5.

Children may come dressed as a favorite super hero or princess to help SAVE THE EARTH and engage in a fun Earth Day activity while parents meet teachers, tour classrooms, and ask questions!

Bring friends, family, or neighbors interested in checking out our school. We look forward to meeting with you and your children.

QUESTIONS?
Contact us at mary.mcgrath@stpascals.org or 651.776.9902 ext.112.
St. Pascal’s is now ENROLLING students for Preschool - 8th grade for the 2017-18 school year. To apply online, go to: http://mytads.com/a/stpascalbaylon
St. Pascal
Baylon
All School Reunion

Saturday, August 12, 2017

Saturday Evening Mass 4:30
Reunion 5:30-8:00

Live Music
Everyone Welcome

Microbrews, Food Trucks

RSVP
MARY.WORLEY@STPASCALS.ORG
OR (651)774-1585
All Ages Welcome!

Join us for a fun-filled reunion on August 12th!

Food, drinks, music, contests, and more!

Come on out and see what's new at St. Pascal's School Reunion!

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ST PASCAL BAYLON SCHOOL REUNION

Mary Worley