The Church of Saint Pascal Baylon

JULY 02, 2017  |  THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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

“Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.” - Mt 10:42

Dear Friends:
I've been doing some thinking lately about the virtue of personal integrity, for several reasons. The biggest one is probably the current awful state of our national and local political discourse. I am sure that there are elected officials among them who genuinely are trying to do the right thing for the right reasons for the greatest common good. And am just as sure that there are officials who will deceive and lie in order to manipulate systems and institutions to get what they want, regardless of who is harmed by it. So how to tell which kind of person is which? It seems that the only real way is to study a leader's record of service and honor and honesty. Those things have to be proven over a long period of time, and they are precious once they have been earned. When someone tries to convince me that another person is dishonest or immoral (or the opposite), the first thing I will ask myself is whether the person making that claim is worthy of my trust. I don’t recall a time in my life when I have been less willing to extend that trust to politicians, and that is a perilous thing to realize. It’s not just a question of telling the truth. It is a question of whether there exists any moral foundation at all beneath the person who is speaking. Without that foundation—or at least the appearance of it—it seems almost impossible to lead or persuade other people.

I am also thinking about all this because of last week’s gathering of priests in Rochester for our biannual conference. I was reminded there of an observation that my father once shared with me, a man who knew lots of priests as his friends. He told me that he counted priests to be among both the most honorable and the most flawed of human beings that he had ever met. He was right, as usual. As I looked around the hall I was very aware that many of these men had shown themselves to be heroic models of virtue and faith over the course of decades in ministry. Others had shown themselves to have been capable of pettiness, terrible mistakes and weaknesses. Sometimes those accomplishments and disasters were widely known, and sometimes not much known at all. And sometimes they were the same persons. The difference was not whether they had made bad judgments or moral failures along the way. We all have. The difference was what they had allowed those experiences to do to them, whether to make them appropriately humble and self-aware or whether to embitter them or make them rigid and defensive. One of the evening gatherings featured three priests reflecting on their ministries in front of the whole group. They ranged from about 15 years ordained to about 40 years. All of them spoke about mistakes that they had made along the way, which they knew had made them better and wiser priest-servants in their parishes. That was evidence of integrity to me, and I would trust any of them to be my pastor or mentor. There were others in the room about whom I would not be ready to say that, necessarily.

It also happened that during that gathering one of our most senior priests died at the age of 95. Msgr. William Baumgaertner, as it happened, had been living at Cerenity-Marian, in our own parish, for the past five years or so, suffering with Alzheimer’s disease. When I think of integrity, his is one of the names that jumps to the top of the list. Several of my priest friends were wondering openly whether his passing might be the end of the generation of the superlatively honorable and "gentlemanly" priests. I hope not. I lived on the same campus with Msgr. Baumgaertner for a decade or so, and he was unfailingly gracious. About a year ago I ran in to him the hallway at Cerenity-Marian and I made a point of re-introducing myself and reminding him from where he would have known me. He told me with a quiet, steady voice, "I am sorry, but I don’t remember you at all." Integrity. Humility. Honor. He earned that throughout his long life and ministry.

We all have the same opportunity and responsibility in whatever kind of life of discipleship we live out. And our church and nation need it.

Fr. Mike Byron

A Note of Gratitude from Fr. Mike
As June turns to July, I want to offer my sincere gratitude to Vic Wittgenstein, who has served as one of our two parish trustees for more than a decade and who is now stepping aside from that responsibility. The trustees are members of the legal corporation of the parish, approved by the archbishop upon the recommendation of the pastor. Their major responsibilities, other than presence and wisdom at meetings of parish governance, are to sign documents pertaining to exceptional expenditures of money for capital improvements and for transactions having to do with real estate. Vic has served with great generosity in that role for a long time, and I am grateful. And equally grateful for the willingness of Kathy Humiston to re-up for another two-year term, as she has done for many years now. And even more equally grateful for the kindness of Jim Reisdorf who, at my invitation and the unanimous encouragement of the parish staff and the approval of Archbishop Hebdal, has agreed to take Vic’s place in our parish corporate leadership structure. We are very blessed around here to have people who care a lot about St. Pascal’s, and who are willing to step up to show it.

St. Pascal’s All School Reunion and Parish Summerfest
All School Reunion
Saturday, August 13 after the 4:30 Mass
Alums, parishioners, school families and friends of St. Pascal’s are all invited to attend. Enjoy craft beer, wine and good eats while listening to live music and connecting with new and old friends. Please contact mary.worley@stpascals.org or 774.1585 with any questions.

Parish Summerfest
Sunday, August 13 from noon-5:00 PM
The weekend fun continues on this new date for our fantastic Parish Festival. See the next page for more information.

Baptized in Christ
We welcome into our community of faith
Ifesinachi Alessia Ugwu
child of Onyebuchi Collins Ugwu and Stephanie Nkemjika Ugwu
and
Chiagozie Martins Ifeanyichukwu
child of Nnaemeka Martins Ifeanyichukwu and Chizoba Prisca Ifeanyichukwu
who were recently Baptized in our church. May God bless these households of faith.
To register, please contact Jackie Nordman, Admissions Director at
and their parents/guardians who partner with us to help their child succeed.

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nation in reading and in the top 23% in the nation in mathematics. St. Pascal
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One indicator of St. Pascal School’s success is the academic achievement of our students. Our
K-8 students take the NWEA Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) standardized
 achievement in the fall, winter and spring. Many of our St. Pascal students scored
higher than the national average. Our recent 8th grade graduates scored in the top 10% in the
nation in reading and in the top 23% in the nation in mathematics. St. Pascal’s students reach
their academic potential because of the incredible support provided by our school’s teachers
and their parents/guardians who partner with us to help their child succeed.

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jackie.nordman@stpascals.org or 776.0092 ext. 112.

Parish Summerfest—Sunday, August 13 from noon-5:00 PM
It’s time to start creating theme baskets for SummerFest!
Individuals, families, and groups are invited to contribute to this festival favorite.
Feeling Creative? Here are some ideas to get you started: games, movies, sports, crafts,
wine, chocolate, spa, cat/dog lover, cooking/baking, Legos, books, and more!
Creatively Challenged but Want to Help? Contribute to a “big ticket” item by making a
donation via cash, check, or gift cards to Best Buy or Target. Then we do the shopping!
Theme baskets can be dropped off at the parish office during regular office hours. Tickets
for a chance at winning a basket will be available for purchase following Masses
beginning the weekend of July 29/30.
HELP NEEDED! Can you help sell tickets before or after Mass the weekends leading up to
SummerFest? Or help set out baskets on a Saturday before the 4:30 Mass and/or
weekends of July 29/30 and August 5/6?
Contact Kim Roering at 774.1585, ext. 128 or kim.roering@stpascals.org.

New This Year! Craft Table
This year’s festival will feature a craft table with new, homemade products for people to
buy. These might include crocheted and cross-stitched items, silk flower arrangements,
greeting cards, quilted blankets, reversible totes, and more...anything you might find at a
craft sale or boutique. Proceeds from any goods donated and sold at the craft sale go to
St. Pascal’s/SummerFest income. Interested in donating items for the craft table?
Contact Sue Kubiak at 771.9085 or suekubiak@gmail.com
Heart Questions
Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.
Matthew 10:39

Adult: When have you felt more fully alive by giving of yourself to another?
Child: When have you been able to put what someone else needs ahead of what you want for yourself?

Stewardship of Treasure
Financial Gifts – Week of June 25, 2017
For fiscal year July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

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Parking lot project met its goal. Completion date is set August 4

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<th>Year to Date: (July 1 – June 30)</th>
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Please note: Automatic (electronic) contributions are made on the 1st and 15th of each month and will be recorded with the following Sunday's collection. Each week our budget requires $17,000 in Sunday stewardship collections and $5,500 in Mortgage (capital campaign) contributions.

Thank you for your generous support!

Readings for the Week
July 02, 2016

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<th>Tuesday</th>
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<td>Wednesday</td>
<td>Monday: Eph 2:19-22, Ps 117:1b-2, Jn 20:24-29</td>
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<td>Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29, Ps 26:2-3, 9-12, Mt 8:23-27</td>
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<td>Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19, Ps 115:1-6, 8-9, Mt 9:1-8</td>
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Next Sunday: Zec 9:9-10, Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14, Rom 8:3, 11-13, Mt 11:25-30

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

Sunday, July 2—Peter's Pence
No scheduled events

Monday, July 3
Parish office closed

Tuesday, July 4—Independence Day
NO MASS

Wednesday, July 5
1:00pm Marian Center Mass & Dessert: Marian Ctr. St. Paul
7:30pm Men's Club Softball: CF

Thursday, July 6
7:00pm SJCC Meeting: FR

Friday, July 7
No scheduled events

Saturday, July 8
No scheduled events

Sunday, July 9
No scheduled events

Meeting Location Key:
BH: Brioschi Hall, CF: Cafeteria, CR: Choir Room, FR: Founders Room, OC: Old Church, SL: Staff Lounge

Seeking Part-time Outdoor Helper
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Bloodmobile soon will be at St. Pascal's in Brioschi Hall
Monday, July 10, from 1:00 – 6:00 PM
Please call Margaret at 735.4701 for an appointment time.

Neighborhood Peace Celebration
Saturday, July 22 from 3:00-7:00 PM at Battle Creek Recreation Center
Join Saint Paul City Council Ward 7 in another community event to bring neighbors together to foster friendship, safety and security. With leadership from the SPPD Community Engagement Unit and Saint Paul Parks, this multicultural event will include all manner of fun for families from bounce house to face-painting, climbing wall, Mounted Police, K9s, biking, tennis, soccer, food, and ethnic music and dance performances.

Can You Help Theresa Living Center Help Women on Our Eastside?
Theresa Living Center is a transitional home for women and babies that is housed in the former convent at St. Casimir’s Church on our own Eastside. Women can live there for two years while they work to become self-sufficient. St. Casimir’s is supporting an expansion of the center including the addition of four more residential rooms for single women.

The Center is in the need of the following:
- Twin bedroom furniture for 4 single rooms
- Painting of new residential living spaces
- 4 operable mini refrigerators
- Muscles for moving office furniture
- Volunteer gardeners
- Business phone system (new or used)

To help, or to donate to the Center, please contact Lucy Zanders at 774.5594 or lucy.zanders.tlc@gmail.com.

Volunteer gardeners
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CCEFS in collaboration with Transfiguration Catholic Church is hosting free Produce Fairs this harvest season. A broad range of fresh produce will be available for free. Visit us at Transfiguration during the dates below and receive a variety of free produce. Actual items depend on the growing season. In addition, a bag lunch will be provided to youth (18 years old & younger) by Partners in Nutrition, during our distribution times on July 27, Aug 10 & 24. No appointment or pre-registration is required. All are welcome, no matter where you live. Please bring your own bags. Event will be held rain or shine, unless there is extreme weather.

Dates: Thursdays, July 27, August 10 and 24, September 14 and 28, and October 12

Time: Distribution from 10 to 11:30 AM

Location: Transfiguration Catholic Church parking lot, 6133 15th Street North, Oakdale

Questions: See www.ccefs.org for more information

Produce Fairs are sponsored by CCEFS. For additional food support, visit CCEFS during our regular service hours: Mondays 12-4pm, Thursdays 3-7pm & Fridays 9-1:30pm at 7380 Afton Road, Woodbury, in the lower level of Woodbury Lutheran Church.