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Welcome! We hope you enjoy your time with us. Whether you are just visiting or looking for a parish home, it's great to have you with us. Whatever your life circumstances, wherever you have been or whatever has happened in your life, you are welcome here. Please join us in Brioschi Hall after Mass for hospitality and to find out more.

JUNE 24, 2018 | THE NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

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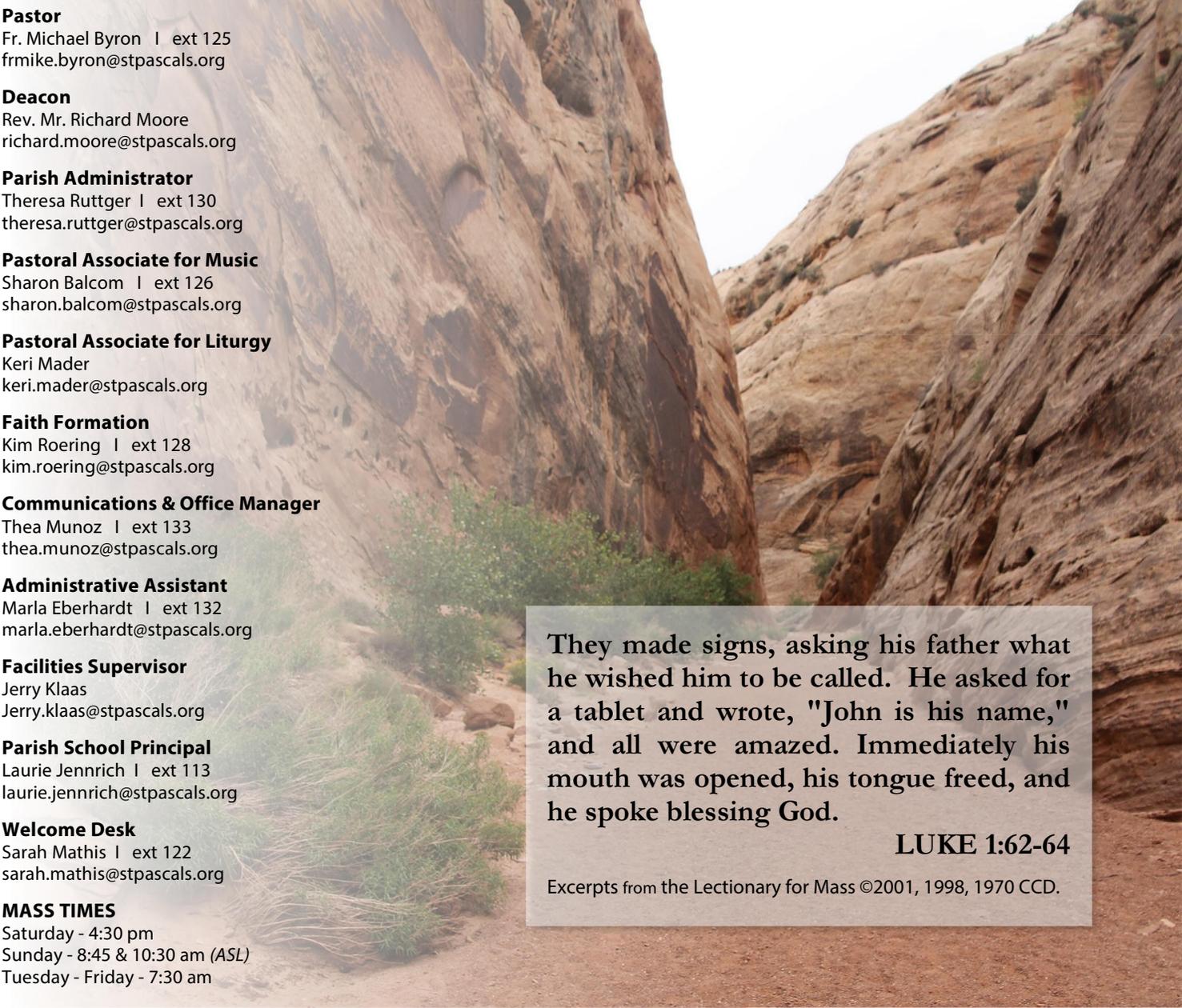
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MASS TIMES

Saturday - 4:30 pm
Sunday - 8:45 & 10:30 am (ASL)
Tuesday - Friday - 7:30 am



They made signs, asking his father what he wished him to be called. He asked for a tablet and wrote, "John is his name," and all were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened, his tongue freed, and he spoke blessing God.

LUKE 1:62-64

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Dear Friends:

Last week in this column I reported on ten rules for life that the late Fr. Martin Fleming had imparted (whether knowingly or not) to his niece, who spoke at his funeral. As I am preparing to say farewell to St. Pascal's within the next many days, I don't want to leave it to chance to have people guess what my top ten list might be. It is possible that you don't care, and it is possible that your experience of me and my ministry may not comport very well with the list that is to follow, but it is actually what I think. So here goes...

- To a true Catholic Christian, nothing is more important than hospitality. I learned this from my Benedictine formation in Collegeville a long time ago, and it is true. Jesus was, among many other things, the man who welcomed unconditionally, and any of us who would presume to profess faith in him have no choice but to do the same. Thus, whenever we find the practices and laws of our church (local, national, universal) to be hostile to hospitality we have the responsibility to question and challenge those things. We have no right to be content in the practice of our religion while others are deliberately kept away from the community.
- The first question that a true Catholic Christian must ask of any activity, whether governmental, civic, or religious, is what effect it has on the most poor, defenseless, marginalized, and silenced. I learned this from my Jesuit formation in graduate school more recently, and it also is true. Thus, we are not excused from indifference to the suffering of the unborn, the immigrant, the aged, the outcast, the sick, the poor.
- Racism is alive and well in America these days, as it apparently has ever been. It is demonic. It must be called out by true Catholic Christians and resisted with all efforts. It is being encouraged by powerful people in government at the moment, and it is horrifying that anybody tolerates or attempts to defend it.
- Clericalism is alive and well in our Catholic church these days, as it has been for centuries. It too is demonic, and must be called out by true Catholic Christians, and resisted with all efforts. It is being encouraged by powerful people in church hierarchy at the moment, as well as in ordinary parishes, and it is horrifying that anybody tolerates or attempts to defend it. By clericalism I mean the idea that "Father knows best" and that he is the singularly enlightened person in the community to clarify things for everybody else. It is being actively perpetuated in the formation of our priests today in some (close) quarters. Wrong.
- Beauty, wherever and however it is found, is from God and is to be venerated as good. The beauty of nature, of friendship, of art and music, of human love, of community.
- Suffering is the necessary part of true Catholic Christian discipleship, because it is the pattern that Jesus disclosed to us. Suffering is not to be sought after, nor to be delighted in for its own sake, but is unavoidable for any real follower of the gospel and can be transformed into redemptive joy. The Catholic Christian adult who has not suffered for the sake of faith is one who has not been paying sufficient attention to his/her responsibility.
- It is easy to turn religion into a selfish kind of personal therapeutic regimen of ego-oriented pious practices. In some respects, this is a uniquely modern American instinct, but it is widespread, including within the Catholic church. It should be called out for the falseness that it is, and refuted.

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A Celebration of the Feast of Mary Magdalene

with Luke Hansen, SJ and Connie Walsh

Sunday, July 22, 7:00-8:30 PM in Brioschi Hall

Join us for an evening of story-telling, prayer and discussion about Mary Magdalene and other prominent women in early Christian churches.

Fr. Luke Hansen, SJ is a Jesuit priest currently studying at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. He worked on the Women Deacons Project of FutureChurch, spoke at an event in Rome for International Women's Day, and has visited the places where Mary Magdalene, Phoebe, Priscilla and other early Christian women lived and worked.

Connie Walsh is a parishioner of St. Pascal's and serves on the school board for St. Pascal Baylon Catholic School. Connie served for eight years on the Commission of Women for the archdiocese and has received formation as an Ignatian Associate.

Change to Daily Mass Dates

Please note that there will be no daily mass on Tuesday & Wednesday, June 26 & 27 or on Wednesday, July 4. Mass is celebrated daily at 1:00 PM at Marian Center St. Paul located at 200 Earl Street—including July 4.

Bloodmobile

Monday, July 9 from 1:00 - 6:00 PM in Brioschi Hall

Be Somebody Extraordinary—Give Blood

Out of every 100 people, only 4 or 5 actually give blood. And, each unit of donated blood can help several people. So, if you're healthy, 17 or older (16 with parental consent), and weigh 110 pounds or more, you may be eligible to do something extraordinary. Please call Margaret at 735.4701 for an appointment time.

Baptized in Christ

We welcome into our community of faith

Kaden Hiro Alexander Urabe Rasoul
child of Shariff and Cara

who was recently Baptized in our church.
May God bless this household of faith.

In Christ We Live Forever

Please remember in your prayers...

Bernie Vagnoni

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.

SCHOOL NEWS

Annual School Academic Report

During the 2017-2018 school year, St. Pascal Baylon tested 124 students in kindergarten through grade 8 at three different points throughout the school year (fall, winter, spring) to measure growth. Here are some of the Fast Facts:

- 41% of grade 3-8 students were proficient (at or above grade norm) in mathematics at the end of the academic year. The level of proficiency in math at neighboring schools was 35% in 2016-2017 (2017-2018 data is not available yet).
- 54% of grade 3-8 students were proficient (at or above grade norm) in reading at the end of the academic year. The level of proficiency in reading at neighboring schools was 37.9% in 2016-2017 (2017-2018 data is not available yet).
- In addition, 7 of 9 grade levels (K-8) met growth targets in reading at the end of the academic year.
- It is also important to report that 50% of St. Pascal students are identified as economically disadvantaged and 54% of our students' race/ethnicity is Hispanic/Latino, Black or African American, or students with two or more ethnicities.

We could not accomplish this level of academic achievement without the help and support of our school parents/guardians. Thank you for partnering with us in the education of your child!

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- As has always been the case, and as Jesus taught, it is the children who will lead us into all truth. What do they need? What are they summoning the rest of us to do and to be? It is that to which we must attend. This is a question of particular importance in the present moment at St. Pascal's.
- We are not now, have never been, and never will be alone in our pursuit of God and Christian community. We need one another, and others need us.
- The Eucharist is that singular moment when space and time stops, where all divisions cease, where the "dead" and the "living" are together in a single collision of gratitude, all in heaven and on earth, offering, giving thanks, petition, and resolve for mission. Eucharist is what keeps our vision and purpose clear.

So there we have my penultimate manifesto!

Fr. Mike Byron

Farewell Celebration for Fr. Mike Byron

Sunday, July 1 from 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM in Brioschi Hall

Please join us for fellowship and refreshment at an open house-style farewell celebration as we thank Fr. Mike for his six years of service as pastor of St. Pascal's and wish him well in his new assignment at Pax Christi in Eden Prairie.

FAITH FORMATION

VBS Week is here!

This week 45 children and 20 youth and adult leaders will be at St. Pascal's for our "Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus" Vacation Bible School. Here are the themes and stories they will be learning about through music, games, videos, projects, and more!

Day 1: When you're lonely, Jesus rescues! Jesus tells parables about lost things. (Luke 15)

Day 2: When you worry...Jesus rescues! Martha worries and complains. (Luke 10: 38-42)

Day 3: When you struggle...Jesus rescues! Jesus' friends try to rescue him from the garden of Gethsemane. (Luke 22: 39-54; Matt. 26: 36-56)

Day 4: When you do wrong, Jesus rescues! Jesus welcomes a criminal before dying and coming back to life. (Luke 23:26-24:12)

Day 5: When you're powerless, Jesus rescues! Peter and John heal a lame man in Jesus' name. (Acts 3: 1-26)

Preschool Playground Update

The fence is in! St. Croix Recreation Co. has ordered our first three pieces of playground equipment—a freestanding play train engine, an inclusive spinner, and a playset that includes 13 different play activities, including a bee play panel, jungle vine climber, two slides and an activity panel.

Parish

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Parish Office Hours

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Holidays as announced

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School Office Hours

June
 Mon - Fri 8:00 - 3:00 PM

July
 By appointment only

Parish Councils

Parish Pastoral Council

Ann Karner, Chair
 Meetings - 1st Tuesday at 6:30 PM

Parish Finance Council

Cindy Reisdorf
 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.munoz@stpascals.org.

Mass Announcements

Direct to Keri Mader at keri.mader@stpascals.org by 3:00 PM on Wednesday.

Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday, June 26

NO DAILY MASS

Wednesday, June 27

NO DAILY MASS

Thursday, June 28

7:30 AM + Ken Nerison

11:00 AM The People of the Parish

Friday, June 29

7:30 AM + Placido Amon

Saturday, June 30

4:30 PM + Cynthia Knapper

Sunday, July 1

8:45 AM The People of the Parish

10:30 AM + Noe & Annette Bibeau

Heart Questions

Nativity of John the Baptist Living in God's Kingdom

John heralded [Jesus'] coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel.

Acts 13:24

Adults: In what ways do you help people in your life prepare themselves for meeting Jesus?

Kids: How do you help others to be their best, as John did?

Missionary Appeal—CFIC Children's Mission in India

CFIC is the Latin acronym for the **Congregation of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception**, founded by Blessed Luigi Maria Monti, in Rome, Italy, 1857. Today the Congregation extends to 23 countries including Canada, the US and Mexico. CFIC members, both priests and lay religious, dedicate themselves to the care of the sick, and to the education of orphaned, poor and abandoned children. Through several caring centers, more than 250 children who are physically or mentally challenged, poor, abandoned or orphaned receive care.

Divine Providence Home—for disabled children in Andhra Pradesh. Thousands of children have been given a good education and now most of them are employed and earning their livelihood.

Snehasadan (House of Love)—home for poor, abandoned children and needy youth at Bangalore. Snehasadan plays a significant and relevant role to protect the rights of children.

Emmanuel Clinic—a rehabilitation therapy center for the Tsunami-affected areas. The clinic is open for children and adults for rehab and physiotherapy for disabilities caused by the Tsunami.

Of course, we know we are doing very little although we have the manpower and enthusiasm to do more for these millions of children, the future of humanity. Finances are always a problem. We don't receive any support from the government but we are always inspired by the great generosity of many people like you.

Readings

June 24, 2018

Sunday:

Nativity of John the Baptist

Is 49:1-6

Ps 139:1-3, 13-15

Acts 13:22-26

Lk 1:57-66, 80

Monday:

2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18

Ps 60:3-5, 12-13

Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday:

2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21,

31-35a, 36

Ps 48:2-4, 10-11

Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday:

2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3

Ps 119:33-37, 40

Mt 7:15-20

Thursday:

2 Kgs 24:8-17

Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9

Mt 7:21-29

Friday:

Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles

Acts 12:1-11

Ps 34:2-9

2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18

Mt 16:13-19

Saturday:

Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19

Ps 74:1-7, 20-21

Mt 8:5-17

Next Sunday:

Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24

Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13

2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15

Mk 5:21-43

The Week Ahead

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

Sunday, June 24—Missionary Weekend

After Masses New Member Registration: BH

Monday, June 25 -Friday, June 29

9:00am Vacation Bible School: OC

Monday, June 25

No scheduled events

Tuesday, June 26

NO DAILY MASS

4:30pm Charter Work Group Meeting: SL

Wednesday, June 27

NO DAILY MASS

7:30pm Men's Club Softball: CF

Thursday, June 28

11:00am Young at Heart Mass & Luncheon: CH, BH

Friday, June 29

No scheduled events

Saturday, June 30

No scheduled events

Sunday, July 1

11:30am Farewell Reception for Fr. Mike: BH

Monday, July 2

9:30am Dancing with Daniela: OC

Tuesday, July 3

8:00am Welcome Coffee for Fr. John Mitchell: BH

Wednesday, July 4—Independence Day

Parish Office Closed

NO DAILY MASS

1:00pm Marian Center Mass & Dessert: Marian Ctr of St. Paul

Thursday, July 5

No scheduled events

Friday, July 6

No scheduled events

Saturday, July 7

No scheduled events

Sunday, July 8

After Masses New Member Registration: BH

Meeting Location Key:

BH: Brioschi Hall, CF: Cafeteria, CH: Church, OC: Old Church, SL: Staff Lounge

SJCC Lending Library

The Social Justice and Caring Committee "Lending Library" is now up and running. It is located just outside the Founder's Room.

Please enjoy browsing the collection for children, teen, and adult materials. There are even a handful of DVD movies depicting various Saints in the church.

The procedure on how to "check out" and "return" materials is found on the book cart. Enjoy reading!

—St. Pascal's Social Justice and Caring Committee

Emergency Food Help

Progressive Baptist Church, 1505 Burns Avenue

If you, your family, or neighbors you know are in need of emergency food items, all are welcome to visit the food shelf on Wednesdays from 3:00 to 5:00 PM for a variety of nourishing items. No residency or parish membership requirements.