God’s love knows no barriers. St. Pascal’s...where all people matter.

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 Brioscchi Hall after Mass for hospitality and to find out more.

MARCH 24, 2019 | THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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**FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK**

**The Scrutinies.** Two weeks ago at our 10:30 AM Mass, Callie Paramo, a member of our parish, celebrated the Rite of Sending of the Catechumens for Election. Later that day, she went to the Cathedral of St. Paul along with hundreds of other catechumens to be formally accepted into the Order of the Elect by Archbishop Hebda. Callie and many other people in our Archdiocese and around the world are now preparing to celebrate Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday, April 20.

This weekend at our Saturday, 4:30 PM Mass, we will celebrate the First Scrutiny with Callie. We will celebrate the Second Scrutiny with Callie during the 8:45 AM Mass on March 31 and the Third Scrutiny with Callie during the 10:30 AM Mass on April 7. By spreading out the Scrutiny prayers at the various weekend Masses, I hope many of you will have the opportunity to witness and celebrate one or more of the Scrutinies.

What are the Scrutinies? “While scrutiny ordinarily refers to an examination or investigation, the Scrutinies that are celebrated as part of the Lenten initiation rites are not examinations of the Elect but rather are rites of prayer and exorcism. The Scrutinies are an integral part of the Lenten season which originated as a season of baptismal preparation. By the fourth century, Lent developed as a formal period of intensive spiritual preparation that followed a lengthy time of catechetical formation. In the early centuries of the Church, exorcisms were celebrated regularly during the formation of catechumens to help free them from the powers of evil as they grew in their conversion to Christ. The culmination of this process took place during the weeks before Easter, when the Scrutinies—solemn exorcisms—were celebrated by the bishop in the presence of the entire community to help the Elect to be freed of any remaining obstacles to their wholehearted conversion to the way of Christ.

Today, the Scrutinies are celebrated during Mass on the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent. They ‘are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the Elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good’ (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, 141). As in earlier centuries, the Scrutinies are to be celebrated publicly ‘in such a way that the faithful in the assembly will also derive benefit from the liturgy of the Scrutinies and join in the intercessions for the Elect’ (RCIA, 145). The celebration of the Scrutinies is intimately linked to the proclamation of God’s Word, and the readings from Year A are always used at Masses where the Scrutinies are celebrated regardless of the current Sunday cycle of the Lectionary. The Scrutiny prayers flow directly from the three Gospel stories of the Samaritan woman at the well (John 4:5-42) on the Third Sunday of Lent, the man born blind (John 9:1-41) on the Fourth Sunday of Lent, and the raising of Lazarus (John 11:1-45) on the Fifth Sunday of Lent. During the Scrutiny ritual, the community prays that Christ may satisfy the thirst of the Elect (Samaritan Woman on Third Sunday of Lent), heal their blindness (Man Born Blind on Fourth Sunday), and save them from death (Raising of Lazarus on Fifth Sunday).” (Source: https://celebrationpublications.org/article/scrutinies)

I encourage you to pray for Callie, and I hope the Scrutinies also remind us to pray for one another who are already baptized that we continue to turn away from sin, that we are protected from evil, and that we are faithful to the Gospel.

God Bless You,
Father John Mitchell

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**Bowl Tenders Needed for Holy Thursday**

Can you help with our foot washing ritual on Holy Thursday, April 18? This is one of the most prominent and important ritual actions for this liturgy, as it helps to demonstrate what it means for us to serve one another. As in past years, everyone in the pews will be invited to participate, and 10 individuals are needed to assist those who take part. A practice will be held on Sunday, April 14, at 11:45 AM. Please contact Keri Mader if you are willing to help: 651.432.4957 or keri.mader@stpascals.org.

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**Eucharistic Ministry to the Homebound**

Eucharistic Ministers are available to visit homes of parishioners who are unable to attend a weekend Liturgy. Request a visit by contacting Bonnie Steele.

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**Hospital Ministry/Visititation**

Hospitals are essential, hopeful, and helpful. They may also be a scary, painful, lonely, or sad environment. Whenever you or someone you love is in the hospital, your church community can offer meaningful support. St. Pascal Baylon has trained ministers who bring the hope and prayer of the community and a confidential listening ear to our parishioners. Eucharistic Ministers may visit and bring communion; our priest visits and offers the sacraments of healing and reconciliation. When you or a member of your family is admitted to a hospital, please let the hospital staff know that you are a member of St. Pascal Baylon in East St. Paul. All area hospitals have chaplains who are available. If you would like to be visited, please let the hospital staff know and someone from chaplaincy will bring you Eucharist. They will also call the parish office if, during the admitting process, you identify as Catholic and mention St. Pascal Baylon. Then someone from our parish will also visit you. In an emergency, please ask the hospital staff to call the hospital chaplain or a Catholic priest.

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**A Time to Grieve Booklets**

Would you like to reach out to our families who have lost a loved one? We have a series of booklets called A Time to Grieve by Stephen Ministry. They are a set of four short books to send to a grieving person at four crucial times during the first year after a loved one dies. Each book focuses on what the person is likely experiencing at that point in grief—offering understanding, empathy, compassion, and hope. The booklets are sent with a brief note of encouragement, written by you, to the bereaved. If you have an interest in being a caring presence to our bereaved family members contact Bonnie Steele.

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**Pastoral Care Ministry**

Please contact Bonnie Steele with questions or for more information at 651.432.4959 or bonnie.steele@stpascals.org.

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Lent is a call to renew a commitment grown dull, perhaps, by a life more marked by routine than reflection

—Sister Joan Chittister, OSB
**FRIENDS & FAMILY**

Doing Great Things Together - Celebrating Diversity

Saturday, May 4 at 5:30 PM in Brioschi Hall
Come and join in the fun—this event is the funnest fundraiser St. Pascal’s has!

**We Need Gift Cards.** Gift cards to restaurants, stores, gas stations, garden centers, grocery stores etc., with a minimum $10 value but we need higher values as well. You may also donate cash or by check and let us buy the gift cards, which would be fantastic! Drop off your gift cards at our poster in the gathering space, drop in the collection basket (in an envelope labeled Friends & Family) or bring the gift cards to the parish office.

**We Need Community Mixers.** Can you cook an ethnic or fun filled meal, or teach an entertaining class or hold a cool excursion for 8 to 12 people? Please consider hosting these activities and donating them to our Community Mixer auctions at the Friends & Family Event on May 4.

**We Need Volunteers.** Can you help with set up, running the games during the first hour of this event, clean up or in a few other areas? Questions about these please call Mike Aeling 651.307.8237.

**Emergency Food Help**

Progressive Baptist Church, 1505 Burns Ave.
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.

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**OUR SCHOOL**

**Culver’s Night**
Monday, March 25 from 5:00-7:00 PM at the Sun Ray Culver’s.
Proceeds go for the 7/8 Grade trip to Washington D.C. Thank you for your continued support!

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**FAITH FORMATION**

Save the Date!
June 24-28—Vacation Bible School 2019
ROAR! Life is wild—God is good

Make plans now to join us for VBS 2019. At ROAR kids discover that God is good through all of life’s challenges. Life is wild for kids—full of ups and downs and twists and turns. It can often feel chaotic and out of control.

At ROAR kids experience the solid foundation of God’s goodness—something they can stand on, cling to, hold, and remember when the wild side of life doesn’t feel so fun or adventurous.

Registration forms will be available beginning in early April.

Help will be needed in all areas! Contact Kim Roering in the parish office if you are interested.

**Safe Environment Compliance for Volunteers**

Planning to chaperone or help with a St. Pascal’s school event this spring? Or are you planning to help with Vacation Bible School? Do you visit the homebound?

The Archdiocesan Office for the Protection of Children and Youth requires that all adults working with children and youth or visiting vulnerable adults fulfill the Essential 3 requirements (for new volunteers) or the Enhanced Essential 3 (for those who completed Protecting God’s Children training and requirements prior to July 1, 2016).

All NEW volunteers working with minors are required to complete the following:

1. VIRTUS Safe Environment Training—LIVE session AND Mandated Reporting Training (online).
2. Background Check (complete online)
3. View Code of Conduct Training and sign 2016 Code of Conduct (complete online)

For more information or assistance, or if you are unsure of your compliance status, contact Kim Roering in the parish office.

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**For after-hours pastoral emergency (death, dying or anointing): Call the parish office.**

**Parish Office Hours**

Mon-Fri 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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**Early Learning Center**

**ELC Office Hours**

Mon-Fri 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

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Mon-Fri 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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**Parish Councils**

**Parish Pastoral Council**
Meetings 1st Tuesday at 6:30 PM
Ann Karner, Chair

**Parish Finance Council**
Meetings 4th Thursday at 6:30 PM
Cindy Reisdorf, Chair

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**Sacramental Information**

**Reconciliation**
Saturday at 3:45 PM and by appointment
Communal celebrations as announced

**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.

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**Parish Prayer Line**

8:00 - 10:00 AM 651.735.0004
Mary Butler-Levine

4:00 - 6:00 PM 651.774.3248
Pat Kackman

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**Parish Communication**

**Bulletin Notices**
Email notices by 3:00 PM Monday to church@stpascals.org.

**Mass Announcements**
Please direct to Keri Mader at keri.mader@stpascals.org by 3:00 PM on Wednesday.

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**Men’s Club Lenten Fish Fry—Fridays of Lent from March 8 – April 12**

4:30 to 7:00 PM in Brioschi Hall (Please use the Flandreau St. entrance)
The “All-You-Can-Eat” menu offers fried or baked cod, coleslaw, steamed mixed vegetables, macaroni and cheese, au gratin potatoes or seasoned fries, rolls and butter, coffee, water, and chocolate or vanilla pudding. Milk, bottled water and assorted pop extra. Raffle and baked goods sale. Take-out will be available!

Adults (12 and up): $12.00  |  Children (6-11): $5.00  |  Children 5 and under: FREE

Proceeds go to purchase equipment, uniforms, and supplies for our school Physical Education program and extracurricular sports activities, plus other parish/school needs.
THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Sunday, March 24—Lent 3
After Masses: Friends & Family gift card collection: CM
After Masses: New Member Registration: BH
12:00pm Confirmation I: OC

Monday, March 25
5:00pm Culver's Night: Sun Ray Culvers
6:30pm Boy Scouts 294: CF, Gym, 108
6:30pm Prebaptism Session: FR
7:00pm School Donors: Goodies & Gratitude: Atrium

Tuesday, March 26
8:15am Bible Study: PC
7:00pm Bible Study: PC

Wednesday, March 27
9:00am Rosary: CH
9:30am School Mass—All are welcome!
6:30pm Choir: CR
6:30pm RCIA: FR
6:30pm Faith Formation: 101, 105, 108, Library

Thursday, March 28
9:30am Bible Study: PC
11:00am Young at Heart Mass & Luncheon: CH, BH
6:30pm Finance Council: FR

Friday, March 29
9:30am School Lent Reconciliation—All are welcome!
4:30pm Fish Fry & Bake Sale: BH, Kit
7:00pm Stations of the Cross: CH

Saturday, March 30—Global Solidarity Weekend
No scheduled events

Sunday, March 31—Lent 4
8:45am Scrutiny (RCIA)

MEETING LOCATION KEY:
BH: Brioschi Hall, CF: Cafeteria, CH: Church, CM: Commons, CR: Choir Room, FR: Founders Room, LB: Library, OC: Old Church, PC: Parish Conference Room, SL: Staff Lounge

Young at Heart Mass & Luncheon—Thursday, March 28 at 11:00 AM
Attention YAH 55 plus—come and meet some new friends! Fr. John will celebrate the Eucharist with us and then, after a short meeting, we will have a Lasagna Dinner catered by Magnolia's. We ask a $10.00 donation for the meal, payable on the day of the meeting. Jim Berner will entertain us with his musical program. We thank you for your prompt response to our $10.00 annual membership dues. If you are a newcomer, you are most welcome! Please RSVP by Monday, March 25 to Betty Hensel at 651.714.8958 or bjhen@q.com or to Barb Kendle at 651.738.3799. We look forward to seeing you!

EASTER FLOWERS
This Easter, purchase a plant or make a donation (any amount) in honor of a family member, loved one or someone who is ill or homebound. Please complete the form below and return it to the parish office or place it in the collection basket at Mass. Suggested donation is $10. Thank you for your gift!

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

___________________________________________
Donated by:
__________________________________________
Please make checks payable to St. Pascal's.

CRS Rice Bowl
Encounter Dhathcroos family
The Dhathcroos family returned home, after fleeing violence in their country, to build a prosperous farm and become a vital contributor to their community. You can assist refugees in your community to rebuild their lives and support refugees worldwide who are fleeing violence in their country. Visit crsricebowl.org for more info.

For refugees returning home who find it difficult to rebuild their lives. We pray to the Lord…

Sunday, March 24
7:30 AM + Mary Roche

Wednesday, March 27
9:30 AM + Bernard Vagnoni

Thursday, March 28
7:30 AM + A deceased member of the parish
11:00 AM + Jim Brown

Friday, March 29
7:30 AM + Rosita O’Connell

Saturday, March 30
4:30 PM + Mary Kachelmyer

Sunday, March 31
8:45 AM The People of the Parish
10:30 AM + Lawrence Senger

Readings
March 24, 2019

Sunday:
Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15
Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12
Lk 13:1-9

Monday:
Is 7:10-14; 8:10
Ps 40:7-11
Heb 10:4-10
Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday:
Dn 3:25, 34-43
Ps 25:4bc-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9
Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday:
Dt 4:1, 5-9
Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday:
Jer 7:23-28
Ps 95:1-2, 6-9
Lk 11:14-23

Friday:
Hos 14:2-10
Ps 81:6c-11b, 14, 17
Mk 12:28-34

Saturday:
Hos 6:1-6
Ps 51:3-4, 18-21b
Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday:
Jos 5:9a, 10-12
Ps 34:2-7
2 Cor 5:17-21
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Patience and Mercy

God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, you rescued your people and led them to a land of milk and honey. Throughout history, you have patiently allowed your people time to repent. May we be grateful for your mercy and regard this season of Lent as a time to be cultivated in your ways so that we may bear fruit in the future. We look to your Word to guide us on our journey as we seek to know your will. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, March 24, 2019

Repentance

During Lent, we pray and fast so that we can live out our life in Christ better. These forty days offer an opportunity to reexamine our lives and to seek what God desires of us. This is our chance to be fertilized and cultivated in God’s ways so that we can bear fruit in the future. How are you making small changes in your life so that God can transform you? Are there habits of prayer or reading Scripture that you are trying to form? How can you integrate these habits into your life even after Lent? Take some time today to reflect on what in your life is in need of repentance. Remember, Lent will soon be half over.


The word “repent” is usually equated with being sorry or seeking forgiveness. During Jesus’ time on earth, people would understand repentance to mean a change of life, a total transformation. Change is difficult, even when it is small.

In today’s Gospel, we hear a parable about a fig tree that has produced no fruit during three years. Now the time has run out, and the owner wants to cut the tree down. However, the gardener requests that he be allowed to care for the fig tree for one year, cultivating the ground and fertilizing it, so that it will bear fruit in the future.
**THIS WEEK AT HOME**

**Monday, March 25**

**Handmaid of the Lord**

Mary responds to the angel Gabriel, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord, may it be done to me according to your word.” In describing herself as the handmaid of the Lord, Mary is claiming her role as a humble servant before God. Mary models for us how we are to respond to God, with a humble heart that is ready to assist and to serve. How can you surrender yourself to God’s will? How are you called this week to be of service to others?

**Today’s Readings:** Isaiah 7:10–14; Psalm 40:7–8, 8–9, 10, 11; Hebrews 10:4–10; Luke 1:26–38.

**Tuesday, March 26**

**Forgive from Your Heart**

Do you find forgiveness to be difficult in your life? Is it easier for you to ask for forgiveness or to be the one who offers pardon to another who has wronged you? Forgiveness can lead to healing and peace. This is our hope: to be restored to one another and to God. Find out when your parish community is offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation and plan to attend.

**Today’s Readings:** Daniel 3:25, 34–43; Psalm 25:4–5, 6–7, 8–9; Matthew 18:21–35.

**Wednesday, March 27**

**Fulfillment of the Law**

The law and the prophets were guides for the Chosen People. Jesus comes to fulfill the law, and the law he shares is the law of love. When it comes to living our faith, we must do so with a sincere heart. How often do you do something because it is required? Today strive to lift up one of your obligatory tasks and embrace it with a new heart of love and humility for the Lord.

**Today’s Readings:** Deuteronomy 4:1, 5–9; Psalm 147:12–13, 15–16, 19–20; Matthew 5:17–19.

**Thursday, March 28**

**Unfair Judgment**

Those who witness Jesus casting out a demon were amazed, but they also were skeptical about the source of his power and even tried to test him by demanding a sign from heaven. Have you ever been in a situation in which there seemed to be no good options to take? Have you ever been judged unfairly? Jesus invites us to follow him and in doing so, we need to pray for one another. It can be difficult to pray for those who are unkind and causing division. Ask God to heal them and for the courage to follow Jesus.

**Today’s Readings:** Jeremiah 7:23–28; Psalm 95:1–2, 6–7, 8–9; Luke 11:14–23.

**Friday, March 29**

**Loving God**

Jesus summarized the Commandments into loving God completely and loving neighbor as ourselves. Do you find it more difficult to love God or others? What does it mean to love God with all of your heart, soul, mind, and strength? How will you show your love of God today?

**Today’s Readings:** Hosea 14:2–10; Psalm 81:6–8, 10–11, 14, 17; Mark 12:28–34.

**Saturday, March 30**

**Right Attitude**

Through a parable about two men praying in the Temple, Jesus calls us to a right attitude of ourselves before God and others. The posture, gestures, and words of the two men reveal much about their relationship with the Lord. Which man’s life was changed because of his prayer that day? Do you open yourself to be changed through prayer? As you continue to journey through Lent, consider a new prayer form, such as journaling, centering prayer, or adoration, to enrich your relationship with God.

ENCOUNTERING JESUS IN LENT

A MINI-RETREAT

Join us for a parish mini-retreat this Lent as Fr. John Mitchell and Deacon Rich Moore help us explore the Gospel stories of the woman caught in adultery and the Samaritan woman at the well. Each session will include lecture, guided reflection, small group discussion and prayer.

An optional dinner or lunch will be provided to those who would like to join us before or after the presentations. A free will offering will be taken.

TWO OPTIONS!—CHOOSE THE BEST FOR YOU

Monday, April 1, 2019 * 6:30-8:30 pm preceded by optional dinner at 5:30 pm

Tuesday April 2, 2019 * 10 am-12 Noon followed by optional lunch at 12 Noon

Brioschi Hall

Facilitated by Fr. John Mitchell and Deacon Rich Moore

The same material will be presented at both sessions. Participants are welcome to attend one or both sessions.