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

APRIL 14, 2019  |  PALM SUNDAY

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

At the end of February, we were $30,000 behind budget in our Sunday Envelope collection. As we go through the months of April, May and June, I ask you to do what you can to help us get back on budget with our Sunday donations. Every gift helps, and I appreciate your generosity and support of St. Pascal Baylon Parish.

We begin Holy Week this weekend. I invite you to join us as much as you are able this week at our Holy Week liturgies.

Palm Sunday begins our week. This day commemorates the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Soon the mood changes from triumph to death, and we hear the Passion narrative tell of Jesus’ arrest, crucifixion and death. We reflect on the momentous events in Jesus’ life, and we enter into the mystery of his passion, death and resurrection.

Holy Thursday celebrates the institution of the Eucharist by Jesus at the Last Supper. We also celebrate the Washing of the Feet which allows us to remember the loving service Jesus did for his disciples as he washed their feet, and we are invited to wash each other’s feet. The solemn procession of the Eucharist through the church at the end of Mass allows us to honor our Lord’s real presence in the Blessed Sacrament.

Good Friday celebrates the Passion of our Lord. It is a solemn liturgy which carries great emotion for us as we remember the suffering and death of Jesus. We know that he will rise on the third day, but let us stay in the present moment and wait at the tomb.

The Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday is the “mother of all vigils.” On this holy night, the Church keeps watch (vigil) for Christ. We begin with the Service of Light and the flame that dispels the darkness. The Paschal Candle brought forward this night is the symbol of the Light of Christ, rising in glory, scattering the darkness of our minds and hearts. The Liturgy of the Word recounts the deeds of salvation history. The Baptism and Confirmation of our Elect this night is a joyful moment. We welcome the Elect into God’s family, and we remember our own Baptism and Confirmation. We receive Holy Communion this night for the first time since the Holy Thursday Mass, and the newly baptized receive Holy Communion for the first time in their life. What a wonderful gift!

Easter Sunday Mass. The joy of the risen Christ fills our heart, mind and soul. We now have fifty days of the Easter Season to prolong the joy of the resurrection. Christ is risen, he is truly risen!

God Bless You,
Father John Mitchell

Easter Vigil Reception Help Needed
On Saturday, April 20 there will be a reception following the Easter Vigil. Help is needed serving and with clean up (at about 9:30/10:00 PM, following the 8:00 PM liturgy). If you are able to help, please contact Kim Roering in the parish office. Thank you!

CRS Operation Rice Bowl
What to do with your Rice Bowl at the end of Lent? On each day of the Triduum there will be a basket in the Gathering Space to receive the Rice Bowls.

On Holy Thursday, all Rice Bowls will be brought forward as part of our offering that evening.

On Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday, please place bowls in the basket and they will be cared for.

You may also drop off your Rice Bowl at the parish office during regular office hours.

Candle Cup Cleaners Needed
Can you help clean the candle cups used during our Easter Vigil liturgy? This is a simple, but very helpful ministry you can do in your home. Instructions are provided. Please contact Keri Mader if you can help: 651-431-4957 or keri.mader@stpascals.org.

Thank You
The family of Clare Nelson would like to thank the ministers of hospitality who welcomed those who came to Clare’s visitation and funeral Mass, the organist and vocalists who made beautiful music and the luncheon staff who provided a delicious meal and a welcome atmosphere for all present. It was ALL very much appreciated.

Listening House
St. Pascal’s supports the Eastside-Listening House “dubbed the living room of the homeless” by donating socks, underwear & coffee cups. Please place these items in the marked boxes in the donation closet. This is an ongoing ministry of the Women’s Club.

Senior Art and Garden Show
Sunday, April 28, From 1:00-3:00 PM
Ceremony Marian of Saint Paul, 200 Earl Street
Enjoy beautiful local artwork and talk with a master gardener. For more information: 651.793.2100 or cerenityseniorcare.org.

--- In Christ We Live Forever ---

Please remember in your prayers…
Lillian Miller

who was recently buried from our church. We extend our sincere sympathy to her family and friends, and pray for her soul’s eternal peace.

Young at Heart Mass & Luncheon—Thursday, April 25 at 11:00 AM
Attention YAH 55 plus—in this season of renewal and new life, come enjoy some fellowship and good times with your old friends and meet some new friends too! Fr. John will celebrate the Eucharist with us and then, after a short meeting, we will have a meatloaf dinner catered by Magnolia’s. We ask a $10.00 donation for the meal, payable on the day of the meeting. The Banjo Variety Band will entertain us with their musical program. If you are a newcomer, you are most welcome! Please RSVP by Monday, April 22 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!

Parish Office Holiday Hours
The parish office will be closed at noon on Good Friday and all-day Easter Monday (April 22). May you have a blessed Easter and enjoy the bright, joyful blessings God offers you during this Easter season.
--- LEADERSHIP NOMINATIONS ---

Nominations are open until April 28
Please take time to consider prayerfully those you feel possess the gifts to serve as leaders in our parish, including yourself. Nomination forms will be in the pews through April 28. Return your completed nomination form in the collection basket. You can also drop it by the parish office or e-mail your nomination to church@stpascals.org with LEADERSHIP NOMINATION in the subject line. For more information, please call Ann Karner, Parish Council Chairperson, at 651.330.0024.

St. Pascal’s Women’s Club
Women’s Club disbursement requests are due for consideration by May 1. Copies of the application can be found in the kiosks or download a copy of the application from www.stpascals.org/women-s-club. You may also request a disbursement form by emailing Women’s Club Co-President Sue Korf at suedesign77@yahoo.com.

Bloodmobile
Roll up your sleeves and help save lives!
Monday, April 15 from 1:00 - 7:00 PM in Brioschi Hall
Please call Margaret at 735.4701 for an appointment time. Walk-ins welcome.

Friends & Family Event: Saturday, May 4 at 5:30 PM in Brioschi Hall
“Doing Great Things Together—Celebrating Diversity”
Come and join in the fun! This event is our BIG spring fundraiser. Dinner tickets are available after all Masses, in the parish office or on the website. Tickets are $30. Last day to buy tickets is Monday, April 29.

Raffle: Raffle tickets on sale April 13-14 and April 28 after all Masses
Twins Ceremonial First Pitch: This is an experience of lifetime for you or your favorite baseball fan. Raffle tickets are $10 each. A limited number of tickets are being sold. The winner will receive 4 tickets to the August 24 Twins game and will throw out the ceremonial first pitch. The winner will also receive pictures and video of their time on the playing field. This is amazing experience!

Fun Raffles! Five amazing prizes: $150 cash, a 49” large TV, a stupendous video game, $150 of restaurant gift cards and a $200 gift card for Big Steer Meats.

Fund-A-Need: Help update the parish environmental controls (heating and air conditioning) in the church, social hall, gathering space, parish office and the old church. This will make the space more comfortable and reduce the heating and cooling costs for years to come. Even if you cannot attend, please help with a donation to complete this needed project! Contact Mike Aeling at 651.307.8237 or the parish office for more information.

Seven MOST EXCELLENT Community Mixers: Fr. John’s Lasagna Dinner, Apple Strudel Class by Sue Korf, Maltese Dinner by the Incorvaja’s, Useful Sign Language for Our Parish Community by Amy Doole, African Dinner by Grace Kamuga, Classic Spanish Paella Dinner by Carmen Alvarez, Hot Mosaics-Fused Glass class by Ellen Aeling.
We could really use a few more community mixers. Some Ideas: Make dinners, teach classes or lead experiences like boating, fishing.

DONATIONS and HELP for this event: We still need more gift cards and a couple of more volunteers. Questions about these, please call Mike Aeling 651.307.8237.

--- FAITH FORMATION ---

SAVE THE DATE: June 24-28, 2019
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 online and in kiosks beginning April 12.
Help will be needed in all areas! Contact Kim Roering in the parish office if you are interested.

“As St. Thomas Aquinas (1225–1274) taught, whatever we say about God is more unlike God than saying nothing. If we do say something, it can only be a pointer toward the Mystery that can never be articulated in words. All that words can do is point in the direction of the Mystery.”
—Thomas Keating, On Prayer

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Holidays as announced

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School Office Hours
Mon-Fri 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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

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.

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
Email notices by 3:00 PM Monday to thea.munoz@stpascals.org.

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

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

Sunday, April 14—Palm Sunday
After Masses: New Member Registration: BH
After Masses: Friends & Family Dinner ticket sales: CM
After Masses: Women's Club Bake Sale: BH
11:45am: Holy Thursday Practice: CH

Monday, April 15
8:30am: E & A Holy Week Decorating: CH
1:00pm: Bloodmobile: BH
6:30pm: Boy Scouts 294: CF, Gym, 108

Tuesday, April 16
No scheduled events

Wednesday, April 17
9:00am: E & A Holy Week Decorating: CH
1:00pm: Bloodmobile: BH
6:30pm: Boy Scouts 294: CF, Gym, 108

Wednesday, April 17
No scheduled events

Thursday, April 18
Mass of the Lord’s Supper
7:00 PM: The People of the Parish

Friday, April 19
The Lord’s Passion
7:00 PM: The People of the Parish

Saturday, April 20
The Great Easter Vigil
8:00 PM: The People of the Parish

Sunday, April 21
The Resurrection of the Lord
8:45 AM: The People of the Parish
10:30 AM: The People of the Parish

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.
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As Jesus rode on a donkey into Jerusalem, the Romans were unaware of the meaning of the procession. The Jews, however, watched the fulfillment of the prophet Zechariah (9:9): “Behold: your king is coming to you, / a just savior is he, / Humble, and riding on a donkey, / on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” Concerned, the Pharisees told Jesus to silence his followers. Knowing that all creation awaited his death and rising, Jesus replied that the stones would cry out.

The Romans dismiss Jesus, the Pharisees tried to suppress him, and the people celebrate him. How will you respond to the Lord during this holiest of weeks? Some will discount him by giving these days no importance, while others will suppress the meaning of the days. Still, some will enter into Holy Week and the Sacred Paschal Triduum through participation in the liturgy. They will celebrate the institution of the Eucharist on Holy Thursday, venerate the cross on Good Friday, and keep vigil on Holy Saturday as they listen to the Scriptures tell of salvation history.

Sacred Days
Lord Jesus, you entered Jerusalem amid resounding echoes of praise. We join the multitudes of your disciples, who through the ages, proclaim you as King. Strengthen us as we accompany you during these sacred days of singing and praying, in awe of your love. May we have the courage to follow you and be transformed by your sacrifice. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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Messianic Entry

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THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, April 15
Witness to the Power
Lazarus is a witness to the power of Jesus and knows that he is the Messiah. The Jews plot to arrest and kill both Jesus and Lazarus. The more we allow our relationship with Christ to change us, the more we will be rejected by the world. As Holy Week begins, consider how your relationship with Christ serves as a witness to the world. Today’s Readings: Isaiah 42:1–7; Psalm 27:1, 2, 3, 13–14; John 12:1–11.

Tuesday, April 16
Love and Betrayal
When Jesus tells his followers that one of them will betray him, they question who would be a traitor. Still, Peter, who has been with Jesus from the beginning of his mission, will end up denying Jesus three times. Jesus will be merciful when we return after disavowing him. Let us be mindful of our relationships that are in need of repair. How can we bring about healing in our parish and among our family? Today’s Readings: Isaiah 49:1–6; Psalm 71:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 15, 17; John 13:21–33, 35–38.

Wednesday, April 17
Mercy and Forgiveness
Judas pays a high price for handing over Jesus. The price that he pays is much higher than the thirty pieces of silver that the chief priests paid him for handing over Jesus. His is the price of separating himself from Jesus and the love that the Lord offers. He chose not to believe in the forgiveness and mercy of God. Who in your community would benefit from an experience of your forgiveness mercy? Begin by praying for those whose actions are unkind and unfair. Today’s Readings: Isaiah 50:4–9; Psalm 69:8–10, 21–22, 31, 33–34; Matthew 26:14–25.

Thursday, April 18
Holy Thursday
Peter sees servitude in the washing of feet; Jesus, however, teaches that the act implies servanthood. By washing the disciples’ feet, Jesus shows that disciples serve others. What small act of love can you do for someone in your family today? What is one small act of help that you can offer to a neighbor? Today’s Readings: Exodus 12:1–8, 11–14; Psalm 116:12–13, 15–16bc, 17–18; 1 Corinthians 11:23–26; John 13:1–15.

Friday, April 19
Good Friday
At the liturgy today, the faithful will venerate the cross as they kiss, touch, or genuflect before it. The Church invites us to “Behold the wood of the Cross, on which hung the salvation of the world.” If a crucifix is in your home, place it on your prayer table today and spend time in quiet prayer before it. Today’s Readings: Isaiah 52:13—53:12; Psalm 31:2, 6, 12–13, 15–16, 17, 25; Hebrews 4:14–16, 5:7–9; John 18:1—19:42.

Saturday, April 20
Holy Saturday
At the Easter Vigil, the faithful gather around a fire and then in the church to hear the story of salvation. If unable to participate in the liturgy tonight, pray the psalms and the readings at your prayer table. What words of the prophets especially strike you? What aspect of the redemption story calls you to new life? Today’s Readings: Genesis 1:1–2; Psalm 104:1–2, 5–6, 10, 12, 13–14, 24–35; Genesis 22:1–18; Psalm 16:5, 8, 9–10, 11; Exodus 14:15—15:1; Psalm: Exodus 15:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 17–18; Isaiah 54:5–14; Psalm 30:2, 4, 5–6, 11–12, 13; Isaiah 55:1–11; Psalm: Isaiah 12:2–3, 4, 5–6; Baruch 3:9–15, 32–4:4; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ezekiel 36:16–17a, 18–28; Psalm 51:12–13, 14–15, 18–19; Romans 6:3–11; Psalm 118:1–2, 16, 17, 22–23; Luke 24:1–12.