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

OCTOBER 13, 2019 | TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Gratitude

Then one of the lepers, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice.

Luke 17:15

Mass Times
Saturday  4:30 PM  |  Sunday  8:45 & 10:30 AM (ASL)  |  Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  8:00 AM  |  Wednesday 9:25 AM
1757 Conway Street  |  Saint Paul, Minnesota 55106  |  651.774.1585
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FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Mass Attendance Counts in October. During the month of October, we are tracking the attendance at our weekend Masses. Here are our totals so far and last year’s average:

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Please join us for the Thanksgiving Ecumenical Prayer Service on Wednesday, November 27 at 7:00 PM at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church at 1390 Larpenteur Ave. E., St. Paul. We will join with our Christian brothers and sisters from Progressive Baptist, Hope Lutheran, Good Samaritan Lutheran, Grace Lutheran, and Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. The Thanksgiving prayer service has a long tradition here on the East Side of St. Paul, and I am glad that we take this opportunity to pray together.


“Archbishop Flynn turned 85 in May 2018, and over the past year he had accepted his own failures of health, battling bone cancer and the general ailments of aging, which made for a volatile condition, good days and bad days. The end table beside his easy chair was filled with elixirs: a pill case, eye drops, prayer cards, lotion and Anise hard candies. Old age requires patience, he said. ‘I’ve learned slowing down is not easy.’ His dogs were faithful companions as he adapted to the new pace. The buoys that had always uplifted the archbishop now served a special function in old age: prayer, humor and gratitude. They are closely intertwined, one fostering another. ‘Keep the sense of humor and keep praying — it gets us through everything,’ he said. ‘Laugh at yourself and laugh at things that go wrong — and they will go wrong — but keep walking in the Lord, and all will be well.’ Tying it all together, he added, is thanksgiving. That habit was deeply ingrained in Archbishop Flynn, giving him the perspective to see many blessings in his midst, despite considerable limitations.”

Rest in peace, Archbishop Flynn.

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell

All Saints from All Cultures
Is there a specific saint that has special meaning to you in your family’s or your culture’s tradition? In celebration of All Saints Day on November 1, we invite you to bring a statue or image of your saint for temporary display. These may be brought anytime the weekend of October 26/27 and remain through the weekend of November 2/3. We will assist you in setting them up in our Gathering Space so they can be shared with all, and you may take them home again afterward.

St. Pascal’s Women’s Book Club
Monday, October 14 at 7:00 PM

Have you ever thought about coming to the St. Pascal’s Women’s Book Club? We meet in the Founders Room on the 2nd Monday of each month. You can come as often as your schedule allows. This month, October 14, we will discuss Leif Enger’s Virgil Wander and next month, November 11, we’ll share thoughts about Charles Frazier’s Varina.

Our Veteran’s Day Prayer Service and Dinner is Fast Approaching!

Dinner tickets will be on sale after Masses in the Gathering Space through Sunday, November 3. All veterans of our parish should have received a voucher for a free dinner. Anybody can sponsor a veteran’s dinner for $10, with additional options to sponsor in honor or in memory of someone as well.

If you are currently enlisted or a veteran and you didn’t receive a postcard, please see Vicky or Jackie in the Gathering Space.

We are always looking for volunteers to help the evening of the event! Are you looking for service hours?

Questions? Please contact one of our chairs: Vicky Westenhofer at 651.249.8010 or Jackie Friesen at 651.295.8717.

Counseling at St. Pascal’s
What people really need is a good listening to.
—Mary Lou Casey

Jean Gregg, LICSW, is a professional counselor available for individual and marriage counseling at St. Pascal’s every Monday afternoon. Jean worked in the Counseling Program at Catholic Charities for 42 years until it closed. Insurance/private pay accepted. Please call 651.321.3445 for more information.

In Christ We Live Forever

Please remember in your prayers…

Lorraine Winkel

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.
Catholic Schools:  What difference do they make?  
What is the difference between a Catholic school and public or secular private schools?  
A Catholic school is also a community of faith.  
St. Pascal Regional Catholic School models relationships that begin with the relationship we have with God, which then translates to our relationships with one another.  Because we are all created and loved by God, we all share in the one family of God.  At St. Pascal Regional Catholic School this community of faith binds us together in a special way.  Students at St. Pascal develop a sense of belonging that changes how they see and experience school, life and relationships.  This faith community expresses itself in daily prayer and community worship, which provides students the opportunity for leadership, where the diversity of gifts is developed and shared.  Children learn that their gifts and talents matter and that they can be used to benefit the whole community.  
Check out what makes St. Pascal Regional Catholic School a special Preschool through 8th-grade community.  Please call or stop by for a tour: 651.776.0092.

Social Justice and Caring Committee:  We Care Campaign  
On the weekend of October 26-27, St. Pascal’s parish will gather the loose change and bills from the collection and donate them to the Social Justice and Caring Committee’s We Care Campaign.  The three options chosen by the committee for its fall campaign are:  
Option 1:  Catholic Relief Services Hurricane Dorian Relief in the Bahamas  
Monies donated to this option will be given to Catholic Relief Services to help bring aid in the form of emergency shelter, food and safe water to those affected by Hurricane Dorian.  
Option 2:  Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota  
The Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota is a non-profit agency located in St. Paul that provides legal assistance to low-income immigrants and refugees in Minnesota.  It works to educate Minnesota communities and professionals about immigration matters and advocates for state and federal policies which respect the universal rights of immigrants.  
Option 3:  St. Mary’s Health Clinics  
St. Mary’s Health Clinics were established in 1992 by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet to provide free health care services to the uninsured and medically underserved people in the Twin Cities and surrounding metro area.  These services include: clinic visits, diagnostic tests, prescriptions, assistance in applying for governmental subsidy programs and other community resources.  
We encourage you to consider making a personal contribution as well, using the envelope provided in the packet of envelopes sent by the parish every other month or found on the tables located by the doors leading into the church.  If you prefer to give to one or more of these charities, please indicate this by marking the appropriate option(s) on the envelope and your contributions will be distributed as requested.  Any unmarked contributions will be divided equally among the three options.  Thank you for your generosity.  

Emergency Food Help at 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.
An Invitation
Honor Our Blessed Mother as Queen of the Rosary in October

Mary has appeared throughout history requesting us to pray the rosary. Here at St. Pascal’s, we come together at 9:00 AM each Wednesday morning to honor her request. We are praying for our children and grandchildren who live in a very challenging world. In fact, we are praying for all the personal intentions which all of us hold in our hearts. Please come and join us then stay for a meaningful celebration of the Eucharist with Fr. John and the school children at 9:25. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Betty Hensel at 651.714.8958 or bjhen@q.com. Thank you. We will look forward to seeing you next Wednesday!

Compassion Kits For the Unsheltered

St. Pascal’s is collecting toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes), granola or protein bars, McDonald’s coupons and other items to be assembled into “Compassion Kits”—gallon zipper bags—that can be given to the unsheltered in our community. Beginning this week, place these items to share in the box marked “DONATIONS FOR THE UNSHELTERED” in the coat room. (A complete list will be with the donation box for you to take home.) For more information, please contact Bonnie Steele at bonnie.steele@stpascals.org or call 651.432.4959.

Prayer for Year of Pre-Synod
Prayer & Listening

Come Holy Spirit
Make our ears to hear
Make our eyes to see
Make our mouths to speak
Make our hearts to seek
Make our hands to reach out
And touch the world with your love.

AMEN.

Mary, Mother of the Church,
Pray for us.

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Archdiocesan Synod

Last weekend members of the parish ambassador team spoke at Masses about the upcoming Archdiocesan Synod. Archbishop Hebda wants to hear from YOU about what’s working and what needs work in our parish and in the Archdiocese, in order to discern and establish focus areas to shape the future of our local Church. The actual synod will take place in 2021, with a lot of preparatory work happening over the next 18 months. This fall and winter there are 20 prayer and listening events being held around the archdiocese. All are encouraged to attend one of these events, and to pray for the synod. Next fall there will be a parish consultation process, with small groups meeting in parishes to pray, study, and discuss the focus areas which arise from the prayer and listening events. Information about the synod and the prayer and listening events can be found at www.archspm.org/synod.

Parish Ambassador Team for Archdiocesan Synod
Toni & Blair Baker, Laurie Dimond, Alex & Christine Hamilton, Kevin & Weezy Head, Fr. John Mitchell, Beth Reisdorf, Kim Roering
St. Pascal’s Women’s Club Presents
Dr. Laurel Gamm

Dr. Gamm is a local Family Physician with over 30 years of experience with patients and insurance. She is an advocate of a Single Payer Heath Care Reform. How Single Payer will work and why it’s time!

Woman’s Club meeting October 17
6:00-6:30 Meeting
6:45 Speaker
Light Refreshments Provided.

The Speaker is open to ALL of the St. Pascal’s Community, please make time to come hear our speaker. She will speak on “Health care when you need it, not just when you can afford it!”