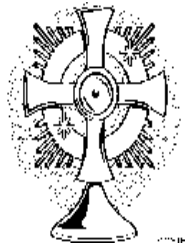


Please Pray For . . . Sophia Shaw, Eutawna Clark, Rita Pooler, Thomas Queen, Carol LaMontagne, Carolyn Dutton, Marie Magill, David Sceggell, Lisa Carey, Beth Rebello, Paul Hegarty, Glen Brotchie, Donna Wilson, Linda Wilson, Terry Plourde, Isabella Buccafusca and all who are ill, in nursing homes, and for those who are hospitalized.

MASS INTENTIONS

June 27	Saturday	4:30 pm	Jean Larkin
June 28	Sunday	8:00 am	William & Dorothy Hoar
		10:15 am	Ann & David Fay
		6:30 pm	Deceased Members of the Bourgeois Family
June 29	Monday	9:00 am	Anthony Ciampa
June 30	Tuesday	9:00 am	Anthony Donahue
July 1	Wednesday	9:00 am	Mary Caves
July 2	Thursday	9:00 am	Kathleen Keefe
July 3	Friday	9:00 am	Edward McGuinness
July 4	Saturday	4:30 pm	Henry James White
July 5	Sunday	8:00 am	Kenneth Polito
		10:15 am	James Wilson
		6:30 pm	Lucia, Angelo and Joan Clemenzi

Eucharistic Adoration



The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for your adoration in the chapel on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. -- 3:00 p.m. The Blessed Sacrament will be reserved in the tabernacle for your adoration at all other times. The lit sanctuary lamp is always a sign of the presence of the Lord and is an invitation to all who wish to come and spend some quiet time with the Lord.

Little Sisters of the Poor

The Little Sisters of the Poor will be visiting this weekend. Their international Religious Congregation's only mission in the church is to care for the elderly poor in Homes where love, respect and compassionate care until death are offered to the elderly poor. The Little Sisters are grateful to each of you for whatever you are able to do for them.

Respect Lifeline: May grandparents return to being a living presence in the family, in the Church and in society. With regard to the family, may grandparents continue to be witnesses of unity, of values founded on fidelity and of a unique love that gives rise to faith and the joy of living. The so-called new models of the family and a spreading relativism have weakened these fundamental values of the family nucleus. The evils of our society . . . are in need of urgent remedies. In the face of the crisis of the family, might it not be possible to set out anew precisely from the presence and witness of these people - grandparents - whose values and projects are more resilient? Indeed, it is impossible to plan the future without referring to a past full of significant experiences and spiritual and moral reference points.

Pope Benedict XVI, Address to Participants in the Plenary Assembly of the Pontifical Council for the Family (4/5/08)



Year for Priests
June 19, 2009 - June 19, 2010
Peoples' Prayer for Priests

Dear Lord,
we pray that the Blessed Mother wrap her mantle around your priests and through her intercession strengthen them for their ministry.

We pray that Mary will guide your priests to follow her own words, "Do whatever He tells you" (Jn 2:5).

May your priests have the heart of St. Joseph, Mary's most chaste spouse. May the Blessed Mother's own pierced heart inspire them to embrace all who suffer at the foot of the cross.

May your priests be holy, filled with the fire of your love seeking nothing but your greater glory and the salvation of souls. Amen.

Saint John Vianney, pray for us.

Feast of Saints Peter and Paul - June 29, 2009
Saint Paul - Patron Saint of The Church of Saint Paul

Oh, God, our Father, you give us the joy of the patronage of St. Paul for our parish. Through him your Church first received the faith. Keep us true to his teaching. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Saint Paul, known as Saul (his Roman name) before his conversion, was born at Tarsus in the Roman province of Silicia about two or three years after the advent of the Redeemer. He was the son of Jewish parents who belonged to the tribe of Benjamin, was reared according to the strict religious-nationalistic party of the Pharisees, and enjoyed the high distinction of Roman citizenship.

As a youth he went to Jerusalem to become immersed in the Law and had as a teacher the celebrated Gamaliel. He acquired skill as a tent-maker, a work he continued even as an apostle. At the time of Jesus' ministry he no longer was at Jerusalem; neither did he see the Lord during His earthly life. Upon returning to the Holy City, Paul discovered a flourishing Christian community and at once became its bitter opponent. When Stephen impugned Law and temple, Paul was one of the first at his stoning; thereafter his fiery personality would lead the persecution. Breathing threats of slaughter against the disciples of Jesus, he was hurrying to Damascus when the grace of God effected his conversion (about the year 34 A.D.; see January 25, Conversion of St. Paul).

After receiving baptism and making some initial attempts at preaching, Paul withdrew into the Arabian desert (c. 34-37 A.D.), where he prepared himself for his future mission. During this retreat he was favored with special revelations, Christ appearing to him personally. Upon his return to Damascus he began to preach but was forced to leave when the Jews sought to kill him. Then he went to Jerusalem "to see Peter." Barnabas introduced him to the Christian community, but the hatred of the Jews again obliged him to take secret flight. The following years (38-42 A.D.) he spent at Tarsus until Barnabas brought him to the newly founded Christian community at Antioch, where both worked a year for the cause of Christ; in the year 44 he made another journey to Jerusalem with the money collected for that famine stricken community.

The first major missionary journey (45-48) began upon his return as he and Barnabas brought the Gospel to Cyprus and Asia Minor (Acts 13-14). The Council of Jerusalem occasioned Paul's reappearance in Jerusalem (50) Spurred on by the decisions of the Council, he began the second missionary journey (51 – 53), traveling through Asia Minor. And then crossing over to Europe and founding churches at Philippi, Thessalonica (his favorite), Berea, Athens, Corinth. He remained almost two years at Corinth, establishing a very flourishing and important community. In 54 he returned to Jerusalem for the fourth time. Paul's third missionary journey (54-58) took him to Ephesus, where he labored three years with good success; after visiting his European communities, he returned to Jerusalem for a fifth time (Pentecost, 58). There he was seized by the Jews and accused of contemning the Law. After being held as a prisoner for two years at Caesarea, he appealed to Caesar, was sent by sea to Rome (60 A.D.). Shipwrecked and delayed on the island of Malta, he arrived at Rome in the spring of 61 and passed the next two years in easy confinement before being released. The last years of the saint's life were devoted to missionary excursions, probably including Spain, and to revisiting his first foundations. In 66 he returned to Rome, was taken prisoner, and beheaded a year later. His fourteen letters are a precious legacy; they afford a deep insight into a great soul.

Patron: authors; Cursillo movement; evangelists; hailstorms; hospital public relations; journalists; lay people; missionary bishops; musicians; poisonous snakes; public relations personnel; public relations work; publishers; reporters; rope braiders; rope makers; saddlemakers; snake bites; tent makers; writers;; Malta; Rome; Poznan, Poland; newspaper editorial staff. Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Diocese of Covington, Kentucky; Diocese of Birmingham, Alabama; Diocese of Las Vegas, Nevada; Diocese of Providence, Rhode Island; Diocese of Worcester, Massachusetts;

Often portrayed as: Thin-faced elderly man with a high forehead, receding hairline and long pointed beard; man. holding a sword and a book; man with 3 springs of water.

JUNE 28, 2009

Grand Annual

Goal: \$90,000 Amount contributed to date: \$47,582

We thank all who have contributed to this year's Grand Annual Appeal. If you have not as yet made your contribution, we hope that you will consider doing so. We need your help. Grand Annual envelopes are available at the entrances to the church.

Meeting Reminder

Finance Committee meeting will be held on Monday, June 29 at 6:00 p.m.

S.P.Y.M. Registration for Grades 7 - 10

Registrations are due Tuesday, June 30th. Please send in your registrations to Jackie Martin, Church of St. Paul, 50 Union Street, South Hamilton, MA 01982. If you have not received a registration form, please call Jackie at 978-468-3617.

Summer Spirituality

Here are some ideas of things you can do this summer, to grow in your relationship with God.

Try to go to morning Mass every day during the summer. It's a great way to start your day.

Take a prayer walk every day. Whether you walk in the woods, on the beach, or in the neighborhood, the beauty of nature will help restore you physically and spiritually.

Set aside time one day a week for spiritual reading. Maybe you've wanted to start reading scripture. Or maybe there are some spiritual writers that you've wanted to read.

Keep a spiritual journal for the summer. Whether you write in the journal every morning or every evening, it gives you a chance to reflect on spiritual thoughts, inspirations and ways that you experience God's presence during the course of a day.

Plan to spend one whole day in prayer and reflection. Whether you go to a retreat house for a day of reflection or stay at home, it will be like your own personal vacation day with God.

Take a course or attend a lecture series. Check out the offerings at summer institutes or Catholic colleges or seminaries.

(From an article by Lorene Hanley Duquin at www.osv.com)

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The 19th century writer George Iles described hope as faith's hand outstretched in the dark. The scene is repeated thousands of time each day across the country; a man or a woman, any race, any age, any background, reaches out their hand and for the first time turns the doorknob to the meeting room in the church or the veteran's hall or the hospital. They are alcoholics or addicts, and have reached their own personal low. But as faith is always present, even in their darkest hour these men and women have found a slight glimmer of hope. Though the world has said, "Give up!" hope has said, "Try once more."

Today's Gospel reading from Mark is really two stories, one within the other, of hope and faith. Jairus, a leader in the synagogue, begs Jesus to save his dying daughter. What Jairus doesn't know is that his daughter has already died; Jesus takes the man home. As they arrive, the crowd tells them the daughter is dead and begs Jesus to leave as it is hopeless. Jairus, however, still has hope in the healing power of Christ, and because of this the daughter is awakened. The other story takes place as Jesus walks to Jairus' home; an ailing woman in the crowd silently reaches out to touch Jesus' robe. He senses her faith without words, and heals her. He rewards her hope.

We seek happiness in our lives through the virtue of hope placed by God in all of our hearts. Hope keeps us from discouragement in tough times, it keeps us company when we are alone, and it keeps us in a state of reminder of all of God's beauty in creation (CCC 1818). It is never too dark to reach out your own hand of faith and hope; another is reaching out to you with faith and hope as well. ©2009 Liturgical Publications Inc

Sharing the Gospel

In today's Gospel a little girl was so sick that people thought she was dead. However, Jesus said she was just asleep. He held her hand and said, "Get up, little girl." Every day you work hard doing chores at home and learning at school. If you are tired and do not want to get out of bed, Jesus will hold your hand and say, "Get up and enjoy the day."

Prayer

Lord, help me get out of bed quickly to learn about your world.

Something to Draw

Draw a little girl in bed with Jesus holding her hand.

Mission for the Week

Make a Get Well card and give it to someone who is sick. ©2008 - LPiResourceCenter.com

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