



1836

St. Paul Parish

Established 1839

January 21, 2024
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



1846

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH FEAST DAY—THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL

Come celebrate St. Paul on January 25th in the Church for Mass and in the Community Hall with an Italian Dinner. Mass is set for 5:30pm and dinner for 6:15pm. You are encouraged to invite those outside the parish as well. We did this last year and served dinner to more than 70 people.

If you are able to bring a dessert, please let Andrea Britten know at otdray@hotmail.com or 503-508-5468. We look forward to seeing you there!

Rhinestone Cowboy—SPPS Dinner Dance and Auction

Mark your calendar for the **Forty-Fifth Annual SPPS Dinner Dance & Auction, Saturday, February 3, 2024**. Raise your paddle and help support our school!! Doors open at 11:00 am, the live auction begins at 12:30 pm. The Silent Auction is online, starting January 31st @ 6:00 pm through February 4th at 6:00 pm. Items will be available for viewing during the live auction.

The Dinner Dance will follow the auction, doors opening at 6:00 pm. Live music featuring The Highwater Johnny Band. Go to: SPPS.EJOINME.ORG/SPPS2024 to bid on the silent auction and purchase dinner tickets. **All proceeds go to help defray operating costs for SPPS.**

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil	6:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM
Tuesday	6:00 PM
Wed, Thurs, Sat	8:30 AM
Friday (School Mass)	2:00 PM
ADORATION	
Tuesday	5:00-6:00 PM
Thursday	9:00AM-noon

CONFESSION

Tuesday-after Mass until last confession.
Friday 8:05-8:20 AM
Saturdays 4:00-5:15 PM
And by appointment or drop in at the office as
Father is available.
Parish office: 503-633-4611
sbaier@archdpdx.org

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Mass Intentions for January 21—28, 2024

1/21	Sun	9:00 AM	People of the Parish
1/22	Mon	NO MASS	
1/23	Tue	6:00 PM	+ Eunice Elliott
1/24	Wed	8:30 AM	
1/24	Wed	7:00 PM	
1/25	Thu	8:30 AM	
1/26	Fri	2:00 PM	
1/27	Sat	8:30 AM	
1/27	Sat	6:00 PM	
1/28	Sun	9:00 AM	People of the Parish

Collections:
January 7, 2024
\$2,732.00
January 14, 2024
\$375.00

*I
f you would like something
included in the bulletin please
suggest it by noon
on Tuesday.
(503) 633-4611
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Join the Annual Novena for Life: January 16-24

Each January thousands of people gather in Washington, D.C. to uphold the dignity of all human life and pray for an end to abortion. Nearly fifty years after the Supreme Court legalized abortion nationwide in Roe v. Wade, the court overturned the 1973 decision by giving individual states the power to regulate abortion in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization. The 2022 ruling marked the beginning of a new phase in protecting human life. As Catholics across the country gather again this year in Washington for the March for Life, they are also invited to observe a [nationwide prayer vigil January 18-19](#) and novena January 16-26 to pray for an end to abortion and greater respect for all human <https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup>

Archbishop Sample has a new You Tube Series

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PFggqEe3y-rA>

From the desk of Father Baier...

Reflection 13 – The Communion Rite, Part II

Whenever we reach an important milestone in life, we try to make sure that we mark that date as something special, and regularly celebrate it as a reminder of what that milestone meant for us. We all know that our birthdays, certain anniversaries, and maybe even important dates in our Christian life, such as the date of our baptism or when we received first Holy Communion. The point is that there are monumental moments in our lives.

The Church is a person too – she’s the bride of Christ, and we as the faithful are blessed to call ourselves part of her body. And just like any person, the Church remembers and recalls her important milestones as well – while we remember these moments once a year as they happen, we also remember them every single time we come to Mass.

At this moment in the Mass, after we offer each other the sign of peace, the priest will begin to break the Host. This symbolizes and recalls the moment when Christ is pierced in the side on the cross after His death. Many Catholics consider this to be the all-important moment when the Church herself was born, because blood and water (the means by which we are baptized and become members of the Church) spilled forth.

This moment of breaking the bread apart, which we call the fraction rite, allows us as members of the Church to partake in the sacrifice together, to share in the divine meal, and to “break bread” in community. It is a solemn celebration of the Church’s conception, one of those monumental moments in the life of the Catholic Faith.

The priest will then break a piece of the host and drop it into the Chalice in a moment called the commingling. We should once again remind ourselves that the Mass follows the events of Salvation History so that we can relive it and participate in it. The moment of the commingling allows us to relive the moment of the Resurrection. Christ’s body and soul were violently separated at his death on the cross, which we symbolize in the separation of the body and the blood under the appearance of bread and wine. By commingling the two species, the priest symbolically reveals the moment that the body and soul of Christ reunite at the Resurrection. It’s a subtle moment that usually goes unnoticed to the congregation, but it is the commingling that symbolically allows us to participate in the Resurrection.

Now, as a congregation, we join together in chanting the Agnus Dei – “Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.” These were the words of John the Baptist when he first laid eyes on Christ. John the Baptist was the one who prepared the way for Christ; he is the personification of salvation history up to the point of Christ’s public ministry and paschal mystery. His words are some of the last we say before we participate in the culmination of salvation history. Up to this point, we have repeatedly been petitioning God to have mercy on us for our sins so that we may soon experience true and everlasting peace. It also reinforces the idea that Christ’s sacrifice was prefigured in the sacrifice of the paschal lamb at Passover in ancient Judaism.

After chanting the Agnus Dei, we return to a kneeling position, reminding ourselves that we are entering an important moment of the Mass that first requires a sense of humility within us. Before, we had knelt when the bread and wine became the body and blood of Christ. Now we kneel in preparation for our reception of the Eucharist.

Peace, Father Scott Baier

SPPS Spotlight

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM, MARRIAGE, ANOINTING
OF THE SICK, FUNERAL

PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor	Father Scott Baier
Sec/Bookkeeper	Theresa Wolf
Finance Council	Bryan Hockett, Chair
Pastoral Council	Andrea Britten, Chair
Development	Laurie Nicklous

ST PAUL PAROCHIAL SCHOOL

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PARISH OFFICE

WED 9:30 AM—11:30 AM
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Welcome to St. Paul Parish. We extend our hearts and hands in Christian fellowship to you here celebrating with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God you are with us. To become part of our parish family, or if you have updated information, please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or mail to the Parish Office.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

New Parishioner New Address New Phone Visitor I would like Father to call me
 Interested in parish ministries I would like weekly offertory envelopes