Thank you, Father Rob Schmid!

Our parish community is grateful for your confident sermons, powerful and beautiful singing in the Mass and your joy with people for these two years. Godspeed in your position as Administrator in Ahoskie and Scotland Neck!

Join us for a farewell send off for Fr Rob next Sunday, June 21, Father’s Day, between 3 and 5 pm outdoors (weather permitting). There will be hamburgers and hot dogs and cool refreshments.

The Bishop has advised us that there is not currently a priest available to send in Fr Rob’s place. Father Tully and your parish staff have already begun to make the adjustments needed, along with three area priests who are available to help, to ensure that parish life and worship are able to meet our needs. Father Tully and the staff thank you for your prayers and faithful support.
THE WORD OF OUR LORD

FOOD FROM HEAVEN
God sustained the people of Israel for forty years in the desert with manna sent down from heaven, and Moses doesn’t want them to forget it. God brought forth water from stone for them to drink, and Moses doesn’t want them to forget this, either. And Moses tells them—twice—that the food that God sent was a food that neither they nor their ancestors before them had ever experienced before.

Jesus too speaks of food come down from heaven, food that the Jewish people had never experienced before. Recalling the manna in the desert, Jesus doesn’t want them to forget it either, explaining that he is the food and drink of eternal life. And Paul reiterates to the Corinthians and to all of us that in the bread and in the cup, we share in the body and blood of Christ.

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TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — Never forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of slavery (Deuteronomy 8:2-16a).
Psalm — Praise the Lord, Jerusalem (Psalm 147).
Second Reading — Because the loaf of bread is one, we who partake of it, though we are many, are one body (1 Corinthians 10:16-17).
Gospel — Jesus said, “I am the living bread; whoever eats this bread will live forever” (John 6:51-58).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps 5:2-7; Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-16; Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1-14; Ps 31:20-24; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-7; Mt 6:7-15
Friday: Dt 7:6-11;Ps 103:1-10;1 Jn 4:7-16;Mt 11:25-30
Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-34; Lk 2:41-51

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ; Flag Day
Monday: Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time
Friday: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday: The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary; World Refugee Day; Summer begins

SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is also known as the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, which translates from Latin to "Body of Christ." This feast originated in France in the mid-thirteenth century and was extended to the whole Church by Pope Urban IV in 1264. This feast is celebrated on the Sunday following Trinity Sunday.

This feast calls us to focus on two manifestations of the Body of Christ, the Holy Eucharist and the Church. The primary purpose of this feast is to focus our attention on the Eucharist. The opening prayer at Mass calls our attention to Jesus' suffering and death and our worship of Him, especially in the Eucharist.

At every Mass our attention is called to the Eucharist and the Real Presence of Christ in it. The secondary focus of this feast is upon the Body of Christ as it is present in the Church. The Church is called the Body of Christ because of the intimate communion which Jesus shares with his disciples. He expresses this in the gospels by using the metaphor of a body which is the head. This image helps keep in focus both the unity and the diversity of the Church.

The Feast of Corpus Christi is commonly used as an opportunity for public Eucharistic processions, which serves as a sign of common faith and adoration. Our worship of Jesus in His Body and Blood calls us to offer to God our Father a pledge of undivided love and an offering of ourselves to the service of others.


Thank You

DONATION TO SAINT JOSEPH’S CEMETERY
SJC received a very unexpected surprise and generous donation of a 2018 EZGO Golf Cart. This was an anonymous donation from a Saint Paul Parish family. SJC Committee Members would like to express our great appreciation for such a magnificent gift. Your gift will enable our Cemetery Committee to better serve our clients. Many are elderly and/or just have difficulty walking through our cemetery in order to select grave sites; and, needless to say it will be much easier for us as well. We are so very grateful to you for choosing and donating such a well-equipped golf cart.

It truly is a "dream machine". - Danny G. and Louis S.
The Feast of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is one of the most widely practiced and well known devotions in the Roman Catholic Church. It takes the physical heart of Jesus as representation of His Divine love for humanity.

The Feast of the Sacred Heart has been in the Roman Catholic Liturgical calendar since 1856, and is always celebrated 19 days after Pentecost Sunday. The feast of the Sacred Heart always falls on a Friday. The devotion especially emphasizes the unmitigated love, compassion, and longsuffering of the heart of Christ towards humanity.

The origin of the devotion to the Most Sacred Heart in the modern form, derived for a French Roman Catholic Saint, St. Marguerite Marie Alacoque, whose feast day is October 16th. She learned the devotion from Jesus during a mystical experience. Her revelations were numerous. On December 27, 1673, Margaret Mary reported that Jesus permitted her to rest her head upon His heart, and then disclosed to her the wonders of his love, telling her that He desired to make them known to all mankind and to diffuse the treasures of his goodness, and that he had chosen her for this work.

In July 1674, Jesus requested to be honored under the figure of His heart. When He appeared radiant with love, He asked for a devotion of expiatory love, frequent reception of Holy Communion, especially Holy Communion on the First Friday of the month, and the Observance of Holy Hours.

In the Roman Catholic tradition, devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus has been closely associated with Acts of Reparation to Jesus Christ. In his Encyclical, “Miserentissimus Redemptor”, Pope Pius XI stated, “The spirit of expiation or reparation has always had the first and foremost place in the worship given to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus”.

The “Golden Arrow Prayer” directly refers to the Sacred Heart.

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THE GOLDEN ARROW PRAYER

May the Most Holy, Most Sacred, Most Adorable, Most Incomprehensible and unutterable name of God be always praised, blessed, loved, adored and glorified, in heaven, on earth and under the earth, by all the creatures of God, and by the Sacred heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the most holy sacrament of the altar. Amen.
COVID-19 couldn’t stop Saint Paul Catholic School’s 9th annual Reach for the Stars Gala from raising $63,312. This number includes sponsorships, donations and the online auction with expenses taken out. These funds will go toward student scholarships and improvements in the school computer lab.

On Friday, May 29th, the school held a digital gala on Facebook and YouTube to celebrate the contributions of school families, staff and supporters. The in-person gala, initially scheduled for March 21st, was moved to a virtual platform in an effort to abide by social distancing and safety protocols.

School principal Dave Kierski hosted the one-of-a-kind interactive event. Historically, the gala has served as a major fundraiser for Saint Paul. Viewers were able to participate in a riveting online auction, get a true inside look at what goes on at the school, hear from teachers and parents and enjoy a performance from singer and former Saint Paul student, Bryan Mayer.

Saint Paul Catholic School is a ministry of Saint Paul Parish. It is dedicated to the spiritual, intellectual, physical and social development of each student. Saint Paul strives to educate the whole child and welcomes students of all faiths. For more information, please contact Principal Dave Kierski at 252-633-0100.

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**THIS WEEK’S ACTIVITIES**

**Sunday 6/14**
- 7:30AM Mass - Church +William Monahan
- 9:00AM Mass - Church
- 10:30AM Mass - Church +Salvatore & Marie Salvati
- 10:30AM Mass - Saint Peter, Oriental
- 12:00PM Misa - Church (Hispanic)
- 3:00PM Mass - Church First Holy Communion

**Monday 6/15**
- 8:00AM Mass - Church +W. Edward & Virginia Bracken
- 11:00AM Hand and Foot Card Games - FLC3

**Tuesday 6/16**
- 8:00AM Mass - Church +Richard Michael Durand
- 10:30AM Mass in Oriental
- 12:00PM One in the Spirit Prayer Group - Church
- 1:00PM Prayer Shawl Ministry - FLC3

**Wednesday 6/17**
- 5:00PM Medjugorje Prayer Group - Church
- 6:00PM Mass - Church +Keith Warren

**Thursday 6/18**
- 8:00AM Mass - Church +Ireland Family
- 8:35AM Adoration - Church
- 10:45AM Reconciliation
- 11:45AM Benediction - Church
- 7:30PM Fold Choir Practice - Church

**Friday 6/19**
- 8:00AM Mass - Old Saint Paul +Angela Hlatky

**Saturday 6/20**
- 4:30PM Mass - Church +Jutta Jobst
- 6:00PM Mass - Church
Dear Friends at Saint Paul:

The Feast of Corpus Christi, the Holy Body and Blood of Christ, brings us to the edge of the Easter Season by extension and the Summer Ordinary Time. There is always so much to say about the priority of our Christ-centered worship but never more than on this Feast Day as we honor and welcome such a miraculous reality. God gives us Christ that we may be nourished and empowered in His love. God gives us Christ to share with the world! The Catholic tradition has always seen the deep relationship between bodily hunger and spiritual hunger. From the Feeding of the Five Thousand to the Last Supper and every meal in between, Jesus wanted the physical and the spiritual to lead us to the Father.

It is unusual that we have delayed until now First Holy Communion for the children listed here but there is no better Feast Day for such a wonderful celebration. Those listed here have been preparing for at least two years in classes designed to not only teach Catholic truths but also to connect each student to the life of faith and prayer that is our precious gift to them. We know that God in His great goodness will bless each of the children listed and their families. May these Feast Day of Corpus Christi fix in each of our hearts a new devotion to the Lord’s real presence in our participation at every Mass. Peace,

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

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ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as You have already come, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

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God bless America, land that I love.
Stand beside her and guide her through the night with the light from above.
From the mountains to the prairies
To the oceans white with foam.
God bless America, my home sweet home.

Songwriter: Irving Berlin

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