

Mass Intentions for the Week

St. Paul Miki

Monday, February 6

8:00 Ben Lauri
12:00 Arcangela Valvano

Tuesday, February 7

8:00 Caterina Popoli
12:00 Anne & Jim Muldoon

Wednesday, February 8

8:00 Maria Gregory
12:00 Gleeson, Donnelly & McSweeney Families

Thursday, February 9

8:00 Rosario DeVico
12:00 The Souls in Purgatory

St. Scholastica

Friday, February 10

8:00 Irene Benick
12:00 Kulandai Rai Michaelamy

Saturday, February 11

8:00 Antonietta Badia
12:00 Anthony Pietraniello
5:00 John Mitchell

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 12, 2017

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Jose Araujo
11:00 Kathryn Cahill
12:30 Pietro Elia

Bread and Wine

The Bread and Wine is available the weeks of February 19; March 5, 19 & 26. The cost is \$25. If interested please call the Rectory 668-9815



Sanctuary Lamp

For: Floyd & Bernadette Moscato
By: Joe & Sara Cama



From the Pastor's Desk

The word “upright” may not be a word we use often to describe another person. An upright person is simply a good person, with the added implication that his or her uprightness is rooted in the grace of God. The character of such a person is the subject of today’s readings.

Isaiah’s instruction from the Lord is similar to the Beatitudes. Good actions on behalf of others lead to blessings from the Lord. The one who does the will of the Lord is like the light of the dawn, bringing forth a new day of grace and justice.

The psalmist praises the upright person, held up for imitation. The upright person gives generously to the poor, conducts affairs with justice, and is gracious and charitable. The upright person is like a light that shatters the darkness and shows the way to others.

Last week’s passage from Paul reminded the Corinthians that their simple and ordinary status was sufficient for their task as disciples. Today Paul applies the same instruction to himself. His self-deprecating comments underline his commitment to the Gospel for the sake of the Lord, not for any glory for himself. He points out that his weakness and fear only make him more open to the power of the Spirit. Humility is a true virtue for those who see themselves as disciples.

The Gospel images of salt and light capture the heart of discipleship. Common to every household, salt transforms the flattest food; light, so common to our days, is precious and vital when darkness falls as it shows the way. Note that the verb is in the present tense: you are the salt, you are the light, Jesus emphasizes to the disciples that they are already making a difference to others; their task, and ours, is to continue to be salt and light for the world.

**Kindly remember in your prayers
the sick of the Parish**

Dennis Catozella, Betty D’Avi, Ella DiGiovanni, Arleen Dmytryshyn, Bobby Gregory, Louise Holly, Betty Lane, Joan Lynch, Catherine McKeon, Stephanie Merenda, Sterling Mitchell, Carol Jean Murphy, Maria Scampone, Susan Scarinci, Barbara Schimpf, Theresa Vazquez

Report of Parish Giving

Offering 1/29/17 - \$8,255.00
 Adults: 610 Children: 89
 Offering 1/22/17 - \$8,804.18
 Adults: 663 Children: 100

Sign up for ParishPay and have your donations to Sts. Peter & Paul automatically deducted monthly from your checking or savings account or charged to your credit card. It's easy and convenient and helps our parish. Enroll at www.parishpay.com or call (866) 727-4741. We thank you for your support and are grateful to all those who use ParishPay or the envelopes.

Parish Journal

This year we will honor Ann D'Agostino and Vicki Cavaluzzi who will also be our honorees at our Dinner Dance on Saturday April 22nd at the Leewood Golf Club. Please support our Journal by taking out an ad. Contracts are available in the vestibule.

Open Gym Night

The Men's Club is once again sponsoring Open Gym Night for parishioners and their families. The Gym will be open every Thursday night from 6 to 7:30 pm for children age 13 and younger and from 7:30 – 9:00 pm for parishioners 14 and older. This activity will continue until April 27th. Children 13 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Please bring your own ball and water.

Faith Discussion Group

Our Faith Discussion Group will meet on Tuesday, February 7th at 11:00 a.m. New people are always welcome! If you are interested contact Ann McLoughlin at AnnMcLoug@aol.com or call (917) 363-2722.

Bereavement Support Group

Participation in a support group has been shown to be one of the best ways to help those who are grieving the death of a loved one. People who have experienced similar losses are brought together in an environment of safety, care, compassion, and commitment. Professionals with an expertise in grief counseling facilitate all of the groups. Groups run for 8-10 weeks. An assessment is required for all support groups. If interested, please call Hospice of Westchester (914) 682-1484 located at 1025 Westchester Ave. White Plains, NY.

Receiving the Eucharist

As we approach the altar to receive the Eucharist, we should do so with reverence and respect and with hands folded. As the priest or Eucharistic minister says "the Body of Christ", the proper response is "Amen".

**Save the Date
 Dinner Dance
 Leewood Golf Club
 April 22nd
 \$90 per person**

Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal

The *Cardinal's Appeal* supports the many charitable services that touch lives in and beyond our archdiocese – from feeding the hungry and sheltering the homeless to strengthening families and protecting children and youth. Last year over 400,000 people were served. We must continue to answer God's call of service to our brothers and sisters who are less fortunate. As disciples of Christ let us continue to provide for those among us most in need. Please be as generous as possible.

Serve without complaint

Every job has aspects about it that are tedious, messy and unrewarding, yet they are necessary. However, they can be opportunities to grow in virtue; humility, patience, self discipline, etc. When you dread doing your work, smile and say a prayer, "*and your Father, who sees in secret, will repay you*" (Matthew 6:4) "Growing in Faith"

Remember Sts. Peter & Paul and St. Ursula

In your estate planning, please remember Sts. Peter & Paul and St. Ursula Parish in your Last Will & Testament. Such a gift of any amount will create a legacy in your name which will assist our Parish in continuing the work of God in Mount Vernon and the surrounding community for generations to come.

Parish Registration/Update

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone _____

Cell Phone _____

Email: _____

New Registration Change of Address

Moving out of Parish

Please return to the Rectory.



The Ladies' Altar-Rosary Society Is Once Again Hosting

ST. PATRICK'S & ST. JOSEPH'S DINNER

Saturday, March 11, 2017

After the 5pm Mass

Adults - \$20

Children age 10 and under - \$8

**Dinner will include:
Corned Beef Cabbage
Potatoes Carrots
Irish Soda Bread
Dessert**

**Please join us for a night of good food, fun and company
Bring your own bottle of cheer**

**** Due to limited seating, admission is not guaranteed day of event ****

Name _____

Adults (\$20 each) _____

Children (\$8) _____

Total Paid: \$ _____

Return this form with payment to the rectory or place in the collection basket before March 7th
Please make checks payable to: Sts. Peter & Paul Altar Rosary Society