

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, February 13

8:00 Elizabeth English O’Leary
12:00 Jean Silviotti

St. Cyril, Mark, & Methodius

Tuesday, February 14

8:00 Emilio Pizzarello
12:00 Tracy Hennessy

Wednesday, February 15

8:00 Charles McCullough
12:00 Carmine & Tommosa Mancini

Thursday, February 16

8:00 Alfonso & Rosina Migliarini
12:00 Deacon Robert Schimpf

Friday, February 17

8:00 Nicholas & Mary McDonnell
12:00 Dora De Palo

Saturday, February 18

8:00 Antoinetta Badia
12:00 Robert Schimpf
5:00 Michael & Margaret Coleman

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 19, 2017

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Gerardo Di Leo
11:00 Frank DiMarzo
12:30 Pelligrina Davanzo & Pasquale Cerbo

Bread and Wine

For: Micahel & Margaret Coleman
By: Henry & Margaret Mitchell



Sanctuary Lamp

For: Michael & Margaret Coleman
By: Henry & Margaret Mitchell

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Aleth DelPrado

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”.



From the Pastor’s Desk

Today’s readings are connected by the God-given freedom and responsibility to choose.

Sirach is from the category of Scripture called wisdom literature and it takes the form of proverbs. These sayings make the connection between actions and their consequences. The choices offered are stark; water or fire, good or evil, life or death. The wise person chooses the positive option, but we are always free to choose either. The embedded wisdom of the last line, which says that God does not command anyone to act unjustly or to sin, is that God desires only what is good.

Today’s wisdom psalm resonates with the choice of right living that is encouraged in Sirach. Those who follow God’s Law are blessed and have found favor with God.

Paul also teaches about wisdom. The faithful Christian chooses wisely the things of the Lord, not the wisdom of the world. The mysterious wisdom of God is not God’s secret possession. It is revealed in Jesus Christ and bestowed on all those who love him. For Paul, and for us, this is a great gift. Like those who make wise choices in life, we are truly blessed.

In the Gospel, Jesus offers a critical insight into his entire mission. Although he is speaking to the disciples, it is clear that he is also addressing the scribes and Pharisees. The issue in dispute is the interpretation of the Law. Jesus’ repetition of the phrase “you have heard it said...but I say to you” underlines the authority of his teaching and the new understanding that he gives to each Law that he quotes. Those who hear his Word are challenged to live fully by living in the deep spirit of the Law, not merely according to its literal meaning. This choice is the path to the Kingdom of Heaven.

**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, Stephanie Merenda, Sterling Mitchell, Carol Jean Murphy, Susan Pavilevic, Maria Scampone, Susan Scarinci, Barbara Schimpf, Theresa Vazquez

Report of Parish Giving

Offering 2/5/17 - \$8,698.00
 Adults: 606 Children: 87
 Offering 1/29/17 - \$8,255.00
 Adults: 610 Children: 89

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.

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

Don't Give up Chocolate for Lent

Join Dynamic Catholic for Best Lent Ever, a free email program featuring internationally acclaimed speaker and New York Times bestselling author Matthew Kelly. From Ash Wednesday to Easter, you'll get short, inspirational videos from Matthew Kelly and personal reflections from Dynamic Catholic team members that will help you identify what stands between you and happiness...and what to do about it. Simply sign up at BestLentEver.com.

Small Group Opportunities

In conjunction with our parish wide "Don't Give up Chocolate for Lent" online initiative, we will also offer a number of weekly small group opportunities for your family and friends; or you can host your own gathering in your own home. If you would like to learn how to facilitate/host a group or have your own idea for a small group topic please come to the Cafeteria on Sunday, February 12th or 26th after the 9:30 a.m. Mass or contact Tony MacDonnell in the Office of Religious Education: Text or call 914-471-2084.

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.

Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal

In the Bible, Jesus teaches us to act with mercy, compassion and love. Your help plays a vital role that ensures the *Cardinal's Appeal* continues to serve so many throughout our communities. To date 24 families have made their commitment to the *Appeal* effort in our parish. Please join them in order for us to meet our goal of \$59,500. So far we have pledged \$5,820. Let us show our strength in faith, in unity, and in Jesus' call to action.

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. Professionals with an expertise in grief counseling facilitate all of the groups. Groups run for 8-10 weeks. If interested, please call Hospice of Westchester (914) 682-1484 located at 1025 Westchester Ave. White Plains, NY.

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