

Mass Intentions for the Week

St. Augustine

Monday, August 28

8:00 Michael Valvano
12:00 Gloria Facendo

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

Tuesday, August 29

8:00 Thomas J. Bell &
Rosanne Conaty Bell
12:00 Jean Silviotti

Wednesday, August 30

8:00 Esterina Secchiano
12:00 Antonio Gerardi

Thursday, August 31

8:00 Adam Rosowicz
12:00 Carlo Dottore

Friday, September 1

8:00 Maria Riocobono
12:00 Aleth Del Prado

Saturday, September 2

8:00 Sadie Plati
12:00 Robert Amann
5:00 Jean Silviotti

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, September 3, 2017

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Frank Lauri Jr., Living
11:00 Edward Costa
12:30 Luis Tejada

Bread and Wine

For: In thanksgiving to
St. Padre Pio
By: Maire Deiana



Sanctuary Lamp

For: Elizabeth & Edward
Fleckenstein
By: Barbara & Charlie
Schementi

Please pray for the repose of the soul

Salvatore DeRosa
Simone Dumas



From the Pastor's Desk

Perhaps you have seen the sculpture of a man chiseling himself out of a block of stone. It represents the self-made person who creates his own destiny through intellect and hard work. Today's readings warn against this illusion and remind us that everything we do is by God's grace.

In the First Reading, God declares that Shebna, the man in charge of King Hezekiah's palace, will be cast out, presumably because he overstepped his authority and took his position for granted. In his place, God will establish Eliakim and make him part of the royal family. The "key of the house of David" is not an actual key. Rather it is a symbol of the authority God is conferring. What are Eliakim's credentials? He is a servant of God.

The Second Reading concludes Paul's teaching on justification by faith. Earlier, Paul had written that paradoxically Gentiles (non-Jews) who never pursued righteousness receive it, and Jews who sought it do not receive it (that is, through the Law). Thus, Paul marvels that we cannot know God's mind, but we do know that everything comes to us by God's grace and not by our own accomplishments.

In today's Gospel, sometimes called "The Great Confession," Peter professes Jesus as the Messiah and Son of God. Jesus responds by calling him *petros* (Greek, meaning "a small rock") and declaring that he will build his Church on this *petra* (Greek for "mass of rocky ground"). The meaning of "binding and loosing" is unclear. It may refer to the binding of Satan in exorcism, the power to excommunicate, or authority to teach definitive doctrine. Notice, however, that Peter did nothing to earn this position of authority. The revelation came from the Father.

**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, Maria Scampone, Susan Scarinci, Barbara Schimpf, Theresa Vazquez

Report of Parish Giving

Offering 8/20/17 - \$7,161.00
 Adults: 526 Children: 26
 Offering 8/13/17 - \$7,752.00
 Adults: 570 Children: 49

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.

Religious Education

We are now registering both new and returning students for the Fall Religious Education program (K-8) that will start on Sunday, September 17th. You may pick up a registration form in the back of the Church, at the rectory during the week or download the packet from our Parish website www.stspeterpaulandstursula.org. If you have any questions please call or text Tony McDonnell 914-471-2084.

FORMED – FREE GIFT

Sts. Peter & Paul and St. Ursula Parish has purchased a gift for all our parishioners. Enjoy a free subscription to formed.org – an incredible online gateway to the best Catholic content. FORMED provides amazing content 24/7 for you and your family to grow in your faith. It's free and easy to register. Visit formed.org, click on register and enter our Parish Access Code: DF7YQW. Take advantage of your free subscription by visiting FORMED today.

2017 Men's Club Golf Outing

All Parishioners are invited to join the Men's Club at their 7th Annual Golf Outing, to be held at the Dunwoodie Golf Course in Yonkers on Monday, September 18th. This important fund-raising event is a great hit each year both for golfers and those joining for dinner. Help support our Parish by attending or by becoming a sponsor of the event. For sponsorship information or to register for the outing, visit our website at stspeterpaulandstursula.org or call the Rectory at 914-668-9815.

SAVE THE DATE

For the Altar Rosary Society's Tag Sale. Saturday, September 23, 2017 (rain date September 24) in the Church parking lot. Spaces available to Parishioners and Vendors. Cost is \$30 per space.

Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation for Adults

Are you a Baptized Catholic adult, but haven't received Communion/Confirmation and would like to? If you are not Catholic and would like to become Catholic, you are invited to learn more about being a Catholic and how this beautiful faith can bring you closer to God. Our Parish offers a process for you to do this called RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). For more information please see Fr. John.

Are you a registered parishioner of Sts. Peter & Paul and St. Ursula Parish?

Any new or unregistered parishioners are asked to register as soon as possible. You can register by completing the registration form found in the vestibule of the Church, by visiting our website at stspeterpaulandstursula.org, or in person at the Rectory. Registering helps us to communicate with our parishioners about the many items of importance which arise throughout the year.

The Pope's Choir is Coming to NYC

The oldest and most famous choir in the world is coming to St. Patrick's Cathedral in NYC. It's the first time in over 30 years!

Date: Saturday, September 16, 2017

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: St. Patrick's Cathedral

Cost: Suggested Donation - \$50

Don't miss out on this heavenly experience. Get your tickets today at www.sistinechapelustour.com

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.

**STS. PETER AND PAUL & ST. URSULA
ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY**

TAG SALE

**WHEN: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD
(RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH)**

HOURS: FROM 10AM-4PM

WHERE: CHURCH PARKING LOT

COST PER SPACE \$30.00

RESERVATIONS DUE BY SEPTEMBER 21ST

*** * Tables Will Not Be Supplied * ***

NAME: _____ TEL NO. _____

OF SPACES: _____ AMT ENC. _____

Please make check payable to Sts. Peter & Paul and St. Ursula Altar Rosary Society and return to the Rectory
at 129 Birch Street, Mount Vernon, NY 10552 or drop in the collection basket.

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY @ (914) 668-9815