

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, October 3

8:00 Ben Lauri
12:00 Viola Trani

St. Francis of Assisi

Tuesday, October 4

8:00 Kay Nevin
12:00 Tracy Hennessy

Wednesday, October 5

8:00 Leola McMillan
12:00 George O'Mahoney

Thursday, October 6

8:00 Katherine Restivo
12:00 Nancy Moccio

Our Lady of the Rosary

Friday, October 7

8:00 Cosimo Fiorentino
12:00 William Hamilton

Saturday, October 8

8:00 Joseph Tirro
12:00 Walter J. Fredericks
5:00 Ann & Steven Moliterno

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, October 9

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Luis Tejada
11:00 Steven Marino
12:30 Eva & Charles Nardozi & Family

Bread and Wine

For: Padre Pio
By: Maire & Mario Deiana



Sanctuary Lamp

For: Marie Watkins
By: Marlene Rego

Wedding Banns

I Bryan Fealy – Elaina Mascetti
I Brittany Gonzales – Daniel Badillo



From the Pastor's Desk

The cry of the prophet and the pleading of the disciples often echo in our own prayer before the Lord: “increase our faith.” In the verses before today’s Gospel begins, Luke describes Jesus teaching the disciples that misleading the “little ones” (the poor or marginalized) is a grievous sin with a gruesome punishment. In addition, one must be ready to forgive as often as pardon is sincerely asked.

Jesus’ teaching on inclusiveness went against the social norms that the disciples knew. They were struggling to understand, and they felt inadequate for the task that Jesus asked of them. They clearly needed more of something to do these things; they thought it was faith that they were missing.

Habakkuk protests vigorously to God. He cannot deal with the violence, the ruin, the misery, and he cries out for help. God instructs the prophet to write down the vision so everyone can see it and regain their hope. They must wait for the vision’s fulfillment—something the rash cannot do, “but the just one, because of his faith, shall live.”

Paul writes to Timothy from prison and in his hardship he too repeats the vision, “the gift of God” for Timothy. He tells his disciple to “stir into flame” the gift he already has, the love and courage of his witness of the Lord. He tells Timothy (and us) that this is a rich trust that dwells within each of us.

Jesus’ response to the disciples uses the ridiculous to teach the obvious. Why would anyone transplant a mulberry tree into the sea? And only one mustard seed is needed for a great bush. Jesus tells them they have all the faith they need to do the things he has been teaching them. They can indeed transform the world around them; the vision is not unreachable.

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

Betty D’Avi, Arleen Dmytryshyn, Bobby Gregory, Louise Holly, Betty Lane, Ann Latora, Joan Lynch, Catherine McKeon, Stephanie Merenda, Sterling Mitchell, Maria Scampone, Barbara Schimpf, Theresa Vazquez

Report of Parish Giving

Offering 9/25/16 - \$7,367.00

Adults: 609 Children: 93

Offering 9/18/16 - \$7,465.00

Adults: 596 Children: 86

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

Please register: new and returning students for the Fall 2016-2017 Religious Education program, grades K-8. Classes have already begun. Please pick up a registration form in the back of the Church or Rectory as soon as possible. Contact Tony MacDonnell at 471-2084 or ReligiousEd@stspeterpaulandstursula.org.

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

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.

FORMED

Through an anonymous donor, the Adult Faith Formation Office of the Archdiocese of New York is graciously offering free of charge for a year to each parish an online service called FORMED. It is an innovative online platform through which you can have access to a wide range of top-quality faith formation resources from Bishop Robert Barron, the Augustine Institute, Lighthouse Media and several others. Please avail yourself of this great resource. To register, go to www.archny.org/formed and enter code: DF7YQW.

Remember Sts. Peter & Paul - 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.

Altar Servers

Any boy or girl interested in being an Altar Server is asked to see Father Francis.

Pray the Rosary

In October we celebrate the Rosary with the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th. The Rosary helps us meditate on the mysteries of our salvation – Jesus’ birth, life, death, and resurrection. And we also ask for Mary’s intercession – the most powerful of all the angels and saints.

St. Francis of Assisi

St. Francis was born in Assisi, Italy, in 1182 to a rich cloth merchant. He enjoyed good food, fine clothes, and a busy social life. All that changed when he fell seriously ill on his way to a battle. St. Francis took the Gospel message literally and devoted his life to living in poverty. Followers gathered around him, wanting to imitate his way of life, and in 1210, he received approval to found the Franciscan Order.

Respect Life Sunday – October 2

Hundreds of Westchester and Putnam residents will again be participating in the **National Life Chain** for an end to abortion. Led by pastors and community leaders, participants will stand, holding signs (available along the route) and quietly pray for an end to abortion. The Life chain is a legal, peaceful and prayerful witness that abortion is morally wrong. The nearest Life Chain for our area will be held rain or shine at the following location.

Tuckahoe: In front of Immaculate Conception Church, 53 Winter Hill Road – 2:00-3:00 p.m.

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.

Pasta Dinner

Sponsored by the
Sts. Peter & Paul and St. Ursula
Altar Rosary Society

Friday, Oct. 28 - 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Leewood Golf Club in Eastchester

Salad • Pasta • Meatballs • Sausages

Wine included • Cash Bar

Price: \$35.00 each • Valet Parking

Name _____ Phone _____

of Guests _____ Amount Enclosed _____

Please make checks payable to: Sts. Peter & Paul and St. Ursula Church

Return to: Rectory 129 E. Birch St., Mt Vernon, NY 10552

