

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**The Baptism of the Lord**

**Monday, January 9**

8:00 MaryLou Chappetta, Living  
12:00 Edward Avalone

**Tuesday, January 10**

8:00 Lucy DeVico  
12:00 Anne & Jim Muldoon

**Wednesday, January 11**

8:00 Roddy Butler  
12:00 Gleeson, Donnelly &  
McSweeney Families

**Thursday, January 12**

8:00 Fr. Leonard DaCosta &  
Nuelma Da Costa  
12:00 Maria Laura Ferreira

**Friday, January 13**

8:00 Biagio Indriolo  
12:00 Rose & Michael Langella

**Saturday, January 14**

8:00 Tomaquin & Casquejo Families  
12:00 Michael Cappelli  
5:00 Derna Amarucci

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**January 15, 2017**

8:00 For the People of the Parish  
9:30 Silvio Migliorelli  
11:00 Dolores DiNuzzo  
12:30 Nicola DiMarino

**Bread and Wine**

**For:** In Thanksgiving to Padre Pio  
**By:** Maire Deiana



**Sanctuary Lamp**

**For:** The DaCosta Family  
**By:** Maria & Arnaldo DaCosta

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of**  
Irene Benick, Dora DePalo, Joseph Funicello,  
Romualdo Ranieri, Donald Ruberto,  
Deason Robert Schimpf



***From the Pastor's Desk***

At the end of Advent and Christmas Time, the Scriptures take us from the humble, local event of the Messiah's birth to a celebration of the universal effects of God's breaking through into human history. Pilgrimages, processions, journeys, and exotic visitors all converge in the glorious light of the Lord, who has come to dwell in time for all peoples.

Isaiah summons the city of Jerusalem to rejoice in the glory of the Lord. While other peoples dwell in darkness, the people of God walk in the radiance of the Lord. Furthermore, Jerusalem will be the bearer and sign of God's glory to those nations; caravans will stream toward the light, bearing riches and proclaiming the praises of the Lord—a glorious vision!

The psalmist asks a blessing from God upon the Israelite king, who will be God's representative. This earthly ruler needs the people's prayers so that he can rule with God's justice and righteousness from "sea to sea," and to the very "ends of the earth." Through him, God will reign; he will care for the lowly and the poor, as God would.

Paul's teaching also stresses that God's reign is widespread, even universal. The Gentiles are "coheirs" of the same revelation given to Paul and the Apostles. Indeed, they become "copartners" in the Gospel. The Spirit has made them members of the same body and commissioned them for the same ministry.

The details of the Magi's visit intrigue us. The visitors' names and occupations, the symbolism of the gifts, and the evil intentions of Herod lend drama and mystery to the story. But we need to focus on the Gospel as an epiphany, a manifestation of God's intervention in the world. These foreigners are a sign of the far-reaching effect of the birth of the Son of God. All peoples of good will find their way to the Lord.

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

Dennis Catozella, Betty D'Avi, Ella DiGovanni, Arleen Dmytryshyn, Bobby Gregory, Louise Holly, Betty Lane, Ann Latora, Joan Lynch, Catherine McKeon, Stephanie Merenda, Sterling Mitchell, Maria Scampone, Susan Scarinci, Barbara Schimpf, Theresa Vazquez

Report of Parish Giving

Offering 1/1/17 - \$7,602.00
Adults: 564 Children: 56
Offering 12/25/16 - \$8,707.00
Adults: 975 Children: 94

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.

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.

Christmas Collection

Please be as generous as you can in this year's Christmas collection. This is a vital part of not only supporting our Parish in paying our bills, but in providing us with funds to improve the programs we already have and implement new ones, so that our Parish may continue to grow and we may better serve all the needs of our Parish family. God Bless your generosity!

Bread & Wine

The Bread and Wine is available the weeks of January 15 & 29; February 5, 19 & 26; March 5, 12, 19 & 26. The cost is \$25. If interested please call the Rectory 668-9815.

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp is available the weeks of January 29, February 26, March 5 & 19. The cost is \$10. If interested please call the Rectory 668-9815.

Leisure Club

The Leisure Club will meet in the auditorium on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 after the 12:00 noon Mass.

The Baptism of the Lord

Jesus began his public ministry by getting baptized by St. John the Baptist. Jesus was free of sin, but he allowed himself to be baptized in order to "fulfill all righteousness" (Matthew 3:15). By his baptism, Jesus declared his willingness to fulfill God's saving plan. It is also at this time when God revealed Jesus as his "beloved Son" (Matthew 3:17).

"Growing in Faith"

Faith Discussion Group

Our Faith Discussion Group will meet on Tuesday, January 10th 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.

February Flurries

The Altar Rosary Society presents its February Flurries calendar drawing. Calendars are available today and during the month of January. The first drawing will take place on February 1st, with twenty-eight chances to win some great cash prizes. The cost is \$15/ calendar.

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.

**Cost: \$15**

\*In the event insufficient funds are collected to meet payouts, all money will be returned

# February Flurries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
		 	 <b>\$25</b>	<b>\$25</b>	<b>\$25</b>	<b>\$25</b> 
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
 <b>\$50</b>	 <b>\$25</b>	 <b>\$25</b>	<b>\$25</b>	 <b>\$25</b>	<b>\$25</b>	<b>\$25</b>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$25</b> 	 Valentine's Day  <b>\$50</b>	<b>\$25</b>	<b>\$25</b>	 <b>\$25</b>	<b>\$25</b> 
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
 <b>\$50</b>	<b>\$25</b>	 <b>\$25</b>	<b>\$25</b>	<b>\$25</b>	<b>\$25</b> 	<b>\$25</b>
26	27	28				
 <b>\$50</b>	<b>\$25</b>	<b>\$50</b>	 			

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Kindly cut-off and return this form with payment to the rectory or place in the collection basket. Checks payable to Sts. Peter & Paul and St. Ursula Altar Rosary Society

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