

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, March 6

8:00 Dec'd. Mem's. Morales Family
12:00 Joseph Guarino

Tuesday, March 7

8:00 Lawrence Boyle &
Hermoine Gallagher
12:00 Anne & Jim Muldoon

Wednesday, March 8

8:00 Joseph Jarde
12:00 Donnelly, McSweeney &
Gleeson Families

Thursday, March 9

8:00 Dec'd. Mem's. Lopez Family
12:00 Peter Mariani

Friday, March 10

8:00 Colomba Zarra
12:00 Libby D'Agostino

Saturday, March 11

8:00 John D'Onofrio
12:00 Dec'd. Mem's Saavedra Family
5:00 Gerald Squire

Second Sunday of Lent

March 12, 2017

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Thomas F. Scanlon
11:00 Lillie Ragonese
12:30 Pietro Elia

Bread and Wine

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



Sanctuary Lamp

For: Oseguera Munguia Family
By: Juana Oseguera



Daylight Saving Time

**Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour next
Saturday evening, March 11th**



From the Pastor's Desk

During Lent the Church “goes on retreat.” Many find it a good time for self-reflection and spiritual exercises that lead to metanoia, a change of heart. One traditional path to metanoia is through acts of penitence with prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Scripture emphasizes the mercy of God, the grace of God that changes hearts. Acts of penitence do not persuade God to be merciful; God’s mercy leads us to be penitent.

The story of Creation ends with the temptation and sin of Adam and Eve. This dramatic event sets the tone for the many more stories of God’s intervention in human events—an intervention that is merciful despite human weakness.

Today we sing one of the familiar penitential psalms, a cry for God’s mercy we have all voiced. The psalmist does not pray as one without hope. This prayer trusts in the compassion of God and it would be suitable for every day of Lent.

Paul compares the act of “one man” (who is Adam, mentioned in the longer reading) with that of another man, Jesus. The transgression of Adam has been overcome by the “gracious gift” of Jesus Christ. The inheritance of death has been conquered by the grace of redemption.

In Scripture, the desert is a place of testing and isolation; there Jesus encounters the devil. Like all temptation, this one appeals to Jesus’ self-identity. The devil begins with the phrase, “If you are...” He’s inviting Jesus to flaunt his identity and his mission, perhaps even challenging its genuineness. Matthew places this event right after Jesus’ baptism, when he was called “beloved” by the heavenly voice and from there began his ministry. Lent becomes for us a time to remember who we are: baptized in the Lord for the work of the Lord.

**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 2/26/17 - \$7,740.00
 Adults: 647 Children: 94
 Offering 2/19/17 - \$8,524.62
 Adults: 587 Children: 67

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.

Lenten Talk

Father William Cleary will present a Lenten series of 4 talks entitled "Praying the Gospels - Getting to know Jesus with each of the Evangelists." Please join us for these talks as Father Cleary takes us through the Gospels that illuminate Jesus' life, mission, and desire for a deeper relationship with each person. The talks will take place at 7:30 pm in the Church on March 22 & 23, and April 5 & 6.

"Resisting Happiness"

Stop "Resisting Happiness" and don't give up chocolate for Lent. Join one of our small groups this Lent as we get inspired by Matthew Kelly's new book about how to remove obstacles in order to grow in a spirit of joy and peace in your personal, neighborly and God relationships. Join us on Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. in the cafeteria or Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. in the conference room. If another time works better contact Tony MacDonnell at (914) 471-2084 call or text. Also sign up at <http://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever/> to receive a two minute "spiritual boost" daily video through your email.

Palm Crosses

The Altar Rosary Society will be taking orders for Palm Crosses. The cost is \$10.00 each. Please return the order forms, available in the vestibule of the Church along with payment to the Rectory or place in the collection basket no later than March 28th. Orders can be picked up after each Mass the weekend of April 1st and 2nd.

**Stations of the Cross
 Friday evening at 7:00 p.m.**

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 56 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 \$17,482. Let us show our strength in faith, in unity, and in Jesus' call to action.

Why do we give things up for Lent?

We give up things for Lent to help us grow closer to God. We imitate Jesus, who spent forty days in the desert, fasting and praying. "By the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert". Whenever we think of our sacrifice—whether it is a favorite food, pastime, or fifteen minutes of sleep--we are reminded of Christ's sacrifice of love for us.

Giving things up for Lent is also an expression of penance for the wrong we've done. The forms of penance the Church recommends are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (charitable deeds). To be effective, however, these acts must come from a place of sincere repentance.

"Jesus' call to conversion and penance...[aims at] the conversion of the heart, interior conversion".

It involves turning our hearts back to God and away from that which separates us from him. "Going without" purifies us and helps us resist temptation more easily.

"Growing in Faith"

Leisure Club

The Leisure Club will meet on Thursday, March 9th after the 12 noon Mass.

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 & Paul and St. Ursula Second Annual Dinner Dance

**Honoring:
Ann D'Agostino ~ Vicki Cavaluzzi
Saturday, April 22nd**

**Leewood Golf Club
1 Leewood Drive ~ Eastchester, NY
\$90 per person**

Cocktail Hour: 6:30 PM ~ Formal Dinner & Dancing: 7:30 PM

RAFFLES • PRIZES • 50/50

Enjoy a fun evening with fellow parishioners and friends!

For further information, please contact: Juliana Aquilino (914-400-3517)
Must Register by April 16th

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NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING: _____

PLEASE SEAT ME WITH: _____

I WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR: _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____