

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 17

8:00 Edward Costa
12:00 Jack Ryan

Tuesday, April 18

8:00 Mario Deiana Sr. &
Elizabeth Denisco Deiana
12:00 Louis Bonavisa

Wednesday, April 19

8:00 Msgr. Thomas F. Scanlon
12:00 Carole Hennessy, Living

Thursday, April 20

8:00 Nello Fabrizi
12:00 Ida Avalone

Friday, April 21

8:00 Joan Bannon
12:00 Clelia Galli

Saturday, April 22

8:00 Maria Lopes Estevao
12:00 Frank & Pauline DiBrino
5:00 Annette Miserendino

Second Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2017

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Gerardo & Filomena DiLeo
Anniversary
11:00 Marissa DiRenzo, Living
12:30 Vincent Mesisca &
Stephen Bargellini

Bread and Wine

For: Tom Benichasa
By: Anonymous



From the Pastor's Desk

**A Blessed Easter to all.
May the Risen Lord fill your hearts with
His love, peace and joy.**

Fr. John, Fr. Francis, Fr. Charles

An Easter Gift for Your Parish

As a Parish, we rely heavily on the generous gifts you make to the Parish in the Easter and Christmas collections as well as your weekly Offertory throughout the year. These gifts provide funds needed for the programs and operations of the Parish. Thank you for your generosity both throughout the year and at Easter!

Today's readings focus on the astonishing event of Jesus' Resurrection from the tomb. In Acts, we hear Peter's address to the friends and relatives of Cornelius, a Gentile. In his speech, Peter summarizes the mission and ministry of Jesus, presenting the Resurrection as the climax of Jesus' life. As the anointed one of God, Jesus "went about doing good" and then he commissioned his disciples to "preach and to testify" in his name. In the verses following today's reading, Cornelius and his group receive the Holy Spirit and are baptized.

Today's psalm was likely intended for an assembly to sing at a liturgy. Just as ancient worshipers did, today's Christian assemblies are invited to give thanks for the mercy and goodness of the Lord. Today Christian assemblies are invited to lift up their voices in thanksgiving for the enduring mercy of God.

The brief passage from Colossians is part of a longer homily by Paul on the new life in Christ that has been won through his Resurrection. In the verse following this reading, Paul continues to describe this new life in Christ. But first he makes it clear that they need to keep their minds focused on the glory of the Risen Lord. That will be their source of commitment and joy.

John's account of the Resurrection paints a scene of confusion along with the first gleams of understanding. Mary of Magdala is distressed; Peter and "the other disciple" run to see the evidence. Although both see, it is "the other disciple [who]...saw and believed." The last sentence seems confusing. In spite of what they saw and even believed, they "did not yet understand." In a powerful irony, the empty tomb is nevertheless a sign of the fullness of life. Understanding would be slow to grow.



Sanctuary Lamp

For: Sam Schevera
By: Alice Schevera

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Michele Sanseverino
Nicholas Pennella
Joseph Smith
Sadie Plati

Report of Parish Giving

Offering 4/9/17 - \$10,160.00
 Adults: 803 Children: 119
 Offering 4/2/17 - \$8,270.00
 Adults: 634 Children: 93

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.

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

Dennis Catozella, Betty D'Avi, Ella DiGiovanni, Arleen Dmytryshyn, Frances Franco, 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

**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.

CAMP EAGLE'S CLIFF

Camp Eagle's Cliff is one of the Northeast's premier Catholic leadership camps. Eagle's Cliff has over 20 years of experience forming young men into Catholic leaders through outdoor sporting activities, team competitions, and virtue and faith formation. It is open to boys ages 9 – 16 and will be held from June 23 - July 3, 2017. The camp is located in Center Harbor, NH. There are still a few spots available. For more info visit www.eaglescliff.com or email Will Jude, at info@eaglescliff.com.

**Second Annual Dinner Dance
 Raffle**

Win a Trip for Two to Ireland
 7 Days/6 Nights in Dublin
 \$50 per ticket – Only 200 Tickets will be sold
 To be drawn April 22nd at the Dinner Dance
 Tickets on sale at all the Masses this weekend

Air Conditioning Collection

As we enter the warmer temperatures, we want our parishioners to be as comfortable as possible in the Church with air conditioning. Next weekend we will take up a special collection for it. Please be as generous as possible.

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 115 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 \$47,307.80. Let us show our strength in faith, in unity, and in Jesus' call to action.

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.

Heart to Heart

There is nothing wrong with "pestering" God (Matthew 7:7) but think: if this were all we did with our loved ones, what quality of relationship would that be? Instead, God seeks a personal relationship with each of us – to converse with us heart to heart. Of course, tell him what's on your heart, but don't forget to listen to him, too. "Growing in Faith"

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 Cavalluzzi
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

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Please consider sponsoring

- **OUR CLERGY • DJ ENTERTAINMENT •**
- **COCKTAIL HOUR •**
- **\$250 DONATION PER SPONSORSHIP**

DETACH FORM AND RETURN TO THE RECTORY

NAME: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING: _____

PLEASE SEAT ME WITH: _____

I WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR: _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____