

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**St. Frances Xavier**

**Monday, November 13**

8:00 Louie McDonnell  
12:00 Pasquale Marzella

**Tuesday, November 14**

8:00 Mary & William Hamilton  
12:00 John Semenza

**Wednesday, November 15**

8:00 Marco Cesario  
12:00 Anne & Jim Muldoon

**Thursday, November 16**

8:00 Donna Katchmer  
12:00 Dolores DiNuzzo

**St. Elizabeth of Hungary**

**Friday, November 17**

8:00 Frank Cavallo  
12:00 Dorothy Nolan

**Saturday, November 18**

8:00 Kathleen Fay  
12:00 Dec'd. Mem's. Ushers  
5:00 Anthony Ruocco

**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday, November 19, 2017**

8:00 For the People of the Parish  
9:30 Guy Cimmino  
11:00 Dennis Busti  
12:30 Marie J. Francomano

**Bread and Wine**

For: Dec'd. Mem's. Kosty Family  
By: Dolores Kosty



**Sanctuary Lamp**

For: Dec'd. Mem's. Kosty Family  
By: Dolores Kosty

**Altar Servers**

Any boy or girl in the fourth grade or older who would like to train to serve at God's Altar is asked to give their name and phone number to Father Francis.



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

In contrast to last Sunday's readings that call us to take responsibility for our wrongdoings, this Sunday's readings invite us to contemplate the resplendent wonder of one day being able to stand in God's presence.

The First Reading is King Solomon's description of Lady Wisdom, a personification of the Spirit of God that animates all of life and makes it possible for creation to be at one with God. Those who seek Wisdom will find her very near to them, he says, and those who allow themselves to be found by her will discover perfect understanding.

In the Second Reading, Paul consoles members of the church in Thessalonica who fear that their deceased loved ones are lost because of the delay of the Parousia (Greek, "coming," referring to the return of Christ at the end time). Paul had a vivid idea of the Parousia and paints a delightful image of what awaits the faithful—a marvelous celebration in the sky where all the faithful, living and dead, revel in Christ's presence forever. Like many early believers, he expected the Parousia to occur in his own lifetime.

Today's Gospel recounts the parable of the ten virgins or bridesmaids. Often in the Bible, wedding imagery implies the messianic banquet at the end time. Here the bridegroom represents Christ, and the virgins likely represent Jesus' followers, who are awaiting his return. Some are wise and have kept themselves ready, but others are foolish, failing to be prepared for the bridegroom's return. While we might feel sorry for the foolish virgins who are barred from the celebration, everyone must take responsibility for their own readiness.

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

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 11/5/17 - \$8,391.00  
 Adults: 545 Children: 70  
 Offering 10/29/17 - \$8,678.00  
 Adults: 511 Children: 59

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](http://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.

**Welcome New Parishioners**

As a way of welcoming all newly registered parishioners to our great parish, Fr. John would like to invite all who registered in the last two years to a pizza get together on Tuesday evening November 28th at 7:00 p.m. in our gym. Please let us know if you will attend by completing the registration form found on the table in the vestibule of the Church and returning it to the Rectory by November 26th.

**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](http://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.

**Save the Date**  
**SANTA'S WORKSHOP**  
 Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 10:00 am to 2:00 pm  
 Inside the tent in the parking lot  
 Toys & Gifts for the Kids  
 Hot chocolate, cookies and Santa

**Winter Coat Drive**

The Men's Club is sponsoring a Winter Coat Drive to benefit those in need in the Mount Vernon community. We are in need of new and gently used adult and children's coats. Donation boxes are located in the hallway in the vestibule of the Church. The drive will begin November 13th and end on December 18th.

**Catholic Charities Campaign**

Next weekend our second collection will be for the Catholic Charities Campaign for Charity and Justice. Countless families in the Archdiocese live in poverty. This collection will benefit parish/community-based efforts to help the poor. By supporting this collection you give people a helping hand.

**Giving Tree**

This year, our Christmas Giving Tree, which provides clothing and toys for children in need will start on Sunday, November 19th. Giving Tree tags will be available next weekend. Please select a tag and return gifts **ONLY** in a **gift bag or unwrapped box** and attach the tag. Please do NOT donate used clothing. The last day for donating to the Giving Tree is Sunday, December 12th at the start of the 12:30 p.m. Mass. Thank you.

**Baptisms**

We welcome to our Parish Community  
**AMELIA HAZEL TRUMBULL**  
 May the Lord bless and keep you ever close to Him.

**The Montfort Academy**

The Montfort Academy Players presents Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing* at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, November 17th and Saturday, November 18th. Tickets are \$5 for students / \$10 for adults and are available at the door or through the website: [www.themontfortacademy.org](http://www.themontfortacademy.org).

**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.**

**Warming Our Community...  
One Coat at a Time.**

**Sts. Peter & Paul and St. Ursula  
Church Men's Club**

**is collecting new and gently used  
adult and children's coats to help  
those in the Mount Vernon  
community keep warm this winter.**

**November 13 - December 18**

**Donation boxes are located in the  
hallway in the Church lobby**

***Help us to Help Others in Need***