

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Monday, February 26**

8:00 The Souls in Purgatory  
12:00 Joseph Fulco

**Tuesday, February 27**

8:00 Patricia Plasencia  
12:00 Kristin Rocha

**Wednesday, February 28**

8:00 Maria Gregory  
12:00 Robert VanCott

**Thursday, March 1**

8:00 Giovanni Pennetta  
12:00 Salvatore Sgobbo &  
Romo Scrofani

**Friday, March 2**

8:00 Jane Sposato  
12:00 Carolyn Cardillo

**Saturday, March 3**

8:00 Edvige Cardillo &  
Madeline Petrillo  
12:00 Celedonio DelPrado  
5:00 Pietro Elia &  
Giuseppe Bartolotta

**Third Sunday of Lent**

**Sunday March 4**

8:00 For the People of the Parish  
9:30 Carlo Dottore  
11:00 Margaret Sullivan  
12:30 Biagio & Dolores Pelicchio

**Bread and Wine**

For: Aleth C. DelPrado  
By: The DelPrado Family



**Sanctuary Lamp**

For: Aleth C. DelPrado  
By: The DelPrado Family

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



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

On first view, today's First Reading and Gospel appear to have little in common: Abraham nearly sacrifices his son and Jesus is transfigured before two of his disciples. When we dig deeper, however, we discover in both readings a profound message about God's mercy and faithfulness in times of trouble.

The First Reading comes from a story that our Jewish friends call the *Akedah*, the binding of Isaac. It is referred to in the prayers of *Rosh Hashanah*, the first day of the Jewish calendar year. On this day Jews all over the world pray that God will overlook human sinfulness and remember the compassion that he had for Abraham in sparing his son, because Abraham was willing to fully obey God. Ultimately, the story reminds us of our need to depend fully and without question on the tender mercies of God.

In addition to some superficial similarities between the sacrifice of Isaac and the Transfiguration (both are set on a mountain, and in both a voice from the heavens speaks) they both teach about God's restorative love and mercy. To recognize this in the Transfiguration story we need to remember that in Mark's Gospel the Transfiguration episode comes directly after Jesus tells his disciples that he must be killed before he returns in the Father's glory. The transfigured Jesus on the mountain prefigures this return, evidence of God's faithfulness to Jesus and to anyone who is fully obedient to God's will.

The Second Reading reinforces the teaching of the other two readings: Paul speaks with wonderment about the greatness of God's love for us—so great that he would sacrifice his own son for our salvation.

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

Betty D'Avi, Manuel Docoito, Bobby Gregory, Louise Holly, Betty Lane, Joan Lynch, Gloria Melagrano, Stephanie Merenda, Sterling Mitchell, Carol Jean Murphy, Maria Scampone, Susan Scarinci, Barbara Schimpf, Theresa Vazquez

**Receiving the Eucharist**

As we approach the altar to receive the Eucharist, we should do so with reverence and respect and with hands folded. As the priest or Eucharistic minister says "the Body of Christ", the proper response is "Amen".

**Report of Parish Giving**

Offering 2/18/18 - \$6,848.00  
Adults: 459 Children: 45  
Offering 2/11/18 - \$8,195.00  
Adults: 526 Children: 78

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. You can enroll at our website, stspeterpaulandstursula.org. 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 Rick Andrade who will also be our honoree at our Dinner Dance on Saturday, April 14th at The Davenport in New Rochelle. Please support our Journal by taking out an ad. Contracts are available in the vestibule.

**3rd Annual Dinner Dance**

Our Dinner Dance will take place on Saturday, April 14th at The Davenport Mansion in New Rochelle. The Dinner Dance committee would like to reach out to our parish community and ask for food donations which will be used at the Dinner Dance in place of floral centerpieces. They are asking for canned goods, canned soup, boxed pasta and canned pasta sauces. Please place food items in the bin in the vestibule of the Church. As usual, all donated food will be given to St. Mary's food pantry after the Dinner Dance.

The Committee will be selling tickets today for the Grand Prize which is a six day trip for two to the Tuscany region of Italy or a one week Celebrity cruise for two to Bermuda. The cost of each ticket is \$50 and only 200 will be sold. This is open to all people whether you attend the Dinner Dance or not.

**Best Lent Ever**

Small Group Meetings  
Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. Church Conference Room  
Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Old Convent behind the Church  
Sunday, March 4th 10:30 a.m.  
School Cafeteria  
Meeting based on the Book and on-line videos  
"Perfectly Yourself" by Matthew Kelly  
For more information contact the Religious Education  
Office – Tony MacDonnell at 914.471.2084 or email  
amacdonnell@arcol.org.

**Lenten Mission**

It's easy to get into routines about life and our faith. We can forget how amazing God's gift of reconciliation in Christ really is; and how big of a difference it can make in our lives. Join Fr. Bill Cleary in a night of reflection as we see how St. Paul describes God's gift in his most influential letter and be renewed in your own glory in the Lord this Lent. March 7 & 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Church.

**Palm Crosses**

The Altar Rosary Society is 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 by March 11th. Orders can be picked up after each Mass the weekend of March 17th and 18th.

**St. Patrick's & St. Joseph's Day Dinner**

The Altar Rosary Society presents its annual St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's Day Dinner, which will take place at the Leewood Golf Club on Sunday, March 11th from 2:00 to 6:00 pm. The cost is \$40 for adults and \$15 for children (under 10). To register for the dinner, please return the registration form and payment to the Rectory by March 7th.

**Men's Discussion Group**

When – Saturdays  
Time – 10:30 a.m.  
Where – Rectory  
Come – Learn – Discuss topics of our faith  
All Men welcome

**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.

The Altar Rosary Society

Presents



*Celebrate St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's Day*

Sunday March 11th

Leewood Golf Club

Tuckahoe, NY

2:00 to 6:00 pm

*Enjoy fine food and entertainment*

Adults: \$40 Children (under 10): \$15



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# Attending: Adults (@ \$40) \_\_\_\_\_ Children (@\$15) \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to the Altar Rosary Society  
and return to the Rectory by March 7th