

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, March 12

8:00 Marion Ketcham
12:00 Italia Positano

Tuesday, March 13

8:00 Shirley Peterson
12:00 August Pisani

Wednesday, March 14

8:00 Maria Gregory
12:00 Tracy Hennessey

Thursday, March 15

8:00 Frank Courtney
12:00 Anthony J. Morcone

Friday, March 16

8:00 Giovanni Pennetta
12:00 Mary & William Hamilton

St. Patrick

Saturday, March 17

8:00 Juan Maria Duran
12:00 Thomas J. Bell
5:00 Jack Ryan

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday March 18

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Rocco & Linda Fiorenza
11:00 Giuseppe DeSpirito
12:30 Joseph Piscopo

Bread and Wine

For: Jack Ryan
By: Kay Ryan



Sanctuary Lamp

For: Maria Gregory
By: Vivian Gregory

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



From the Pastor's Desk

This is Laetare Sunday. *Laetare* means “rejoice” and comes from the introit, or entrance verse, for this Sunday, taken from Isaiah 66:10: “Rejoice, O Jerusalem!” The beginning of today’s First Reading, however, gives little cause for rejoicing. It describes how the leaders and people of Judah (under the evil influence of King Zedekiah) “added infidelity to infidelity” against God and so suffered defeat at the hands of the Babylonians. The Temple was destroyed and many people were carried off to exile in Babylon. But, of course, God is always faithful to his covenant people and eventually will arrange for them to return to Jerusalem by dictate of Cyrus, the King of Persia.

The Second Reading and the Gospel continue this theme of human infidelity and divine faithfulness. The author of the Letter to the Ephesians praises God, who brought us out of the death of sin through his loving mercy and raised us up in glory with Christ not through our own merit but as a gift from God. In other words, we are saved by grace.

The Gospel recalls a scene from Numbers which describes God’s punishment of the Israelites for their infidelity during the Exodus. He sent “fiery” serpents into the desert to attack the people. But when they repented, God instructed Moses to make a bronze serpent and mount it on a pole so that anyone who looked upon the serpent would be healed and live. In this symbolic Gospel of John, Jesus is the one on the pole. He is to be “lifted up” in crucifixion, because God loved the world so much that he was willing to give up his only son. Truly this is a cause for rejoicing.

**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

Men’s Discussion Group

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

Report of Parish Giving

Offering 3/4/18 - \$8,762.00
Adults: 594 Children: 86
Offering 2/25/18 - \$8,541.00
Adults: 459 Children: 45

Sign up for WeShare and have your donations to Sts. Peter & Paul and St. Ursula 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 WeShare 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

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 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
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.

Open Gym Night

The Men's Club is sponsoring Open Gym Night for parishioners and their families starting on Thursday, March 15th. The Gym will be open every Thursday night from 6 -7:30 pm for children age 13 and younger and from 7:30 – 9:00 pm for parishioners 14 and older. Children 13 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Please bring your own ball and water.

Easter Flower Collection

Next weekend is the Easter Flower Collection. Your generous contribution will sustain the tradition of beautiful floral arrangements for our Easter celebration.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Men's Club will hold a Religious Easter Egg Hunt next Sunday, March 18th in the garden. All children ages 3-10 are invited. With over 1,500 colored eggs filled with religious prizes and candy, this should be a fun time for all.

Senior Leisure Group

The Senior Leisure Group will meet on Wednesday, March 14th after the 12:00 noon Mass.

Palm Crosses

The Altar Rosary Society is taking orders for Palm Crosses. The cost is \$10.00 each. Please return the order form along with payment to the Rectory or place in the collection basket no later than March 11th. Orders can be picked up after each Mass the weekend of March 17th and 18th.

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.



3rd Annual
**Dinner
Dance**



**Honoring:
Rick Andrade
Saturday, April 14th**

**Davenport Mansion
400 Davenport Ave ~ New Rochelle
\$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!

Must Register by April 7th

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Please consider sponsoring

**OUR CLERGY • DJ ENTERTAINMENT • COCKTAIL HOUR
• CENTERPIECES •**

\$250 DONATION PER SPONSORSHIP

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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:** _____

Make check payable to Sts. Peter & Paul and St. Ursula and return by April 7th