

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, November 28

8:00 Charles Arnold
12:00 Angelo Cappelli

Tuesday, November 29

8:00 Jean Silviotti
12:00 Edward & Elizabeth Fleckenstein

St. Andrew

Wednesday, November 30

8:00 Ralph Bundy
12:00 William Hamilton

Thursday, December 1

8:00 Albert Hein
12:00 Dec'd. Mem's. Carroll,
Egan & Muehl Families

Friday, December 2

8:00 Mary Scanlon
12:00 Patricia Alleva

St. Francis Xavier

Saturday, December 3

8:00 Filippo DeSantis
12:00 President Elect Donald Trump
5:00 Anna & Charles Mucci

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 4

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Gerardo DiLeo
11:00 Frances Cantonio Quaglia
12:30 Angelo Turturro

Bread and Wine

For: Angela D'Amico
By: Rosalie & Ignazio Franciamore



Sanctuary Lamp

For: Balduino DiMatteo
By: Clementina DiMatteo

Christmas Flower Collection

Next weekend the second collection is for the Christmas flowers. Your generous contribution will sustain the tradition of beautiful floral arrangements for our Christmas celebration.



From the Pastor's Desk

Advent often makes us think of the theme of waiting. One kind of waiting is passive, but another type of waiting actively engages us in life, even as we anticipate what will unfold in the future. Today's readings explore the second kind of waiting practiced by the people of God.

In all of the readings, people are engaged in a journey. The prophet Isaiah summons all the nations to make a pilgrimage to the house of the Lord that is set on a mountain top. The summit of the mountain is the symbolic dwelling of the Lord; there a divine-human encounter takes place, and from there the Word of the Lord goes forth.

The psalmist envisions the faithful in a great procession to the house of the Lord, the holy Temple in Jerusalem. This journey is a ritual version of the spiritual life experience of the people who are traveling toward the heavenly Jerusalem. This image of people in procession prefigures our own understanding of the Church as a pilgrim people, making our journey of faith toward the glory of God.

Those who embark on this journey are not without responsibilities. Both Paul, in his letter to the Romans, and Jesus, in his instruction to the disciples, speak of the expectations for life on the way. Paul writes of the need to put on "the armor of light" and "throw off the works of darkness." He speaks with urgency; choices must be made in order to "put on the Lord Jesus Christ."

Jesus exhorts the disciples to be vigilant in their daily tasks; whether in the field or at the mill, they must be ever watchful for the coming of the Lord. As the season of Advent begins, we too are encouraged to look for all the times and ways that the Lord intervenes in our daily life.

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

Betty D'Avi, Ella DiGiovanni, Arleen Dmytryshyn, Bobby Gregory, Louise Holly, Betty Lane, Ann Latora, Joan Lynch, Catherine McKeon, Stephanie Merenda, Marco Miranda, Sterling Mitchell, Maria Scampone, Susan Scarinci, Barbara Schimpf, Theresa Vazquez

Christmas Stockings for the Needy

It is an annual tradition at our Church that the Confirmation Candidates prepare Christmas stockings for the needy. This year we will bring your donated items to the Bowery Mission in Lower East Manhattan. Please consider donating some of the following: deodorant, toothbrushes and toothpaste, hand cream, bars of soap and shampoo, disposable shavers and shaving cream, men’s white cotton tube socks, woman’s socks or men’s or woman’s hats and gloves. Place your items at the Blessed Mother’s Altar next weekend, December 3rd and 4th.

Thank You!!!

Thank you so much for all the Thanksgiving food donations. The Confirmation students and the parish of St. Mary’s are very grateful.

Faith Discussion Group

Our Faith Discussion Group will meet on Tuesday, November 29th at 11:00 a.m. New people are always welcome! If you are interested contact Ann McLoughlin at AnnMcLoug@aol.com or call (917) 363-2722.

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 end on December 21st.

Christmas Tree Sale

The Men’s Club will be selling Christmas trees, wreaths and ornaments on December 2, 3 & 4 and again on December 9, 10 & 11 in the Church parking lot. Come support the Men’s Club by purchasing some of the finest Christmas trees around.

Are you a registered parishioner of our new Parish of Sts. Peter & Paul and St. Ursula?

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.

Altar Servers

Any boy or girl interested in being an Altar Server is asked to see Father Francis.

Advent Parish Mission

It’s almost here!! It won’t be long now, December 11 – December 14. Our parish mission, being led by Bill Wegner, a Catholic Lay Evangelist, is just two weeks away. It will truly be a time of renewal and rejoicing for our community. Don’t let these four days pass you by and leave you saying, “I wish I had been there”. If you haven’t made your plans yet, do it right now! Stop whatever you’re doing and put it in your calendar. **And remember, bring a friend!**

Giving Tree

Tags are available this weekend for the Giving Tree. Please return gifts in a gift bag or un-wrapped boxes and attach the tag. Please do NOT donate used clothing. The last day for donating to the Giving Tree is Sunday, December 18th by 1:30 p.m. Thank you for your generosity.

Parish Christmas Brunch

SAVE THE DATE – SUNDAY DECEMBER 4TH – for the Altar Rosary Society’s annual Christmas Brunch featuring a special visit from St. Nick. Brunch will be served in the Gym following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Additional information and registration forms can be found on the tables in the vestibule of the Church. Registration deadline is November 28th.

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

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

CHRISTMAS TREES * WREATHS

ORNAMENTS * POINSETTIAS

DECEMBER 2, 3, 4

December 9, 10, 11

**CHURCH PARKING LOT
(Westchester Ave. & Birch St.)**

Hours

Fridays: 4 to 8pm

Saturdays: 8am to 8pm

Sundays: 8am to 4pm