

Mass Intentions for the Week

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Monday, December 12

**8:00 Benjamin Innocent &
Gene Small & Family**
12:00 Marina Corbellini

St. Lucy

Tuesday, December 13

8:00 Peter Dougherty
12:00 Ann & Jim Muldoon

St. John of the Cross

Wednesday, December 14

8:00 Janet O'Hara, Living
12:00 Timothy Higgins

Thursday, December 15

8:00 Linuccia Popoli
12:00 The Souls in Purgatory

Friday, December 16

8:00 Linuccia Popoli
12:00 Christine & James Fusaro

Saturday, December 17

8:00 Maddalena Tota
12:00 John Concannon
5:00 Ann & Steven Moliterno

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 18

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Ignazio Barone
11:00 Camille Piscopo
12:30 Arcangela Quaglia

Bread and Wine

**For: Dec'd. Mem's. Berman &
Sullivan Families**
By: Penny Berman



Sanctuary Lamp

For: Balduino DiMatteo
By: Clementina DiMatteo

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Josephine Lucadamo
John F. Nigro Jr.

From the Pastor's Desk

Reconciliation Monday

Advent is a time to prepare ourselves spiritually to receive Christ. Throughout the Archdiocese, confessions will be heard this day.

Our Schedule is as follows:

CONFESSIONS – Monday, December 19th

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

The prophet Isaiah is bursting with good news for the nations. As the spokesperson of God, Isaiah announces that a promise of renewal is taking place. First, the earth will be transformed: the parched land will bloom with new life. Even more amazing, those broken in their bodies will be transformed as well: the deaf will hear, the lame will leap, the blind will see, and the mute will speak. The power of God brings rejoicing. The psalmist sings praise for the Lord who does what Isaiah had prophesied. The graciousness of God knows no bounds; the most vulnerable, the widows and orphans, are raised up. Even the stranger is not overlooked.

James instructs the early Christians on waiting—one of the themes of Advent. But are we patient in our waiting? The busyness and social excitement of this season makes us all feel that we're in a hurry. To wait with patience is to take time to grasp more deeply the reason for our waiting, the coming of the Lord into our lives. Patient waiting prepares our hearts to be ready and our thoughts to be focused on the mystery of the one who will come to dwell in our midst.

The Gospel moves to the end of John the Baptist's life and to his inquiry about whether Jesus is the expected one, the one he foretold. Jesus' response is twofold. He frames his answer by describing what he has done, echoing the prophetic words of Isaiah in the First Reading. Then he asks the disciples a question and responds himself by describing the important role of John as prophet and messenger. As John's role comes to an end, the role of the one he announced is unfolding. John offers us a model of waiting, and also of being committed to our own ministry of announcing Jesus to a waiting world.

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

Betty D'Avi, Ella DiGovanni, 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

Report of Parish Giving

Offering 12/4/16 - \$7,121.00
Adults: 649 Children: 98
Offering 11/27/16 - \$8,362.42
Adults: 583 Children: 51

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.

Faith Discussion Group

Our Faith Discussion Group will meet on Tuesday, December 13th 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

This is the last weekend the Men's Club will be selling Christmas trees, wreathes and ornaments in the Church parking lot. Come support the Men's Club by purchasing some of the finest Christmas trees around.

Toy Collection

A toy drive will be held next weekend of December 17th and 18th. Please bring unwrapped toys and place them at the Blessed Mother's Altar. Thank you for your generosity.

How will you prepare for Christmas?

Shop until you drop? Run from party to party? How about joining us for a little reflection, short video and some refreshments about the Reason for the Season? When: Sunday, mornings at 10:30 a.m. (Dec. 11 and 18). Where: School cafeteria. Just show up or call Tony MacDonnell at 914-668-9880.

Advent Parish Mission

Well, it's finally here! Come One! Come All! Our Parish Mission begins tonight at 7:30 pm in the Church. Be renewed! Be expectant! And remember . . . bring a friend!

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.

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 next Sunday, December 18th by 1:30 p.m. Thank you for your generosity.

Remember Sts. Peter & Paul - 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.

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 and Paul and St. Ursula Church
2016 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

**Reconciliation Monday
Confessions**

Monday, December 19th

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Friday, December 23rd

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Additional Confession time available. Please call the Rectory.

MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve - Saturday, December 24th

4:30 p.m. - Half hour of Christmas Carols

5:00 p.m. - Christmas Vigil Mass

9:30 p.m. - Half hour of Christmas Carols

10:00 p.m. - Christmas Vigil Mass

Christmas Day - Sunday, December 25th

8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Saturday, December 31st - Vigil Mass - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 1, 2017

8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.