

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Monday, February 27**

**8:00** Patricia Plasencia  
**12:00** Pres. Donald Trump,  
V.P. Mike Pence &  
all Cabinet Members

**Tuesday, February 28**

**8:00** Colomba Zarra  
**12:00** Antonuzza Lamanna

**Ash Wednesday**

**Wednesday, March 1**

**8:00** Lee Vehlewald  
**12:00** The Souls in Purgatory  
**7:30** Santo, Mary & John DeCarlo

**Thursday, March 2**

**8:00** Jane Sposato  
**12:00** Salvatore Sgobbo

**Friday, March 3**

**8:00** Dec.d Mem's. of Leticia  
Pesguera Family  
**12:00** Celedonio & Beatrice DelPrado

**Saturday, March 4**

**8:00** Luisa & Fernando Hernandez  
**12:00** Dora DePalo  
**5:00** Katherine Restivo

**First Sunday of Lent**

**March 5, 2017**

**8:00** For the People of the Parish  
**9:30** Anna & Rocco Maiorano  
**11:00** Patricia Brennan  
**12:30** Ida Avalone

**Bread and Wine**

**For:** Nikolaus Cornely  
**By:** The Cornely Family



**Sanctuary Lamp**

**For:** Oseguera Munguia Family  
**By:** Juana Oseguera



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

**Schedule for Ash Wednesday**

Ashes will be distributed at the following times:

**8:00 a.m. Mass**  
**12 noon Mass**  
**3:00 p.m. Service**  
**7:30 p.m. Mass**

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Today's readings focus on trust and trustworthiness, and challenge our ability to let go to earthly worries and trust in God's care.

Today's short passage from Isaiah is a conversation between Zion, who represents the whole people, and God. The people cry out, believing that God has forsaken them, and God's response is immediate and reassuring. To describe the intimate and tender love of God for the people, the author uses the image of a mother nursing her child—quite a change from the more usual male images of God we see in Scripture.

If we often cry out as Zion did, wondering if God has forsaken us, then the conviction of today's psalmist is our spiritual refuge. We see his (or her) confidence repeated in each verse: the only place to find strength is in the Lord. Summing up all of these repeated assurances, the Psalmist concludes by entreating all people to trust in the Lord.

To help them understand their ministry, Paul presents the Corinthians with the image of a steward. They, like stewards, have been entrusted with the "mysteries of God," and so they must "be found trustworthy." It is a heavy but exalted responsibility. But the judgment of that trustworthiness must come from God, not from humans. Paul advises that human judgment be deferred, for God will illuminate the true motives of all his stewards when he comes.

Jesus uses a delightful comparison between nature (the birds, the wild flowers, and the grass) and humans to teach the importance of trust in the providence of God. His instruction to the disciples has two layers. First, the disciple cannot serve the things of God and the things of the world. Focusing anxiously on physical desires excludes God. Second, there is no need to do this anyway. God knows what is needed and provides for those who trust.

**Report of Parish Giving**

Offering 2/19/17 - \$8,524.62  
 Adults: 587 Children: 67  
 Offering 2/12/17 - \$6,818.00  
 Adults: 413 Children: 73

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.

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

Dennis Catozella, Betty D'Avi, Ella DiGiovanni, Arleen Dmytryshyn, Bobby Gregory, Louise Holly, Betty Lane, Joan Lynch, Stephanie Merenda, Sterling Mitchell, Carol Jean Murphy, Susan Pavilevic, Maria Scampono, Susan Scarinci, Barbara Schimpf, Theresa Vazquez

**Parish Journal**

This year we will honor Ann D'Agostino and Vicki Cavaluzzi who will also be our Honorees at our Dinner Dance on Saturday April 22nd at the Leewood Golf Club. Please support our Journal by taking out an ad. Contracts are available in the vestibule.

**Lenten Talk**

Father William Cleary will present a Lenten series of 4 talks entitled "Praying the Gospels - Getting to know Jesus with each of the Evangelists." Please join us for these talks as Father Cleary takes us through the Gospels that illuminate Jesus' life, mission, and desire for a deeper relationship with each person. The talks will take place at 7:30 pm in the Church on March 22 & 23, and April 5 & 6.

**Stations & Soup**

Celebrate the First Friday in Lent, March 3rd, as the Men's Club invites you to Stations of the Cross in the Church at 7:00 p.m. followed by a delicious soup dinner served in the Gym. Please let us know if you are coming by signing the sign-up sheet located in the vestibule of the Church.

**Remember Sts. Peter & Paul and 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.

**Save the Date  
 Dinner Dance  
 Leewood Golf Club  
 April 22nd  
 \$90 per person**

**Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal**

In the Bible, Jesus teaches us to act with mercy, compassion and love. Your help plays a vital role that ensures the *Cardinal's Appeal* continues to serve so many throughout our communities. To date 48 families have made their commitment to the *Appeal* effort in our parish. Please join them in order for us to meet our goal of \$59,500. So far we have pledged \$15,245. Let us show our strength in faith, in unity, and in Jesus' call to action.

**Current Church Regulations  
 On Fasting and Abstinence**

"FASTING" requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two other smaller meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength, but these two meals together should not equal a full meal in quantity. Fasting obliges all those who have reached the age of 18 and continues to oblige until age 59. Those not specially obliged to fast are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent that they are able.

"ABSTINENCE" prohibits individuals from eating meat on a particular day. Abstinence obliges all those who have reached the age of 14 and continues to oblige throughout their entire life. Those not specifically obliged to abstain from eating meat are encouraged to join in this discipline to the extent that they are able.

**ASH WEDNESDAY and GOOD FRIDAY are days of Fast and Abstinence. FRIDAYS in Lent are days of Abstinence.**

**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 Ladies' Altar Rosary Society Is Once Again Hosting**

# **ST. PATRICK'S & ST. JOSEPH'S DINNER**

**Saturday, March 11, 2017**

**After the 5pm Mass**

**Adults - \$20**

**Children age 10 and under - \$8**

**Dinner will include:  
Corned Beef    Cabbage  
Potatoes       Carrots  
Irish Soda Bread  
Dessert**

**Please join us for a night of good food, fun and company  
Bring your own bottle of cheer**

**\*\* Due to limited seating, admission is not guaranteed on the day of the event \*\***

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Adults (\$20 each) \_\_\_\_\_

Children (\$8) \_\_\_\_\_

Total Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form with payment to the rectory or place in the collection basket before March 7<sup>th</sup>  
Please make checks payable to: Sts. Peter & Paul and St. Ursula Altar Rosary Society