

Mass Intentions for the Week

The Presentation of the Blessed Mother

Monday, November 21

8:00 Flor Maria Huertas
12:00 Susan Turturiello

St. Cecilia

Tuesday, November 22

8:00 Katy Ryland
12:00 Carole Hennessy, Living

Wednesday, November 23

8:00 Roy D. Threashi, Sr.
12:00 Dorothy Nolan

St. Andrew Dung-Lac

Thursday, November 24

8:00 Nora Dooner
9:00 Biagio Indriolo

Friday, November 25

8:00 Father Francis Corry
12:00 Gerardo DiLeo

Saturday, November 26

8:00 Gerardo DiLeo
12:00 Filomena & Agostino Marzella
5:00 Louis Camputo

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 27

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Dec'd. Mem's. Antonio Dottore Family
11:00 James V. DeMeo
12:30 Patricia Alleva

Bread and Wine

For: Neil Whalen
By: Kathleen Whalen



Sanctuary Lamp
For: Gerardo DiLeo
By: Maria DiLeo

Altar Servers

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



From the Pastor's Desk

Today's Gospel passage from Luke may seem a rather curious choice for this solemnity. It is from the Passion narrative that is proclaimed on Palm Sunday. Although we think of Christ as our king he rejected that title throughout his life. The sign on the Cross that proclaimed him King of the Jews, while in fact true, was intended to be ironic. His entire public ministry was in many ways the opposite of the common image of a king. He spent his life not overpowering but empowering. He went about healing and unifying, forgiving and making others whole again—without exceptions.

This sort of king was feared by the secular authorities because he got inside of people's hearts, their spirits, their soul, and he promised life with God, forever. The leaders were threatened by a charisma they didn't understand. When you don't understand, you become fearful and resentful.

The Scripture passages give us several clues about the kind of kingship Jesus assumes. He is heir to the house of David, who had been a shepherd boy before he was anointed king. Like David, Jesus is the anointed one of God. Paul tells the Colossians that the kingdom bestowed on Jesus by the Father is universal in scope; for "in him all things hold together." In a particular way, Paul states, Christ is head of the Church as one who brings salvation to all by shedding his blood.

On the Cross he died the way he lived, extending the gift of forgiveness and eternal life to one more sinner. Forgiveness from a king is a powerful gesture; you don't really know if you deserve it, yet it comes freely and your life is changed. That's what happens to us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The kingship of Christ that we celebrate today was defined by his integrity; what he preached in life, he died doing.

**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

Report of Parish Giving

Offering 11/13/16 - \$8,511.00
 Adults: 590 Children: 73
 Offering 11/6/16 - \$8,777.00
 Adults: 629 Children: 94

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.

**Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive
 For Saint Mary's Parish**

Please bring the following food items to the school cafeteria this weekend: powdered milk, hot & cold cereal, pancake flour & syrup, tuna fish, canned beans, canned hash, canned beef stew, canned ravioli & spaghetti, peanut butter & jelly.

If you wish to donate a frozen turkey or a frozen pie, please drop them off at the Rectory on Tuesday morning November 22nd between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m.

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. Open Fridays 4-8 pm; Saturdays 8am – 8pm; Sundays 8am – 4pm.

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. Following the 11:00 a.m. Mass in the Gym. Additional information and registration forms can be found on the tables in the vestibule of the Church. Registration deadline is November 28th.

Advent Parish Mission

Get ready!! Our week of parish renewal is coming in a few short weeks. The dates are Sunday night, December 11 through Wednesday night, December 15. Bill Wegner, a Catholic Lay Evangelist, will be leading this year's mission. It will be a fantastic way to deepen our relationships with God and with each other. **Plan to be there and bring a friend!**

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.

Giving Tree

Tags will be available next weekend for the Giving Tree. Please return gifts in a gift bag or unwrapped 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.

Faith Discussion Group

Our Faith Discussion Group will meet on Tuesday, November 22nd at 11:00 a.m. New people are always 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.

Warming Our Community... One Coat at a Time.

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

**is collecting new or gently used winter
coats to benefit those in need in the
Mount Vernon community.**

November 17 - December 21

**Donations boxes are located in the
hallway in the Church lobby**

Help us to Help Others in Need