

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 30

8:00 Patrick Dooner
12:00 Msgr. James Connolly

St. John Bosco

Tuesday, January 31

8:00 Jimmy Kane
12:00 Elizabeth Vasti

Wednesday, February 1

8:00 Mary & Sam Consolazio
12:00 Jean Silviotti

The Presentation of the Lord

Thursday, February 2

8:00 Robert Schimpf
12:00 Carol Koerber

St. Blaise

Friday, February 3

8:00 Robert Schimpf
12:00 Santo, Mary & John DeCarlo

Saturday, February 4

8:00 Peter Terelli
12:00 Tomaquin & Yosores Families
5:00 William Archer

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 5, 2017

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 John C. Louro
11:00 In Thanksgiving to Our Lord Jesus
12:30 Olimpia Longaroni

Bread and Wine

The Bread and Wine is available
the weeks of February 5 & 19;
March 5, 19 & 26. The cost is \$25.
If interested please call the Rectory 668-9815.



Sanctuary Lamp

For: Severio, Richard & Mary
DelVecchio
By: DelVecchio Family

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Jeanne Becker
John Bibbo
Josephine Cardillo



From the Pastor's Desk

Today's reading from the prophet Zephaniah comes just after the prophet has warned against a terrible day of judgment. In that dire context, he exhorts the people to humble themselves and turn to the Lord, that they may be sheltered in the midst of his anger. Zephaniah uses the verb "seek" three times. It is urgent that they seek the Lord and his justice in utter humility. The second part of the reading pictures the people in that humbled state, taking refuge in the Lord, living according to his law, and receiving his care and protection.

The psalm is a hymn of praise for the amazing things that the Lord does for the covenant people. In three verses the psalmist lists ten different ways God cares for them. The refrain quotes from today's Gospel about the "poor in spirit," echoing the emphasis of the First Reading on humility. God's action promised in the beatitudes carries on his providence in history.

Paul invites the Corinthians to reflect on their choice to follow the Lord. On one level Paul is gently insulting the "brothers and sisters," telling them that they are really no bodies in the social scheme of things. But Paul is making a vital point. He wants them to realize that God can only work through lowliness and humility. Who they are and what they do come from God; that alone is reason to boast.

For the next four Sundays the Gospel will be from chapter 5 of Matthew. The Beatitudes are one of the most familiar texts of the New Testament, and Matthew places them near the beginning of his account of Jesus' public ministry. They are the framework for the whole of Jesus' ministry and the core of expectations for all his disciples. Each beatitude describes an action or a life situation that is rewarded by God. When disciples act in accordance with the subject of the Beatitudes they will know God's blessing.

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

Dennis Catozella, Betty D'Avi, Ella DiGovanni, Arleen Dmytryshyn, Bobby Gregory, Louise Holly, Betty Lane, Joan Lynch, Catherine McKeon, Stephanie Merenda, Sterling Mitchell, Maria Scampone, Susan Scarinci, Barbara Schimpf, Theresa Vazquez

Report of Parish Giving

Offering 1/22/17 - \$8,804.18
Adults: 663 Children: 100
Offering 1/15/17 - \$9,039.00
Adults: 572 Children: 89

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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.

Open Gym Night

The Men's Club is once again sponsoring Open Gym Night for parishioners and their families. The Gym will be open every Thursday night from 6 to 7:30 pm for children age 13 and younger, and from 7:30 – 9:00 pm for parishioners 14 and older starting on February 2nd through April 27th. Children 13 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Please bring your own ball and water.

Faith Discussion Group

Our Faith Discussion Group will meet on Tuesday, January 31st 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.

Pee Wee Basketball

The Men's Club is sponsoring a Pee Wee Basketball Clinic for boys and girls in grades 1 through 3. The clinic will take place in the gym on Saturday mornings from February 4th to March 11th from 9:00 to 10:00 am. For more information and to register, please pick up a flyer located on the table in the vestibule of the Church. The deadline for registration is February 1st and there are a limited number of openings available.

**Save the Date
Dinner Dance
Leewood Country Club
April 22, 2017**

Blessing of Throats

Friday, February 3rd is the Feast of St. Blaise. We will be blessing throats at the 8:00 a.m. and 12 noon Masses.

Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal

The *Cardinal's Appeal* helps spread the Good News. The *Appeal* supports the many programs that nurture our faith through each stage of spiritual development in 12 Ministry Offices, which include: Adult Faith Formation, Family Life/Respect Life, Hispanic Ministry, Black Ministry Liturgy, University Apostolate, Prison Apostolate, Young Adult Outreach, Youth Ministry, and Hospital Apostolate. Please help sustain these vital programs by making your pledge to the *Appeal* today. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Peter's Pence Collection

Next weekend our second collection will be for Peter's Pence, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous.

February Flurries

The Altar Rosary Society presents its February Flurries calendar drawing. Calendars are available today and during the month of January. The first drawing will take place on February 1st, with twenty-eight chances to win some great cash prizes. The cost is \$15/ calendar.

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.

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**It is that time once again to thank two individuals
 who have worked tirelessly to make
 Sts. Peter & Paul and St. Ursula Church a better place for all.**

**This year we will be honoring
 Ann D'Agostino and Vicki Cavalluzzi.**

**Please show your support and thanks by taking an ad in this year's
 Parish Journal.**



Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____

Deadline for Ads: 03/24/2017

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