

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, February 12

8:00 Kathryn Cahill
12:00 Rosa Marino D'Amico

Tuesday, February 13

8:00 Winifred Raftery Conroy
12:00 Gaetano Cipriano

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 14

8:00 Nicholas & Mary McDonnell
12:00 Tracy Hennessy
7:30 Alfonso & Rosina Migliarini

Thursday, February 15

8:00 Mary & William Hamilton
12:00 Rago Nino Luciano

Friday, February 16

8:00 Margaret O'Neill
12:00 Angela Colavito

Saturday, February 17

8:00 Maria Lucia Grippo
12:00 Cynthia Kidd
5:00 Nora Bergman

First Sunday of Lent

Sunday February 18

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Carl Dottore
11:00 Anna Squillante
12:30 Arleen Dmytryshyn

Bread and Wine

For: Dr. Onofrio Cincotta
By: Maire M. Deiana



Sanctuary Lamp

For: DelVecchio Family
By: DelVecchio Family

Stations & Soup

Celebrate the First Friday in Lent, February 16th, as the Men's Club invites you to Stations of the Cross in the Church at 7:00 p.m. followed by a simple 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.



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

All of today's readings involve Jewish purity regulations. Cultural anthropologists suggest that purity regulations are a kind of symbol system in which whatever constitutes an orderly cosmos (everything in its place) should be considered "clean." Whatever interferes with this orderly cosmos should be considered "unclean."

The First Reading describes how early Judaism treated one issue involving ritual purity—namely, skin infections. In an orderly cosmos, the skin is supposed to be intact. Therefore, someone with a rupture of the skin, especially an oozing sore, was declared "unclean." Although it is often translated as such, the Hebrew word *tzaraat* does not refer to leprosy or Hansen's disease. The ancient rabbis believed that *tzaraat* was a skin disease that doctors could not heal because it was caused by sin.

This is what makes today's Gospel reading so extraordinary. A man who was known to have *tzaraat* defied the Law and approached Jesus. In response, Jesus did the unthinkable! He had compassion for the man, touched him, and healed him. The point of the story is that the coming Kingdom of God is not about excluding sinners but welcoming them and treating them with compassion so that they can be healed.

In the Second Reading, Paul expands on Jewish purity regulations in another way. He tells the Corinthian community that, whatever individuals decide to do about kosher regulations and the like, they should seek to do what is best for others to the glory of God and the salvation of all.

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

Betty D'Avi, Manuel Docoito, Bobby Gregory, Louise Holly, Betty Lane, Joan Lynch, Stephanie Merenda, Sterling Mitchell, Gloria Melagrano, Carol Jean Murphy, Maria Scampone, Susan Scarinci, Barbara Schimpf, Theresa Vazquez

Report of Parish Giving

Offering 2/4/18 - \$8,338.00
 Adults: 566 Children: 77
 Offering 1/28/18 - \$8,808.00
 Adults: 563 Children: 60

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. You can enroll at our website, stspeterpaulandstursula.org. We thank you for your support and are grateful to all those who use ParishPay or the envelopes.

Parish Journal

This year we will honor Rick Andrade who will also be our honoree at our Dinner Dance on Saturday, April 14th at The Davenport in New Rochelle. Please support our Journal by taking out an ad. Contracts are available in the vestibule.

Best Lent Ever

Join your fellow parishioners and Dynamic Catholic for your "Best Lent Ever", a free daily 2 minute email providing inspirational videos and practical tips for your everyday life; and/or join a small discussion group based on the book "Perfectly Yourself", which was distributed to everyone at Christmas time. The program features bestselling author Matthew Kelly. Receive your emails by signing up at BestLentEver.com and join a group by texting or calling Tony MacDonnell at 914.471.2084. Weekly groups start February 14th.

SAVE THE DATE
 Lenten Reflection with
 Fr. Bill Cleary
 March 7 & 8

St. Patrick's & St. Joseph's Day Dinner

The Altar Rosary Society presents its annual St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's Day Dinner, which will take place at the Leewood Golf Club on Sunday, March 11th from 2:00 to 6:00 pm. The cost is \$40 for adults and \$15 for children (under 10). For more information and to register for the dinner, please pick up a flyer from the table in the vestibule of the Church or in today's bulletin.

Please pray for the repose of the soul
 Julie Rweyemamu
 Stephen B. Acunto

**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 specifically 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.

SAVE THE DATE
 Saturday, April 14th
 3rd Annual Dinner Dance
 Davenport Mansion
 New Rochelle

Senior Leisure Group

The Senior Leisure Group will meet on Tuesday, February 13th after the 12:00 noon Mass.

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 Altar Rosary Society
Presents



Celebrate St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's Day

Sunday March 11th

LeeWood Golf Club

Tuckahoe, NY

2:00 to 6:00 pm

Enjoy fine food and entertainment

Adults: \$40 Children (under 10): \$15



Name: _____

Phone: _____

Attending: Adults (@ \$40) _____ Children (@\$15) _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Make check payable to the Altar Rosary Society
and return to the Rectory by March 7th