

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, February 19

8:00 Gerardo DiLeo
12:00 Frank DiMarzo

Tuesday, February 20

8:00 Guy Mayer
12:00 Carole Hennessy

Wednesday, February 21

8:00 Jane Sposato
12:00 Pellegrina & Pasquale Cerbo

The Chair of St. Peter

Thursday, February 22

8:00 Carolyn Coggins
12:00 Dec'd. Mem's. Donnelly & McSweeney Families

Friday, February 23

8:00 Mary & William Hamilton
12:00 Rose Veteri

Saturday, February 24

8:00 Steven Messina, Living
12:00 Dec'd. Mem's Casquejo Tomaquin Family
5:00 Anthony J. Mauro

Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday February 25

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Jose Araujo
11:00 Mr & Mrs. James Regnante
12:30 Joseph Bonavisa

Bread and Wine

For: Dec'd. Mem's. Schevera Family
By: Alice Schevera



Sanctuary Lamp

For: Maria Lucia Grippo
By: DiPietro Family

Masses Available

There are announced Masses available at 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon during 2018. If interested, please call the Rectory at 914-668-9815. The offering is \$15.



From the Pastor's Desk

For the next several weeks the Church celebrates Lent. Lasting a symbolic forty days (it doesn't count out to precisely forty days), Lent reminds us of times of testing described in the Bible, such as the forty years the Jews wandered in the wilderness after the Exodus and many other stories we will hear about during Lent. It is a time of preparation for the great celebration of Easter.

Today's First Reading recalls an important "forty" story—in which God grieved all the evil that had come into the world and decided to renew creation through a flood. For forty days it rained! When Noah and his family were finally able to return to dry land, God established a new, everlasting covenant with humanity that was signified by a rainbow in the clouds.

The Second Reading draws upon the Noah story to explain how Christ suffered for our sins but was brought to life in the Spirit. Biblical scholars do not know the identity of the "spirits in prison," but the phrase may refer to the spirits of the unrighteous who died in the flood. More importantly, the author suggests that the flood story was a prefiguring of Christian Baptism, in which we join ourselves to Christ's Death so that we can come to new life with him.

The Gospel continues the theme of testing and preparation by recalling the story of Jesus' sojourn in the wilderness, where he was tested by Satan for forty days, and then appeared in public proclaiming the nearness of the reign of God and preaching the need for repentance.

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

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

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Carolyn Cardillo**

Report of Parish Giving

Offering 2/11/18 - \$8,195.00
Adults: 526 Children: 78
Offering 2/4/18 - \$8,338.00
Adults: 566 Children: 77

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 Mansion in New Rochelle. Please support our Journal by taking out an ad. Contracts are available in the vestibule.

3rd Annual Dinner Dance

Our Dinner Dance will take place on Saturday, April 14th at The Davenport Mansion in New Rochelle. The Dinner Dance committee would like to reach out to our parish community and ask for food donations which will be used at the Dinner Dance in place of floral centerpieces. They are asking for canned goods, canned soup, boxed pasta and canned pasta sauces. Please place food items in the bin in the vestibule of the Church. As usual, all donated food will be given to St. Mary's food pantry after the Dinner Dance.

The Committee will be selling tickets today for the Grand Prize which is a six day trip for two to the Tuscany region of Italy or a one week Celebrity cruise for two to Bermuda. The cost of each ticket is \$50 and only 200 will be sold. This is open to all people whether you attend the Dinner Dance or not.

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 have already started.

Lenten Reflection

It's easy to get into routines about life and our faith. We can forget how amazing God's gift of reconciliation in Christ really is; and how big of a difference it can make in our lives. Join Fr. Bill Cleary in a night of reflection as we see how St. Paul describes God's gift in his most influential letter and be renewed in your own glory in the Lord this Lent. March 7 & 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Church.

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.

Movie Night

The Men's Club is hosting Family Movie Night on Saturday, February 24th after the 5 p.m. Mass in the gym. Bring the whole family for our first "Sing-a-long with the Movie", featuring the Beatles in "A Hard Day's Night". Admission is free and food and snacks are available for purchase.

**Stations of the Cross
Friday evening at 7:00 p.m.**

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