

Mass Intentions for the Week

St. Ignatius of Antioch

Monday, October 17

8:00 Ruth Ryland Pidel

12:00 Carlo Zenarosa, Living

St. Luke

Tuesday, October 18

8:00 Derna Amarucci

12:00 Rocco Pugliese

Sts. John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues

Wednesday, October 19

**8:00 Beatrice Samson &
Harry Greenmun**

12:00 Celso Tolentino

Thursday, October 20

8:00 Francisco Goncalves

12:00 Margaret Mary Sweeny

Friday, October 21

8:00 Francisco Goncalves

12:00 Charles Edward Groeneweger

Saturday, October 22

8:00 Amalia Ryland

12:00 Breen & Murphy Families

5:00 Margaret Conroy

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, October 23

8:00 For the People of the Parish

9:30 Thomas Dooner

11:00 Mary Tucci

12:30 Gabriel Constantine Vargas



Sanctuary Lamp

For: Joseph Fletcher

By: Marlene Rego

Wedding Banns

I Antonio Grosso – Vincenza Lucciola

III Bryan Fealy – Elaina Mascetti

III Brittany Gonzales – Daniel Badillo

Feast of St. Ursula

Next Sunday, October 23

12:30 p.m. Mass

Light refreshments to follow



From the Pastor's Desk

In today's Gospel parable, the widow elicits great empathy from listeners and readers. The Hebrew word for widow is related to a word that means "one who has no voice," but her voice is her only hope to achieve the justice she desires.

This parable is often presented as a teaching on the effects of persistent prayer. The thinking is that if we ask God often enough for whatever we want, then God will eventually answer and grant what we ask. But this would seem to equate God with the unjust judge, and it casts us as pious whiners. That may not be what Jesus intended.

Through her persistence the widow persuades the judge to grant her request, though he does so grudgingly. He is unlike God, who desires to see that justice is done "speedily."

The First Reading offers another insight into the effects of prayer. With Moses, it is the support of others that allowed him to be in touch with God. The role of the community is an important element in the prayer of the people of God.

For Paul, keeping in touch with the Lord happens by being faithful to the Word of God, which imparts wisdom. This wisdom is then expressed in action; especially in preaching and doing "every good work." The purpose and result of prayer is not just for personal gain, but is intended to give strength to others who would become disciples of the Lord.

Rather than changing God's mind, prayer changes us, little by little, even when it seems that the challenges (inner and outer) are too much. We do not lose heart, much less turn to injustice ourselves. We do not become weary, for we are constantly in touch with God. Ultimately the unjust, whether one person or many, who neither fear God nor respect human beings will not withstand the power of God working through us.

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

Betty D'Avi, Arleen Dmytryshyn, Bobby Gregory, Louise Holly, Betty Lane, Ann Latora, Joan Lynch, Catherine McKeon, Stephanie Merenda, Sterling Mitchell, Maria Scampone, Barbara Schimpf, Theresa Vazquez

Report of Parish Giving

Offering 10/9/16 - \$6,762.00
 Adults: 517 Children: 57
 Offering 10/2/16 - \$7,816.00
 Adults: 529 Children: 89

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.

Religious Education

Confirmation Parents & Students Information Night

Any current 8th grader or high school student (in Catholic, Public or Private school) who is planning on receiving Confirmation in June 2017 with our Parish is expected to attend a meeting (parents and students) on Wednesday evening, October 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. If you have any questions, please contact our Religious Education Director, Tony MacDonnell at ReligiousEd@stspeterpaulandursula.org or (914) 471-2084.

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.

Women of the Parish

How Do I know that God is Talking to Me?

Come and find out this Thursday, October 20th at 7:00 p.m. Join the Altar Rosary Society who will be hosting an Evening of Reflection with refreshments and conversation in the Old Convent at 502 North Fulton Ave. located directly behind the Church. Tony MacDonnell our Parish Director of Religious Education will lead the refection in the beautiful St. Bernadette's Chapel. If you have any questions or would like to bring a refreshment, please leave a message for Ann Restivo in the Rectory at 914-668-9815.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Carmella Magner

Diaper & Children's Clothing Drive

During the month of October, the Men's Club is holding its Semi-annual Diaper and Children's Clothing Drive to benefit needy children in the Mount Vernon community. New children's clothing and diapers of all sizes can be donated. Please place your donation in the basket in front of the Blessed Mother's Altar.

Calling all adults interested in learning about the faith

On Saturday, October 22nd join some of your fellow parishioners, Cardinal Dolan, and over 1,000 other adults as we attend a very dynamic conference with many great speakers at Cardinal Spellman High School in the Bronx. For more information, please contact Tony MacDonnell at (914) 471-2084 or email ReligiousEd@stspeterpaulandursula.org.

Why do Catholics light prayer candles?

Ancient Jews kept a light perpetually burning near the Ark of the Covenant to show reverence for the presence of God. In a similar way, the lit candle symbolizes for us Christ's presence, recalling that he said, *"I am the light of the world"*.

Votive candles in church also symbolize prayer intentions others have offered to God. Lighting a candle is a way of expressing our desire to remain present to God after we have left the church.

"Growing in Faith"

Altar Servers

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

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.

Pasta Dinner

Sponsored by the
Sts. Peter & Paul and St. Ursula
Altar Rosary Society

Friday, Oct. 28 - 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Leewood Golf Club in Eastchester

Salad • Pasta • Meatballs • Sausages

Wine included • Cash Bar

Price: \$35.00 each • Valet Parking

Name _____ Phone _____

of Guests _____ Amount Enclosed _____

Please make checks payable to: Sts. Peter & Paul and St. Ursula Church

Return to: Rectory 129 E. Birch St., Mt Vernon, NY 10552

