

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Monday, October 24**

8:00 Biagio Indriolo

12:00 Mary Moran

**Tuesday, October 25**

8:00 Dora Sechiano

12:00 Maria Laura Ferreira

**Wednesday, October 26**

8:00 Karl Anthonio Saint  
Surin, Living

12:00 Carole Hennessy, Living

**Thursday, October 27**

8:00 Carmela & Jack Zenarosa, Living

12:00 Peg Connolly, Living

**Sts. Simon and Jude**

**Friday, October 28**

8:00 Patrick Higgins

12:00 Pietro Elia

**Saturday, October 29**

8:00 Adolphe Ketcham

12:00 James Sawers Prohaska

5:00 Ruth Regnante

**Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday, October 30**

8:00 For the People of the Parish

9:30 Anna & Rocco Maiorano

11:00 Bridget Stritch

12:30 Frank Uss

**Bread and Wine**

**For:** Ken Messer

**By:** Donna Benichasa



**Sanctuary Lamp**

The Sanctuary Lamp is available the week of December 18 to 24. The offering is \$10. If interested please call the Rectory at 914-668-9815.

**Wedding Banns**

II Antonio Grosso – Vincenza Lucciola



***From the Pastor's Desk***

Today's readings center on the experience of prayer. We sing and speak in prayer and we pray silently. We offer prayers of petition, praise, and thanksgiving. Prayer is our conversation with God. When we pray, and what we say when we pray, says a lot about who we are and who we think God is.

In Sirach we hear that "The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds;" in the psalm we sing, "The Lord hears the cry of the poor." It's not the lowly and the poor are closer to God by being poor and lowly, it's that they turn to God and not into themselves.

This is precisely the point of the parable. The Pharisee has lived a virtuous life, doing more than the Law requires of a devout person. The tax collector was, by reputation and practice, despised and fraudulent, and he readily admits he is a sinner.

The conclusion of the parable reverses the expectations of Jesus' audience. The Pharisee turns inward and does not seek anything from God; it appears that he only wants God to hear him report on all the pious things he's done. His put-down of the tax collector is intended to make himself even better in the eyes of God. The favor Jesus gives to the tax collector rests on his turning outward to God, who alone can be merciful and lead him to a transformed life.

Perhaps there is a little of the Pharisee in each of us; we can so easily be judgmental. We might well boast of our good deeds; even Paul declares, "I have competed well; I have kept the faith." Later in the reading though, Paul gives the credit for his efforts to the Lord.

And we are also like the tax collector when we are honest and humble. The Lord hears the cry of all of us; our prayers pierce the clouds seeking the mercy of God.

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**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 10/16/16 - \$7,170.00

Adults: 571 Children: 71

Offering 10/9/16 - \$6,762.00

Adults: 517 Children: 57

Sign up for ParishPay and have your donations to Sts. Peter & Paul and St. Ursula 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](http://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.

**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](http://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.

**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.

**NEUMANN CLASSICAL SCHOOL**

Neumann Classical School (Tuckahoe, NY), the NY area's only classical-curriculum, faithfully Catholic primary school, is hosting an Open House for the parents of prospective kindergarten, first and second grade students on **Sunday, October 30, 2016 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.** Neumann offers your child an outstanding academic curriculum in a joyful learning environment, faithfully Catholic teachers, and tuition fees lower than most area Catholic schools. RSVP: [admin@neumann-school.org](mailto:admin@neumann-school.org). **Neumann Classical School, at the Church of the Assumption, 125 Wallace Street, Tuckahoe, NY.** Website: [www.neumannschool.org](http://www.neumannschool.org).

**Altar Servers**

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

**A Prayer At Election Time**

O Lord, Our Just and Loving Father,  
We thank you for the precious gift of Human Life  
That is greatly threatened by the Culture of Death.  
Aware of the dangers we are now facing,  
We ask that You guide us in electing the leaders  
Our nation truly needs:

Leaders with the wisdom to discern your providential plan,  
Leaders who understand the weakness of the human condition,  
Leaders who counsel our citizens to respect the rule of law,  
Leaders with the fortitude to face their opponents with grace,  
Leaders with knowledge of our Constitution and of natural rights,

Leaders whose piety make them aware of their own limitations,  
And leaders whose reverential fear informs their moral judgment.

We pray that the inalienable rights  
To life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness,  
Promised by our founders,  
May be preserved, protected and defended for all,  
Especially the most vulnerable members of our society.

Almighty and Merciful God,  
Sustain us in our struggle to live in peace  
As one nation under God. Amen

Oloe Chapel

**Remember Sts. Peter & Paul - St. Ursula**

In your estate planning, please remember Sts. Peter & Paul and St. Ursula Parish in your Last Will & Testament. Such a gift of any amount will create a legacy in your name which will assist our Parish in continuing the work of God in Mount Vernon and the surrounding community for generations to come.

**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

