

Mass Intentions for the Week

St. Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, March 20

8:00 Ann Latora
12:00 Maddalena DiMarino

Tuesday, March 21

8:00 President Donald Trump, Living
12:00 Carole Hennessy, Living

Wednesday, March 22

8:00 Maria Lopes Estevao
12:00 Janine O'Hara

Thursday, March 23

8:00 Caterina Gregorace
12:00 Adolphe Ketcham

Friday, March 24

8:00 Patrick Higgins
12:00 Eugene DelGiudice

The Annunciation of the Lord

Saturday, March 25

8:00 Catherine M. Sposato
12:00 Alfredo Chiappini
5:00 John Cahill

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 26, 2017

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Annette Ruggiero
11:00 Marilyn Hanlon
12:30 Mario Boselli

Bread and Wine

The Bread and Wine is available the weeks of March 26; April 2, 16, 23; & May 21. The cost is \$25.

If interested please call the Rectory 668-9815,



Sanctuary Lamp

For: Oseguera Munguia Family

By: Juana Oseguera

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



From the Pastor's Desk

Today and for the next two Sundays we will meet three fascinating Gospel characters: the Samaritan woman, the man born blind, and Lazarus. They will show us—those of us already baptized and those preparing for Baptism at the Easter Vigil (the elect)—how Jesus is constantly transforming us. All the Scriptures on these days present images of Baptism and conversion.

How could the people in the First Reading be so ungrateful as to grumble about their thirst? God had already delivered them from slavery and Moses had led them to safety. But the people cave in to their fears and rebel. God responds like a patient, compassionate parent by giving them water from the rock—yet another expression of God's love for his people. Refreshed, they move forward into the new life God had promised.

As if in response to that very situation, the psalmist exhorts the people to “sing joyfully” to the Lord who is “the Rock” of their salvation. The invitation is repeated three times using the present tense in contrast to the reminder that there was a time “in the desert” when their hearts were hardened. But God's voice is like a shepherd; they bow down and worship.

Paul's theology of Baptism runs throughout his Letter to the Romans. Today we hear him say: “The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit:--like the waters in which we were baptized. Our salvation, he reminds us, come from God's grace, not our own efforts. We must live according to that grace.

In today's Gospel Jesus converses with the Samaritan woman. Although the story begins with Jesus' thirst, it is the woman who is refreshed. She enters the story as a catechumen and becomes an evangelist, bearer of Good News!

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

Dennis Catozella, Betty D'Avi, Ella DiGiovanni, Arleen Dmytryshyn, Frances Franco, Bobby Gregory, Louise Holly, Betty Lane, Joan Lynch, Stephanie Merenda, Sterling Mitchell, Carol Jean Murphy, Susan Pavilevic, Maria Scampone, Susan Scarinci, Barbara Schimpf, Theresa Vazquez

Report of Parish Giving

Offering 3/12/17 - \$7,796.00
 Adults: 565 Children: 98
 Offering 3/5/17 - \$8,717.00
 Adults: 621 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. 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.

Parish Journal

This year we will honor Ann D'Agostino and Vicki Cavalluzzi 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.

Lenten Talk

Father William Cleary will present a Lenten series of four talks entitled "Praying the Gospels - Getting to know Jesus with each of the Evangelists." Please join us for these talks as Father Cleary takes us through the Gospels that illuminate Jesus' life, mission, and desire for a deeper relationship with each person. The talks will take place at 7:30 pm in the Church on March 22 & 23, and April 5 & 6.

"Resisting Happiness"

Stop "Resisting Happiness" and don't give up chocolate for Lent. Join one of our small groups this Lent as we get inspired by Matthew Kelly's new book about how to remove obstacles in order to grow in a spirit of joy and peace in your personal, neighborly and God relationships. Join us on Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. in the cafeteria or Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. in the conference room. If another time works better contact Tony MacDonnell at (914) 471-2084 call or text. Also sign up at <http://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever/> to receive a two minute "spiritual boost" daily video through your email.

Second Annual Dinner Dance

April 22nd
 Leewood Golf Club
 \$90 per person
 Honorees: Ann D'Agostino & Vicki Cavalluzzi
 Cocktail Hour: 6:30 PM ~ Dinner & Dancing: 7:30 PM
 RAFFLES • PRIZES • 50/50
 Registration forms available in vestibule of Church

Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal

In the Bible, Jesus teaches us to act with mercy, compassion and love. Your help plays a vital role that ensures the *Cardinal's Appeal* continues to serve so many throughout our communities. To date 71 families have made their commitment to the *Appeal* effort in our Parish. Please join them in order for us to meet our goal of \$59,500. So far we have pledged \$27,082. Let us show our strength in faith, in unity, and in Jesus' call to action.

Are you a registered parishioner of Sts. Peter & Paul and St. Ursula Parish?

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.

The Catholic Relief Services Collection

Next week, our Parish will take up The Catholic relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people here at home and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and help Jesus in disguise.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Men's Club will hold a Religious Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 2nd in the garden. All children ages 3-10 are invited. With over 1,500 colored eggs filled with religious prizes and candy, this should be a fun time for all.

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.

Sts. Peter & Paul and St. Ursula Second Annual Dinner Dance

**Honoring:
Ann D'Agostino ~ Vicki Cavalluzzi
Saturday, April 22nd**

**Leewood Golf Club
1 Leewood Drive ~ Eastchester, NY
\$90 per person**

Cocktail Hour: 6:30 PM ~ Formal Dinner & Dancing: 7:30 PM

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Enjoy a fun evening with fellow parishioners and friends!

For further information, please contact: Juliana Aquilino (914-400-3517)
Must Register by April 16th

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Please consider sponsoring

- **OUR CLERGY • DJ ENTERTAINMENT •**
- **COCKTAIL HOUR •**
- \$250 DONATION PER SPONSORSHIP**

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NAME: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING: _____

PLEASE SEAT ME WITH: _____

I WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR: _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____