

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, March 27

8:00 Msgr. Thomas F. Scanlon
12:00 Mary Hamilton

Tuesday, March 28

8:00 Msgr. Thomas F. Scanlon
12:00 Leo Racine

Wednesday, March 29

8:00 John L. Coppola
12:00 Gene Daly, Living

Thursday, March 30

8:00 Romualdo Ranieri
12:00 Rosemarie Semenza

Friday, March 31

8:00 Jean & Frank Lauri
12:00 Danielle Petretta, Living

Saturday, April 1

8:00 Marion Ketcham
12:00 Carlo G. Leone & Louise Sgammato
5:00 Robert & Bridget Mitchell

Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 2, 2017

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Agostino & Rosa Silvestro
11:00 Ida Avalone
12:30 Olimpia Longaroni

Bread and Wine

For: Special Intention
By: Anonymous



Sanctuary Lamp

For: Gerardo Trolio
By: The Trolio Family

Pray for the repose of the soul of
Donna Bau

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



From the Pastor's Desk

In today's First Reading, David, the youngest son of Jesse, seems an unlikely choice for a king as opposed to all his mature, highly qualified brothers. At least he seems unlikely by human standards. But God knows best how to make decisions for the well-being of the Chosen People. Clearly God's ways are not ours. What's more, not by chance is David a shepherd! Many centuries later, Jesus, too, will call himself a shepherd, demonstrating that his mission is grounded in tenderness and compassion.

The much-beloved Psalm 23 is a fitting prayer-hymn for today. Although God is described as "my shepherd," making the psalm a personal prayer, the task of the shepherd, and of Jesus himself, is to take care of the whole flock, the entire people of God. The Lord is portrayed as one who tenderly cares for the sheep, feeding and protecting them all the days of their lives.

In his Letter to the Ephesians, Paul uses the theme of darkness and light to draw a contrast between a life that is "pleasing to the Lord" and a life of "fruitless works of darkness." Paul tells the believers that the light that enables them to live in goodness and truth comes from the Lord. This reading prepares us to hear the healing story of the man born blind, which also contrasts the darkness of unbelief with the light of knowing and believing in the Son of Man.

Just as, in last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus relieved the woman's thirst with living water, today he gives the man born blind his sight—and the light of faith. In these stories (and also in next week's story), God works through Jesus to transform the human condition, bringing healing for body and spirit. Many witness his works—the crowds and the religious leaders—but not all come to faith.

**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 3/19/17 - \$8,081.00
 Adults: 571 Children: 97
 Offering 3/12/17 - \$7,796.00
 Adults: 565 Children: 98

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.

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 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.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Men's Club will hold a Religious Easter Egg Hunt next 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.

Second Annual Dinner Dance Raffle

Win a Trip for Two to Ireland
 7 Days/6 Nights in Dublin
 \$50 per ticket – Only 200 Tickets will be sold
 To be drawn April 22nd at the Dinner Dance
 Tickets on sale at all the Masses this weekend

Easter Flower Collection

Next weekend is the Easter Flower Collection. Your generous contribution will sustain the tradition of beautiful floral arrangements for our Easter celebration.

The Montfort Academy

The Montfort Academy will be hosting an Open House on Tuesday, March 28th from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. For more information or to schedule a shadow day, please contact Mr. Alex Potts, Director of Admissions, at (914) 699-7090 ext. 105 or by email at apotts@themontfortacademy.org. You can also visit our website at www.themontfortacademy.org.

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 78 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 \$33,777.00. Let us show our strength in faith, in unity, and in Jesus' call to action.

Palm Crosses

The Altar-Rosary Society is still taking orders for Palm Crosses. The cost is \$10.00 each. Please return the order form along with payment to the Rectory. Last day for orders is Tuesday, March 28th.

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

RAFFLES • PRIZES • 50/50

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**

DETACH FORM AND RETURN TO THE RECTORY

NAME: _____ **PHONE NUMBER:** _____

NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING: _____

PLEASE SEAT ME WITH: _____

I WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR: _____ **AMOUNT ENCLOSED:** _____