

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, July 17

8:00 Cornelius O’Leary Jr.
12:00 Margaret Connolly, Living

Tuesday, July 18

8:00 Domenico Riccobono
12:00 Tracy Hennessy

Wednesday, July 19

8:00 Edward Aalbue
12:00 Mario DiBrino

Thursday, July 20

8:00 John Sullivan
12:00 Jean Silviotti

Friday, July 21

8:00 John Johnstone
12:00 Generosa Frascione

St. Mary Magdalene

Saturday, July 22

8:00 Maria Lopes Estevao
12:00 Charles Edward Groenewegen
5:00 Dennis Busti

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, July 23, 2017

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Marie J. Francomano
11:00 Dr. Kevin P. Sweeney
12:30 Mary & Sam Consolazio

Bread and Wine

The Bread and Wine is available the weeks of July 23; August 27. The cost is \$25. If intrested please call the Rectory.



Sanctuary Lamp

For: Nicola Anthony Trolio
By: Mary Trolio

SAVE THE DATE

For the Altar Rosary Society’s Tag Sale. Saturday, September 23, 2017 (rain date September 24) in the Church parking lot. Spaces available to Parishioners and Vendors.



From the Pastor’s Desk

Today’s readings use farming images to teach about God’s powerful Word and about our receptiveness to that Word.

The First Reading is part of an oracle, a prophetic message of consolation intended for the people of Judah as they suffered in the Babylonian exile. God’s Word is gentle like the rain, the prophet says, and as effective as the watered earth, which gives life to seeds and produces food for the hungry.

In the Second Reading, Paul uses creation and birthing imagery to talk about the glory that awaits us in the life to come. His argument is difficult to follow in part because of some grammatical problems with the text, but also because he is referring to the Adam and Eve story from Genesis. Paul is saying that God’s cursing of the ground as a result of Adam’s sin is a reason for hope, not despair. Creation as we know it is like a woman in labor who is about to give birth, and the baptized are the first fruits of the harvest offered to God as a pledge that all of creation will one day be redeemed.

The Gospel reminds us that the fruitfulness of the earth and our own lives should not be taken for granted. Matthew describes Jesus as teaching a parable about planting seeds. A parable is a true-to-life-symbolic story that surprises its hearers with its message. Everyone in Jesus’ time would have known about the challenges of farming. But the surprising thing is that the good soil—those who hear God’s Word and act on it—produces a harvest so abundant that it would have been impossible in the ancient world and still today.

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

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

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Tina DiMarino**

Report of Parish Giving

Offering 7/9/17 - \$8,061.60
 Adults: 532 Children: 29
 Offering 7/2/17 - \$7,457.00
 Adults: 490 Children: 61

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Religious Education

We are now registering both new and returning students grades K-8 for the Fall 2017-2018 Religious Education program. Please call or text Tony McDonnell 914-471-2084.

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2017 Men's Club Golf Outing

All Parishioners are invited to join the Men's Club at their 7th Annual Golf Outing, to be held at the Dunwoodie Golf Course in Yonkers on Monday, September 18th. This important fund-raising event is a great hit each year both for golfers and those joining for dinner. Help support our Parish by attending or by becoming a sponsor of the event. For sponsorship information or to register for the outing, visit our website at stspeterpaulandstursula.org or call the Rectory at 914-668-9815.

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.

And the Lord said, "Let it go..."

"It is good sense to be slow to anger, and an honor to overlook an offense". Human nature entails taking offense when someone says or does something we don't like. When it happens often, however, being offended doesn't just hurt our feelings, it compromises our happiness and wellbeing. Try these ideas to let it go...

Assume the best. Most people aren't out to get us. Unless proven otherwise, believe that others have good intent and don't mean to offend. They're just living their lives.

Step back. We often get upset because others disagree with or don't share our opinions. Opinions are separate from identities. Someone can disagree with what we think but still enjoy who we are.

Don't make it about you. Thinking that what others do or think reflects on you is fertile soil for being easily and often offended. Most of what happens around us has nothing to do with us. Allowing others to live their own lives regardless of you and yours takes a huge burden off your shoulders.

Break the habit. Taking offense easily is a habit that, fortunately, can be broken. Instead of noticing what others are doing "to" us, we can choose to note what is done "for" us by God and others. Practicing gratitude is more pleasant than feeling hurt.

"Growing in Faith" July 2017

Parish Registration/Update

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

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New Registration Change of Address

Moving out of Parish

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2017 Parish Picnic

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