

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Monday, June 25**

8:00 Paul Petrillo  
12:00 Amanda Coleman

**Tuesday, June 26**

8:00 Maureen Reichelt  
12:00 Javier Martinez

**Wednesday, June 27**

8:00 Larry Hughes  
12:00 Dec'd. Mem's. Donnelly &  
McSweeney Families

**St. Irenaeus**

**Thursday, June 28**

8:00 Joseph Christopher Bellaby  
12:00 The Souls in Purgatory

**Sts. Peter & Paul**

**Friday, June 29**

8:00 Salvatore Quaranta  
12:00 Albert Gotti

**Saturday, June 30**

8:00 Marion R. Beswick  
12:00 Richard Piacentino  
5:00 Vito, Adelina &  
Lorenzo Grippo

**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday July 1**

8:00 For the People of the Parish  
9:30 Carl Dottore  
11:00 Giuseppe Tellone  
12:30 Aleth DelPrado

**Bread and Wine**

**For:** Francesantonio &  
Arcangela Colicchio  
**By:** Antonietta Leone



**Sanctuary Lamp**

**For:** Clara Fulco  
**By:** Ann D'Agostino &  
Carol Forlani

**Mass Book for 2019**

The Mass book for 2019 is now open. The offering is \$15.00.



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

As we celebrate the birthday of John the Baptist, the readings focus on John's role of inspiring people to prepare for the coming of the Messiah. The First Reading is one of four "Servant Songs" in the book of the prophet Isaiah. For Christians, these songs expressly prepare the way for the Messiah by foreshadowing the coming of Jesus, who fulfilled these prophecies. Here the Servant speaks and describes his call from his mother's womb; how God empowered him with gifts as a speaker; how difficult his talk was going to be; how his task was to bring together the people of Israel while also being a light of salvation to the nations of the earth. The servant trusts in God while grieving over the sufferings that he has to face.

The Gospel reading from Luke narrates events surrounding John's birth—focusing on his name. For the people of Israel, a person's name expressed an aspect of their identity. The name, John, a common one among the people of Israel, was not found in his family's lineage. It means "the Lord has been gracious" because the elderly parents, Elizabeth and Zechariah, had lost all hope of conceiving a child in their old age. God had certainly favored them. This raised the question: "What, then, will this child be? For surely the hand of the Lord was with him."

The Second Reading, from Acts of the Apostles, answers this question. When Paul speaks in the synagogue of Antioch, he identifies John's role as preparing the way for the Messiah. This shows how well the early Church understood that the Baptist was the forerunner of Christ.

Like John the Baptist, our task is to continue his work of enabling the light of Christ to shine out more fully in our world.

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

Frank Lauri Jr., Elaine Clarke, Betty D'Avi, Manuel Docoito, Adele Fagon, Elba Glass, Bobby Gregory, Louise Holly, Betty Lane, Joan Lynch, Gloria Melagrano, Stephanie Merenda, Sterling Mitchell, Carol Jean Murphy, Maria Scampone, Susan Scarinci, Barbara Schimpf, Theresa Vazquez

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of  
Antonietta P. Nasti**

**Report of Parish Giving**

Offering 6/17/18 - \$7,981.00  
Adults: 627 Children: 62  
Offering 6/10/18 - \$7,699.00  
Adults: 562 Children: 51

Sign up for WeShare 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. You can enroll at our website, [stspeterpaulandstursula.org](http://stspeterpaulandstursula.org). We thank you for your support and are grateful to all those who use WeShare or the envelopes.

*Religious Education*

We are now registering both new and returning students for the Fall 2018-2019 Religious Education program, grades K-8. Registration packets are available in the vestibule of the Church and online. Please return to the Rectory as soon as possible.

**Church Roof Repairs**

In the coming weeks, we will be conducting repairs to the peak of the Church roof and to the Cross at the top of the roof. In order to make the repairs, protected scaffolding will go up at the front entrance to the Church. The entrance will not be blocked and we can continue to use the front doors for entry and exit from the Church until the repairs have been completed and the scaffolding removed.

*Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa*

Next weekend we are taking up our special annual collection for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. The Church in Africa is growing rapidly, but too often there are not enough local pastoral resources to support people in their faith. When you contribute to this special collection, you are helping people across the African continent grow closer to Christ and to his Church.

**Bread & Wine**

The Bread and Wine is available the weeks of July 1, 8, 15 & 22; August 12, 19 & 26; September 2, 23 & 30. The cost is \$25. If interested please call the Rectory 914-668-9815.

**Banns of Marriage**

Larry Pestana & Kim Emhardt

**Save the Date**

Coming soon ... the Sts. Peter & Paul and St. Ursula Men's Club 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing. Monday, September 17, 2018 at the Dunwoodie Golf Course.

**Parish Website**

For the latest news and information; to register for events or to join a ministry or group; to view photos of our Parish family and more...please visit our website at [www.stspeterpaulandstursula.org](http://www.stspeterpaulandstursula.org)

**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](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.

**Remember Sts. Peter & Paul and 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.



Come join the celebration  
at our Parish Picnic



FOOD \* FUN \* RAFFLES

Games \* Prizes \* DJ

TODAY 2:00 - 5:00 PM

IN THE PARKING LOT