

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Monday, November 26**

8:00 Fr. Francis Corry  
12:00 The Souls in Purgatory

**Tuesday, November 27**

8:00 Gerardo DiLeo  
12:00 James Connolly

**Wednesday, November 28**

8:00 Jean & Frank Lauri  
12:00 Dec'd. Mem's. Donnelly & McSweeney Families

**Thursday, November 29**

8:00 Msgr. Robert Larkin, Living  
12:00 Angelo Cappelli

**St. Andrew**

**Friday, November 30**

8:00 Renata Mottola, Living  
12:00 Peter Terelli

**Saturday, December 1**

8:00 Albert Hein  
12:00 Elizabeth Santore  
5:00 Ralph Nanna

**First Sunday of Advent**

**Sunday December 2**

8:00 For the People of the Parish  
9:30 Francescantonio Colicchio  
11:00 Patricia Alleva  
12:30 Jovito Verona

**Bread and Wine**

For: Gerardo DiLeo  
By: The DiLeo Family



**Sanctuary Lamp**  
For: Viola Sharpe  
By: Peg Parker

***Bread & Wine***

The Bread and Wine is available the weeks of December 2, 9, 23 & 30; January 6, 13, 20 & 27. The cost is \$25. If interested please call the Rectory 914-668-9815.



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

On this final Sunday of the liturgical year, we celebrate Jesus Christ as ruler over ourselves and the universe. In the opening words of Mark's Gospel, Jesus calls us to accept the Kingdom: "The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel". Christians believe that God's rule took a leap forward when the Son of God became human, but it will only reach fulfillment at the end of time. Today's readings celebrate the culmination of God's plan. When Christ returns, everything, even death itself, will be subjected to him.

The First Reading gives a striking picture of Daniel's vision: "one like a Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven." All nations will serve him, and he will bring everything under "his Kingship that shall not be destroyed." The Book of Revelation offers insight into what Christ's kingship means for us. He has freed us from our sins by his blood and has made us "into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father." The kingdom is not a place! Christ made us into a kingdom of priests who worship God by our lives. He rules over our hearts, making his kingdom within us.

Finally in the Gospel Jesus stands before an earthly ruler who asks if he is King of the Jews. Jesus explains that his kingdom is not of this world. By acknowledging the rule of Christ over us, we ask him to rule us with the power of his love. As St. Augustine wrote: to "pray that His kingdom may come, is...to wish of Him, that He would make us worthy of His kingdom...for then to us will His kingdom come"

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

Frank Lauri Jr., Msgr. Robert Larkin, Barbara Basciano, Elaine Clark, Betty D'Avi, Manuel Docoito, Adele Fagon, Bobby Gregory, Louise Holly, Richard Holly Sr., Glorian Holmes, Betty Lane, Joan Lynch, Gloria Melagrano, Stephanie Merenda, Sterling Mitchell, Carol Jean Murphy, Vincent Nyholm, Irene Ramberg, Maria Scampone, Susan Scarinci, Barbara Schimpf, Theresa Vazquez

### *Spiritual Needlers*

Any man or woman interested in knitting, crocheting, embroidering and sewing items to be donated to parishioners who are ill or grieving and those receiving sacraments is invited to join our new club. They meet Thursdays at 10:30 in the morning in the conference room of the Church.

### **Sponsor Certificates**

If you have intentions of being a sponsor in the near future, you must be a registered parishioner for at least four months to obtain a Sponsor Certificate. A Sponsor Certificate is necessary for a person to act as a sponsor for someone who is receiving the sacrament of Baptism or Confirmation.

### *Christmas Stockings for the Needy*

The Confirmation Candidates will again collect the following items for distribution to the Bowery Mission in Lower Manhattan. Please consider donating the following items: deodorant, toothbrushes and toothpaste, hand cream, bars of soap and shampoo, disposable shavers and shaving cream, men’s or women’s socks, hats and gloves. Please place items at the Blessed Mother’s Altar the weekends of Dec.9 and 16.

### **Men’s Discussion Group**

Come and learn more about the scriptures and your faith every Saturday morning at 10:30 in the Rectory. Discuss, ask questions or just listen to what is said – however you feel comfortable. Bring a friend along! All are welcome.

### **Winter Coat Drive**

The Men’s Club is sponsoring a Winter Coat Drive to benefit those in need in the Mount Vernon community. We are in need of new and gently used adult and children’s coats. Donation boxes are located in the hallway in the vestibule of the Church. The drive has begun and will end on December 19th.

### **Christmas Tree Sale**

The Men’s Club will be selling Christmas trees, wreathes and ornaments on November 30; December 1 & 2 and again on December 7, 8 & 9 in the Church parking lot. Come support the Men’s Club by purchasing a beautiful Christmas tree or wreath. Open Fridays 4-8 pm; Saturdays 8am – 8pm; Sundays 8am – 4pm.

### **The Advent of Christmas**

Join Father Stephen Ries for two nights as we explore the Scripture and the true meaning of Christmas. December 13th and 20th, from 7:30 to 8:30 pm in the Church. Each evening will conclude with Adoration and Prayer.

### *Christmas Flower Collection*

Next weekend the second collection is for the Christmas flowers. Your generous contribution will sustain the tradition of beautiful floral arrangements for our Christmas celebration.

### **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.

### *Giving Tree*

This year, our Christmas Giving Tree, which provides clothing and toys for children in need has started. Giving Tree tags are available. Please select a tag and return gifts in a gift bag or unwrapped box and attach the tag. Please do NOT donate used clothing. The last day for donating to the Giving Tree is Sunday, December 16th at the start of the 12:30 p.m. Mass.

#### Parish Registration/Update

Title (Mr. & Mrs.; Miss; Ms. Mr.) \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Email: \_\_\_\_\_

New Registration  Change of Address

Moving out of Parish

Please return to Rectory

# SANTA'S WORK SHOP

Sunday, December 9th  
10 am to 2 pm  
In the Tent in the  
Parking Lot

Christmas Gifts for the kids

Hot Chocolate & Cookies



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