

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 10

8:00 Jose Pantua
12:00 Edna Smith

Tuesday, December 11

8:00 Richard Breidenbach
12:00 Theresa Flynn

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Wednesday, December 12

8:00 Mary & William Hamilton
12:00 Carole Hennessy

St. Lucy

Thursday, December 13

8:00 Lourdes Hitis
12:00 Rosina & Cesare Dannibale

St. John of the Cross

Friday, December 14

8:00 Laura Werner
12:00 Timothy Higgins

Saturday, December 15

8:00 Maria Joao Suspiro
12:00 Rose & Carlo Leone
5:00 Joan Schneider

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday December 16

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Christine & James Fusaro
11:00 Rosario DeVico
12:30 Aleth DelPrado

Bread and Wine

For: Msgr. Daniel M. Dougherty
By: Joan McCormick & Family



Sanctuary Lamp

For: James O'Shea Jr.
By: Kathleen Whalen

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Angelina Valvano**

Masses available for January 2019



From the Pastor's Desk

In today's First Reading, the author of Baruch addresses personified Jerusalem, who is grieving over her people in exile in Babylon. He attempts to console her, telling her to take off her mourning garments and wrap herself in the robe of God's justice. The crown of God's glory that she receives is probably Aaron's priestly crown with its engraving, "Sacred to the Lord". In addition, she will receive a new name, "the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship." In other words, Jerusalem will become the priest of God's temple, and she will rejoice as her people come back to her in pilgrimage. What an amazing image of God's care and protection

The Gospel describes a scene in which John the Baptist is called by God in the wilderness and responds by proclaiming a "baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." This is not the Baptism that those becoming Christian seek. Rather, John is calling the people to commit themselves to an immersive experience of repentance. Yet God is a gracious God, and the reward will be great for those who accept the challenge. Quoting Isaiah, John says that the valleys will be filled and the mountains made low to make straight the way so all may know God's salvation.

The Second Reading echoes many of the same themes, especially joy at the recognition of God's care and protection and the call to be pure and blameless when at last we stand before God when Christ returns in glory.

**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

Christmas Flower Collection

Your generous contribution will sustain the tradition of beautiful floral arrangements for our Christmas celebration.

Report of Parish Giving

Offering 12/2/18 - \$7,499.00
Adults: 492 Children: 55
Offering 11/25/18 - \$7,177.55
Adults: 560 Children: 45

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. We thank you for your support and are grateful to all those who use WeShare or the envelopes.

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 East 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 this weekend and next.

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 next Sunday, December 16th at the start of the 12:30 p.m. Mass. Thank you.

Christmas Tree Sale

The Men's Club will be selling Christmas trees, wreaths and ornaments this weekend. Sale ends today by 4:00 p.m. Come support the Men's Club by purchasing a beautiful Christmas tree or wreath.

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 will end on December 19th.

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.

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.

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.

The Advent of Christmas with Fr. Stephen Ries

Join us for two nights as we explore the
scripture and true meaning of Christmas

*The evenings will conclude with
Adoration and Prayer*

**STS. PETER & PAUL
AND ST. URSULA CHURCH**

**DECEMBER 13TH & 20TH
7:30 - 8:30 PM**