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Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles * June 29, 2025 We come together as a Christian community to minister the Gospel of Christ

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday.......7 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.
(No 7 a.m. Mass from Memorial Day through early September)
Saturday......8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Vigil Mass)
Sunday......7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m..
Holy Days.......5 p.m. (Vigil Mass)
7 a.m., 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Holy Day
Eucharistic Adoration....Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

BAPTISM

Baptisms are held every Sunday and some Saturdays at 1:00 pm. Baptism Preparation Sessions are held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month via Zoom. Please call the office for an appointment.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard Monday through Saturday following the 8:30 A.M. Mass and on Saturdays from 4:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. in church or by appointment.

CARE OF SICK

Arrangements should be made through the parish office for home visits with the Eucharist for the sick and elderly. The office should be contacted for the Sacrament of the Sick.

SACRAMENTAL SPONSORSHIP

Sponsors for Baptism or Confirmation must:

Be a registered member of a Catholic parish

Be at least 16 years of age

Received Sacraments of Initiation:

Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation

If married, according to the laws of the Catholic Church

Sunday, June 29 Saints Peter and Paul

Matthew 16:13-19

When Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter exclaims, "You are the Messiah!" Christ then declares that Peter is the

"Rock upon which he will build his Church" promising Peter the power "to bind" and "to loose".

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 28

The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30am Ginny Daniels r/b Ed & Pat Hughes 5:00pm Michael McNasby Sr r/b daughter Christina

Sunday, June 29 – Sts. Peter & Paul

7:30am John Centanni r/b Nardello Family
9:30am Lorraine Laurelli r/b Ushers Ministry
11:30am Sonny Vigilante r/b Wife & Children
Salvatore Aversa r/b Anthony & Catherine
Marianna Karpinska r/b Ruffalo Family
Jim & Mary Logan r/b Marie & Bob McGuirl
Dr. George Bonner r/b Mom & Dad
Anthony Romano r/b Reggie & Julie Santos

Monday, June 30

The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

8:30am Daniel O'Conner r/b wife Diane

Tuesday, July 1 – St. Junipero Serra

8:30am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

Wednesday, July 2

8:30am Sandra Grenda r/b Barb & Mike Lillo

Thursday, July 3

8:30am Jim & Mary Logan r/b Marie & Bob McGuirl

Friday, July 4

8:30am Catherine Rubino r/b Melissa & Brian Arnold

Saturday, July 5

8:30am Ofelia & Teresita Magnaye r/b Arlene Magnaye 5:00pm Joe Gehousky r/b Knights of Columbus #6364

Sunday, July 6

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am John & Craig Forsman r/b Wife & Mother 9:30am Dot Evans & John Evans r/b sister Marylou Fred & Alice Sweeney r/b Richard & Anna Sweeney Isadore Randazzo & Santina Bellace r/b Chris Bellace Carlo Casella r/b Henry & Barbara Szwak Marianna Karpinska r/b Betty Blessing Aniceto Santo Domingo r/b Jacqueline Lagunda 11:30am Jorge Perez r/b Carmen Perez

Readings for the Week

Monday, June 30 Gn 18:16-33; Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday, July 1 Gn 19:15-29; Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday, July 2 Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Mt 8:28-34
Thursday, July 3 Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29
Friday, July 4 Gn 23:1-4, 19, 24:1-8, 62-67; Mt 9:9-13

Saturday, July 5 Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Mt 9:14-17

Prayer for Religious Vocations

Priest: Let us pray for vocations

All: O God, we earnestly beseech you to bless the Church with many priests, deacons, seminarians and

religious who will love you with their whole strength, be faithful to their vocation and gladly spend

their entire lives to teach your truths, serve your Church and make you known and loved.

Priest: Bless our families, bless our children.

All: Choose from our homes those who are needed for your work.

Priest: O Mary, Queen of the clergy,

All: Pray for us. Pray for our priests, deacons, seminarians and religious. Obtain for us many more.

All: Amen.

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise You. We bless You. We adore you. We glorify You. We give You thanks for Your great glory. Lord God, heavenly King, O God almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only-begotten Son. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father: you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone, are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Reading I - Acts 12:1-11

In those days, King Herod laid hands upon some members of the Church to harm them. He had James, the brother of John, killed by the sword, and when he saw that this was pleasing to the Jews he proceeded to arrest Peter also. It was the feast of Unleavened Bread. He had him taken into custody and put in prison under the guard of four squads of four soldiers each. He intended to bring him before the people after Passover. Peter thus was being kept in prison, but prayer by the Church was fervently being made to God on his behalf. On the very night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter, secured by double chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while outside the door guards kept watch on the prison. Suddenly the angel of the Lord stood by him and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and awakened him, saying, "Get up quickly." The chains fell from his wrists. The angel said to him, "Put on your belt and your sandals." He did so. Then he said to him, "Put on your cloak and follow me." So he followed him out, not realizing that what was happening through the angel was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed the first guard, then the second, and came to the iron gate leading out to the city, which opened for them by itself. They emerged and made their way down an alley, and suddenly the angel left him.

Then Peter recovered his senses and said,

"Now I know for certain that the Lord sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people had been expecting."

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him.

Reading II - 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

I, Paul, am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance. The Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the proclamation might be completed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat and will bring me safe to his heavenly Kingdom. To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel - Matthew 16:13-19

When Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven: and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven.

Ecclesiastes 3:1

"...a time to be born..."

"...a time to welcome..."

"a time to be married..."

...a time to be healed..."

Sam Amaradio, Bernadette Andrews, Chase Atkinson, George Austin, Joyce Bailey, Chase Bell, Joseph Brickley, Rita Bruno, Charli Burke, Jennie Cantagallo, Christine Cassell, Colleen, Bob D'Alessio, Roxanne Day, Robert Deegan, Alberta & Tony DiFabio, Lucyna Dinces, Mirenda Donnian, Rich Donofrio, Kristine Ebright, Ellie & Les Edwards, Barbara Facchine, Anna Forsman, Keith & Linda Franchetti, Marylou Furfari, Linda Gerwatoski, John Gilmore, Brenda Gordon, Richard Grant, Dave Griffith, Michael Groody, Ben Groves, Donovan & John Gura, Kathy Heisinger, Karol Hennessey, Marie Ianoale, Carol Iannotti, Jason, Adalynne Johnson, Susan Kane, Karen, Carol Taylor-Kearney, Fred Krumm, Judy Longo, Joe Lumpkin, Richard Maloumian, Michelle Marhefka, Barbara Marker, Elwood Martz III, Dorothy McKeever, Anne McMenamin, Peter Myers, Caroline Keenan, Barbara & Ira McManus, Christina McNasby, Tim McSorley, Hannah McStay, Joan Morlachetta, Katie Mutek, Frank Nowak, Lorene Newman, Cathy Noakes, Nicole P., Megan O'Leary, Anthony & Denise Palestini, William Pappernek, Lee Peters, Giovanni Poloney, Helen Powell, Rose Quigley, Janet Rainier, Teri Reed, Joan Reilly, Mary Reilly, Patti Roberts, Jim Roche, Marci Rodillosso, Ivey Caruso Rupert, Marguerite Sadler, Caterina Saya, Santi Saya, Loretta Scardino, Joe Schiavo, Nicholas Simeo, Sr., Linda Sesko, Eda Shannon, Jason Shipman, Frank Smith, Dominic Spano, Chris Stalker, Nick Stansbury, Janie Talemal, Jason Tallarida, Karl Tomaszewski, Evelyne & Tom Tull, Lou Underwood, Rosemarie Villari, Kathy Voelmle, Darlene & John Voll, William Walsh, John Werner, Shannon Whyte, Nancy Taylor-Williams, Dianne Williamson, Richard Wilson Theresa Woods, Lois Worthington, Lori Wotypka, Lois Wunsch, Maria Wyzykowski, Catherine Zabrodski, Francesco Zarzycki, their caregivers, all others in need of our prayers.

"...a time to die..."

All the Faithful Departed



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LIVING STEWARDSHIP

"I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith."

-2 TIMOTHY 4:7

How many of us can say this? St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God doesn't call us to be successful, he calls us to be faithful." How many times have we been blinded by the success of the world at the expense of our faith? Matthew Kelly says, "Take one minute each day to live **Stewardship** reminding yourself that you are just passing through this life and will die one day; you will live more intentionally with a passion and purpose."

Will resume next week

FORGOT YOUR ENVELOPES? OR NEW TO THE PARISH?

If you forgot your envelopes, are new to the parish or are visiting the parish and would like to make a donation. You can do so here. Be sure to select one-time gift – as recurring is default.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry is YOUR ministry. It is an important way we at Incarnation care for one another. If you are going through a difficult time, consider having a Stephen Minister. If you know someone else who is facing difficulties, suggest that he or she request a Stephen Minister. To talk to a Stephen Leader or to request a Stephen Minister, please call 856-468-5536.



FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY

The Parish and PREP Offices will be closed on Thursday, July 3 and Friday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. PREP will open at 8:00 AM on Monday, July 7 (2nd Summer Session) and the Parish Office will open at 9:00 AM.

JOSEPH HOUSE

We will deliver to Joseph House on Monday, July 7. Casseroles & paper products are always welcome! Please call Jerry at 856- 579- 7004 or email jerbotemple@comcast.net with any questions. Thank you for your continued support.

RETROUVAILLE:

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FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION CANCELLED

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, July 4 is cancelled due to the 4th of July holiday.

Remember the church has Eucharistic Adoration every Wednesday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

All are welcome.

FOR OUR
MILITARY

We don't
know them all
but we owe
them all.

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform in our time of need. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. We pray for all in our armed forces, especially:

Francis M. Duras, Greg Giordano, Dane Kozlosky, James Tingle, Johnny McGowan, Vincent McManus, Vincent W. Abruzzese, Mitchell Luckman, John Robinson, Sean Owens, Matthew Cottrell, David Nahas, Michael Nahas, Colin Wexler, Liam Wahl, Ty Thuston, Brian Guzzetti, Leonard Puggi, Daniel Golden, Brett Govern, Ryan Lisle, Devin Kozlosky, Cory Carpenter, Christopher Hansen, Luke Wordelmann, Ryan Gilroy, Tyler L. Novak, Danielle Davis, Jesse Nester

CALIX SOCIETY

The Calix Society (www.calixsociety.org) is a national association of Catholics in 12-Step recovery and their family and friends who are affected by alcoholism and other addictions. We are members of AA, NA, Al-Anon, and similar organizations who have found that the spirituality of the 12-Step process is, for us, greatly enhanced when practiced in the context of the richness, tradition, and dogma of our Catholic Faith.

Calix (Latin for "Chalice") is no substitute for AA, NA, or AlAnon. We recommend that you continue attendance at your regular 12-Step group. Nor is this program for the newly clean and sober. One must have achieved a degree of sobriety to benefit from Calix.

If you are currently active in a 12-Step group and would like to talk with other Catholics about how they've incorporated their Catholicism into their Steps, and how they've become better Catholics by doing so, consider attending one, or more, of our meetings. Meetings are held Mondays via ZOOM – please call the parish to register at 856-468-1314.

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

LIVING AS MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

Our scripture passage for this Sunday comes from the Gospel of John 20:19-23. It is the scene of the Risen Christ sending the Apostles and "breathing" on them the Holy Spirit (an allusion to Genesis 2:7 when God "breathed" life into Adam who was molded from the clay of the earth). It is an appropriate passage because this Sunday we celebrate Pentecost as the moment when the first disciples were enlivened by the Holy Spirit and filled with enthusiasm to continue the mission of Jesus.

The term enthusiasm is meant to be positive and inspirational when understood in a Christian context. The word "Enthusiasm" comes from the two Greek words meaning "God within" (en theos). It refers to the experience a person has when "filled" with the Spirit of God. To be enthusiastic is not only to be energetic; it is to be courageous, motivated, and committed. The disciples had that experience and thus began to carry on the mission of Jesus fearlessly as His witnesses even unto death. Because of their enthusiasm they were able to do the things that Jesus did. The gift of the Spirit transformed their fear into faith. It motivated them from being self-preserving to other-serving. It changes the mission of the church from just a human organization into a holy endeavor. Wow – the Spirit can transform lives and communities!

Thus, the Spirit is given so that we can continue the mission of Jesus in the world. Jesus was sent to make God known and in order to do that He had to make love known (because God is love). To make love known, He died on the cross for us in an ultimate witness of self-giving, sacrificial love for others. The Holy Spirit empowers us to carry on the mission of making God known in our world through the same demonstration of love. Others come to know God (who is love) through us. That is why Jesus was sent and that is the purpose for which He sends us.

Think about it: Who in my life most needs to know the love of God?

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