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The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul

OUR STAFF:

Pastor:
Reverend Father
Antonius Peter Gopaul

Parish Secretary: Allison Gullap

Maintenance: Richard Mahabir

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Saturday: 9:00 a.m.

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. – Vigil Mass

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

HOLY DAYS: 9:00 a.m.

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Feast of Saints Peter and Paul
June 28, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, June 28th **5:00 p.m.**
The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul
Joshua A. Wong, Sr.
— 40th Anniversary Birthday Memoriam
Requested by Mary Wong, June Ann Wong and Angela Chan

Sunday, June 29th **8:00 a.m.**
The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul
Rev. Father Antonius Peter Gopaul
— Ordination Anniversary
Requested by Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

11:00 a.m.
Santiago Rodriguez — In Memoriam
Requested by Cristina Gillies and Family
Joseph S. Pasqua, Jr. — In Memoriam
Requested by Father Gopaul and Saint Vincent Ferrer Parishioners
Nicole and Family — Blessings
Requested by Father Gopaul and Parishioners

Monday, June 30th **9:00 a.m.**
The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
Ronald Almonor and Uedianise Prince Almonor
— Wedding Anniversary Blessings
Requested by Germaine Bellamy

Tuesday, July 1st **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Junipero Serra, Priest
Annie Gopaul — Birthday Blessings
Requested by Pearly Gopaul and Family

Wednesday, July 2nd **9:00 a.m.**
Ashley Lubin — Blessings and Thanksgiving
Requested by Yvette Lubin and Family

Thursday, July 3rd **9:00 a.m.**
Daisy Frankson — Blessings
Requested by Cynthia Addison-Bernadine

Friday, July 4th **9:00 a.m.**
Novena to the Sacred Heart
Reynold Barrow — In Memoriam
Requested by Dianna London

Saturday, July 5th **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Priest
Saint Elizabeth of Portugal
Dr. John Campanile and Staff
Requested by Father Gopaul and Parishioners

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine
The Confirmandi, First Communicants and School of Religion students who took part in the Corpus Christi Procession — Blessings
Requested by the School of Religion

Altar Flowers
Mary Barker — Blessings and Thanksgiving
Requested by Margaret and James Bambara

Altar Candles
Colvin Carryl —Blessings and Healing
Requested by Mitzi Carryl

Sanctuary Candle
All the Souls in Purgatory

Mary's Chapel
Rev. Father Coman V. Brady — In Memoriam

Annunciation Chapel
Rev. Msgr. Joseph A. Nugent — In Memoriam

WITH OUR THANKS

On behalf of Father Gopaul, the Parish Trustees, and the Pastoral and Finance Councils, the **Ministry of Mercy** would like to thank Mehling Royer and Family, Marie Delva and Family, Carleen Phillip and Family, Jacqueline Yhap and Family, Susan Robinson and Family, and Jean Guy for erecting altars along the Parish's Corpus Christi procession route. The Ministry also thanks the NYPD for their security assistance.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

June 28-29: Second Collection: Peter's Pence

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Lectio Divina

Read the following scripture: Matthew 16:13-19.

Take some time to reflect in silence on one or more of the following questions:

- What word or words in this passage caught your attention?
- What in this passage comforted you?
- What in this passage challenged you?

Read the Scripture passage one more time. Bring to the Lord the praise, petition, or thanksgiving that the Word inspires in you.

Scripture Reflection

What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

But who do you say that I am? Who do I believe that Jesus is? How did I come to this belief?

For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. How was I brought to faith in Jesus? How does God reveal himself to me?

Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. By what sins am I bound? How can my faith free me from this bondage?

Closing Prayer

I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall be ever in my mouth.
Let my soul glory in the LORD;
the lowly will hear me and be glad.

Glorify the LORD with me,
let us together extol his name.
I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy,
and your faces may not blush with shame.
When the poor one called out, the LORD heard,
and from all his distress he saved him.

The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.
Taste and see how good the LORD is;
blessed the man who takes refuge in him.

(Psalm 34)

DAILY READINGS FOR THE 13TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, June 29
SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES
Acts 12:1-11 Psalm 34:2-9 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18 Matthew 16:13-19
Peter, rescued (Ps) from the power of Herod (1), and Paul, protected from his enemies (2), proclaim with their lives that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the living God (3).

Monday, June 30
Genesis 18:16-33 Psalm 103:1b-4, 8-11 Matthew 8:18-22
Jesus calls us to follow him (2) who is rich in kindness (Ps) and slow to anger (1).

Tuesday, July 1
Genesis 19:15-29 Psalm 26:2-3, 9-12 Matthew 8:23-27
The Lord rains fire and brimstone on sinful (Ps) Sodom and Gomorrah (1). Jesus seeks greater faith in his frightened disciples (2).

Wednesday, July 2
Genesis 21:5, 8-20a Psalm 34:7-8, 10-13 Matthew 8:28-34
The Lord heard the cry (Ps) of Hagar's son and saved him (1). Jesus frees two men possessed by evil spirits (2).

Thursday, July 3
Ephesians 2:19-22 Psalm 117:1b-2 John 20:24-29
Our faith is built upon the apostles (1) who saw the risen Lord (2) and proclaimed (Ps) his resurrection.

Friday, July 4
Genesis 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67 Psalm 106:1b-5 Matthew 9:9-13
In his goodness (Ps), God promises Abraham that his descendants will be blessed in the marriage of Isaac and Rebekah (1). Divine mercy, not human justice, is at the heart of true religion (2).

Saturday, July 5
Genesis 27:1-5, 15-29 Psalm 135:1b-6 Matthew 9:14-17
The right primogeniture is transferred to Jacob (Ps) through fraud (1). Jesus heralds messianic times (2).

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Deadline: Sunday, July 15, 2024

Pray for all the souls in purgatory. especially those who have no one to pray for them.

Scripture Reflection

Justice for the Merciful

This is the saints' destination as they travel from this mortal life through life-giving death: life-giving life in the living Life's hand. The Father, says Christ, is the living Life. But why are the saints able to reach him? Because they are merciful, to themselves first and then to their neighbor according to the rule. Have mercy, Scripture says, on your soul, pleasing God and helping your neighbor. For blessed are the merciful, because they will receive mercy.

Such were these glorious princes on earth and servants of heaven [Saints Peter and Paul], beloved, whose victorious deaths, after long privations of hunger and thirst, cold and nakedness, highly demanding labors and dangers from their own people, the Gentiles, and false brothers, we celebrate today. It is well that Scripture goes on to say of those like them, Whose justice has not been forgotten. Their justice has not been forgotten, because they did not forget mercy. And to the extent to which they have remembered mercy, their justice will not be forgotten.

But the measuring lines will fall in excellent places for the merciful, for their inheritance will indeed be great for them. May the merciful, kind Jesus lead us to this great inheritance, he who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

—Isaac of Stella, *Sermons on the Christian Year*

Isaac of Stella was an English-born Cistercian who studied in the schools before entering monastic life and becoming abbot of Stella in 1147..

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NYS Catholic Conference

Stop Physician-Assisted Suicide in New York

New York is on the brink of legalizing physician-assisted suicide. Bill A 136 has already passed the Senate and Assembly. The only thing standing in its way is Governor Hochul's veto — and she needs to hear from you.

This bill would allow doctors to prescribe lethal medication with the sole purpose of ending a patient's life. It puts the most vulnerable among us — the elderly, people with disabilities, and those facing emotional or financial despair — at even greater risk. Suicide is not healthcare.

We must speak out to protect the dignity of every human life. Assisted suicide is a dangerous and deadly path — one we must not go down.

Take Action!

Contact the Governor's office now to oppose this deadly practice! Visit bit.ly/veto-pas or use the QR Code.

The New York State Catholic Conference represents the Bishops of New York State in public policy matters.
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This Week on Formed

Week of June 29, 2025

Littlest Saints: The Martyrs

When a young Christian girl is arrested and imprisoned in ancient Rome, she hears stories of martyrs like St. Catherine of Alexandria and St. Lawrence the Deacon—will she find the strength to make the ultimate sacrifice for her faith?

Paul the Apostle | The Bible Collection

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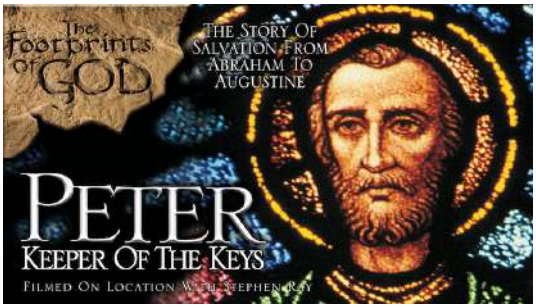

Peter: Keeper of the Keys

He is called the Rock, the Fisher of Men, and the Head of the Church. But how did Peter, a rustic fisherman, come to deserve such honor and authority? Join Stephen Ray as he follows Peter from Galilee to Jerusalem to Rome.

An offering from the Augustine Institute

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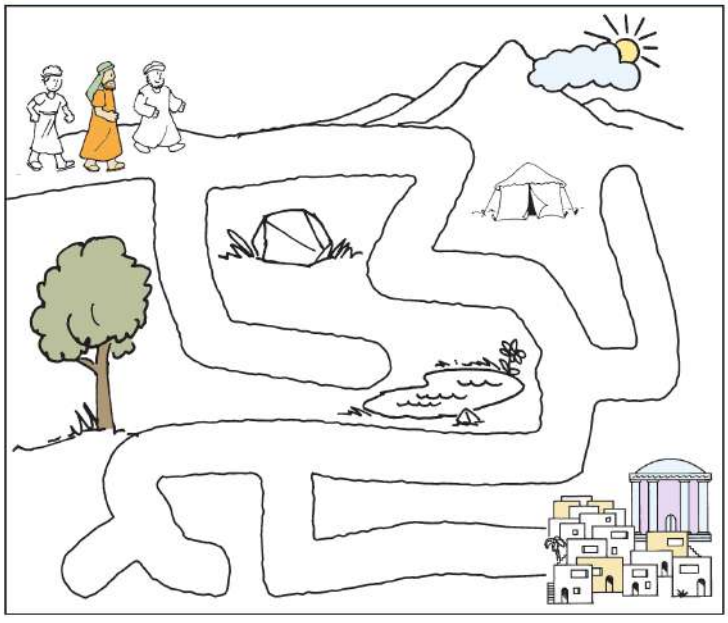
The Cost of Following Jesus

Jesus set out for Jerusalem.
His disciples followed Him.

Help them get to Jerusalem.



They left the village. As they were walking along, a man came and spoke to Jesus.

Use the graph to find out what the man said.

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Jesus replied, “Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay His head.”

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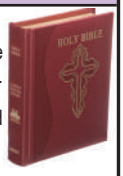

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