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**ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL,  
APOSTLES**

**JUNE 29, 2008**

Through all the earth their voice resounds,  
and to the ends of the world, their message.

--Psalm 19:5

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Sat	28 <sup>th</sup>	5:30	Leavitt J. Pope
Sun	29 <sup>th</sup>	7:30	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
Sun	29 <sup>th</sup>	9:00	Joseph Montesano
Sun	29 <sup>th</sup>	10:30	Anthony Bozzuti
Sun	29 <sup>th</sup>	Noon	Gino Partenza
Mon	30 <sup>th</sup>	9:00	Collective Intention
Tue	1 <sup>st</sup>	7:45	R. James Romer, 16 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
Wed	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9:00	Christopher Meno

Thu	3 <sup>rd</sup>	7:45	James Walsh
Fri	4 <sup>th</sup>	9:00	Ray Ruffio
Sat	5 <sup>th</sup>	8:00	Maura E. Taillefer
Sat	5 <sup>th</sup>	5:30	Charles and Catherine Hefner
Sun	6 <sup>th</sup>	7:30	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
Sun	6 <sup>th</sup>	9:00	Gino Partenza
Sun	6 <sup>th</sup>	10:30	Giovanni & Luigia Socci
Sun	6 <sup>th</sup>	Noon	Rose Vella

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday – Friday  
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

**PLEASE PRAY** for the soul of Joseph Jacobsmeyer, father of Sue Sullivan of our parish, and for the soul of Thomas Wallace, grandfather of Kathleen Rybinski and Lora Sherman of our parish. May Christ, Our Savior, bring them to eternal rest and joy.

**WE ARE HAPPY TO WELCOME** Grace Elizabeth Johnson baptized into the new community of the Church and to a new loving relationship with Our Lord Jesus Christ.

**THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION** last weekend was \$10,885.50. Last year's comparable weekend was \$11,476.15. Thank you for your generosity.

**THE SECOND COLLECTION** next weekend is the Monthly Collection for the needs of the parish. Thank you for your generosity.

**THE 2008 PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION** will be taken up today. Contributions will: 1)

Enable the Holy Father to respond with immediate emergency assistance to the most disadvantaged throughout the world – those who suffer as a result of war oppression, disease, and natural disaster; 2) Provide an opportunity for Catholics to support the Holy Father's mission – an active expression of Christ's love for the poor – and stand in solidarity with Catholics worldwide; 3) Have totaled more than \$190 million in contributions by dioceses of the United States, who generously provide nearly half of all gifts made to the Collection. Thank you for your consideration and your donation.

**FRIDAY, JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>**, at 9 a.m. is our First Friday Mass. First Friday and Nocturnal Adoration are not held in the summer but both will resume in October. All parishioners are invited to be an adorer when we resume. Please call Kathy Tafuro, 762-8816, for Daytime Adoration or Franey Donovan, 834-2444, for Nocturnal Adoration.

**THE PARISH OFFICE** will be closed on Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup> for the Independence Day Holiday.

**2008 LIVING OUR FAITH ABA:** Thank you to the **461** families who have contributed more than **\$173,047.00 cash and pledges** to this year's ABA. Please know how important your donation is in helping us to achieve our parish goal, and especially, in helping the many needy people and ministries funded by the appeal. Please help us by making out a pledge card which is available at the church doors. Then please drop them in the collection baskets or send to the Diocese, or drop off in the parish office.

**FREE MINISTRY:** Going on vacation? Traveling on the weekend? For nationwide Mass times and locations, phone 800 627-7846 or go online [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org).

### **TIMELY NEWS**

**BASKETBALL SCHOOL** is returning to OLF for the summer of 2008! Coach Joe, of Trinity Catholic High School, will be returning to OLF to run our summer basketball program. Coach Joe's bio is available upon request. There will be a one week program from July 14<sup>th</sup> – July 18<sup>th</sup> and a one week program from August 4<sup>th</sup> – August 8<sup>th</sup>. Build you basketball skills, run drills, improve your game! Please contact Mary Rooney at (203) 216-1646 or you may email her at [Roons2@optonline.net](mailto:Roons2@optonline.net) for details.

**ATTENTION OLF MEN:** Holy Family Retreat House of West Hartford and the OLF Men's Retreat Group are proud to bring Holy Family's retreat experience of **"Only for Today"** to the men of OLF through a series of three mini-retreats over the next year!

**FIRST DATE WILL BE MONDAY, July 14<sup>th</sup>** starting at 7 p.m. in the OLF Parish Center.

The Mini-Retreat Series will explore the joys and challenges we face being open to God in the present moment, today, right now! The retreat will use the life of Christ in the scriptures as well as a unique set of

statements inspired by the late Pope John XXIII. Please **RSVP** to:

Deacon McManus	762-7142
Tim Dineen	762-7674
Paul Niche	762-8309
Peter Slavin	834-2582
Peter Rubsam	761-1461
Franey Donovan	834-2444

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

**THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE IS OPEN** during the summer. Please come in to register between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. for fall classes if you have not already done so. Reminder: After July 1<sup>st</sup>, there is a \$50 late fee per family.

**RCIA** is a process through which men and women from different religious traditions inquire into the teachings of the Catholic faith and meet on a regular basis with members of the parish for instruction, prayer, and faith-sharing. If you have a non-Catholic relative or friend who attends Mass with you and shows an interest in our religion, please encourage him or her to call one of our priests (762-3928) or Kathleen Rooney (762-9080) to learn more about RCIA.

**MOST OF US KNOW** a Catholic man or woman who has not been to Mass for a period of time - long or short. We are not a whole community of faith without all of our members, and we miss those who are no longer active participants in Mass and the Sacraments. Please invite any such person you know to call Father Palmer or Father James to talk about returning to the Table of the Lord.

### **YOUTH MINISTRY**

**THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed financially, with product donations, or with prayers for the youth ministry summer mission outreach trip to the St. Patrick's Foundation in Kingston, Jamaica. Working in the mission schools, at the Catholic hospital, and at St Monica's elderly home was a life-changing experience for our teens as they

came home with a greater awareness of the poverty that exists in our world today as well as the positive contribution they made in helping those less fortunate than themselves. We are grateful for the tremendous outpouring of generosity from our parishioners.

### PARISH NEWS

**DEACON MCMANUS AND LAURA CODY** suggest some summer book reading for your enjoyment and spiritual growth:

Pope Benedict XVI's book titled Jesus of Nazareth is an excellent book to read, showing how Pope Benedict interprets the Bible.

A book they have suggested for our Knights of Columbus to read is A Civilization of Love by Carl Anderson, the Supreme Knight of Knights of Columbus. This is an excellent book and not difficult to read. They would recommend that married couples buy two copies, and each of you read a chapter and then discuss it. This book could make good beach reading!

In this year dedicated to St. Paul, they would suggest you read at least one book on St. Paul. They now suggest Paul of Tarsus written by Edward Stourton or The Apostle Paul written by Marion L. Soards. They will offer a discussion time later in the summer for each book.

Coming in September, they will continue our Parish Bible study with the Time Line Bible study of the entire Bible. They will also have movie nights with the Saints, starting in September, and would hope to have a movie on St. Paul to start the year.

### SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday: Ss. Peter and Paul**  
**Monday: First Martyrs of Holy Roman Church**  
**Tuesday: Blessed Junipero Serra**  
**Thursday: St. Thomas**  
**Friday: St. Elizabeth of Portugal**  
**Independence Day**  
**Saturday: St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria**  
**Blessed Virgin Mary**

**PLEASE PRAY** for all our service men and women who are protecting our freedom, and especially Christopher Colgan, Jeff Francis, Jake Hutchings, Tim Connelly, and Brandon Owens.

**ARE YOU PART OF THE OLF FAMILY?** If you worship here and have not found the time to register, it's easy. A registration form can be found at our website: [www.OLFWilton.org](http://www.OLFWilton.org) or at each entrance to the church. Just complete form and return via the collection basket or U.S. Mail to the Parish Office at 229 Danbury Road, Wilton.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** There is a "Book of Prayer Intentions for the Sick" on the lower part of the Offertory table where you can enter the name of a person in need of prayers due to illness. That person, along with others written in the book, will be included in Our General intercession at each Mass where we pray for our sick. The names will not be read individually at Mass – but their intentions will be remembered as the sick among us who are always a special focus of the congregation, here at Our lady of Fatima.

**HOSPITAL VISITATION:** Due to the "National Privacy Act", priests can only know that you are in the hospital if you designate yourself (or family member) as a parishioner of OLF when you enter the hospital; or, telephone the Parish Office, 762-3928, and inform us that you are entering the hospital.

### DIOCESAN NEWS

**SEMI-SILENT WOMEN'S RETREAT BY THE SEA:** entitled, "Overcoming Our Temptations" will be held September 19-21, at Mercy Center, Madison, CT and led by Fran Karpiej & Team from Sharing Christ Ministry. Although we desire to live holy and wholesome lives, we find ourselves often tempted by the world, the flesh and the devil. This semi-silent retreat will include prayer services, enlightening presentations, and personal time for quiet reflection. A \$65/pp non-refundable deposit with registration is required. Space is limited. Double rooms: \$178/pp. To register,

contact Fran: 203 452-7040, 16 Stag Lane, Trumbull, CT 06611 or email [PAXJC@aol.com](mailto:PAXJC@aol.com).

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MUSEUM** (1 State Street, New Haven) unveils its prized collection of Piranesi etchings. In the 18<sup>th</sup> century, Giovanni Battista Piranesi (1720-78) was the premier Italian printmaker, world famous for his magnificent topographical works titled *Vedute di Roma* (*Views of Rome*.) Twenty two of these views are the subject of this show. Piranesi began the massive undertaking around 1747 and published a total of 135 views of the Eternal City.

He found a ready-made market for his expensive etchings in the cultured elite of Europe who were traveling across Italy on the Grand Tour, who were eager to purchase mementos of their trip. Rome was the tour's ultimate destination because it held the world's largest concentration of Classical architectural remains, in addition to countless other artistic treasures.

When Piranesi first began capturing the monuments of antiquity, some were in a state of abandoned neglect. Some suffered from the ravages of the elements. Some were partially scavenged for their marble. Today, Piranesi's etchings are the cherished memory of the ages. Not only did he record the past grandeur of Rome, he also captured the modern architecture of the 18<sup>th</sup> century city.

Piranesi etched his exquisite detailing directly on the metal plates used to transfer his masterful images to high-grade paper. Most of his plates are preserved at the Istituto Nazionale per la Grafica in Rome. Two of the original plates are included in this exhibition along with typical etching tools.

Museum hours throughout the length of this exhibition (May 23<sup>rd</sup> – November 9<sup>th</sup>) will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., daily and all holidays. Admission and parking is free. Call (203) 865-0400.

## **THE ROCK OF FAITH**

*Peter was named Rock because he was able to recognize Jesus as the Messiah, as God made flesh, as the divine presence in their midst. It is upon such a grace that the church was founded, and it is still that graced Rock that people seek today, the ability to point out to us the divine strands in the fabric of life.*

## **INSIDE THE READINGS**

Today's first reading from Acts spells out the problems for the early Christians. Herod Agrippa I has martyred the apostle James and is planning a similar fate for Peter. But God intervenes. Responding to the incessant prayers of the church, God miraculously delivers Peter. Luke writes, "A light shone in the cell" (Acts 12:7). In the Bible, "light" is the sign of God's presence. At Paul's conversion, for example, "a light from the sky suddenly flashed around him" (9:3).

Peter was an outstanding preacher of the Good News and clearly the leader of the Christian community in Jerusalem. However, as Paul explains, "I have been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter to the circumcised" (Galatians 2:7). His ministry for Jesus finally led Peter to Rome, where he earned the martyr's crown.

Today's second reading witnesses to the greatness of the Apostle to the Gentiles. He sees his life "being poured out as a libation" (2 Timothy 4:6), as a sacrifice. At the Last Supper Jesus said, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many" (Mark 14:24). Paul had "kept the faith" (2 Timothy 4:7). He had proclaimed the gospel throughout the Mediterranean area. He definitely fulfilled the words spoken by God at his conversion: "This man is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before Gentiles, kings, and Israelites" (Acts 9:15). Although his primary mission was to Gentiles, Paul always went first to the synagogues in the cities that he visited and taught about Jesus.

Accepting the fact that martyrdom is a real possibility, Paul is confident that Christ "will bring me safe to his heavenly kingdom" (2 Timothy 4:18). The apostle points out that all who have lived a Christ-centered life and "who have longed for his appearance" (4:8) will also receive the "crown of righteousness" (4:8). Paul gained the grace of martyrdom in Rome.

## **THOUGHTS FOR ACTION**

When we find people who have been given the gift that Peter had, it is to them that we instinctively give authority in our lives. We look for it in the pope and in bishops, in priests and parish ministers. It is what Jesus embodied, and it is what today draws people to communities that are alive with faith.

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