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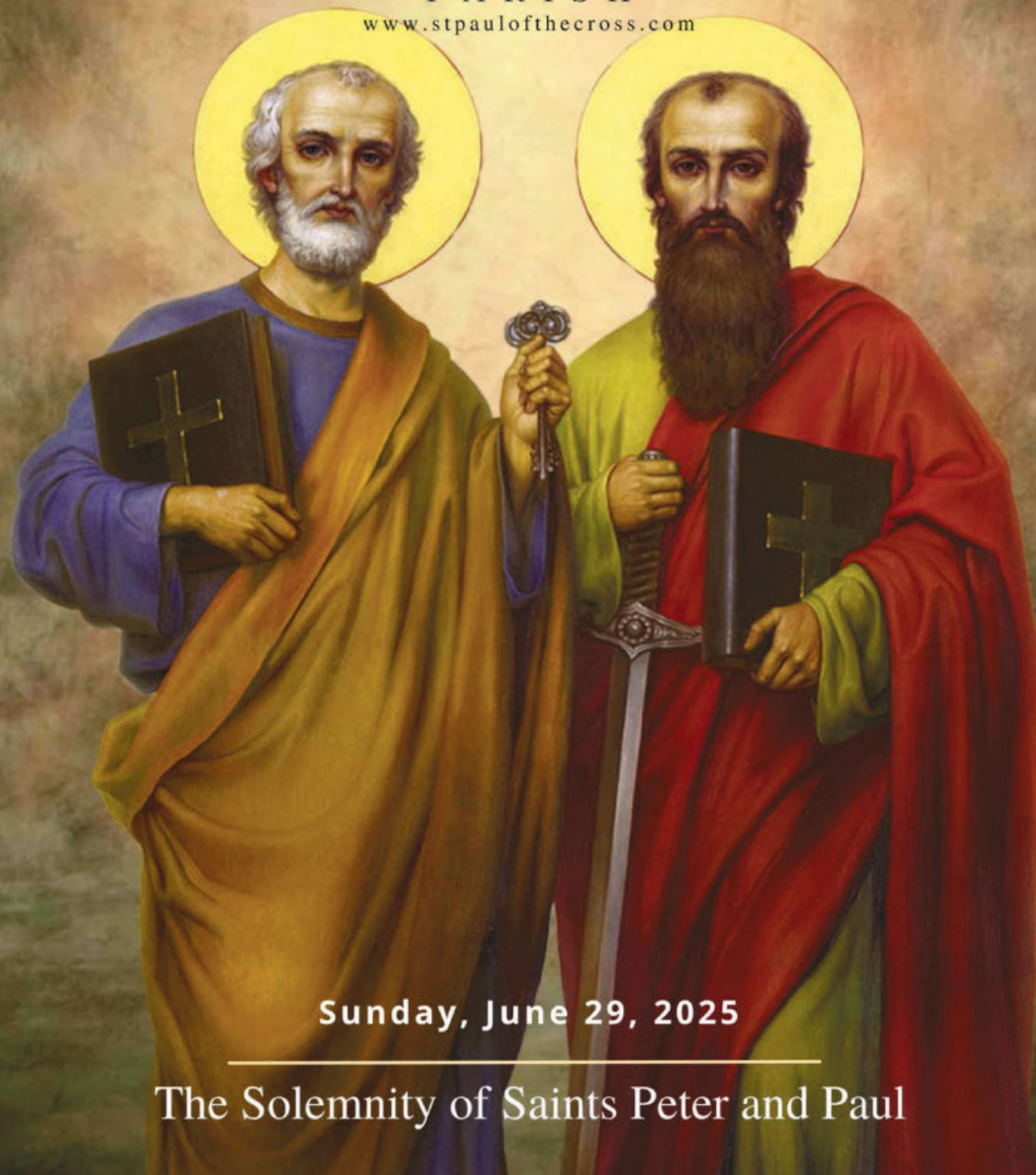
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Sunday, June 29, 2025

The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul

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Mass Schedule:Saint Anne Church

Every day: 8:00 AM

Tuesdays: 8:00 AM and 6:30 PM

Saturdays (Vigil): 4:00 PM

Sundays: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM,
and 6:00 PM

Saint Winifred Church

Saturdays (Vigil): 5:30 PM

Sundays: 11:30 AM

Confessions:Saint Anne Church

Tuesdays: 5:15 - 6:15 PM

Saturdays: 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM

Saint Winifred Church

Saturdays: 4:45 PM - 5:15 PM

Eucharistic Adoration:Saint Anne Church

Tuesdays, after the 8:00 AM mass,
with Benediction at 6:15 PM.

Divine Mercy Holy Hour:Saint Anne Church

Tuesdays, at 3:00 PM



*"You are Peter, and
upon this rock I will
build my Church,
and the gates of the
nether-world shall not
prevail against it."*

- Mt 16:18

Mass Intentions

Monday, June 30, 2025

8:00 AM (St. A) John Herward (BR), requested by Noreen, Ellin & Julie

Tuesday, July 1, 2025

8:00 AM (St. A) William Hunter, requested by Fr. Mike Caridi

6:30 PM (St. A) Robert Gannon, requested by The Gannon Family

Wednesday, July 2, 2025

8:00 AM (St. A) Anne L. Vespa, requested by Esther Vespa

Thursday, July 3, 2025

8:00 AM (St. A) Ross Cibrone, requested by his family

Friday, July 4, 2025

8:00 AM (St. A) Christopher Koenig, requested by James & Mary Murray

Saturday, July 5, 2025

8:00 AM (St. A) The Jennis & Cinpinski Families, requested by Diane Jennis

4:00 PM (St. A) Julie Williams Coyne, requested by Pat Smith & family

5:30 PM (St. W) For the People of the Parish

Sunday, July 6, 2025

8:00 AM (St. A) Antoinette DeFazio (AD), requested by Dn. Victor DeFazio

10:00 AM (St. A) Jane Dietrick, requested by Brendan Lowey

11:30 AM (St. W) Bernie Koval (AD, BR), requested by Keith & Yvonne Creehan

6:00 PM (St. A) Michael Waugh, requested by Dee Cumpston

In your prayers please also remember to pray for
Annamarie Teolis Frankenstein and all the deceased members of
Saint Paul of the Cross Parish.

From the Pastor

Thank You

Over the past 11 years, I've written well over 500 Sunday bulletin articles, and this will be my last one. And so I'd like to use it to thank God and all of you for the wonderful things we've been blessed to share over the years: the thousands of Masses and Confessions, hundreds of First Reconciliations, First Communions and Funerals; the pastoral counseling sessions, blessings of expectant moms, cars and new homes. The houses I've been welcomed into in both "good times and bad" -- for happy occasions like dinners and graduations, but also in the sadder times, such as those when I was called upon to administer the Sacraments to the sick and dying.

One of the greatest things about being a Catholic priest is the unprecedented access he is granted into the deepest moments of peoples' lives, and I really appreciate being welcomed into yours.

Last week, as I was clearing out my files, there were two I came across that I've kept since the time I started here back in 2014. They were copies of the correspondence that I received from many of you, and I sort of got a kick out of them. One of the files was labeled "Bad Letters", and the other one "Good Letters". Thankfully the "Good Letter" file outweighed the other one!

But the really interesting thing I noticed was that the vast majority of the negative letters were from my early years here, and the bulk of the positive ones from the last five. In this I've learned a good lesson; namely, that just like any relationship, the one between a priest and his people will deepen over time, and both parties will grow in their love and appreciation for each other, if they allow themselves. I'm sure glad that has been the case here!

Over the past month and at last Monday's reception so many of you gave me such beautiful cards with kind messages, and such generous gifts! How on earth did you all figure out that I like golf and scotch??? Seriously though, I'm sort of overwhelmed and even a little embarrassed by how good you've been to me in my final days with you. **Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!**



And finally, I would be remiss were I not to express my deep appreciation and admiration of all the members of the parish staff who have helped me so much and who serve all of you so well. Many of you may not know this, but for its size, your parish has a rather small staff. In fact, there are less staff members today than there were at Saint Anne's alone when I arrived -- and that was before the 2019 merger that led to the establishment of Saint Paul of the Cross Parish!

Your parish staff members wear many hats, work hard, love the work they do and do it well! They've all been very loyal to me, and as I write this I'm wondering how I'll get along with out them. So thank you to Andrew, Beth, Beverly, Brendan, Don, Emma, Joan, Mary, Peggy, and Sue. You guys are great, and I will sorely miss my daily contact with you and our collaboration for the good people of Saint Paul of the Cross Parish.

Fr. Mike's new address is: Christ Our Savior Parish
720 Arch Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15212

And his email address is mcari@diopitt.org

"God writes straight with crooked lines," St. Teresa of Avila

God's plan unfolds through imperfect and often unpredictable circumstances. Even when things seem messy, confusing, or even painful, God is still at work, guiding events towards a positive outcome or a greater purpose.

Parish News

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE
LITURGICAL INSTALLATION MASS OF

Father Joseph Uzar

AS THE SECOND PASTOR OF
SAINT PAUL OF THE CROSS PARISH

Saturday, July 12, 2025

4 PM MASS

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

SAINT ANNE CHURCH

BISHOP DAVID A. ZUBIK
CELEBRANT AND HOMILIST



Hello and a blessed Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul! I am honored to serve the Lord and you, his people, at Saint Paul of the Cross Parish. I must offer a word of thanks to Fr. Mike Caridi, who has been exceptionally helpful to me during this transition of pastors. I am grateful for his ministry in our parish and I ask you to keep him in your prayers as he begins his next assignment. I am looking forward to formally introducing myself to the parish either during or after each Mass on Saturday, July 5th and Sunday, July 6th. Please be assured of my prayers for our parish community and, in your generosity, please pray for me!

God bless!

Fr. Joe

Get to Know Father Joe

A son of Carnegie, PA., Fr. Joe has served as a priest in the Diocese of Pittsburgh since June, 2021. Before coming to Saint Paul of the Cross Parish, Fr. Joe served as Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish (North Hills) and Saint Andrew the Apostle Parish (Mid Mon Valley). He studied Theology at Saint Vincent Seminary (Latrobe) and completed his undergraduate degree in Philosophy at Duquesne University. He entered Saint Paul Seminary after graduating from High School in 2012. He is a lifelong resident of the Pittsburgh area, where his family still resides.

Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. In doing so, we are first of all reminded that our Church is founded upon the Apostles, to whom Jesus handed down His sacred powers. In a particular way, however, special authority was accorded to Saint Peter when Jesus said to him, "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church... I will give to you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven" (cf. MT 16:13-19). Additionally, Saint Paul, first a persecutor of the early Christians, underwent that wonderful conversion encounter with Jesus and became an impassioned missionary who spread the Gospel throughout Asia Minor and Greece.

The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul is also an occasion for us to reaffirm our "Roman" identity, for in their missionary efforts to promote the name and message of Jesus, these two pillars of our faith made their way to the capital city of the Roman Empire. From Rome the faith would spread to the ends of the Empire like wildfire. And in Rome, Saints Peter and Paul would shed their blood out of love for Jesus Christ.

Mass of Thanksgiving for Bishop David Zubik

All are invited to a Mass in Saint Paul Cathedral on Thursday, July 10, at 7:00 PM with Bishop David Zubik. He will thank the faithful for his tenure as the 12th Bishop of Pittsburgh.



Reception to follow. All are welcome.

Prayer for Bishop Eckman

On Sunday, July 13, our parish will join others of the diocese for a Holy Hour at 4:00 PM for Bishop Eckman. This is a wonderful opportunity to support him prayerfully in anticipation of his installation the next day.

Bishop Eckman will formally be installed as the Thirteenth Bishop of Pittsburgh on Monday, July 14, with a Solemn Mass at 2:30 PM in Saint Paul Cathedral. All are welcome.

Parish News



Saint Paul of the Cross Parish is pleased to welcome Fr. Aron Maghsoudi as this year's guest preacher for the annual Saint Anne Novena (July 18th - 26th). Fr. Maghsoudi is a priest of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown and serves as Pastor in Holy Family Parish (Hooversville, PA), Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish (Central City, PA), and All Saints Parish, (Boswell, PA). Additionally he serves as Chaplain for two state correctional institutions. A son of Latrobe and alumnus of Saint Vincent Seminary, Fr. Maghsoudi has served as a priest for almost 20 years. He brings with him a profound respect for the wealth of our Catholic traditions, ethnic heritage, and love of the saints. Please join us and Fr. Maghsoudi for this time of prayer, devotion, and celebrating the joy of our Catholic faith.

Saint Anne Novena Candles will be on sale in the parish office during regular office hours and after all the masses beginning next weekend. The candles burn for nine days and are available for a \$10.00 donation. You may leave candles here at the church or take them home. Your intentions are left in the church during the novena.



Wedding Banns

Mark Wertz and Samantha Shumaker (I)



Parish Offertory June 22, 2025

Offertory: \$ 15,108.86

Utilities: \$ 299.30

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The Parish Office will be closed on July 4th

Oktoberfest Announcement

Due to personal circumstances among the Oktoberfest committee, and under the council of Fr. Mike, no Oktoberfest will be scheduled this year. The hope is for it to return in 2026.

Farewell Mass for Fr. Dennis Koltz



"American PIME missionary Fr. Dennis Koltz rides a yak in his mission in Brazil in this undated photo." (picture credit detroitcatholic.com)

On Sunday, July 13, Fr. Dennis Koltz will celebrate a farewell Mass at 11:30 AM in Saint Winifred church. Fr. Dennis, a PIME missionary priest and son of Saint Winifred's, will be returning to Brazil to continue his work among the Brazilian people. Previously, Fr. Dennis served as a missionary priest along the Amazon River for twenty-eight years before returning to the United States three years ago to become the treasurer of his religious order in Detroit, Michigan. Fr. Koltz has offered Masses during the holidays at Saint Winifred often in those three years, and was the guest speaker for the Women's Guild Lenten Retreat in 2023.

Come join his mother, brothers, sister and fellow parishioners, as we wish him Godspeed on July 13th. The Women's Guild will be hosting a reception for Fr. Koltz in Benedict Hall following the Mass. All are welcome.

The second collections this weekend will benefit Peter's Pence, in support of the charitable works of Pope Leo and the Saint Vincent dePaul Society.

Fifth Sunday Collection for the Saint Vincent dePaul Society

In the Gospel, as Jesus journeys to Jerusalem, he asks people to "Follow me".

During the period October 1, 2018 through May 31, 2019, your generous gifts enabled the Saint Vincent de Paul Society to respond to assistance requests from 83 families (152 individuals) in our parish community, providing \$7,971 for food, and \$23,965 for rents, utilities, etc. The Saint Vincent dePaul "Fifth Sunday" collection this weekend is an opportunity to answer Christ's call to follow Him and share God's love with those suffering in our community. Your gift proclaims the Gospel of the Kingdom, one of loving compassion, mercy, and hope to our neighbors in need. Please keep the families served in your prayers. Thank you! May God bless you and your families..



Ministry Announcements

Baptism Class



Completion of a Pre-Baptism class is required with your first child before calling the parish office to schedule. A Baptism classes will be held on July 8th in the DePalma Room from 5:30 -7:00 PM. If you have questions, or

would like to register, contact Don Fontana at dfontana@stpaulofthecross.com.

Catholic Men's Fellowship

The Saint Paul of the Cross Catholic Men's Fellowship will meet this week on Thursday, July 3rd in the Convent Dining Room at 7:00 PM. All men of the parish are welcome. Additionally, please join them for their annual Patio Party on July 31st, from 6:00-10:00 PM, at 405 Hoodridge Drive. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be served. Bring your favorite beverage to drink. RSVP by July 25th to Anthony DiNardo (412) 951-7884 or ajdinardo3@gmail.com

Vocation Council

Please join the Vocation Council on July 3rd and the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM in Saint Anne Church to pray a rosary for vocations. The primary work of the council is to pray for vocations, especially from our own Saint Paul of the Cross Parish. There will be a short meeting in the DePalma Room after the rosary. Everyone is welcome. Contact Joan Harrison at 412-877-1990 or joanharrison35@hotmail.com with any questions.



*Blessed Mother,
Patroness of our land,
we ask your intercession
for our nation.*

*Guide us to live in peace,
protect the vulnerable,
and strengthen our hearts
in faith and charity.*

*May we always seek
your Son, the true
source of our
freedom.*

Amen.



HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Tues., July 1

8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration in St. Anne church
3:00 PM Divine Mercy Holy Hour in St. Anne church
5:15 - 6:15 PM Confessions in St. Anne church
7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting in the DePalma Rm.

Wed., July 2

8:30 PM A.A. meeting in the Convent Dining Rm.

Thurs., July 3

6:30 PM Vocation Council in St Anne church
7:00 PM Catholic Men's Fellowship meeting in the Convent Dining Rm.

Sat., July 5

7:15 AM Five First Saturdays Devotion in St. Anne church
11:00 AM Confessions in St. Anne church
4:45 PM Confessions in St. Winifred church
9:30 PM NA in the Convent Dining Rm.





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