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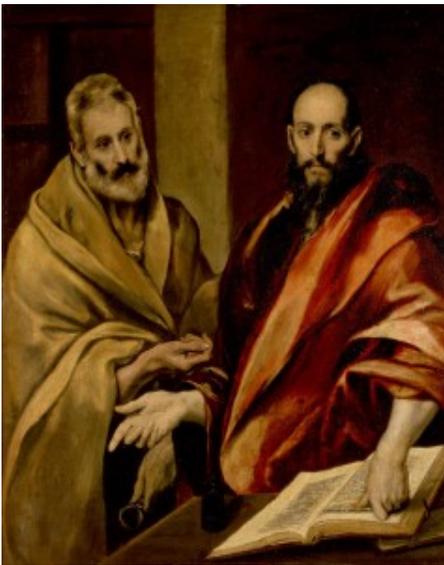
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Thirteenth & Fourteenth Sundays in Ordinary Time



June 28 & Jul 5, 2020

## What is Sts. Peter and Paul's Day?



By El Greco

St. Peter and Paul's day is the feast day that honors the martyrdom of the two saints, Peter and Paul, sometime between AD 64 and 68. While the church recognizes that they may not have died on the same day, tradition says that this is the day that they were both martyred in Rome by Emperor Nero.

The day is a solemnity, or a feast day of the highest rank. This honor is reserved for only the most important events, like events in the lives of Jesus or Mary, so this emphasizes just how important the two saints are to the Catholic faith.

## Who are these two early Apostles?

Peter, a Jewish fisherman, was called by Jesus to be a disciple at the beginning of his ministry. Peter's original name was "Simon" but Jesus named him "the Rock" which, when translated from the Greek (*Petros*) is where we get the name Peter. That the Lord treated him

as the leader of the 12 Apostles was continued by early Christians who recognized him as head of the church in Rome. The Roman Catholic Church regards Peter as the first of its unbroken succession of popes. He was martyred sometime around AD 64, and at his request, he was crucified upside down because he did not consider himself worthy to die in the same way as Jesus. The famous Vatican church, St. Peter's Basilica, is a shrine to him and considered to be built on the site where his body is buried.

St. Paul was also an apostle, but not one of the Twelve. He had been a devout Jew dedicated to wiping out the followers of Jesus because he thought their ideas were dangerous. In one of his forays to slay Christians, he was struck down and struck blind by a powerful light. Inside the light the voice of Jesus asked him, "Why are you persecuting Me?" Paul had an immediate change of heart, was baptized and became an extra Apostle who traveled extensively to outlying Christian communities, converting many and writing letters of support to all. He was responsible for much of the New Testament; 13 out of the 27 books are attributed to him. He was eventually caught in Rome, imprisoned, brought to trial, and beheaded around AD 64.

Both saints are considered **foundations of the church.**

## Last Pastoral Corner *by Fr. Rick*

Dear People of St. Philip Neri,

I take this opportunity to thank you for your many kindnesses to me these past two years. While it has been a short time, it has been productive. We have accomplished some new things as well as continued other things that were begun under previous administrations. The parish was in good shape when I arrived here, but hopefully we have left it in a bit better shape than when we began.

The Pastoral Council developed a pastoral plan these past six months that includes a revised Mission Statement that reads:

*"We the welcoming community of St. Philip Neri Parish, empowered by the compassion of Jesus and supported by the Eucharist and the Word, dedicate ourselves to engage with and enrich the lives of those we touch."*

The pastoral plan includes six areas of pastoral ministry, Leadership and Organization, Education, Prayer and Spirituality, Service, Outreach and Hospitality, and Parish Buildings and Properties.

I believe it is a very creative and good plan. It is currently in the hands of the new pastor and after he reviews it, he will work with the Pastoral Council in bringing it to fruition.

Father Andrew Thomas is fifteen years a priest, having been ordained in 2005. I believe that he will be an excellent pastor for this parish. He is extraverted in personality and I know you will find him outgoing, personable and gentle. He is also talented musically and has a wonderful singing voice. He has met with the staff who have expressed that they believe he will be a good fit for this parish. Finally, Fr. Thomas describes himself as a "numbers man" which will be helpful for the Finance Council. We warmly welcome Father Andrew Thomas to St. Philip's.

As I stated to the parish, a few weeks back, I did the budget back in March before I realized the full impact of COVID-19. I no longer believe that the budget will be accurate for the coming fiscal year and it will indeed need revision.

Just how much of the pastoral plan will be implemented will be up to the financial income of the parish. However, this parish has an excellent Finance Council that I know will work with the pastor to manage the situation.

I am grateful as well to the other committees in the parish for their excellent work. As mentioned above the Pastoral Council, under the leadership of Iris Brenk, has done great work as have the Altar Society, Building and Grounds and the Peace and Justice Committees. It is amazing to me that such a small parish has so many people involved in ministry and so many worthwhile programs and service opportunities. Thank you all for such dedication to a wonderful parish.

I express my condolences to the families who have experienced the death of loved ones during these past two years. I especially express sympathy to those who have lost loved ones during this time of coronavirus. I know that it has not been easy, having to postpone funeral Masses until sometime in the future. I hope, with the permission of Father Thomas, to be present for at least a couple of these funerals when they are finally able to be celebrated.

I am deeply grateful to Barbara Harrison and Debbie Guthrie for their excellent work during these past two years. They have both been very helpful to me. Barbara has seen to many areas of Faith Formation and has been especially vigilant in matters of Sacramental Preparation and Liturgy. Thank you, Barbara. Debbie has been a real powerhouse attending to all matters of maintenance, the bulletin and administration. She is incredibly gregarious, friendly and a woman who lets no grass grow under her feet. She gets the job done! Thank you, Debbie as well.

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Finally, I wish the parish success in your future dealings with property development. I believe that the Catholic Charities project is a good one. It will improve the looks of the campus and provide housing for those who need it. I realize not everyone agrees with me and some see the project as the future downfall of the parish. With all kindness and due respect I must say that I do not agree. I believe the parish will survive and grow stronger to the degree that the parish works to evangelize and encourage others to join the parish. The pastoral plan supports the development of the parish, not its demise, if the plan is implemented. I encourage the parish to continue to work on the parking problem. Parking will be a huge issue and the parish must be fair to those living in the neighborhood. The issue of leasing or selling the property is also a big concern that must be carefully discussed. I know you will handle these matters superbly.

You are in my thoughts and prayer as you continue do God's work here at St. Philip Neri Parish and I ask that you pray for me as well.

*Father Rick Paperini*



Mickie Campagna ♥ Andrea Del Rosario ♥ Antonette Amato ♥ Eleanore Baccellieri ♥ Family of Joan Henkel ♥ Family of Don Dindia ♥ Family of Joan Andreas ♥ Family Of Tiziano Della Gasperina ♥ Hilary Semprevivo ♥ Emilie Taylor

*Please contact the office if you, or someone you know needs our prayers!  
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## Mass Intentions

- Sat. Jun 27:** 8:00 a.m. – The Gruba Family – Joe & Theresa Gruba  
4:00 p.m. – People of St Philip Neri
- Sun. Jun 28:** 9:30 a.m. – † John Henkel – Joan Henkel
- Tue. Jun 30:** 8:00 a.m. – † Vu Thi Man – Ngo Giang
- Wed. Jul 1:** 8:00 a.m. – † Joan Andreas – Altar Society
- Thur. Jul 2:** 8:00 a.m. – † Giuse Pham - Theresa
- Fri. Jul 3:** 12:10 p.m. – † Katherine Thorton Fletcher – Dorothy B.
- Sat. Jul 4:** 8:00 a.m. – Bona Oh & Family – Bona Oh  
4:00 p.m. – † Raymond Capri – Marietta & George
- Sun. Jul 5:** 9:30 a.m. – People of St Philip Neri
- Tue. Jul 7:** 8:00 a.m. – † Fr. Rich Colgan – Nancy Salta
- Wed. Jul 8:** 8:00 a.m. – † Giuse Pham – Theresa
- Thu. Jul 9:** 8:00 a.m. – † Eulalia Johnson – Mary Ann Sullivan
- Fri. Jul 10:** 8:00 a.m. – † Rex Brown- Kerry-Lynne Brown
- Sat. Jul 11:** 8:00 a.m. – † Warren Guthrie – Debra Guthrie  
4:00 p.m. – People of St Philip Neri

*"We, the community of St. Philip Neri, committed to the mission of Jesus Christ and dedicated to be welcoming, strive to reach out to all of God's creation through the Word and the Eucharist for the common good."*

### Reconciliation Times

**Saturday**

by appointment only

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