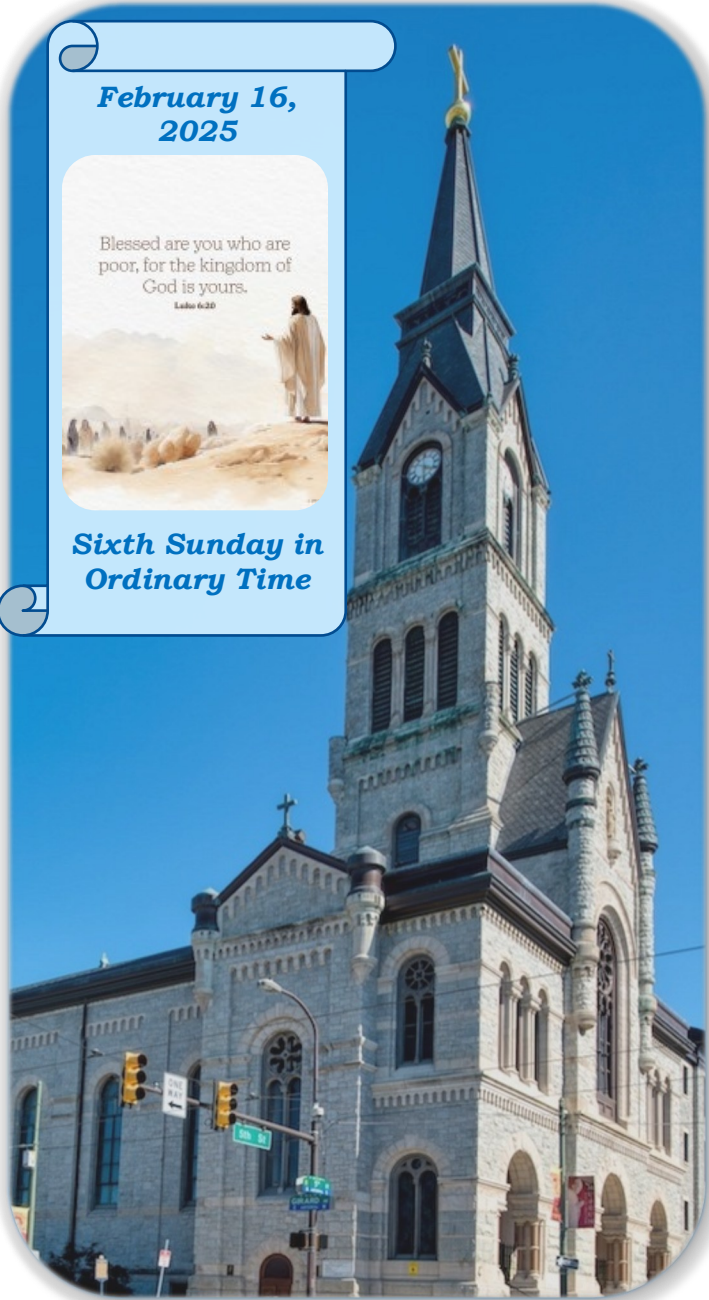


**February 16,
2025**



**Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**



St. Peter the Apostle National Shrine of St. John Neumann

A Redemptorist Parish
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 12:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. (Vigil).
Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (Spanish),
12:30 pm
Weekdays: 7:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 5:30 p.m.
O.L.P.H. Novena: 7:00 p.m. (Shrine) Filipino Sponsored

CONFESSIONS

Mon - Sat: 11:45 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 10:30 a.m. (Spanish)

RECTORY OFFICE

Monday - Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday 9 a.m. - 12 noon.

GIFT SHOP SCHEDULE

Monday - Sunday: 10 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS: You are asked to arrange an appointment in advance by telephone with the Priest you wish to see.

SICK CALLS: Emergencies & Hospital Visitation: Please contact the Rectory office.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: The Sacrament of Baptism is administered monthly. Arrangements are made in advance at the Rectory. Sponsors must provide proof of eligibility by a letter from their respective pastors, and must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation. Parents attend a Pre-Jordan meeting prior to Baptism, which is arranged at a mutually convenient time.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Arrangements must be made with the pastor at least six months before the date of the wedding. Pre-Cana instructions are required. Couples rather than parents or wedding coordinators should contact the church. If either party was previously married, an annulment must be granted prior to the selection of a future wedding date.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

5:30 PM † Pedro Davila - rb: Rosanna & Dejah B. Davila

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

7:30 AM Purgatorian Society

9:30 AM Nelson Malave B-Day - rb: The Malave Family

11:00 AM † Isolina & Ramon Cerna – rb: Jenny Almodoba

12:30 PM Parish Family and Sr. Mary Kim Birthday -
rb: Sr. Mary Kim

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17 - Presidents' Day

9:30 AM † Dolly Sonia Azanza Ruiz De Malo -
rb: Christopher & Nancy Hambrose

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM † Pedro J. Graulau, Sr. – rb: Graulau/Davila
Family

5:30 PM † Javier Vasquez, Sr. - rb: Javier Vasquez, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM OLPH MASS LEAGE

5:30 PM † William & Catherine Logan - rb: Judy &
Janet Rogan

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM † Desmond Bailey - rb: Rosanna & Dejah B.
Davila

5:30 PM † Zoila & Evaristo Santos - rb: Celia Santos

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM Neumann Guild

5:30 PM Rosanna Davila - rb: Eneida & Dejah Davila

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

12:15 PM OLPH MASS LEAGE

REMEMBER THE SICK OF THE PARISH

In your prayers, please keep in mind our sick, homebound, and those in healthcare facilities including: Fr. Gerard Brinkmann CSSR, Jennifer Woods, Aelya Farrell, Leonor Alfonso, William Santos, Mia Cassoli, Gail Warren, Matthew Lee, Robert Federico, Shawn Wojciechowicz, Clara Torres, Ada Olivo, John Fairey, Wayne Shaak, Jacob Rivera, Grazyna Kolondra, Michaela Breslin, Jose Dorotan M.D., Rodolfo Suarez, June Ambrose, Minerva and Saulo Pena, Michael Miccilo, Marcelino Casiano, Luz Martines, Juana Ortiz, Collette Berg, Mary Zajac, King Phoenix Santiago Cruz, Charles Ambrose, and Donald Ambrose. *Please call the rectory office to add a name.*

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

On Saturday, February 22, we celebrate a unique day in Church: The Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle, a celebration of

the mission Jesus entrusted to Peter, who would become our first pope.

Reflection: In Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome, visitors are immediately struck by the large alabaster window on the back wall of the apse that depicts the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove. Below the window is an ancient wooden chair, believed to have been used by Saint Peter. In the seventeenth century, that ancient chair was encased in bronze by the famous artist Bernini and then placed above the altar in the apse. Surrounding the chair are statues of four early Doctors of the Church. Two of them represent the Eastern Church: Saint John Chrysostom and St. Athanasius. Two of them represent the Western Church: Saint Ambrose and Saint Augustine. These great saints represent the universality of the Church, both East and West, as well as the unity of their theological teaching with the authority of the Bishop of Rome. Above the chair are two angels jointly holding the triple crown tiara used by the Bishop of Rome, symbolizing that he is the father of kings, governor of the world, and Vicar of Christ. In their other hands, each angel holds a key, symbolizing the authority of the Bishop of Rome in matters of faith and morals.

Today's feast celebrates not only that chair as a precious relic from the time of Saint Peter, it also celebrates all that this chair represents. This feast was formally celebrated in Rome as early as the fourth century, but honor for the supremacy of Saint Peter and his successors was celebrated from the moment Jesus entrusted Peter with his unique mission.

In the Gospel of Matthew 16:13–20, we have the discourse between Jesus and His disciples, which is the basis of today's feast and our belief in the unique and universal authority of Saint Peter and his successors. Jesus asked the disciples, "[W]ho do you say that I am?" Simon responded, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." With that profession of faith, Jesus changed Simon's name to Peter, saying to him, "And I tell you, you are Peter (Petros), and on this rock (petra) I will build my church." "Peter" in Greek is Petros. The Greek word petra means a solid rock formation that is fixed, immovable, and enduring. Therefore, Jesus chose to make Peter a solid, fixed, and immovable foundation of rock on which the Church would be built and endure until the end of time. Jesus went on to tell Peter that He would give him the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven and that whatever he bound and loosed on earth would be bound and loosed in Heaven.

It's interesting to note that immediately after this discourse between Jesus and Peter, Jesus rebukes Peter for giving into fear after Jesus spoke about His impending death. While in the Garden of Gethsemane, on the eve of Jesus' saving Passion, Peter chooses to sleep rather than stay awake and pray with Jesus. Then, after Jesus is arrested, Peter denies three times that he even knows Jesus. God chose a man of weakness and fear to become the rock foundation for the Church. This shows that God's power is not limited by the instruments to whom He entrusts His power.

After Jesus' ascension into Heaven, Peter and the others are filled with the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. After this gift, Peter is more prepared for his mission. He is the first one to go forth courageously to preach the Word of God to the people in Jerusalem. He resolved conflicts within the Church when they arose. He became the first bishop of the newly evangelized city of Antioch and then chose to go to Rome, becoming the first bishop of Rome, where he would die a martyr. However, the death of Saint Peter was not the death of his authority and singular mission. Saint Linus followed him as the second bishop of Rome, and then Saint Cletus, Saint Clement, and so forth until today.

Of the pope's authority, Vatican Councils I and II affirmed that when the pope speaks *Ex Cathedra*, meaning, "From the Chair," he speaks with the authority of Saint Peter who was entrusted with full, supreme, and universal authority to teach and govern. His teaching extends to all matters of faith and morals, and his governance encompasses the entire world. (*Lumen Gentium*, #22). As we ponder the authority and infallibility of the one who sits in the Chair of Saint Peter, try to see this sacred power, given to one weak and sinful man after another, as an act of the love of Christ for His Church. It is the power of Christ and His divine love that makes it possible for these men to shepherd the Church, providing stability, longevity, certitude, and hope. When popes are also saints, we are doubly blessed. When they are not, our Lord still works through them, providing the Church with the ongoing rock foundation it needs to endure all things until the end of time. Pray for the pope today. Pledge your obedience to him when he speaks *Ex Cathedra*, and know that your unity with him ensures your unity with Christ, Who governs through him. (Reflection from <https://mycatholic.life/>)

Blessings,
Fr Mike

WEEKEND COLLECTION - 2/9/2025

Masses	\$2,556.01
Envelopes Mailed - Offerings	\$260.00
Electronic Giving -	\$2,377.00
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Total.....	\$5,193.01
Total 2nd Collection.....	\$1,029.25

THE ROSARY

We invite you to join us each day at 11:55 a.m. in the Shrine as we pray the Rosary for peace. Please come and pray with us.



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SANCTUARY CANDLES

This week, the candles in the sanctuaries will burn for the following intentions:

- Blessed Sacrament Altar (Lower Church)*
Nguyen Family - rb: *Le Nguyen*
- OLPH Shrine (Upper Church)*
Little Family - rb: *Nora Little*
- St. John Neumann Altar*
Nguyen Family - rb: *Le Nguyen*
- Blessed Sacrament Altar (Upper Church)*
Available
Redemptorist Chapel
Available



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH

PRESIDENTS DAY

PLEASE NOTE:
OUR MUSEUM, GIFT SHOP,
RECTORY AND SHRINE OFFICES
WILL BE CLOSED
9:30 AM MASS ONLY, AND NO CONFESSIONS

LA MISA DE HOY

11:00 AM † Isolina & Ramon Cerna – sp: Jenny Almodoba

CONFESIONES EN ESPAÑOL

10:30 AM

DONACIONES DE UNITED WAY

Si usted contribuye a United Way a través de su trabajo, favor considere designar a la **Escuela San Pedro, United Way #52989**, para que su donación ayude a nuestra escuela.

VELA DEL SANTUARIO

Esta semana, las velas de los santuarios se encenderán por las siguientes intenciones:

Altar del Santísimo Sacramento (Iglesia de Abajo)
Familia Nguyen - sp: Le Nguyen
Santuario de Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro
(Iglesia de Arriba)

Familia Little - sp: Nora Little
Altar de San Juan Neumann

Familia Nguyen - sp: Le Nguyen
Altar del Santísimo Sacramento (Iglesia de Arriba)

Disponible
Capilla de los Redentoristas
Disponible

RECORDEMOS A LOS ENFERMOS DE LA PARROQUIA

En sus oraciones, por favor, tenga en cuenta a nuestros enfermos, confinados en casa, y aquellos en los centros de salud, incluyendo: Fr. Gerard Brinkmann CSsR, Jennifer Woods, Aelya Farrell, Leonor Alfonso, William Santos, Mia Cassoli, Gail Warren, Matthew Lee, Robert Federico, Shawn Wojciechowicz, Clara Torres, Ada Olivo, John Fairey, Wayne Shaak, Jacob Rivera, Grazyna Kolondra, Michaela Breslin, Jose Dorotan M.D., Rodolfo Suarez, June Ambrose, Minerva and Saulo Pena, Michael Miccilo, Marcelino Casiano, Luz Martines, Juana Ortiz, Collette Berg, Mary Zajac, King Phoenix Santiago Cruz, Charles Ambrose, y Donald Ambrose. Favor de llamar a la rectoría para incluir un nombre en la lista.

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DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PASTOR

Queridos Feligreses,

El sábado 22 de febrero celebramos un día único en la Iglesia: la fiesta de la Cátedra de San Pedro Apóstol, una celebración de la misión que Jesús confió a Pedro, quien se convertiría en nuestro primer Papa.

Reflexión: En la Basílica de San Pedro en Roma, los visitantes quedan inmediatamente impresionados por la gran ventana de alabastro en la pared posterior del ábside que representa al Espíritu Santo en forma de paloma. Debajo de la ventana hay una antigua silla de madera, que se cree que fue utilizada por San Pedro. En el siglo XVII, esa antigua silla fue revestida en bronce por el famoso artista Bernini y luego colocada sobre el altar en el ábside. Alrededor de la silla hay estatuas de los cuatro primeros Doctores de la Iglesia. Dos de ellos representan a la Iglesia de Oriente: San Juan Crisóstomo y San Atanasio. Dos de ellos representan a la Iglesia de Occidente: San Ambrosio y San Agustín. Estos grandes santos representan la universalidad de la Iglesia, tanto de Oriente como de Occidente, así como la unidad de su enseñanza teológica con la autoridad del Obispo de Roma. Sobre la silla hay dos ángeles que sostienen conjuntamente la tiara de triple corona utilizada por el Obispo de Roma, que simboliza que es el padre de los reyes, gobernador del mundo y Vicario de Cristo. En la otra mano, cada ángel sostiene una llave, que simboliza la autoridad del Obispo de Roma en materia de fe y moral.

La fiesta de hoy no solo celebra esa silla como una reliquia preciosa de la época de San Pedro, sino que también celebra todo lo que esta silla representa. Esta fiesta se celebraba formalmente en Roma ya en el siglo IV, pero el honor por la supremacía de San Pedro y sus sucesores se celebró desde el momento en que Jesús le confió a Pedro su misión única.

En el Evangelio de Mateo 16:13-20, tenemos el discurso entre Jesús y sus discípulos, que es la base de la fiesta de hoy y de nuestra creencia en la autoridad única y universal de San Pedro y sus sucesores. Jesús preguntó a los discípulos: “¿Quién decís que soy yo?”. Simón respondió: “Tú eres el Mesías, el Hijo de Dios vivo”. Con esa profesión de fe, Jesús cambió el nombre de Simón a Pedro, diciéndole: “Y yo te digo que tú eres Pedro (Petros), y sobre esta piedra (petra) edificaré mi iglesia”. “Pedro” en griego es Petros. La palabra griega petra significa una formación rocosa sólida que es fija, inamovible y duradera. Por lo tanto, Jesús eligió hacer de Pedro un fundamento sólido, fijo e inamovible de roca sobre el cual se construiría la Iglesia y perduraría hasta el fin de los tiempos. Jesús continuó diciéndole a Pedro que le daría las llaves del Reino de los Cielos y que todo lo que atara y

desatara en la tierra sería atado y desatado en el Cielo. Es interesante notar que inmediatamente después de este discurso entre Jesús y Pedro, Jesús reprende a Pedro por ceder al miedo después de que Jesús habló sobre su muerte inminente. Mientras estaba en el Huerto de Getsemaní, en vísperas de la Pasión salvadora de Jesús, Pedro elige dormir en lugar de permanecer despierto y orar con Jesús. Luego, después de que Jesús es arrestado, Pedro niega tres veces que lo conozca. Dios eligió a un hombre de debilidad y miedo para convertirse en la piedra angular de la Iglesia. Esto demuestra que el poder de Dios no está limitado por los instrumentos a quienes confía Su poder.

Después de la ascensión de Jesús al cielo, Pedro y los demás son llenos del Espíritu Santo en Pentecostés. Después de este don, Pedro está más preparado para su misión. Es el primero en salir con valentía a predicar la Palabra de Dios al pueblo de Jerusalén. Resolvió los conflictos dentro de la Iglesia cuando surgieron.

Se convirtió en el primer obispo de la ciudad recién evangelizada de Antioquía y luego eligió ir a Roma, convirtiéndose en el primer obispo de Roma, donde moriría como mártir. Sin embargo, la muerte de San Pedro no significó la muerte de su autoridad y de su misión singular. Le sucedió San Lino como segundo obispo de Roma, y después San Cleto, San Clemente, y así sucesivamente hasta hoy.

En cuanto a la autoridad del Papa, los Concilios Vaticanos I y II afirmaron que cuando el Papa habla Ex Cathedra, es decir, “desde la Cátedra”, habla con la autoridad de San Pedro, a quien se le confió la autoridad plena, suprema y universal para enseñar y gobernar. Su enseñanza se extiende a todos los asuntos de fe y moral, y su gobierno abarca el mundo entero (Lumen Gentium, 22). Al reflexionar sobre la autoridad e infalibilidad de quien se sienta en la Cátedra de San Pedro, tratemos de ver este poder sagrado, otorgado a un hombre débil y pecador tras otro, como un acto del amor de Cristo por Su Iglesia. Es el poder de Cristo y Su amor divino lo que hace posible que estos hombres pastoreen la Iglesia, brindándole estabilidad, longevidad, certeza y esperanza. Cuando los Papas también son santos, somos doblemente bendecidos. Cuando no lo son, nuestro Señor sigue trabajando a través de ellos, brindando a la Iglesia la base sólida y permanente que necesita para soportar todas las cosas hasta el fin de los tiempos. Oremos por el Papa hoy. Prométele obediencia cuando habla Ex Cathedra, y sepan que su unidad con él asegura su unidad con Cristo, quien gobierna a través de él. (Reflexión de <https://mycatholic.life/>)

Bendiciones,
Padre Mike



EL ROSARIO

Les invitamos a unirse a nosotros todos los días a las 11:55AM en el Santuario a rezar el Rosario por la paz. Venga y únase a nosotros con el arma espiritual.



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JOIN OUR TEAM

PART-TIME OPEN POSITION

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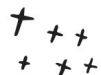
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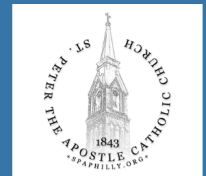
SOUP AND BREAD *Supper*

13 March | Thursday
2025

A SIMPLE SOUP AND BREAD DINNER
WILL BE SERVED
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING 5:30 PM MASS
FROM 6-7:30 PM
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CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!
WE NEED YOUR HELP FOR
OUR ANNUAL SOUP AND
BREAD SUPPER 3/13/25



This soup and bread supper has been a beautiful ongoing tradition since 2018, to help center everyone on Lent and provide fellowship amongst Parishioners. Everyone is welcome to attend and it's FREE, immediately following the 5:30 pm mass on Thursday, 3/13. We need contributions of one or more of the following:

- Soup and bread of any kind
- Paper products
- Water or non-alcoholic beverages
- Volunteers to help serve soup to attendees, set-up or clean-up

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**DOORS OPEN AT: 12:00PM
GAME STARTS AT: 1:00PM**

Ticket sales begin on Sunday, February 2nd in the Atrium after regular Sunday Masses.