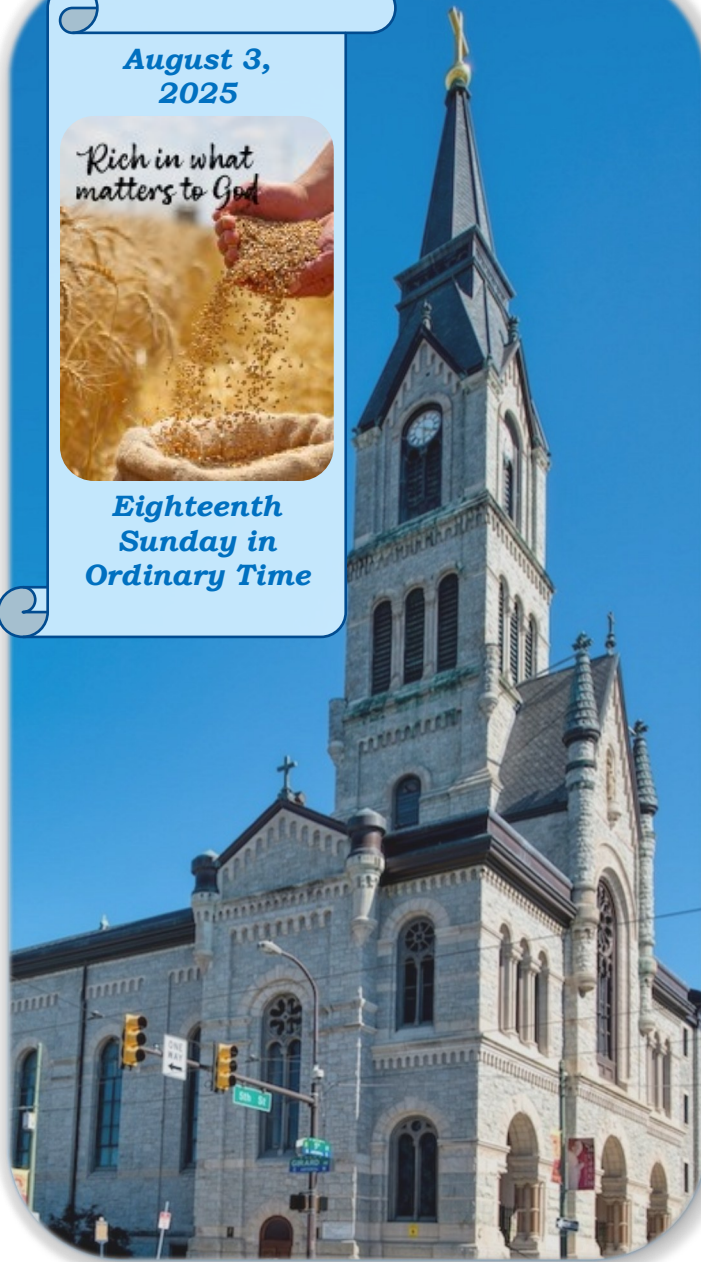


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2025**

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 12:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. (Vigil).

Sunday: 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (Spanish),
12:30 pm

Weekdays: 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 - Friday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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, AUGUST 2

5:30 PM † Dominic & Maria Nguyen - rb: Le Nguyen

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

9:30 AM Parish Family and † Guys & Tessie Pozzi -
rb: Ellen Nuciforo

11:00 AM † Harry Garcia – rb: Magdalena Garcia

12:30 PM † Lois Baj - rb: Carol & Bill

MONDAY, AUGUST 4

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM † Mary & Joseph DeRitis – rb: Lucille DeRitis

5:30 PM † Raymond De los Reyes - rb: Tarcelo &
Marcy De los Reyes and Family

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM † Christina & Stanley Piotrowski – rb: Family

5:30 PM † Eduardito Fernandez & Cecilia Suarez -
rb: Edward & Imelda Fernandez

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM OLPH MASS LEAGUE

5:30 PM † Maria Colon Ayala - rb: Ada Olivo

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM Re Malinowski - rb: Mom

5:30 PM Fr. Peter Linh Nguyen - rb: Tam Vuoung

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM Neumann Guild

5:30 PM † Nidia R. Graulau - rb: Graulau/Davila Family

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

12:15 PM OLPH MASS LEAGUE and † Gennaro
Pellegrini, Jr. - rb: Family & Friends

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, Clara Torres, Ada Olivo, Wayne Shaak, Michaela Breslin, June Ambrose, Marcelino Casiano, Luz Martines, Juana Ortiz, Charles Ambrose, Donald Ambrose, Ann Pham, Richard Simpson, Danielle Sorrichillo, Jack Michael Little, Reinalee Colon, Donna Marie Simpson, Mary Ha, Tanya Rapone, Jane Kernan, Alicia Ann Chomo, Gayle Mulford, Betty Santos, Mary Zajac, Kathy Griffin, Michael Micciola, Jeanette Troutman, and Linda Butter. *Please call the rectory office to add a name.*

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

Just prior to the Transfiguration, Jesus began to reveal to His disciples that He would suffer greatly, be rejected by the elders, be killed and then rise on the third day. This caused much fear for the disciples as they grappled with this unsettling revelation from our Lord. And even though Jesus remained firm with them and even rebuked Peter for his fear, Jesus also gave three of His disciples a very precious gift.

After much traveling, preaching, miracle working and private conversations about His passion with the Twelve, Jesus invited Peter, James and John to go with Him up a high mountain to pray. These disciples most likely had no idea what they would soon encounter. As they made the difficult and arduous journey, their minds must have been pondering not only the mighty deeds done by Jesus in the previous months but also His words about the suffering to come. As they struggled with this, much to their amazement, Jesus “was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white.” Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared before them, representing the Law and the prophets. These two Old Testament figures appeared as a way of saying to these disciples that everything that Jesus was telling them was to take place to fulfill all that had been foretold about Him from of old. Perhaps Jesus thought that if His disciples would not fully listen to Him, then seeing Moses and Elijah would help. But Jesus went even further. The Voice of the Father Himself thundered and said, “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.” Thus, if these disciples would not ultimately listen to Jesus alone, or if even Moses and Elijah failed to convince them, then the last hope was the Father Himself. And Jesus delivered such a grace.

The Transfiguration was a true mercy. These disciples had never seen anything like it before. But it was most likely this act of mercy that ultimately helped them to accept the hard truth that Jesus was trying to teach them about His coming suffering and death. If the Father in Heaven Personally gave

~ Parish News ~

witness to Jesus, then everything that Jesus had said was trustworthy.

As we read through the Gospels and the many teachings God has given us through the Church, think about whether there are some teachings with which you struggle? Or in your own life, on a personal level, are there some things you know God wants of you but you find it difficult to accept? When confusion sets in, that means we are not listening, are not fully hearing what God is saying to us or are not understanding. And though we will not see the Transfigured Lord with our eyes and hear the Voice of the Father with our ears as these three disciples did, we must choose to believe all that God has said as if it were the Transfigured Lord, with Moses and Elijah, and the Father Himself speaking clearly and directly to us. "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Those words were not only spoken for the good of the disciples, they are also spoken to us.

Reflect, today, upon this powerful experience given to these disciples by our Lord. Try to place yourself in the scene so as to witness Jesus transfigured in the most glorious way, with Moses and Elijah and with the thundering Voice of the Father. Allow the Father to speak also to you, telling you that all He has spoken through the Scriptures, the Church and within your own conscience is true. Allow this revelation to convince you on the deepest level to acknowledge not only the divinity of Jesus but also to "Listen to Him" in every way.

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Blessings,
Fr Mike

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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WEEKEND COLLECTION - 7/27/2025

Masses	\$3,379.00
Envelopes Mailed - Offerings	\$209.00
Electronic Giving -	\$1,333.00
Total.....	\$4,921.00
Total 2nd Collection.....	\$1,544.05

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

Good test results for Mary - rb: Family

St. John Neumann Altar

Nguyen Family - rb: Le Nguyen

Blessed Sacrament Altar (Upper Church)

All the faithful departed - rb: Patricia and Raymond Villanueva

Redemptorist Chapel

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LA MISA DE HOY

11:00 AM † Harry Garcia – sp: Magdalena Garcia

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

Buenos resultados para Mary

- rb: Familia

Altar de San Juan Neumann

Familia Nguyen

- sp: Le Nguyen

Altar del Santísimo Sacramento (Iglesia de Arriba)

Fieles almas fallecidas - sp: Patricia y Raymond

Villanueva

Capilla de los Redentoristas

Lorraine Kingsbury Miner

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, Clara Torres, Ada Olivo, Wayne Shaak, Michaela Breslin, June Ambrose, Marcelino Casiano, Luz Martinez, Juana Ortiz, Charles Ambrose, Donald Ambrose, Ann Pham, Richard Simpson, Danielle Sorrichillo, Jack Michael Little, Reinalee Colon, Donna Marie Simpson, Mary Ha, Tanya Rapone, Jane Kernan, Alicia Ann Chomo, Gayle Mulford, Betty Santos, Mary Zajac, Kathy Griffin, Michael Micciola Y Jeanette Troutman. Favor de llamar a la rectoría para incluir un nombre en la lista.



DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PASTOR

Queridos Feligreses,

Justo antes de la Transfiguración, Jesús comenzó a revelar a sus discípulos que sufriría mucho, sería rechazado por los ancianos, moriría y resucitaría al tercer día. Esto causó mucho temor en los discípulos mientras lidiaban con esta inquietante revelación de nuestro Señor. Y aunque Jesús se mantuvo firme con ellos e incluso reprendió a Pedro por su miedo, también les dio a tres de sus discípulos un regalo muy valioso.

Después de muchos viajes, predicaciones, milagros y conversaciones privadas sobre su pasión con los Doce, Jesús invitó a Pedro, Santiago y Juan a subir con él a un monte alto para orar. Estos discípulos probablemente no tenían idea de lo que pronto les esperaba. Durante el difícil y arduo viaje, sus mentes debieron meditar no solo en las obras poderosas de Jesús en los meses anteriores, sino también en sus palabras sobre el sufrimiento venidero. Mientras luchaban con esto, para su asombro, Jesús «se transfiguró ante ellos, y sus vestiduras se volvieron de una blancura resplandeciente». De repente, Moisés y Elías aparecieron ante ellos, representando la Ley y los profetas. Estas dos figuras del Antiguo Testamento aparecieron para decirles a sus discípulos que todo lo que Jesús les decía debía suceder para cumplir todo lo que se había predicho sobre Él desde tiempos antiguos. Quizás Jesús pensó que si sus discípulos no lo escuchaban con atención, ver a Moisés y Elías los ayudaría. Pero Jesús fue aún más allá. La Voz del Padre mismo resonó y dijo: «Este es mi Hijo amado. Escúchenlo». Por lo tanto, si estos discípulos finalmente no escuchaban solo a Jesús, o si ni siquiera Moisés y Elías lograban convencerlos, entonces la última esperanza era el Padre mismo. Y Jesús les otorgó tal gracia.

La Transfiguración fue una verdadera misericordia. Estos discípulos nunca habían visto algo así. Pero probablemente fue este acto de misericordia lo que finalmente los ayudó a aceptar la dura verdad que Jesús intentaba enseñarles sobre su sufrimiento y

muerte venideros. Si el Padre Celestial dio testimonio personal de Jesús, entonces todo lo que Jesús había dicho era confiable.

Al leer los Evangelios y las numerosas enseñanzas que Dios nos ha dado a través de la Iglesia, reflexiona sobre si hay enseñanzas con las que luchas. ¿O en tu propia vida, a nivel personal, hay cosas que sabes que Dios quiere de ti, pero te resulta difícil aceptar? Cuando surge la confusión, significa que no estamos escuchando, no oímos plenamente lo que Dios nos dice o no lo entendemos. Y aunque no veamos al Señor Transfigurado con nuestros ojos ni escuchemos la Voz del Padre con nuestros oídos como lo hicieron estos tres discípulos, debemos elegir creer todo lo que Dios ha dicho como si fuera el Señor Transfigurado, con Moisés y Elías, y el Padre mismo, quien nos habla clara y directamente. «Este es mi Hijo amado. Escúchalo». Esas palabras no solo fueron dichas para el bien de los discípulos, sino también para nosotros.

Reflexiona hoy sobre esta poderosa experiencia que nuestro Señor les dio a estos discípulos. Intenta ponerte en la escena para presenciar a Jesús transfigurado de la manera más gloriosa, con Moisés y Elías y con la resonante Voz del Padre. Permite que el Padre te hable también, diciéndote que todo lo que Él ha dicho a través de las Escrituras, la Iglesia y en tu propia conciencia es verdad. Permite que esta revelación te convenza profundamente de reconocer no solo la divinidad de Jesús, sino también de escucharlo en todo sentido.

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Bendiciones,
Padre Mike

VELA DEL SANTUARIO

Considere encender una vela por sus intenciones, o en memoria de un ser querido. Estas velas se encuentran en el Altar del Santísimo Sacramento, el Santuario de Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro, el Altar de San Juan Neumann, el Altar Principal de la Iglesia de Arriba, y la Capilla de los Sacerdotes. Si usted está interesado, comuníquese con la oficina de la rectoría para más detalles.
Donación: \$20.00 por 2 semanas; \$10 por una semana.



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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Please contact, Sr. Carmen Torres, SHCJ who will be able to review the process with you and answer any questions you may have.

Sr. Carmen can be reached by phone at **215-625-9755** or by email: Saintpeterpa@gmail.com

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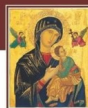
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Por favor, contacte con la Hna. Carmen Torres, SHCJ, quien podrá repasar el proceso con usted y responder a cualquier pregunta que pueda tener.

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12:15 pm | 5:30 pm

SUNDAY

DOMINGO

UPPER CHURCH

IGLESIA SUPERIOR

9:30 am | 11:00 am (Spanish/Español) | 12:30 pm



Beginning Monday, June 16, 2025
A partir del Lunes 16 de Junio de 2025