

St. Jerome R.C. Church

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June 29 2025

The Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul

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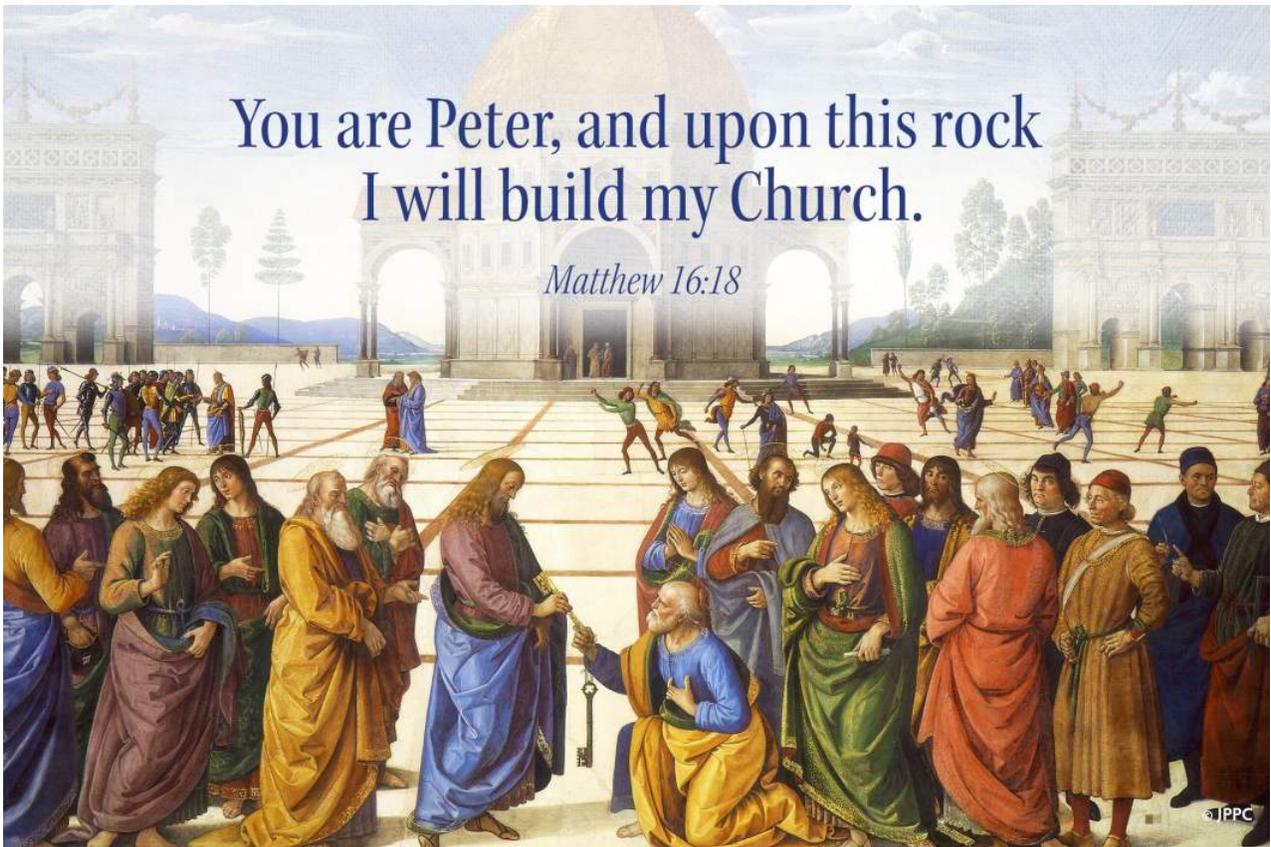
9:00AM – 12:30 PM

1:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Saturday & Sunday: Closed

You are Peter, and upon this rock
I will build my Church.

Matthew 16:18



PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JUNE 29TH, 2025

- 7:30 AM LOWER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE
Repos de l'ame de Jean Valentin Thelamour
- 10:00 AM UPPER CHURCH– ENGLISH MASS
Repose of the soul of Yvonne Floris
- 11:00 AM LOWER CHURCH – MISA ESPANOL
Por el descanso del alma de Marta Betty Acuña
- 1:00 PM UPPER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE
Repos de l'ame de Willy Sica

MONDAY, JUNE 30TH, 2025

- 7:30 AM For the repose of the soul of Marta Betty Acuña
- 9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

TUESDAY, JULY 1ST, 2025

- 7:30 PM For the repose of the soul of Marta Betty Acuña
- 9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2ND, 2025

- 7:30 AM Thanksgiving to God in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Dessa Shepherd
- 9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

THURSDAY, JULY 3RD, 2025

- 7:30 AM For the repose of the soul of Marta Betty Acuña
- 9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

FRIDAY, JULY 4TH, 2025

- 7:30 AM For the repose of the soul of Marta Betty Acuña
- 9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JULY 5TH, 2025

- 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of Marta Betty Acuña
- 9:00 AM Action de grace a Dieu pour ses bienfaits pour Sonia Celestin



MASS INTENTIONS

We invite all parishioners to consider requesting a daily Mass for their intentions.

The Mass is the highest form of thanksgiving, whether you're celebrating an anniversary, expressing gratitude for healing or blessings, or praying for loved ones who have passed. It is always a meaningful way to honor these intentions within the Mass.

Monthly Intentions for 2025

June: *That the world might grow in compassion*

Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO HAVE RECENTLY DEPARTED ESPECIALLY:

Joseph Fatal



SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL APOSTLES

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our experience is rife with “Top Ten” lists of all kinds. Today our Church asks us to focus instead on the “Top Two” of the “Top Twelve” male saints, namely Peter and Paul. The two men have been linked together for some time, as this feast was established way back in the year 258 A.D.

One of them, Peter, is the greatest Prince of the Apostles and our first pope. The other, Paul, is our greatest Preacher and consequently the Apostle to the Gentiles. So, we celebrate both men. (Of course, Blessed Mary, Our Lady, tops the list of both genders of saints.)

For our appreciation of both men, it is helpful to know that neither one was perfect. Peter had not only argued with Jesus on two occasions, forcing Him to call Peter in one instance as “Satan.” Add to that a bitter denial of Jesus on the very night Jesus most needed Peter’s loyalty.

Paul, on the other hand, had been a dedicated Pharisee persecutor of the early Church. So much so that, as Bishop Sheen once remarked: “If the early Church had a novena, it would have been to ask the Lord to stop Saul. And God answered, ‘All right I shall send Paul!’”

We know that Paul was literally knocked to the ground, only to rise later to become our greatest missionary. He suffered all kinds of setbacks for his efforts but never yielded until he had “run the race.” as he himself described it. Both men were martyred in Rome somewhere in the 60s A.D. before the fall of the Temple by Rome in 70 A.D.

The main message of both their lives is that awesome power of God to change sinners into saints. Do we believe that God can do that with us? It seems like all we must do for that to happen is for us to get out of His way and let Him. That means stepping aside from ego, pride and sin.

In closing, consider the kite flyer. He must take in hand the string of his kite and run until the kite lifts into the sky. But he will not reach his goal of flying a kite if there is no wind. Every kite flyer knows this. But note that kites do not rise with the wind but rise against it. So, it is with trials. The Christian will not ascend to patience and maturity unless he ascends against trials. Do trials make you soar above, or just plain sore?

Saints Peter and Paul, pray for us.

MASS ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY, JUNE 22ND, 2025

<u>Mass Time:</u>	<u>Number Of attendees:</u>
5:00 PM VIGIL MASS	40
7:30 AM CREOLE MASS	272
11:00 AM TRILINGUAL MASS	275

Readings for the Week – June 29TH, 2025

Monday Gen 18:16-33 Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11 Mt 8:18-22 **Tuesday** Gen 19:15-29 Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12 Mt 8:23-27 **Wednesday** Gen 21:5, 8-20a Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Mt 8:28-34 **Thursday** Eph 2:19-22 Ps 117:1bc-2 Jn 20:24-29 **Friday** Gen 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67 Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5 Mt 9:9-13 **Saturday** Gen 27:1-5, 15-29 Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 9:14-17 **Sunday** Is 66:10-14c Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 Gal 6:14-18 Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9



The Rectory office will be closed on **Friday, July 4th, 2025** in observance of Independence Day.

Peter's Pence & Vatican Contribution

This week our Diocese will take up the Peter's Pence & Vatican Contribution Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Join our Holy Father as a witness of charity to those who are suffering.



Catholic Appeal 2025

This year, we ask you to be a witness of faith and a messenger of hope. By participating in the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal, you are answering God's call to be an instrument of His love.

Our parish goal for the Annual Catholic Appeal is \$48,400. Every dollar raised beyond this amount will come directly back to support our parish. We thank those who have made a pledge to support the appeal. We invite everyone to consider making a pledge or a one-time gift. Remember that the well-being of the church is the responsibility of all of us together. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our parish community.

VOCATION

"You give them something to eat." Do these words of Christ challenge you to give your all for Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

NEW MASS SCHEDULE

Starting July 6, 2025, all Masses will be celebrated in the Upper Church. The new Mass schedule will be as follows:

7:30 AM – Creole
9:45 AM – English
11:15 AM – Spanish
1:00 PM – Creole

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Children from 1st grade to 8th grade attending public School are to be registered in our parish religious education program to be educated in the faith. They will receive the sacraments when they are ready in 2nd grade for First Communion, and in 8th grade for Confirmation. Please contact Mrs. Rosey Gilbert, the faith formation director, the rectory via phone at 718-462-0223 or email at faithformation@stjeromercchurch.org. You can also register online at: www.givecentral.org/stjb-ff

Any youth or adults who have not received the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion, and Confirmation, or who was Baptized but has never received the sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation should register in the RCIC or RCIA. Please Contact Mrs. Rosey Gilbert or the rectory for more information.

ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?

To better serve you as a parishioner, we kindly ask that you register your family with the parish. Attendance at Mass does not automatically imply registration. Registration is necessary for fulfilling Baptism requests, arranging weddings, Mass, or obtaining a Sacramental sponsor certificate. To register, please visit the rectory.

PRAY for the SICK

Please pray for the sick & those that care for them

- Yvrose Auguste
- Giselle Beausoleil
- Agatha Bristow
- Georgette Charles
- Melroy Daniel
- Umatile Pierre
- George Farid Puzo
- Herma Farrell
- Jean Harbin
- Ghenane Herbert
- Andre Innocent
- Amina Joseph
- Mr. and Mrs. Nayel Birotte
- Fleurisca Lexius
- Dennese Reddie-Fraser
- T Perard
- Rosalind Wahab

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Parish Youth Appreciation

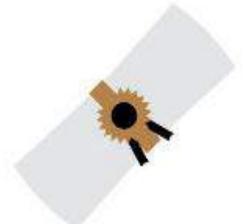
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parishioners!

Join us for a special Youth
Appreciation Day as we honor the
youth and graduate of our parish.

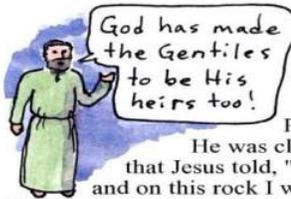
Let's come to celebrate their
achievements and show our support
for their bright futures.

SUNDAY, JUNE 29TH, 2025
IN THE GYMNASIUM AT 3PM

Come and show your support
as we bless this new chapter
in the lives of our youth!
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Peter and Paul



Today we are celebrating the feast of Saints Peter and Paul. They are such important saints that their feast day takes the place of the usual Sunday. Saint Peter was the chief of the Apostles.

He was close to Our Lord, and the only one that Jesus told, "you are Peter (which means rock) and on this rock I will build my Church..." Saint Peter had a hard time accepting that Jesus had to die, and he also denied Jesus. But he was sorry afterward and became a strong leader for the disciples after Jesus went back into Heaven. Saint Peter was the Church's first pope.

Saint Paul was a Jew who at first was against the Christians. He even helped to persecute them. But then Jesus appeared to him and Paul became a Christian and a great preacher. His mission was to preach to the Gentiles, the people who didn't know about God or His promises. He wrote many letters that are now part of the Bible.

Both Saint Peter and Saint Paul preached and taught about Jesus and brought the Faith to many people and places. But the Roman government did not like the Christians. The emperor Nero began killing the Christians, and among those killed were Peter and Paul. Their deaths didn't stop the Church from growing, though. When people die for God it brings even more grace into the Church.

Today we should thank God for sending us these great saints, and we can also pray that we will help to spread the Faith.

Answers to True or False: 1. True 2. False 3. True 4. False 5. True 6. True 7. True

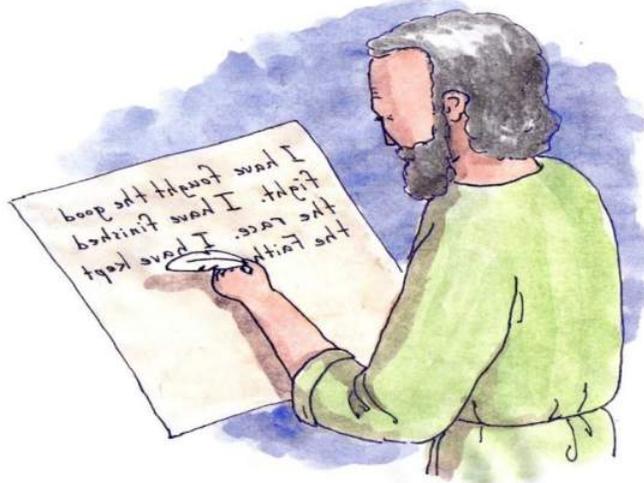
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You are Peter...



The Kids' Bulletin

Saints Peter and Paul
June 29th, 2025



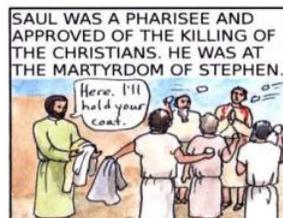
Today is the feast day of Saints Peter and Paul. Today's second reading is part of a letter Saint Paul wrote shortly before he was martyred. What did he say? Look at the picture in the mirror to find out!

Saint Paul the Apostle

June 29

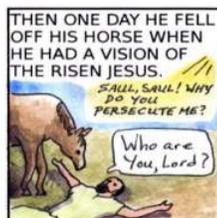


SAUL WAS A JEW WHO WAS ALSO A ROMAN CITIZEN. HE WAS BORN AROUND THE TIME OF OUR LORD, AND WAS TRAINED AS A TENT MAKER.



SAUL WAS A PHARISEE AND APPROVED OF THE KILLING OF THE CHRISTIANS. HE WAS AT THE MARTYRDOM OF STEPHEN.

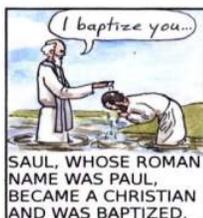
Here, I'll hold your coat.



THEN ONE DAY HE FELL OFF HIS HORSE WHEN HE HAD A VISION OF THE RISEN JESUS.

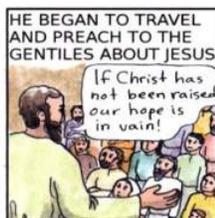
SAUL, SAUL! WHY DO YOU PERSECUTE ME?

Who are You, Lord?



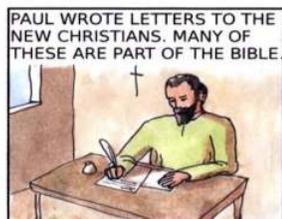
I baptize you...

SAUL, WHOSE ROMAN NAME WAS PAUL, BECAME A CHRISTIAN AND WAS BAPTIZED.



HE BEGAN TO TRAVEL AND PREACH TO THE GENTILES ABOUT JESUS

If Christ has not been raised our hope is in vain!



PAUL WROTE LETTERS TO THE NEW CHRISTIANS. MANY OF THESE ARE PART OF THE BIBLE.



PAUL WORKED TIRELESSLY AND SUFFERED FROM SHIPWRECK, IMPRISONMENT AND SICKNESS. HE WAS MARTYRED NEAR ROME WHEN HE WAS 68 YEARS OLD.

SAINT PAUL IS CALLED "THE APOSTLE TO THE GENTILES." BEFORE HE BEGAN TO TEACH THE PAGANS, MANY PEOPLE BELIEVED THAT ONLY THE JEWS COULD BE SAVED FROM THEIR SINS AND GO TO HEAVEN. BUT SAINT PAUL KNEW THAT GOD WANTED EVERYONE TO BE PART OF HIS CHURCH.

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True or False: Who Knows Who Jesus Is?

Jesus asked His disciples "Who do men say that the Son of man is?" See if you know how they responded.

1. The apostles said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." True or False?
2. The apostles said, "Some say Methuselah, others say Barnabas, and still others say Solomon." True or False?
3. Then Jesus asked the disciples Who THEY thought He was. True or False?
4. Peter said, "You are John the Baptist resurrected from the dead!" True or False?
5. Peter said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." True or False?
6. Jesus told Peter that the Father in Heaven had told him Who He was. True or False?
7. Jesus said to Peter, "...you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hell will not prevail against it." True or False?



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