


Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church



**Those who use the things
of the world should not
become attached to them.
For this world as we
know it will soon
pass away.**

1 Corinthians 7:31 NLT

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 21, 2024

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ABOUT OUR PARISH

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday
5:00 p.m.

Sunday
7:00 a.m.
8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon	No Mass
Tue	8:00 a.m.
Wed	6:30 p.m.
Thu	8:00 a.m.
Fri	8:00 a.m.

HOLY DAY MASSES

Vigil and Holy Day Mass times vary; please see bulletin or website

SPECIAL DEVOTIONS

Tuesday: St. Jude Novena following
8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday: Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Novena following 8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday: Patriotic Rosary in Church
6:30 p.m.

First Friday: The Most Blessed Sacrament
and Eucharistic Adoration following 8:00 a.m.
Mass until 5:00 p.m. closing
with Benediction

First Saturday: Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed
by the Rosary and Confession

RECONCILIATION

Sat	4:00-4:45 p.m.
Wed	6:00-6:15 p.m.
Or by request	

YOUR CLERGY

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Parish Mission Statement

It is the mission of our Church Parish to follow the commands of Jesus to Saints Peter and Paul: "Feed My sheep" and "Carry My name among the nations."

REGISTER

If you are new to the parish, we invite you to register by filling out a form located in the holder at the Church entrances and place it in the collection basket or come by the office.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Usually the third Sunday of the month (except during Lent) following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please call for registration forms at least **three weeks** in advance.

Matrimony

By appointment with the parish priest or deacon at least **six months** in advance. No other arrangements should be made before contacting the priest.

Anointing of the Sick

Upon request for the seriously ill, infirm and those undergoing major surgery. Please contact the Church Office when someone is homebound or hospitalized and in need of the sacrament.

Communion for Ill/Shut-In

Please call the Church Office if you know of anyone who would benefit from this ministry.

Funerals

Families should contact the priest (office) before making arrangements.

WEEKLY EVENTS

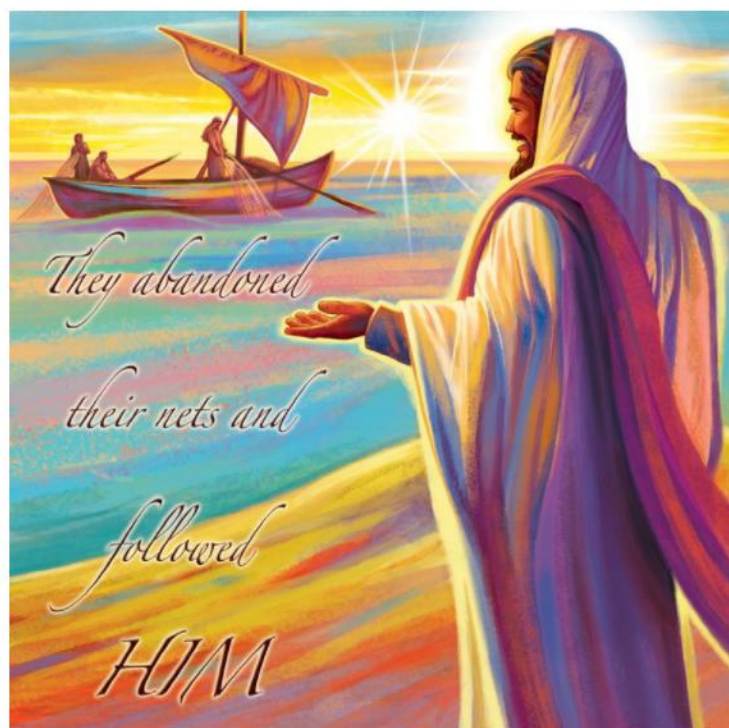
Tuesday Morning Rosary—Tuesday after 8:00 a.m. Mass and St. Jude Novena in Parish Hall

RCIA Tracks I & II—Tuesday 6:30 p.m. in classrooms

Legion of Mary—Thursday 10:00 a.m. St. Anthony Hall

Patriotic Rosary—Thursday 6:30 p.m. in church

PSR—Sunday begins with 8:30 a.m. Mass



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 22

(2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Mk 3:22-30)

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, January 23

(2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35)

8:00 a.m. Debra Goodey†

Wednesday, January 24

(2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, January 25

(Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18)

8:00 a.m. Margaret M. Laughlin

Friday, January 26

(2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 4:26-34)

8:00 a.m. William R. Wahl, Sr.†

Saturday, January 27

(2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41)

5:00 p.m. Joseph D'Antoni, Jr.†, Roszczynialski/Stottman Family, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Lee & Yvonne Tracey†, Ken & Adele Salzer†, Danny Ragsa, Sr.†, Sarah Stokes, Eleanor Strickland, Stephen Benson, Lawrence Otilio†, Robert Jenevein†, Joseph Jenevein†, Camila Dest

Sunday, January 28

(Dt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28)

7:00 a.m. Cathy Downey

8:30 a.m. Deacon Pat Downey†, Dan Jocks†, CJ Lightell†, JC Spiers†, Hazel Guidry†, Gloria Corro†, Emmett & Susan Mercier, Jim & Eydie Richmond, Camila Dest, Greg & Madonna McDonald, Wally & Pam Newberry, Glen Parker†

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

PRAY FOR THE SICK



Audrey Bonnet, May Caballero, Diana Bradshaw, Mary Salzer Brown, Elizabeth Kittel, Zachary Cresson, Patricia Cuccia, Kathy Johnson, Ed Roszczynialski, Norris Ripp, Bunny Shriver, Mary Ware, Ryan Ware, Lily Jorns, Dalin Davis, Maria Kalcic, Beverly Cosse, Lou Lou Battle, Fay Vogt, I&J Landry, Steve Dunn, Joann Brewin, Vivian Sedgebeer, Romana Smith, Joseph Decaro, Barbara Galino Gonzales, Isaiah Deblanc, Donald Paul & Larry Dickerson, Lois Leonard, Bobbie Rose Frierson, Shirley Matthews, Jim Richmond, Catherine Lambert, Ed & Carol Wallace, Frederick Songy, Sue Miller, Molly Hymel, Lucy Reese, Brenda Dehm

PARISH ROSARY PROGRAM



Weekly Rosaries: 304

Year to Date: 636



POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR JANUARY

We pray the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.



ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the Altar were donated in memory of

Yvonne Tracey

LENTEN MISSION



Deacon Reginald Seymour will host the Altar Society Lenten breakfast on Saturday, February 17, 2024 beginning with mass at 8:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome. The cost is only \$5.00, but you must register by Friday, February 9, 2024 so that enough food may be purchased and prepared. Call the office at 985-863-7935 to register.



Above: St. Michael Entrance

Below: Bronze doors to cave of St. Michael

— JANUARY IS THE MONTH OF — *The Holy Name of Jesus*

"BUT THE ONE NAME THAT CONTAINS EVERYTHING IS THE ONE THAT THE SON OF GOD RECEIVED IN HIS INCARNATION: JESUS."
CCC #2666

"THE INVOCATION OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS IS THE SIMPLEST WAY OF PRAYING ALWAYS. WHEN THE HOLY NAME IS REPEATED OFTEN BY A HUMBLY ATTENTIVE HEART, THE PRAYER... HOLDS FAST TO THE WORD AND BRINGS FORTH FRUIT WITH PATIENCE."
CCC #2668

IHS

"THEREFORE GOD HAS HIGHLY EXALTED HIM AND BESTOWED ON HIM THE NAME WHICH IS ABOVE EVERY NAME, THAT AT THE NAME OF JESUS EVERY KNEE SHOULD BOW, IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH AND UNDER THE EARTH, AND EVERY TONGUE CONFESS THAT JESUS CHRIST IS LORD, TO THE GLORY OF GOD THE FATHER."
PHILIPPIANS 2:9-11

IDEAS TO INCREASE YOUR DEVOTION:

CHANGE YOUR PHONE WALLPAPER TO THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

PRAY THE LITANY OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

WHEN YOU HEAR SOMEONE TAKE THE LORD'S NAME IN VAIN, PRAY THE PRAYER FROM CCC #2667 "LORD JESUS CHRIST, SON OF GOD, HAVE MERCY ON US SINNERS."

SAY THE: "GOLDEN ARROW PRAYER"

LISTEN TO A PLAYLIST OF WORSHIP MUSIC

MEDITATE ON PHILIPPIANS 2:9-11



ITALY PILGRIMAGE DAY 7 SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO AND THE CAVE OF ST MICHAEL (PART TWO)



PASTOR'S CORNER

After we visited San Giovanni Rotondo we had a stunning view of the Gargano Peninsula as we traveled to the Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel. Saints, popes, and people from all over have come there looking for the protection and intercession of St. Michael. This sight is very interesting. The first apparition of St Michael on this sight was around the year 490. A wealthy land owner had lost one of his best bulls, he found it, after a long search, kneeling on top of a mountain before a cave entrance. The man out of anger at his bull, shot an arrow at it to get its attention, however, the arrow unexpectedly hit his foot instead. There was no way that an arrow shot from a bow could have hit himself in a normal way when it was pointed away from himself, so this shook the man up enough to make him bring this to the bishop's attention. Hearing about this extraordinary event, the bishop ordered three days of fast and prayer to discern what was happening. After this time the Archangel Michael appeared to the bishop and said to him, "I am the Archangel Michael, and am always in the presence of God. The cave is sacred to me, I have chosen it; I myself am its watchful custodian... Where there the rock opens wide the sins of men can be forgiven... What is asked for here in prayer will be granted. Therefore, go to the mountain and dedicate the grotto to the Christian religion."

Unfortunately, the bishop hesitated to do what was asked at first because the mountain was hard to access because of how high it was and it had been a place of pagan worship in the past.

Two years later in what is known as the Victory Episode' a vastly outnumbered and besieged town of Siponto was at the point of surrender. The bishop, Saint Lawrence, obtained a three-day truce and turned to the Celestial Leader with faith, prayer and penance. At the end of the three days, the Archangel appeared to the bishop and foretold a complete victory. This message filled the besiegeds' hearts with confidence. The defenders left the town and fought a furious battle accompanied by thunderbolts and lightning of extraordinary intensity. The victory of the people of the town of Siponto was complete with the extermination of the enemy.

After this victory, in what is known as the dedication episode, the Bishop Lawrence decided to consecrate the cave to St Michael, however, St Michael appeared to him and told him that he had already consecrated the grotto. So the bishop of Siponto, along with several other bishops, clergy and laity decided to go and dedicate the grotto to St Michael. As they traveled in procession to the holy place, a number of eagles flew overhead and shielded the group from the rays of the sun with their outstretched wings. When they arrived at the grotto they found that a primitive altar had already been erected and was covered with an altar cloth and surmounted by a cross. They also found the footprints of St Michael imbedded in the rock. The grotto itself is the only place of worship not consecrated by human hands and over the centuries has received the title of Celestial Basilica.

So having told the story of this magnificent place, it is important to what we saw. Since the dedication of the Grotto, a city has risen up around the grotto. There is a church entrance built of stone with a large stone bell tower. The front door is a bronze depiction of the events I just told about. There is so much to see inside that it is overwhelming. There is a burial temple dedicated to the virgin and child. There are paintings covering many of the walls dating back hundreds of years. There is an Angevin Nave with a Baroque altar of St Joseph, parts of which date back to the year 800 A.D. There is an altar dedicated to St Francis who visited the shrine in 1216. There is also a side altar with a piece of the true cross in an elaborate reliquary. Around the altar are several relics of saints, more than a few saintly bishops are contained as well. There are many statues of St Michael throughout the shrine.

There are many side altars around the campus of the shrine. Down in the lower part of the cave is a reconciliation chapel carved into stone with a crucifix and paintings on the wall. The reconciliation rooms are wooden with wooden benches and kneelers.

The most striking piece of the whole place is the St Michael Grotto. It is a unique spectacle of its kind, which unfolds before your eyes. The grotto, with its irregular rocky vault ceiling, has received millions of pilgrims over the centuries, as well as, where many sinners have received forgiveness. Here each visitor feels like the prodigal son who goes back to his father's house, led and protected by Saint Michael.

The interior of this grotto, not consecrated by human hands gives witness to its centuries-old history by its various elements. This grotto is in the interior of a cave so you can see the natural rock formations of the cave with the simple altar made of stone, the one St Michael erected, and stone carved railings around it with a statue of St Michael behind the altar. There are statues of St Sebastian, a bas-relief of the Most Holy Trinity and a depiction of the Blessed Mother. There is also a bishop's throne carved out of rock. There is a bronze ambo with images of the Gospel writers. The candelabra are bronze made to look like branches or vines. The crucifix is an icon style painting as done in the Eastern Orthodox tradition.

There was truly so much to see here that we missed a few places. I only found this out afterwards because I had purchased a book that is a guide to the shrine and saw a few things I did not see while reviewing the book. Overall this was a wonderful and holy place to visit.

Afterward, we traveled to Rome for dinner and overnight accommodations at our hotel.



Chapel of Confessions



Grotto



Grotto and Altar



Side Altar of St. Joseph



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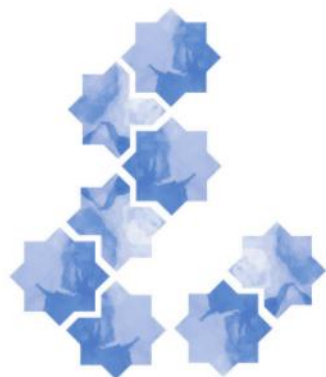
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