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June 29, 2025 • Solemnity of Saint Peter & Saint Paul, Apostles



*Saint Peter and Saint Paul* by El Greco, Hermitage Museum, St. Petersburg, Russia

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**Saturday Evening Mass of Anticipation**

4:00 PM Public

**Sunday Masses**

8:00 AM Public

10:00 AM Public & Livestream

11:45 AM Public

5:00 PM Public

**Weekday Masses**

7:30 AM Public

12:05 PM Public & Livestream

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 11:15 to 11:45 AM

Saturday 3:15 to 3:45 PM

**Christmas in July 2025**



Father Gaby Noel, pastor of the St. Genevieve Parish our sister Parish in Haiti, frequently expresses his profound appreciation for our support for his community. He recently emphasized how essential our support is in maintaining

hope in Zoranje, hope in the face of the constant threat of gang violence and their very uncertain future. In the words of Father Gaby, *"Thanks to your support, it makes it financially easier for parents to send their children to school knowing they will be fed in the cafeteria and receive an education important to their children's future. People can get some medical help when they are sick.*

*During these difficult economic and threatening times, paying the 28 teachers and part-time instructors provides a financial incentive for these educators to remain teaching in our school."*

The average monthly teacher salary beginning in September is equivalent to \$100/month. Will you consider supporting the cost for teacher salaries this coming school year. Our Sister Parish



Committee recognizes the challenge for us to maintain this support. Please help us during the upcoming "Christmas in July" fundraising campaign to keep the spirit of hope alive and support our brothers and sisters in so much need.

In the words of St. Paul: "Hope does not disappoint us."



To make a donation, please drop a check in the basket made out to SPSA-Sister Parish (put Christmas in July on the memo line) or to give online, scan the QR code or go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Donate-xmas-in-july-2025>.



**HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY**

**MASS AT 9:00 AM  
No 7:30 AM OR 12:05 PM**

**OFFICE CLOSED**

# The Pastor's Corner

June 29, 2025

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Apostles. Every Sunday in the month of June this year has been a solemnity, the highest level or rank in the Church's liturgical calendar. Next week's return to true Ordinary Time as the 14th Sunday of the Year will seem to pale in comparison to these special Sundays of June.

However, it's always a pleasant and somewhat uplifting experience to celebrate a special feast day on a Sunday when a larger portion of the parish community gathers together. Additionally, the papal transition we have experienced over the past few months makes it even more appropriate to celebrate the two great saints of Rome, Peter and Paul.

Pope Leo XIV has already visited the four major basilicas in Rome, including St. Paul Outside the Walls where Paul's remains are buried. He also visited St. Mary Major where the remains of his predecessor, Pope Francis, are buried.

If you have ever visited Rome you know how much the presence of Saints Peter and Paul pervades the Eternal City. Just as the two gigantic marble statues of Peter and Paul stand in the piazza of St. Peter's Basilica, their aura looms over everything you see. Go into Santa Maria del Popolo to view Caravaggio's dramatic renderings



of Peter's upside-down crucifixion, and Paul's fall from his horse at the moment of his conversion. This is a moment you will never forget!



Both Peter and Paul were martyred by Emperor Nero, perhaps around the year 67. Unlike Peter, Paul was a Roman citizen, which gave him the right to a trial and, when he was convicted, to a quick execution.

There is a legend that the city of Rome was founded by two brothers, Romulus and Remus, who were raised by wolves. Peter and Paul came to be called the new founders of Rome.



Although these two were very different in temperament and talent, they shared a great bond, having been called forth from Jesus's love. Their improbable rise to leadership roles in the infant church reminds

us that anything is possible with God, who gives us the ability to use our gifts for the spread of the Gospel in the world around us, even with all our weakness and sinfulness.

Today, let us pray especially for Pope Leo as he takes on the mantle of leadership for the Church. His role as a symbol of unity for the Christian world is more important than ever. May the good work which God has begun in him be brought to completion!

Blessings on your week ahead!

*Fr. Tim Shreenan, OFM*  
Fr. Tim Shreenan, O.F.M.  
Pastor

## Join Us This Week

**Group Spiritual Reflection: Zoom Meetings: Every Tuesdays.** Next meeting: July, 1 2025 from 12:30 to 1:30 PM. All are welcome! Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Tues-Spirit-Grp> to register and receive the Zoom Link.

**In Quiet Prayer** will meet on Wednesdays from 7:30-8:00 AM in September.

**People of Hope** will meet on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. in September

**Divine Reading: Wednesday, July 2, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Franciscan Center.** Please consider joining us for “lectio divina” (divine reading.) If you haven’t tried it yet, please do! The process is simple and will be explained each time, and sharing is welcome, but optional. Note: Last meeting til September.

## Daily Mass Readings



Monday, June 30	Gen 12:1-9; Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday, July 1	Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80
Wednesday, July 2	Gen 15:1-12, 17-18; Mt 7:15-20
Thursday, July 3	Gen 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16; Mt 7:21-29
Friday, July 4	Ez 34:11-16; Rom 5:5b-11; Lk 15:3-7
Sunday, July 6	Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 2; Tm 4:6-8, 17-18 Mt 16:13-19

Go to <http://www.usccb.org/> for readings online.

## Sister Parish: Call to Action

The Sister Parish is asking for your help in getting support and co-sponsorship for a Bipartisan bill. The bill will sanction those responsible for arming and funding the gangs in Haiti.



Please contact your Representatives and ask them to Support and Co-Sponsor the Haiti Criminal Collusion Transparency Act (HR2643, S1854). Thank you.

Access more information and quick contact links to your legislators by scanning the QR code above or at this link: <https://quixote.org/action#/19>.



2nd Collection June 28/29 *Be a sign of mercy.*

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**Peter's Pence Collection**

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## Servant Leadership



So, what's all the buzz about Servant Leadership? Don't those two words seem contradictory? How can someone be a servant and a leader at the same time? We are all set to provide the answers to your burning questions by offering a two-session “Come and See” workshop.

**SAVE THE DATES:** July 23 and July 30. Sessions will be held from 12:45-2:15 PM and 6:30-8:00 PM.

**2025-26** **YOUTH FAITH FORMATION AT ST. PATRICK - ST. ANTHONY** **REGISTER NOW**

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Scan the QR code or go to <https://bit.ly/SPSA-FF-registration-2025-26>

## Women of Hope Ministry

Are you in need of inspiration and HOPE?

The Leadership Conference of Women Religious published a statement in January responding to the difficult and challenging realities of today. The statement witnesses to the convictions of faith and the advocacy to which Sisters have committed themselves. The tone of their words is one of courage, determination, and wisdom. They know their own truth as women religious and speak that truth to the prevailing political environment.

Here is the second section from the LCWR's Statement for your own reflection:

*What we are witnessing in society today goes against the principles that we, as Catholic sisters, have labored for centuries to nurture and protect. Recalling these beliefs is an important exercise for us as we are confronted with rhetoric that urges us to change course and actions that oppose our principles. These values, around which we have spoken publicly and that have guided our lives, include:*

- *The belief in the inherent right to life of all human beings and the dignity of each life*
- *The commitment to the Gospel demands of love, welcome, and care for all people, especially those who are most vulnerable*
- *The duty to welcome immigrants and provide care and aid to all in our land, while insisting on comprehensive immigration reform*
- *The responsibility to stand against violence in all its forms*
- *The commitment to dismantle systemic racism*
- *The belief that care of our planet Earth requires our attention and action*
- *Respect for the journey of all persons into the wholeness of their humanness*
- *The work to alleviate poverty in all forms*

*Staying steadfast to these principles in the face of powerful forces working towards contrary purposes may be one of the hardest challenges we will encounter – collectively and individually. The efforts to be the face of compassion and hope amid actions that create chaos and fear will not be easy. This is a time when we will need one another, and a time when we can lend our voices and our support to many of the organizations and people of faith who are laboring to bear witness to the dignity of each person.*

## Baptism This Weekend

Charles Alexander  
child of

Oanh and Robert Bamford

Celebrated by Fr. Michael Johnson, O.F.M.

## THE DIGNITY INDEX

### Building a Culture of Dignity

Thursday, July 10 at 12:45-1:45 p.m. and 6:30-7:30 PM.

Have you experienced first-hand or witnessed within your school, workplace, family or community, the use of language which divides us one from another? Perhaps you've seen up close the divisions created when people are treated harshly, sometimes with contempt. One attempt to reverse this negative impact upon our lives involves adopting "The Dignity Index." Placing DIGNITY at the heart of our conversations, in-person or on social media, can be a choice to build back our humanity.

JOIN US on Thursday, July 10 to learn about this tool and hear observations from folks using this Index in their lives.

Participation in the first session is not a pre-requisite to attend this July gathering – Come & Learn!

**Together let's make this CHOICE** away from judgment and dehumanizing language.

Let us **respond to the CALL** to a different way... one which affirms the humanity of all.

Visit the website [www.dignity.us](http://www.dignity.us) to discover informative resources – check it out!

*Co-facilitators: Elaine Wiatr and Pat Curtis*

Please register here <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Dignity-Reg> and then email Pat to let her know which session you plan to attend at [pcurtis@spsact.org](mailto:pcurtis@spsact.org).



**Beach Mass** JOIN US FOR MASS & A DAY AT THE BEACH

HAMMONASSET BEACH STATE PARK, PAVILION 3  
JULY 20, 2025 AT 10:00 AM!

[spsact.org/mass-at-beach-2025](https://spsact.org/mass-at-beach-2025)  
Start the day with Mass, pack your picnic, and relax for a wonderful day enjoying community with family, friends, and the beach!

# THANK YOU

## Weekly Offering Update

06/15/2025: \$19,238.73

06/22/2025: \$14,602.73

## 2025 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

Parish Goal: \$115,000.00

Total Donations: \$81,322.40

The 2025 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, Trust in the Lord presents each of us with the opportunity to give back to the Lord by helping those in need. Thank you for your support of this year's Appeal and please pray for its success – so many are counting on us! If you have not yet made your 2025 Appeal pledge please join your fellow parishioners and make a gift today by returning the pledge card mailed to you. *Please respond as generously as your means allow.* To donate please go to <https://appeal.archdioceseofhartford.org/donations/> or scan the QR Code.

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/> No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.



07/7-11 WEEKDAYS

## MUSIC & ART CAMP FOR CHILDREN

Holy Family Retreat Center, 303 Tunxis Rd, West Hartford

Students entering grades 3 through 8 are invited to participate in an exciting week of various activities related to music & art.

The music camp will be led by Fr. David Cinquegrani and Kevin Hadyka and take place in the mornings on Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Singing in small groups and all together, playing instruments and listening are all part of this enjoyable and educational week. A selection will be performed at the end of each session and a short concert on the final day will bring the week to an inspiring end. Snacks will be provided.

The art camp will be led by Cheryl Gosselin and Lori Little and will take place in the afternoons on Monday through Thursday from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. We will study different artists, forms of art and create masterpieces of our own during our time together. Snacks will be provided. Cost includes supplies.

Offering: \$200 for both Music and Art Camp (includes morning and afternoon snacks)

\$125 for Music Camp only (includes snacks)

\$100 for Art Camp only (includes snacks)

If you register for the full day option, please bring a bagged lunch with you to eat during the break. Depending on the weather, we will also spend some time outdoors during this hour-long break.

Register at [www.holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar/music-art-camp](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar/music-art-camp)



NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

## Branches on the Vine

JUNE 28 - JULY 4, 2025



Members of Our Lady of the Assumption's Faith, Hope & Charity Committee gather to discuss their initiatives. SUBMITTED PHOTO

**WOODBIDGE PARISHIONERS RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL TO HELP OTHERS**

- Story by Joe Pisani

Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Branches-629> to read about upcoming events around the Archdiocese and the Faith, Hope & Charity Committee at Our Lady of the Assumption Roman Catholic Parish in Woodbridge and Bethany and their more than 25 years of overseeing programs that help those in need.



07/10-12 THURSDAY - SATURDAY 5-10PM

## SUMMER FOOD FESTIVAL

St. Mary's Church Grounds, 212 Elizabeth St, Derby

Join us in Derby for OLQA/St. Mary's Summer Food Festival—a weekend packed with incredible food and family fun! Savor favorites like, fried calamari, pierogis, rice with chicken stew, corned beef sandwiches, Philly steak sandwiches, sausage & peppers, porchetta, beef or cheese empanadas, pasta with meat sauce, cavatelli & broccoli, and even liver with bacon and onions. We've got American cookout classics too—as well as kielbasa dogs, fried dough, Italian ice, cake, and a wide selection of beer, wine, vodka seltzers, and sodas.

Fiesta Friday features a live mariachi band and authentic tacos, and Saturday is all about the kids with arts, crafts, games, and contests.

Try your luck in our raffle—\$5 a ticket for a chance at up to \$1,000! \*\*Cash only event\*\*.

Find us on facebook: @StMarysChurchDerbyCt or on our website: [www.OLQADERBY.ORG](http://www.OLQADERBY.ORG)

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, June 28, 2025

4:00 PM Julio Lesmes

### Sunday, June 29, 2025

8:00 AM Eduardo Rodrigues

10:00 AM Normand Remillard

11:45 AM Prayers in thanksgiving to Our Lady of Grace

5:00 PM Judy Ryiz, 5th Anniversary

### Monday, June 30, 2025

7:30 AM Prayer intentions for our parishioners

12:05 PM Edward Potanka

### Tuesday, July 1, 2025

7:30 AM Maria Concepcion Romo Quezada

12:05 PM Thomas Cirone

### Wednesday, July 2, 2025

7:30 AM Prayer intentions for St. Genevieve parish

12:05 PM Maureen Brown

### Thursday, July 3, 2025

7:30 AM Paul R. Cox

12:05 PM Concetta Gianni

### Friday, July 4, 2025

9:00 AM All those who have fought for our freedom

### Saturday, July 5, 2025

4:00 PM Dennis Sullivan

### Sunday, July 6, 2025

8:00 AM Lina Brunelle

10:00 AM Maria Monaco

11:45 AM

5:00 PM Marie Inzucchi

## Sanctuary Lamps

Week of June 29, 2025

In memory of

Richard Formica, by Jo-Ann Formica

Joseph P. Infante and Nicolas J. Ricciardi

by Mary Rose & Sam Ricciardi

## Please Pray for the Sick

Paula Molitar, Joseph Shertick, Greg Reed, Kathryn Eagers, Tommie Henry, Syl Ciraulo, Mary Ertel, Mary Joyce Castafero, Bobby Lombardo, Rosemarie Perkoski, Fran Rago, Patricia Dressler, Susan Degennaro, and Deborah Godin.

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## Watch 10:00 AM Mass Online:



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