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Sharing God's Blessings

Date	June 21 & 22
Collection	265 + 2,296
Mass Attendance	16 & 9 + 48

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Liturgy Schedule

RISEN LORD CHURCH

SUNDAY MASS: **8:30am**

Liturgy Schedule

AT ST. THOMAS PARISH

ROSARY: Sunday 10:30 a.m.

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 p.m (Sunday Vigil)
 Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY: Tue, Wed, Thu at 5:00 p.m.

Friday : 8:00 am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Every Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. prior to
 Mass

RECONCILIATION:

- Any time 30 minutes before or after daily Mass, After Sunday Mass

We have the Signing List, at the back of the church, for all who would like to serve as Lectors, Extra-ministers of the Cup, or to lead Altar Servers.

Mrs. Bernadette M. Kime, Director of the Office of Worship and Sacraments of our Diocese, will make time to have a workshop for us.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sue Cunningham - July 2

Mac Bailes - July 3

Christina Bailey - July 3

Tom Teubert - July 4

Rick Allen - July 5

May God's richest blessings pour upon you on your birthday celebration this year, and may you enjoy the new age with your families, relatives, friends and the surroundings, and may every day is pleasing to Him.

READERS

June 29: Lindsay Harman, Kathy Marty & Marty Bronk Hurst

July 6: Theresa Sutton & Carpenters

July 13: Dot Shimko, Candy & Tom Teubert

July 20: Beata Pawlowski, Jane & Fore Dever

July 27: Candy Teubert, Kari & Fred Friend

June 29 – Sts. Peter and Paul

A Vocation View: **Sts. Peter and Paul proclaim with their lives that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the Living God. Do we help others know Jesus by the way we live our lives?**

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we celebrate the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul today, let us take a moment to reflect briefly on the lives of St. Peter and St. Paul and to see what lessons we can learn and grow from as disciples of Christ.

St. Peter grew up in Bethsaida, and he received the call of Jesus to be the fisher of men when he was fishing with his brother Andrew at the Sea of Galilee (Matthew 4:18-22), which is also known as the Lake of Gennesaret (Luke 5:1-11). St. Peter declares Jesus as the Messiah, and Jesus appointed him to be head of the Church, as Jesus said, "I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it" (Matthew 16:13-20).

St. Peter's faith journey was marked by many struggles, from imprisonment to execution. The persecution and execution of Jesus surely traumatized St. Peter, as we learn that he could not handle the fact. He denied knowing Jesus. He ran away when Jesus was enduring the mockery, torture, humiliation, and died on the cross like a criminal. However, in God's merciful love, the Risen continues to walk with him, bless him, teach him, strengthen him, and reinstates God's mission on him as Jesus said, "Simon [Peter], son of John, do you love me? ... Feed my lambs. Take care of my sheep. Feed my sheep... Follow me!" (John 21:15-19). St. Peter listened to Jesus' command to go to the people of nations and share God's good news of salvation with them, inviting them to repent and become God's children. After receiving the Holy Spirit, St. Peter began to share the Good News from Jerusalem to the surrounding regions, including Lydda, Joppa, and Caesarea. He led the First Council of Jerusalem. Eventually, St. Peter had the privilege of dying like his Master and Savior, Jesus Christ, for the sake of the Good News. He was crucified on the cross in Rome, around the year 66 BC, under the rule of Emperor Nero. However, from realizing his unworthiness to die like his Lord and Savior, he wished to die on the cross upside down.

Unlike St. Peter, St. Paul was born in Tarsus, Cilicia, a province of the Roman Empire. He was a descendant of the Pharisees. So, he studied Mosaic Law and was well trained in Scripture by the great Rabbi Gamaliel, and was sent to challenge Christians and destroy them; as we learn, he ordered that Stephen be stoned to death. We know the story well of St. Paul's conversion after he encountered the Risen Lord on the road to Emmaus. He transformed from a murderer of Christians to a zealous evangelizer and missionary to the Gentiles, the mix-Jews and non-Jews, and he was known as "Apostle to the Gentiles". St. Paul was well known for his 13 letters to the Romans, Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, and others. St. Paul was beheaded as the apostle of Christ at Tre Fontane in Rome around the year 65. He was able to do that because the Risen Lord transformed him as he shared in his teachings, "Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason, I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen. (1 Timothy: 15-17). "If I must boast, I will boast the things that show my weakness" (2 Corinthians 11:30). This means that he realized that he needs to acknowledge God's power and proclaim God's saving grace and merciful love ... he thus needed to rely on God rather than his own power, skill, achievements throughout his preachings.

Reflection:

1. What is/are the experience(s) from which you realize God's saving grace and love in your life, your family, ... ?
2. God calls Peter and Paul in different ways and different circumstances; how and what God has called you or is calling you to do for His Kingdom these days?
3. Have you had any journeys to share God's good news that encountered challenges? If yes, are you able to bring it to the Lord in prayers, and to have a reflection and discussion with others in the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and so to continue to grow and share God's good news?
4. As Sts. Peter and Paul, in the opening to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, were able to reach out to people from various walks of life, regions and nations to share God's good news of salvation through the Death and the Resurrection of the Lord for us, the sinners, are you also open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit to share God's grace of redemption for the people around you?

Million thanks to the Benefactors, Volunteers from Wheeling, Neighborhood, and Church Members who helped sharing foods and items to 248 families and the young mothers on last Thursday, June 26, 2025 in Maysel, Clay County, West Virginia. May God bless you and your families graciously.

Let us pray for the families who are travelling to visit families and friends this summer that they may have safe trips and enjoy precious time together with families, friends and all in God's goodness and blessings.

