

## **Pulpit Announcements for The Solemn Feast of the Apostles Saints Peter and Paul June 29, 2025**

**Welcome to all who are here today to celebrate the Solemn Feast of the Apostles Saints Peter and Paul. Whoever you are or wherever you find yourself on the journey, know that here at St. Matthias, ALL ARE WELCOME!**

- Our St. Matthias School is open for new registrations. Please spread the word to your friends and neighbors who are seeking an excellent school to send their children for a real formation in faith, caring, and excellence.
- This is also the time for registering your children for the Religious Education/GIFT program. “Growing In Faith Together” is an intergenerational faith formation process that is being benefited by the whole family. See the bulletin for more information.
- The Parish Office and Church will be closed on July 4th. There will be no Mass on Friday.
- Our Monday Adoration will be from 6-8 PM. Come at your convenience and experience some quiet time with the Lord.

***St. Peter and St. Paul are celebrated together as they are both Apostles and founding pillars of Christianity. They both had a sinful past and they were touched and forgiven by God. This reminds us that no matter what our past mistakes are, no matter how deficient we feel we are, God looks at the possibilities within us and invites us to do our best for God. Let us intercede with Saints Peter and Paul to help us serve Jesus our Master as they did...***

# **Music for Our Assembly**

**June 29, 2025**

## **The Solemn Feast of the Apostles Saints Peter and Paul**

*These are the ones who, living in the flesh, planted the Church with their blood;  
they drank the chalice and became the friends of God*

### **Gathering Hymn – By All Your Saints Still Striving**

1. By all your saints still striving,  
For all your saints at rest,  
Your holy Name, O Jesus,  
For evermore be blessed.  
You rose, our King victorious,  
That they might wear the crown  
And ever shine in splendor  
Reflected from your throne.
2. We praise you for Saint Peter;  
We praise you for Saint Paul.  
They taught both Jew and Gentile  
that Christ is all in all.  
To cross and sword they yielded  
And saw the kingdom come:  
O God your two apostles  
Won life through martyrdom.
3. Then let us praise the Father  
And worship God the Son  
And sing to God the Spirit,  
Eternal Three in One,  
Till all the ransomed number  
Who stand before the throne,  
Ascribe all pow'r and glory  
And praise to God alone.

# Prayer of the Faithful

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**Our response is: “In your name, O God, we pray.”**

1. For our Pope Leo XIV, our Bishop James, and all church leaders... that they be guided by the spirit of Saints Peter and Paul to boldly proclaim the Gospel and lead Christ's faithful with wisdom and love, we pray . . .
2. For all government leaders...May they recognize the dignity of all persons, especially the stranger in our midst, and treat them with justice and mercy, we pray . . .
3. For our church community of St. Matthias... that we may grow more into the faithfulness of St Peter and the passion of St Paul in serving God, neighbor, poor and needy, we pray . . .
4. For those who are persecuted for their faith at this time, that they will have the strength to remain faithful, like Peter and Paul, trusting in God's care, full of hope, remembering especially Christians in Nigeria and Syria now facing renewed difficulties, we pray ...
5. For all the sick and suffering of our world...especially those in war-torn regions, May God send His comfort, healing, and peace,... And for all our deceased, especially **Marie Vitelli**,... Welcome them into eternal life, we pray . . .
6. For the silent intentions we hold deep in our hearts today, we pray. . .

***The PRIEST now mentions the Mass intention and says the JUBILEE PRAYER as the concluding prayer:***

**5 PM:** Claudia Gemgnani

**8 AM:** Intention of Parishioners / Dennis Stuewe

**10 AM:** Valentinus Yap

**12 PM:** Albert Maglio

## **Preparation of the Gifts - Only This I Want**

**Only this I want:  
but to know the Lord,  
and to bear his cross,  
so to wear the crown he wore.**

1. All but this is loss,  
worthless refuse to me,  
for to gain the Lord  
is to gain all I need.

2. I will run the race;  
I will fight the good fight,  
so to win the prize  
of the kingdom of my Lord.

3. Let your heart be glad,  
always glad in the Lord,  
so to shine like stars  
in the darkness of the night.

## Communion Hymn – Be Not Afraid

1. You shall cross the barren desert,  
but you shall not die of thirst.  
You shall wander far in safety  
though you do not know the way.  
You shall speak your words in foreign lands  
and all will understand.  
You shall see the face of God and live.

**Be not afraid.**

**I go before you always.**

**Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.**

2. If you pass through raging waters in the sea,  
you shall not drown.  
If you walk amid the burning flames,  
you shall not be harmed.  
If you stand before the pow'r of hell  
and death is at your side,  
know that I am with you through it all.

3. Blessed are your poor,  
for the kingdom shall be theirs.  
Blest are you that weep and mourn,  
for one day you shall laugh.  
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you  
all because of me,  
blessed, blessed are you!

## Closing Hymn - God Has Chosen Me

1. God has chosen me, God has chosen me  
to bring good news to the poor.  
God has chosen me, God has chosen me  
to bring new sight to those searching for light:  
God has chosen me, chosen me:

***And to tell the world that God's kingdom is near,  
to remove oppression and breakdown fear,  
yes, God's time is near, God's time is near,  
God's time is near, God's time is near.***

2. God has chosen me, God has chosen me  
to set alight a new fire.  
God has chosen me, God has chosen me  
to bring to birth a new kingdom on earth:  
God has chosen me, chosen me:

3. God is calling me, God is calling me  
in all whose cry is unheard.  
God is calling me, God is calling me  
to raise up the voice with no power or choice:  
God is calling me, calling me:

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## **Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9**

**The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him.**

I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall be ever in my mouth.  
Let my soul glory in the LORD;  
the lowly will hear me and be glad.

Glorify the LORD with me,  
let us together extol his name.  
I sought the LORD, and he answered me  
and delivered me from all my fears.

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy,  
and your faces may not blush with shame.  
When the poor one called out, the LORD heard,  
and from all his distress he saved him.

The angel of the LORD encamps  
around those who fear him, and delivers them.  
Taste and see how good the LORD is;  
blessed the man who takes refuge in him.

**The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him.**