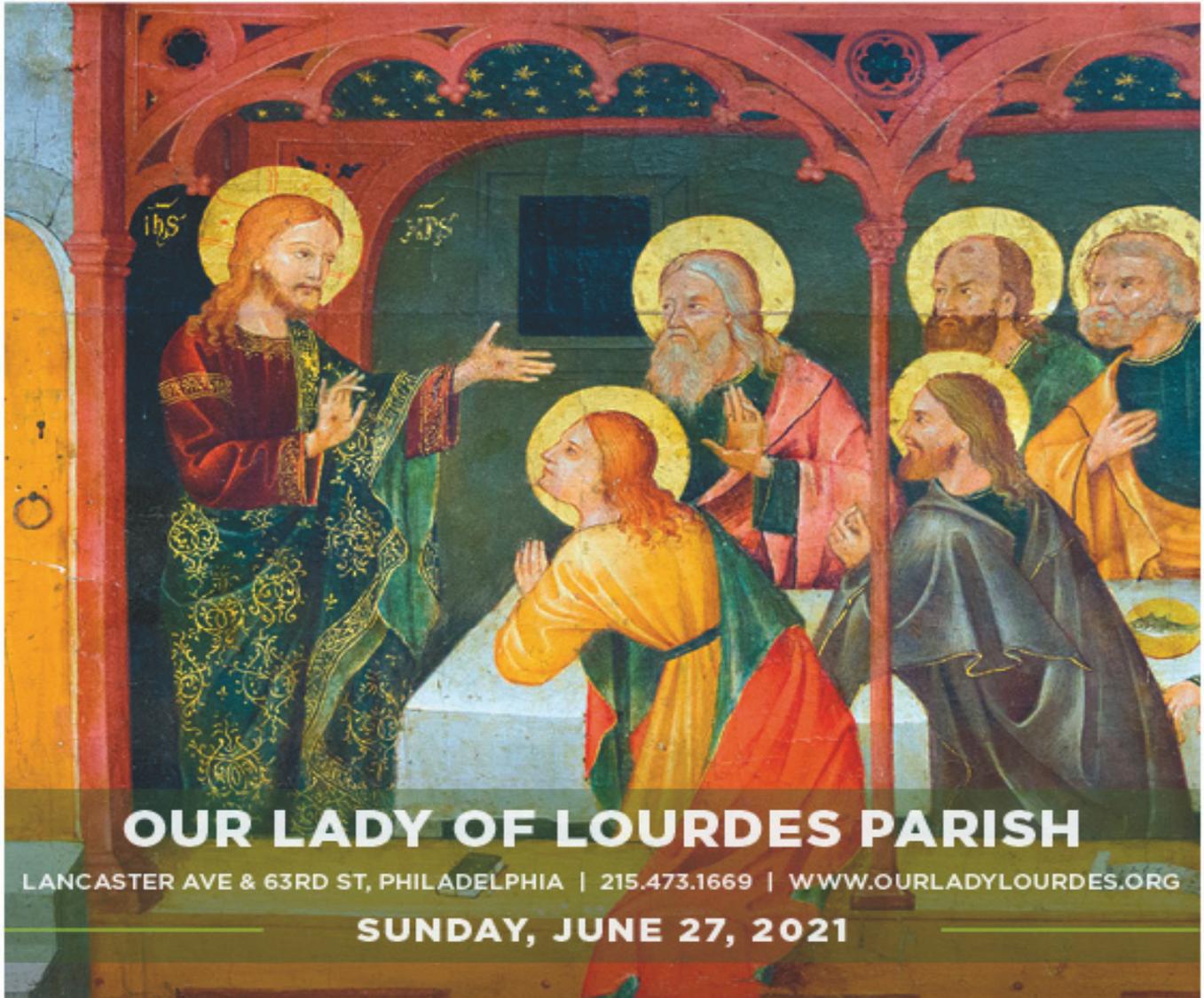




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SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 2021

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." When they arrived at the house of the synagogue official, he caught sight of a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly.

So he went in and said to them, "Why this commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep." - Mk 5:36bc, 38-39

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The author of **The Cloud of Unknowing** prays, *“That which I am and the way that I am, with all my gifts of nature and grace, you have given to me, O Lord, and you are all this. I offer it all to you, principally to praise you and to help my fellow Christians and myself.”* Knowing that God sustains us in being is the key to faith. All that we need to do is to love God as God is and the rest will begin to fall into place. God made us in His image and desires that we have life. God also desires that we be healed of all of our wounds, especially those caused by sin, and know his loving touch. Being weighed down by negativity, imperfections, the cares of the world, and weakness is not something that God desires.

Faith can profoundly change how we see God, ourselves, and one another. It gives a clearer lens through which to



see life and connects us with the powerful virtues of love and hope. Three friends journeying with us through all that we encounter, faith, hope, and love, help us experience God’s embrace and heal us. All we have to do is

let God be who God is and not foolishly try to make Him into what we need or want Him to be. Without God we cease to be. It’s that simple. The very blood that flows through my veins and the life that I have come directly from Divine origins. With this knowledge of who God is and who I am, I can open my ears and hear the powerful words Jesus speaks, *“Do not be afraid, just have faith.”* Trust begins.

When we are struggling, we naturally reach out for God because we know that a divine remedy is the only remedy. But, in doing so we wrestle with letting God take charge. We want something more miraculous and visible than the obvious and have difficulty in finding consolation simply resting in God’s presence. Our naked being, stripped of any pretense or self-serving agenda, is being called to rest in and love the uncreated Presence of God. Reach out in love to God. Ask God to heal you from all that separates you from Him. Put aside any ideas of God that create barriers between you and God’s tender and endearing presence. The Cloud of Unknowing leaves us with wisdom, *“think of yourself and of him in the same way, that is, with the simple awareness that he is as he is and that you are as you are.”* This is a meeting of two friends who desire nothing more than to share life together.



Readings for the Week of June 27, 2021

- Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43
- Monday: Gn 18:16-33/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11/Mt 8:18-22
- Tuesday: 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
- Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 8:28-34
- Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Mt 9:1-8
- Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 9:9-13
- Saturday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29
- Next Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a



Sunday, June 27

- 8:00am Pro Populo
- 9:30am Cynthia Jimmo
- 11:30am +Patricia Fallon
- 8:00pm +Buccino/Talarico/Mollinedo Family

Monday, June 28 St. Irenaeus

- 8:30am Mercedarian Perpetual Mass Assoc.

Tuesday, June 29 SS. Peter and Paul, Apostles

- 8:30am Kathleen Levis

Wednesday, June 30 The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

- 8:30am For persecuted Christians

Thursday, July 1 St. Junipero Serra

- 8:30am Special Intention

Friday, July 2

- 8:30am Rev. Joseph Eddy, O.de M.

Saturday, July 3 St. Thomas, Apostle

- 8:30am For Vocations
- 4:00pm +Vincent and Anna Carbone; and Anthony DiSante

Sunday, July 4

- 8:00am +Graziano and Angela Fabiano
- 9:30am Fr. J. Horvath
- 11:30am For Our Nation
- 8:00pm Pro Populo



Most of the apostles and lots of saints have their own feast day, but how about the two most famous saints of the early church?

There is February 22nd in which the Church celebrates the “Chair of Peter” the sign that Peter was the first among the apostles and the one designated to lead the early Church after Jesus’ Resurrection and Ascension. The painting by Paul Rubens shows Peter with the “Keys” and wearing the pallium of the office of Bishop.

But there is no “Feast of St. Peter.”

St. Paul, although not one of the Twelve, was an Apostle commissioned by Jesus. There is the January 25th celebration of “The Conversion of St. Paul” which commemorates the Damascus Road episode described in Acts of the Apostles: 9:1-31, 22:1-22, and 26:9-24. It is the scene made famous by the “Conversion on the Way to Damascus” painting by Caravaggio.

But there is no “Feast of St. Paul.”

The two leading saints of the early Church are celebrated together in the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, (or the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul if celebrated on a Sunday). This celebration is a liturgical feast in honor of the martyrdom in Rome of the apostles Saint Peter and Saint Paul and is observed on June 29th. The Roman Martyrology (the official lists of solemnities, feasts, and other liturgical celebrations of the saints and martyrs) assigns June 29th as the feast day without thereby declaring that to be the day of their deaths.

St. Augustine of Hippo says in his Sermon 295: “One day is assigned for the celebration of the martyrdom of the two apostles. But those two were one. Although their martyrdom occurred on different days, they were one.” Thus it is clear that the celebration is of ancient origin. There is some speculation that the date selected may be the anniversary either of their death or of the translation of their relics.

Lord Jesus Christ,
 you called Saint Peter from a life he knew,
 to follow you alone, giving up all he’d known before.
 Despite his failings and lack of faith in you and himself,
 you entrusted to him the keys of the kingdom of heaven,
 granting him such faith that he embraced martyrdom.
 You called Saint Paul from the life he knew,
 a life of such zeal that he became misguided,
 hurting you by hurting those who followed you.
 You changed him from an angry persecutor
 to the greatest missionary the Church has ever seen,
 and to one who welcomed death as the means to see you.
 When I am called to do your will, change my spirit
 and grant that I can give up the little you ask of me,
 when Peter and Paul gave so much. Amen.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM

Please remember the souls of the faithfully departed.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Dorothy Hardy, Kurt Mohammed, Patricia Nicholson, Colin Ramberan, Avery Lofton, Eugene Colombaro, Monica Ramberan, Yosan Gabriel, Jenell Sifontis, Cathy Norman, Sabrina Freeman, Leslie Wade, Esmond Family, Scott Stierbeim, Sr. Mary Charles, A.S.S.P., Mecca Taylor, Melissa Becker, Christian Laffy, Lisa Becker, Debbie Everett, Nigel Simon, Donald Graham, Jean Hargraves, Marvi Wade, Mary Frances Doran, Maureen Doran Hendrix, Melissa Potts, Cayla Wade, Theresa Gilliam, Suzanne Dupre, Indramattie Somwaru, John Bricker, Alina Simon, Carmelina Desiderio, Graham Family, Chuck Murrin, Samantha Johnson, Holly, Damon, and Stephen Anthony, Charles Epps, Ramona Wade, Charles V. Murrin, David and Gay Cooper, Lori Cooper, Jack Weber

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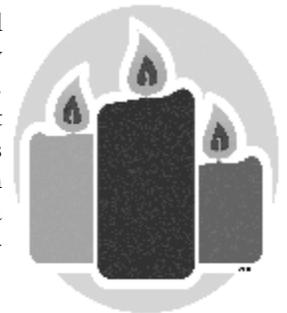
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Why do Catholics light candles in church?

Candles have been part of the Church’s worship from the earliest times. In the days before electricity, candles and oil lamps were the ways that people lighted buildings. Even today, we often still depend on candles during power outages, relying on their flickering flames to bring light into the dark.

Like our ancestors, we also light candles on special occasions. Think about a festive family meal or a romantic dinner for two — there will often be candles on the table, special objects for a special event. We light candles on birthday cakes and carry them in processions. We also place candles at makeshift memorials that appear when there has been an accident or act of violence. In these moments, their light casts aside a different kind of darkness — the darkness of grief, fear, and death.



The custom of the early Christians lighting candles and lamps at the tombs of the martyrs gave way to the practice of having candles at Mass, honoring the sacredness of the celebration.

As Christians decorated their worship spaces with statues and icons, they would burn candles in front of sacred images and the relics of the saints, basically “shining a light” on what they held to be sacred. When pilgrims would visit these shrines, they would often bring candles to light before the image or relic. These candles came to be a symbol of the person, and their prayer and the burning these candles came to be understood as an extension and continuation of the prayer that was offered. What began as a practical way to provide light has come to be a symbol of the hopes, desires, loves, losses, fears, and faith of everyday Christians offering their prayers to God and his saints.



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