



MASSSES FOR THE WEEK
June 28—July 4
EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR
THE INTENTIONS OF EVERYONE
PRESENT AND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- SATURDAY, JUNE 28
4:00 p.m. Ree Alario; Lolita R. Crespo; Jean Dominguez; Marlene Morris; Leona O'Dwyer
5:30 p.m. Theresa M. Barry; James E. Brown; Barbara Rush; Raymond R. Veit; Marian Wallis; In Thanksgiving to Blessed Mother & St. Jude for favor granted
SUNDAY, JUNE 29
8:00 a.m. Members of St. Patrick's Church (Propopulo)
9:30 a.m. Roberta W. Bruley; Jane O. Chatelain; Leona O'Dwyer; John H. Schroder, Jr.
11:00 a.m. Gerald Kennedy; Patricia K. Marziale; Evelyn Planetta; Wanda G. Sneed; Dr. & Mrs. Charles Taggart
5:30 p.m. Jean Dominguez; James W. Rhoads; Barbara Rush
MONDAY, JUNE 30
11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
12:00 p.m. Tristan Anderton; Laura & Pete Loetzerich; Leona O'Dwyer; Hazel D. Wells
TUESDAY, JULY 1
11:30 a.m. Irene Lemoine; John J. Porte
12:00 p.m. Jean Dominguez; Elisabeth Robert; Barbara Rush
WEDNESDAY, JULY 2
11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
12:00 p.m. Leona O'Dwyer; Stephen Losee
THURSDAY, JULY 3
11:30 a.m. Jean Dominguez; Dennis Lemoine, Jr.
12:00 p.m. Stephen Losee; Elisabeth Robert; Barbara Rush
FRIDAY, JULY 4
11:30 a.m. Church closed
12:00 p.m. Church closed

TRIDENTINE LATIN MASS—Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
Saints Peter and Paul
Solemn High Mass—First Sunday of the month.
Benediction—Third Sunday after the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND BENEDICTION—Every Sunday, 3:00pm—5:00pm

FIRST SATURDAY, JULY 5, 2008
CRUSADE FOR THE CONVERSION OF GREATER NEW ORLEANS—MORN ING OF PRAYER

9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary, Confession, Novena and Holy Mass All are invited.

COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS
In Reynolds Hall, after the Sunday morning Masses.

TRAVELERS LOOKING FOR A CATHOLIC CHURCH

To find Catholic church locations and worship times around the world go to: www.Masstimes.org. In the USA call: 410-676-6000.

SUNDAY OFFERING—June 22, 2008

First Collection \$ 21,737

Second Collection\* \$ 2,176

\* Maintenance and restoration

Independence Day—Friday, Fourth of July
Church and rectory office will be closed.

FATHER STAN KLORES ON PILGRIMAGE—JULY 9-18, 2008

Father Stan Klores will be leading a pilgrimage to Lourdes, France, marking the 150th anniversary of Our Lady's apparitions to Bernadette Soubirous. While on this jubilee pilgrimage, Father Klores will be praying for all of St. Patrick's parishioners, their good health and particular intentions. He will gladly take any written petitions to the Blessed Virgin Mary, to be placed at the grotto of Lourdes. The petitions should be in a sealed envelope and delivered to the rectory, or placed in any collection basket, before his departure Wednesday, July 9, 2008. Our prayers for a safe journey go with the group.

CLADDAGH GROUP DINNER AND DISCUSSION

SATURDAY, JULY 12, 2008

The Claddagh Group is honored to have Father Charles Becker for a discussion and dinner to be held in the rectory on Saturday, July 12, 2008 at 6:30 pm. Father Becker will speak on the topic, "Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and How it Changes Your Life." Brochures and hand outs will be available. A catered dinner will follow the evening's discussion.

The Claddagh Group was formed to foster fellowship among the younger parishioners of St. Patrick's. For more information, please call Mary O'Brien at 261-7226.

ACOLYTES FOR ST. PATRICK'S

The Parish has a continuing need for men of any age willing to serve as acolytes at the 11.00 Sunday Mass. Instruction and training will be provided in evening workshops. Please contact Robert Ramirez for further details: (504) 899-3048; email: bramirez@bellsouth.net

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS—FALL CLASSES

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a program of instruction and preparation for adults thinking of joining the Catholic Church. This year's course will begin September 8, the Monday following Labor Day. All interested are invited to give their names and contact information to Robert Ramirez: (504) 899-3048; email: bramirez@bellsouth.net

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR

Our Father in heaven, through the powerful intercession of
Our Lady of Prompt Succor,
spare us from all harm during this hurricane season,
and protect us and our homes from all disasters of nature.
Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL

For the sick of our parish and those who have asked for our prayers especially: Tom Alexander; Tristan Anderton; Del Barry; Patricia Berrigan; Brett Bradley; Sara Cashio; Tony Clesi; Howard Comeaux; Jack & Paula Coughlin; Rene Crane; Ralph DeBlanc; Raymond DeBlanc; Al Duroncelet; Rose Fee; John Fulcher; Mikell & Pete Johnson; Joseph; Lolita Lannan; Stephen Losee; Jeff Marcel; Buddy McInnis; Sally Ann Main; Lucille Ogden; J. Van Provosty; Hugh Ramsey; Tom Roach; Elisabeth Robert; Diane Sikes; Adele Silva, Mary Silva; Stephanie Summers; Salvador Trentacoste; Turkington Family; Raymond Von Bodungen

SECURITY PROVIDED AT ALL EVENING SERVICES

# SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

## A YEAR DEDICATED TO ST. PAUL

*Excerpt from an interview with Cardinal Andrea di Montezemolo,  
Archpriest of the Papal Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls.*

On June 28, 2008, the 2,000<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of St. Paul, Pope Benedict XVI will launch the Pauline Year by opening the “Porta Paolina” of the Papal Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, just as for a Holy Year. The pope has instructed the cardinal archpriest of the basilica, Cardinal Andrea di Montezemolo, to make the personality, teaching and life of St. Paul, as we meet them in the Acts of the Apostles and in his Letters, better known. There is an important ecumenical aspect. Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, brought the Gospel to non-Jews. Today we talk about bringing his teaching to the Christians who are not united with Rome.

Jesus searched for the other apostles in Galilee, but he chose Paul in a different way. In him he searched for a teacher of the Law, a Pharisee, a persecutor. And on the road to Damascus, Paul received a call, a vocation which transformed him from Saul to Paul.

He was a Roman citizen because his father was connected to the Roman family *gens Pauli*, and for this reason he called himself Paul. His personality has never been sufficiently studied, and it is not easy to understand who he was, also because of the way he writes. The letters of St. Paul which are read at Mass often have rather easy sentences, but there are other things which are quite difficult. For this reason, we will use the Pauline Year to enter deeply into these questions with lectures, conferences and debates.

**The tomb of St. Paul in history and devotion**—From the second century A.D., a unanimous tradition, which has never been disputed, says that the sarcophagus with the tomb of St. Paul is here. In the beginning there was a pagan cemetery. According to later traditions a Roman lady, Lucina, brought the body of St. Paul here after he was beheaded at Tre Fontane, and buried it in a sarcophagus in this place. After the Emperor Constantine’s edict in 313 A.D., which brought freedom of worship, great pilgrimages flourished and the cemetery was transformed gradually. It is difficult to say what happened in the first centuries, but we know for sure that from the year 313 a tradition of devotion grew up around this sarcophagus and the cemetery became more and more Christian.

When the first church was built it was rather small, only about 30 meters long, with the apse towards the river and the entrance from the Via Ostiensis. But after less than a century it was insufficient and a new basilica was built, this time with the apse towards the Via Ostiensis and the entrance toward the river, which was now farther away.

But the risk of flooding was still great, so a wall was built around the sarcophagus to protect it, topped by a horizontal marble slab with an inscription in very simple letters: *Paulo apostolo mart...*

Then, in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, the banks of the Tiber were built and there has been no more flooding. But it is impossible to remove that wall and marble slab, because the baldacchino of Arnolfo di Cambio stands on it, so it has only been possible to make limited explorations.

A web site, [www.annopaolino.org](http://www.annopaolino.org) has been created to book celebrations and get information on programs and events.

*Angela Ambrogetti  
Inside The Vatican*

## THE HOLY YEAR OF ST. PAUL

St. Paul wrote just 14 letters. They are included in the New Testament and give us an insight into the man’s character. St. Luke’s *Acts of the Apostles* is our other main source about St. Paul.

Born into a well-to-do Jewish family of Tarsus, Saul (as he was named before his conversion) was the son of a Roman citizen. He was sent to Jerusalem to study in the famous rabbinical school headed by Gamaliel and, as was customary, learned a trade: tent-making.

While still at home in Tarsus, he had come under the liberalizing Hellenic influences common at that time in Asia Minor. Thus the Judaic, Roman, and Greek traditions and cultures all had a part in shaping this great Apostle, so different in status and temperament from the humble fisherman of Jesus’ initial group of disciples.

In the year 35 A.D., Saul appears in Acts 7 as a self-righteous young Pharisee, fanatically anti-Christian. He was present when Stephen, the first martyr, met his death. But not long afterwards, on the road to the Syrian city of Damascus, Saul was struck blind. He heard the voice of Christ and in Damascus came his conversion, the cure of his blindness by the disciple Ananias, and his baptism. He accepted the call to preach the Gospel of Christ, and, taking the name *Paul*, began the most remarkable career of preaching, writing, and church-founding in the history of the Church. He ends his epistle to the Philippians with the beautiful lines: “Whatever things are true, whatever honorable, whatever just, whatever holy, whatever lovable, whatever of good repute, if there be any virtue, if anything worthy of praise, think upon these things.”

*Inside The Vatican*

### FEAST OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL—JUNE 29

The Feast of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, Princes of the Church, awakens in our souls a greater love for the Church and for our Holy Father the Pope.

The liturgy today gives the place of honor to St. Peter, the head of the Apostles... Thus it presents to us those who have established the Church, not only by their labors, but even by their blood. The Gospel (Mt 16: 13-19) recalls the scene at Caesarea, where Jesus, for the first time, proclaimed Peter as the foundation stone of the Church: “I say that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build My Church,” words which have had a magnificent repercussion down through the centuries, and which, even today, bear witness to the primacy of Peter and his successors over the whole of Christianity—not over a number of small churches, but over one great, unique Church, the One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic, and Roman Church. One only Church, whose sole Founder and Head is Christ, who chose Peter to represent Him. “Where Peter is, there is the Church” (St. Ambrose). This means that wherever the Pope, Peter’s successor, is, there the Church is. Rightly, then, should we consider the Feast of St. Peter as the Feast of the Church, the Feast of our Holy Father the Pope, and on which should awaken in every Christian soul a profound sense of belonging to the Church and of devotion to the Sovereign Pontiff.

*Father Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D.*