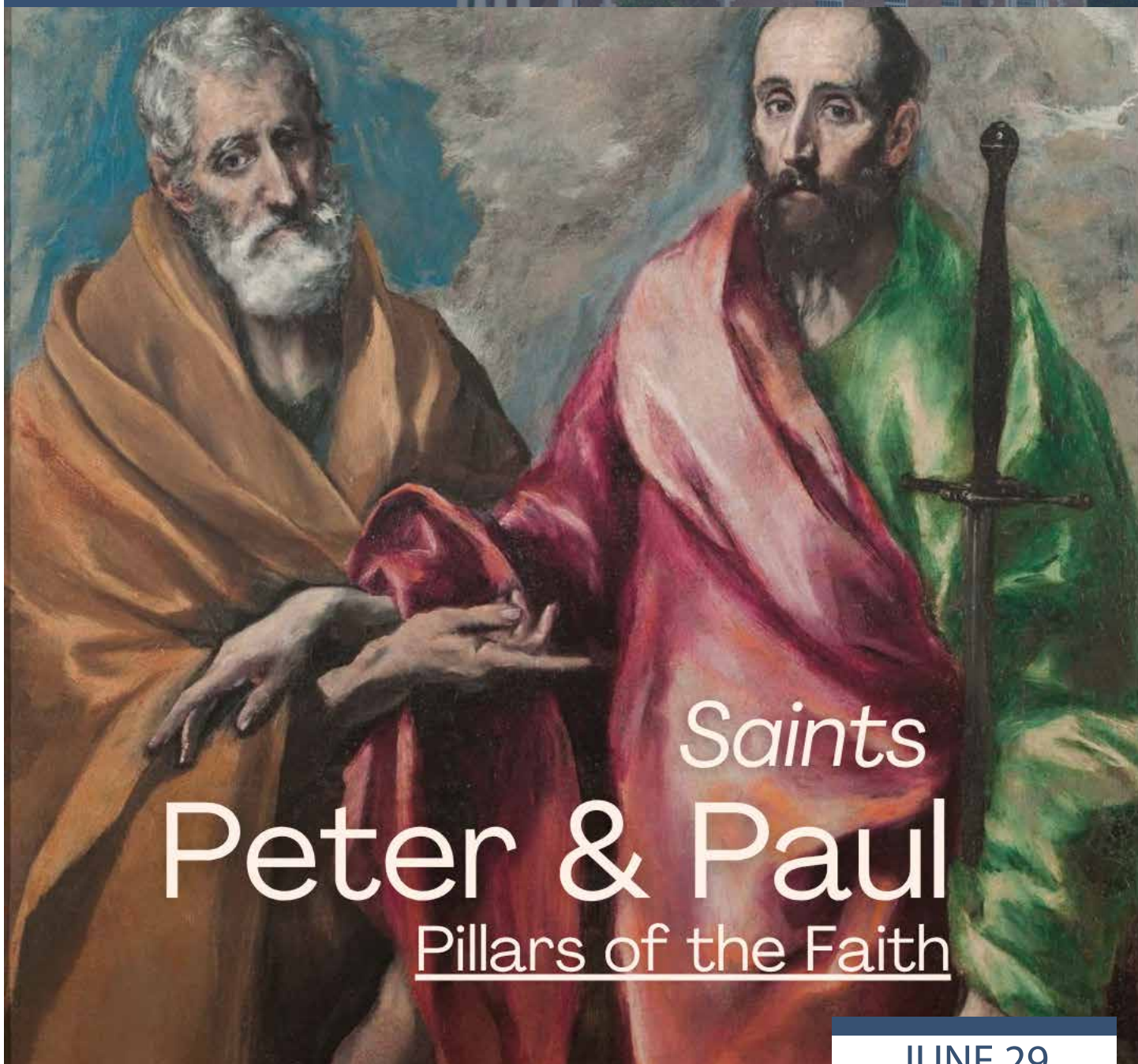




# SAINT JAMES PARISH

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# Saints Peter & Paul

## Pillars of the Faith

JUNE 29

2025

*BE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST.  
MAKE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST.*

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES



## Today's Readings

### First Reading:

*God miraculously frees Peter from prison, showing His power and faithfulness in response to prayer.*

(Acts 12:1-11)

### Psalm:

*Trust God—He delivers, protects, and blesses those who seek and fear Him.*

(Psalm 34)

### Second Reading:

*Paul, faithful to the end, trusts God's deliverance and awaits his eternal reward in Christ.*

(2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18)

### Gospel:

*Peter declares Jesus as the Messiah; Jesus blesses him and gives him authority to lead the Church.*

(Matthew 16:13-19)

## *Tu es Petros, et super hanc petram aedificabo ecclesiam meam*

Dear Friends,

We hear in today's Gospel the important question posed to St. Peter by Jesus Himself: "Who do you say that I am?" Peter's wholehearted profession of faith comes down to us through the Apostolic Tradition and the words of Matthew's Gospel: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." It is at this point that Jesus confers on Peter (and the rest of the Apostles) the power of the keys – the power to bind and loose.

*"Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."*

This authority bestowed on Peter and the Apostles is the very powerful charism of governance and teaching authority, given for the purpose of confirming the members of the Church in the true faith revealed by Jesus, and in the ordering of the Church for the purpose of salvation.

Often, secular commentators and reporters will refer to a particular pope's "policy" on particular matters

of faith or moral life, betraying a grave ignorance of the faith. The successors of Peter are given the holy responsibility of preserving and



St. Peter's Basilica

transmitting the Deposit of Faith to each successive generation of Christians.

Popes, bishops and priests have no authority to create their own teachings or to change the Apostolic faith to something of their own liking. Doing such would be a grave abuse of their office. Let's pray for Pope Leo on this solemn feast day of Saints Peter and Paul, that he will be strengthened by God's grace to carry out this awesome office he has been given.

*Ad multos annos!*

God bless you,

Fr. Ed



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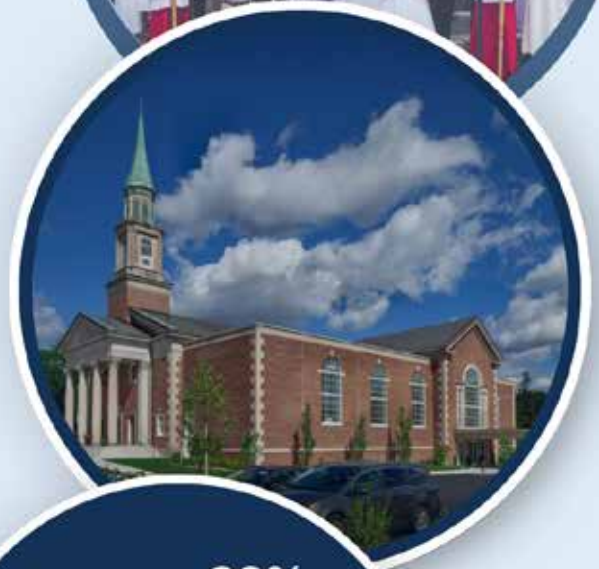


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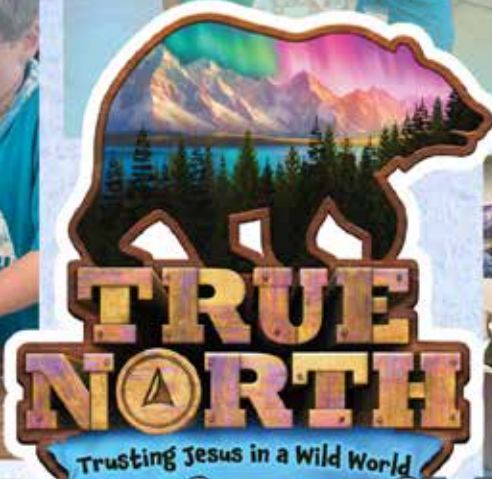




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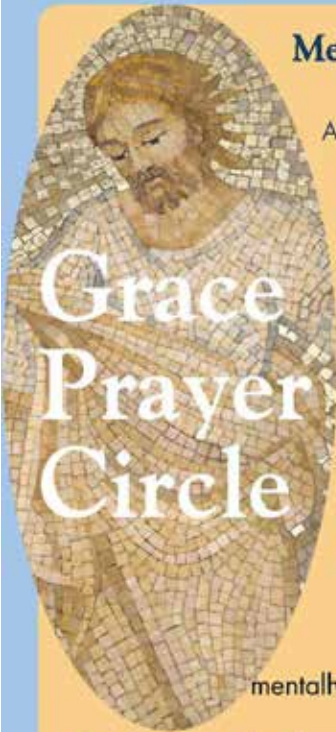
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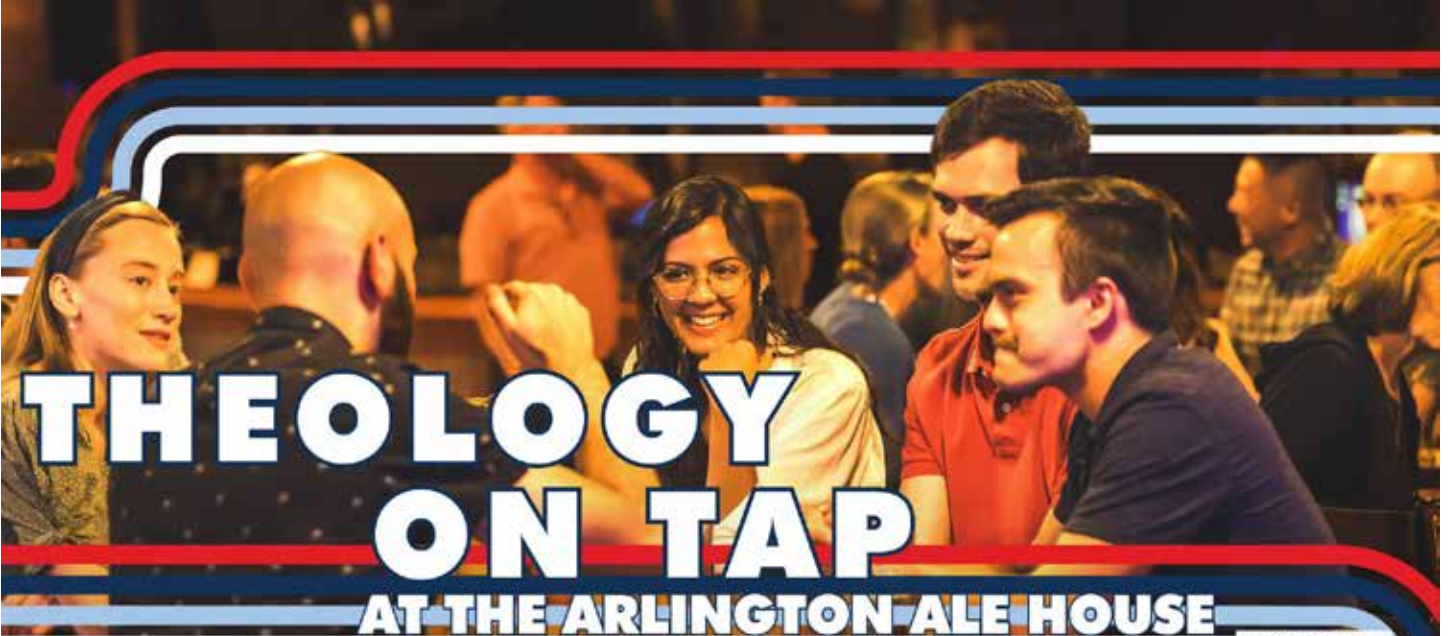
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# PATH TO SUNDAY

**T**oday we celebrate the two great evangelizers of our faith—St. Peter, the apostle to the Jews, and St. Paul, the apostle to the gentiles. Though very different in background and personality, both were chosen by Christ and gave their lives to build His Church. The readings for today offer us a powerful reminder of who they were, what they endured, and what their lives mean for us.

In our first reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter is imprisoned for preaching the Gospel. An angel of the Lord comes, light fills the cell, and Peter walks free. God isn't done with him yet. It's a reminder that when we follow Christ, no prison—physical or spiritual—can hold us back.

Next, in Paul's second letter to Timothy, we read the apostle's words: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." What a testimony! Paul's life wasn't easy—he was beaten, shipwrecked, and imprisoned—but he never gave up. And through it all, he trusted that the Lord would see him through.

Finally, in today's Gospel from Matthew, we hear that it is Peter, who answers, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus responds with those unforgettable words: "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church."

This isn't just about Peter personally—it's about the Church's foundation. Jesus entrusts Peter with leadership, showing us how God works through human instruments to guide His people.

Peter and Paul weren't perfect; both would admit that they were sinners. Paul originally persecuted members of the Church and Peter denied Jesus three times before the crucifixion. But grace transformed them—and through them, the world. Their lives encourage us to say "yes" to Jesus, no matter our past, and to trust that God can do great things through each of us.

Let us pray today for their courage, their faith, and their love for Christ. May we, like Peter and Paul, become living stones in the Church that the Father continues to build—in and through Christ, our Lord.

## Reflection Questions:

- How is God calling me to be a "rock" in my own community, like Peter was for the early Church?
- What are the "chains" in my life that might be holding me back from fully following Christ?
- Like Paul, can I say I am "fighting the good fight" and "keeping the faith"?

*For more scripture reflections visit*  
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# OUR PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

## Mass Intentions & Observances

### Saturday, June 28

**5:00** Patrick & Kevin Houlihan  
Pasquale & Vita Coppola  
Matthew Petrillo

### Sunday, June 29 Sts. Peter And Paul, Apostles

**7:00** For the people of the parish

**8:30** Aida Pacheco (1st Anniv.)  
Frank & Gertrude Pietrolonardo

**10:00** Patricia Brennan  
Angelo Anzalone  
Richard Wojtkowski  
Louise T. Gehrke

**11:30** Lori Kelly-Murray  
Steve Kelly

**5:00** Nancy Conklin

### Monday, June 30 The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

**7:30** Kimberly Huster\*  
Gavin Huster\*  
Pat Wilson\*  
Patty Cartwright\*  
Taheliz Zamora\*

### Tuesday, July 1 St. Junípero Serra

**7:30** Steven Carruthers  
Tom Rothfus  
Carey Sheriff  
William Downes

### Wednesday, July 2

**7:30** John Bucher, Jr.  
Dianna Werba

### Thursday, July 3 St. Thomas

**7:30** Kimberly Huster\*  
Kameron Huster\*  
Patricia Cartwright\*

### Friday, July 4 Independence Day

**7:30** Aldona Underers  
Beth Snyder

### Saturday, July 5 St. Elizabeth of Portugal

**7:30** Della & Thomas McAndrew

*\*Indicates living*

## Readings for the week of June 30

**Monday:** Gn 18:16-33/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11/Mt 8:18-22

**Tuesday:** Gn 19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12/Mt 8:23-27

**Wednesday:** Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 8:28-34

**Thursday:** Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29

**Friday:** Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 9:9-13

**Saturday:** Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:14-17

**Sunday:** Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

## In Loving Memory

Michael Canfield

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Elliot Hilgert and Adriana (Bock) Hilgert

**Evelyn Marie Rodriguez**, child of  
Jose Rodriguez and Magdalena (Gnatek) Rodriguez

**Evelyn Marie Moore**, child of  
James Moore and Jessica (Norton) Moore

**Zion Andrew Noble**, child of  
Sherwin Noble and Urdoja (Leanbabo) Noble

**Aleksandar Magner Gostic-Van Egeren**, child of  
Brendan Van Egeren and Duska Gostic-Van Egeren

**Cameron Thomas Loftus**, child of  
Thomas Loftus and Tia (Hanke) Loftus

**Emma Michelle Cozzini**, child of  
Alexander Cozzini and Lauren (Vance) Cozzini

## Celebrant Schedule, July 5-6

**5:00** Fr. Paul

**7:00** Fr. Ed

**8:30** Fr. Ed

**10:00** Fr. Michael

**11:30** Fr. Michael

**5:00** Fr. Paul



## PARISH INFORMATION

Beyond Sunday be  
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Thursdays 6pm  
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[msj@stjamesah.org](mailto:msj@stjamesah.org)

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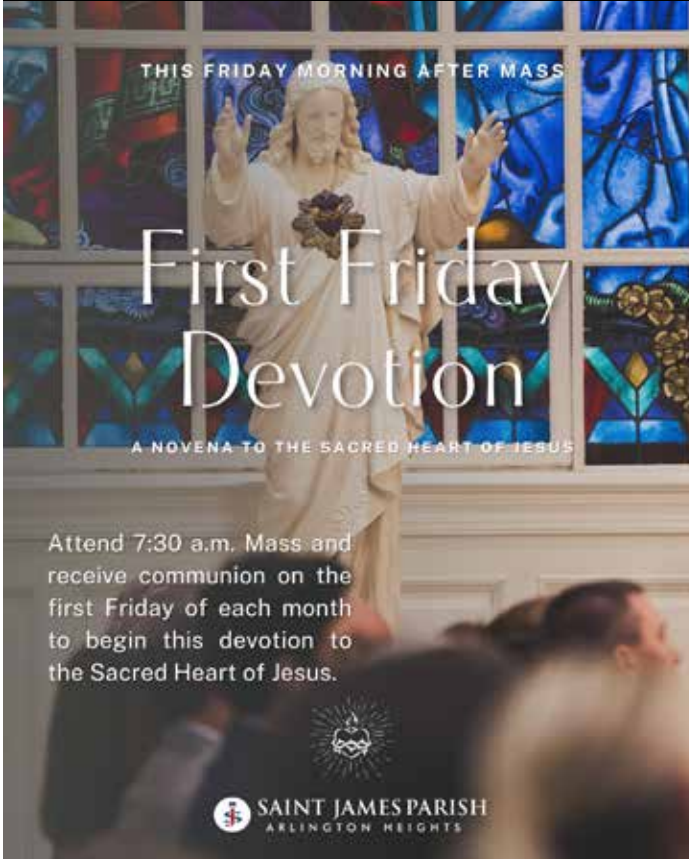


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**Sunday 7:00 am** Cantor and Organ

**Sunday 8:30 am** Traditional Choir & Organ

**Sunday 10:00 am** Contemporary Choir

**Sunday 11:30 am** Contemporary Choir

**Sunday 5:00 pm** Praise & Worship Ensemble

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