

SS. Peter & Paul Church

Mass Intentions For The Week

- Sunday September 14, 2008**
7:30 Mario & Lietta Bugatto
8:45 The Aicardi, Dal Cin, and Camoriani Families
10:15 Victor & Maria DeMartini
11:45 For the Parishioners –
Andrea & Genoveffa Sabini
1:00 Anna Billante-Truett
5:00 Eugene DeMattei
- Monday September 15, 2008**
7:30 Salvatore, Rosaria, & Alessandro Fazio –
Fred & Theresa Meneghetti (Conc.)
9:00 Giuseppina Cardella
12:15 Luigi Figone & Family
- Tuesday September 16, 2008**
7:30 Felice & Grazia Spingola –
Int. Maria Corradetti (Conc.)
9:00 In Memory of Dymphna Wong
12:15 Lucrezia Balistreri –
Recovery of Giovanna Aicardi (Conc.)
- Wednesday September 17, 2008**
7:30 Battista Sangiacomo – Daniel Lawrence (Conc.)
9:00 Giuseppe Di Franco
12:15 The Bocchi & Ottoboni Families
- Thursday September 18, 2008**
7:30 Francisco & Maria Spingola
9:00 Felice & Carmela Fazio
12:15 Pietro Damato
- Friday September 19, 2008**
7:30 Mario & Theresa Spinetti– Giuseppe, Fred, Thomas
& Phyllis Balistreri (Conc.)
9:00 Giuseppe D'Ascoli
12:15 Luigi & Maria Borzoni –
Daisy Kerner & Family (Conc.)
- Saturday September 20, 2008**
7:30 Elena Angelo, & Delia Serafini
9:00 Lino Simonetti
5:00 Carolyn, Harry, & Mary Fichter

WEEKLY INTENTIONS

Louis, Eugenia, & Raymond Raggio - Mary Vollelunga
George Vetari - Virginia Sanguinetti - Frank Sanguinetti
Angelo Sanguinetti - Nicola Sanguinetti - Gabriella Rossi
Antonio, Rose, & John Stroppiana - Special Intention
In Memory of Dymphna Wong - Eva Bedoni - Catalina St. Martin
*For each intention mentioned in the group above, individual Masses will
be said in our Parishes, Schools or Missions.*

Marriages

Joseph Bussani & Deanna Borghesa
Carlo Serafini & Jessica Markes

Rest-in-Peace

Joseph Musso – Manuel “Buddy” Rua



From the Pastor's Desk



On June 29 of this year, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments came out with a directive not to use the name of God in the form of the Hebrew Tetragrammaton (YHWH) that we render “Yahweh” in liturgical song. So, there goes popular hymns that use “Yahweh” like #340 of our *Catholic Community Hymnal*, “Yahweh, I know you are near.” Some Christian songbooks have not used “YHWH” in its songs and hymns since 1985. I would suppose that “You are Near” will be adapted to “O God” or “My Lord,” over those who would want to silence this contemporary hymn altogether!

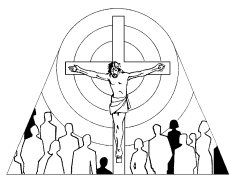
The directive points out that both our Hebrew brethren and the early Christians, with respect to God’s name expressing the truth that is beyond space and time and so unpronounceable, did not use the Divine Tetragrammaton. Our Sunday’s second reading is given as an example of early Christian non-usage: “God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name...” Notice that God’s name is alluded to but not said. In fact, our Sunday reading goes on to use alternate name of God, “and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is LORD.”

Is it coincidental that Philippians 2, 6-11 is also an early Christian hymn? I think not. Paul’s words about Christ, wherever he got the hymn-like and poetic words, contain a clear statement of belief that it is through Jesus Christ’s self-emptying in becoming human and self-sacrifice on the cross that Jesus is exalted by God and called by the same name, unsaid of course, that is, “Lord.”

Speaking of church music, it’s time to give credit to Charles Corum, Saints Peter and Paul’s director of music who prepares the music and worship help every Sunday for three of the Eucharistic celebrations, 5:00 p.m. vigil and for 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Sunday services. Those who have a discerning eye (or ear) will notice how he carefully chooses music verse that is connected to the Sunday readings. He is not above composing his own verse to accentuate and echo especially the Gospel reading. He plays, he sings, he composes and arranges, he does literally everything to make our community celebration of song an integral part of our liturgical act of worship. If you see him, congratulate and compliment him, and, for that matter Ken Kelly, who does the 8:45 a.m. Eucharistic music, the director of the Chinese Choir, Kelly Kong, who does the 10:15 a.m., Lola Simi, who is organist at the 11:45 a.m. Italian Eucharist and plays at many of our wedding ceremonies, and Melissa Wong-Renati, who does the cantoring at three of the Eucharists. And thanks to all those parishioners and visitors who actually sing along whether or not they are related to Celine Dion or Andrea Bocelli.

–Fr. John Itzaina, SDB

Exaltation of the Holy Cross



Numbers 21: 4b-9; Philippians 2: 6-11; John 3: 13-17. The reading from the Philippians describes poetically how the Son of God humbled himself in becoming human and obediently accepted death on a cross for the sake of

our salvation. In the Gospel, Jesus tells Nicodemus that God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son so that whoever believes in him might have eternal life.

Particular Items

Second Collection: This week's second collection will be for our Archdiocesan Appeal.

Eucharistic Adoration/Holy Hour: Every Wednesday, we have Holy Hour from 7:00-8:00 PM. The parking lot will be open. Come join us is spending some time with our Lord! Bible study will follow in the rectory. Parking will be available.



Religious Ed: CCD began on September . Classes are held on Sunday from 10 -11AM. Students meet in the downstairs part of the Church in the Pre-K. Registration forms are at the back of the Church or in the rectory. Turn all Registration Forms into the Parish Office with the Registration Fee (\$30).

Holy Name Bingo: Get Ready for Holy Name Society's Annual Champagne Bingo! This event is the sole yearly fundraiser for the HNS, and supports all their good works. The event will take place Sunday, September 21, from 1-5 PM in the gym. Tickets are \$17.00, and must be purchased in advance. Champagne, Hot Lunch, Free Parking, and 2 FREE Bingo Tickets! No children, please. For reservations call: 885-0567, or purchase tickets at the church office: 421-0809.

Get Ready to Vote! Come to a "Faithful Citizenship Workshop" for a discussion about Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, a compelling document prepared by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. The San Francisco Conference will be held on Friday, September 26, at Holy Name of Jesus Parish at 1555 39th Avenue. Transportation for the first eight parishioners who sign up will be provided. Call the parish office for more information.

Young Adult Group: Please join the Young Adult Group for dinner at Capp's Corner after the 5:00 pm Mass on Sunday, Sept. 21 Please RSVP to stpeter_paul_singles@hotmail.com no later than Friday, Sept. 19.

Esaltazione della Santa Croce

Nella croce troviamo salvezza che ci dà la vita, mentre apre per noi il grande viaggio verso l'eternità. In croce Gesù è morto per gli uomini. Nel nostro cammino incontriamo quotidianamente piccole e grandi croci. Il discepolo di Gesù le prende su di sé mettendosi al seguito dal Maestro, che occupa il primo posto nel viaggio verso la luce della Risurrezione.

Year of Paul! Pope Benedict has called us to the "Year of Paul" celebrating the 2000th Anniversary of his birth. At SS Peter and Paul we hope to learn more about St. Paul by offering trivia questions in the Bulletin on a weekly basis (hopefully). Last week's questions: 1) *What is our largest source of biographical information about Paul?* "The Acts of the Apostles." 2) *How many times does Luke write about Paul's conversion in Acts of the Apostles?* Luke writes about Paul in 14 Chapters of Acts – Chapters 9, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 29. This is half of the book of Acts. These writings include his conversion (mentioned 3 times) and his travels to areas that are also communities to whom Paul writes his epistles/letters. **NEXT WEEK'S QUESTIONS:** 1) *Who had the idea to declare 2008 as the Jubilee Year of St. Paul?* 2) *Where is St. Paul buried?*



Choose Life! A Rabbi and a Bishop speak on Marriage: "We now confront a demand that same sex unions be classified as marriage. Advocates of this position argue that to do otherwise is to engage in a form of discrimination against homosexuals. We recognize that all persons share equally in the dignity of human nature and are entitled to have that human dignity protected, but this does not justify the creation of a new definition for a term whose traditional meaning is of critical importance to the furtherance of a fundamental societal interest." –Rabbi Fabian Schonfeld, Rabbi of Young Israel Synagogue, Kew Gardens Hills, New York. Bishop William Murphy, Bishop of Rockville Centre and members of the Consultation of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Orthodox Union and the Rabbinical Council of America.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

常年期第 24 主日 (甲年)

寬恕是基督徒的座右銘。若說寬恕別人是很困難的，這都是因為太驕傲，太自大，缺少了謙遜的態度。我們應回想自己的出處：我們是人，人是天主所創造的。人本一無所有，一切都是天主賞賜的恩寵。因此，我們應自謙自卑，依賴天主的恩寵，遵照祂的誠命生活。

聖詠作者說：「上主富於仁愛寬恕，極其慈悲，遲於發怒」，祂憐愛我們如父親憐愛子女一樣。祂原知道我們出於塵土，卻無視我們的渺小脆弱，非常憐愛我們，屢屢無條件地寬恕我們的所有過犯。耶穌在福音中提醒我們，如果我們不從心裏寬恕自己的弟兄，天父也要這樣對待我們。在德訓篇中，天主也說得很清楚，我們要寬恕別人的過錯，這樣當我們祈禱時，我們的罪才得赦免。如果我們對他人仍懷恨在心，就不能為自己的罪求赦了。

我們中國有所謂「海量汪涵」，是指人氣量大，能容物，如海之能納百川。但我們往往是那麼衝動，莫說寬恕，就連事情都未弄清楚或沒有三思便大發忿怒。「涵養」是內心的修養，謂能控制情緒，冷靜處事的功夫。要有「海量汪涵」去寬恕，就讓我們由修練「涵養」做起吧！天父！求你讓我們多點體驗你的慈愛，明白只有愛才能敞開我們的心胸。

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Ambassadors for Christ

The Holy Father has declared 2008-2009 to be the Commemoration of the Anniversary of the birth of St. Paul, the co-patron of our parish. As we all know, Paul was the "Apostle to the Gentiles." In keeping with this, we will highlight members of our parish family who are "Ambassadors for Christ." Today, we profile:



Cosmo & Mara Amato. Cosmo and Mara were married here at SSPP back in 1956. They have three children, Michael, Angela, and Yvonne, who teaches in our school, and eight grandchildren. Cosmo is very active: he's an usher

and greeter at the weekend Masses, he's the Treasurer of our Young Men's Institute, a member of the Holy Name Society, a past Salesian Boys' and Girls' Club "Man of the Year" and a Salesian Cooperator. On top of all that, three times a week he guards the children (sometimes from each other!) as they play at lunchtime.

Mara was born Mara Balanesi. She is also a Salesian Cooperator, a member of the Salesian Mother's Club, the Italian Catholic Federation branch 38, past president of the Salesian Girls Club Auxiliary, and a past "Woman of the Year" for the SBGC. *God Bless them!*

Troubled Marriage? It's not unheard of! *Retrouvaille* (pronounced retro-vi) has helped thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. For confidential information about, or to register for the program on October 17-19 call (415) 893-1005 or email: SF@Retrouvaille.org or visit the web site at www.Retrouvaille.org

Mille Grazie! to Maria Seefeldt, Linda Machi, and all the devotees of San Calogero. They made a nice donation of \$950 on the occasion of the good saint's feastday. *San Calogero, pray for us!*

Liturgical Calendar

Sunday	14	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Monday	15	Our Lady of Sorrows
Tuesday	16	Cornelius; Pope, Martyr, and Cyprian; Bishop, Martyr
Wed-Fri	17-19	Weekdays in Ordinary Time
Saturday	20	Andrew Kim Taegon & Paul Chong Hasang & Companions; Martyrs
Sunday	21	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Your sacrificial donations of last week :

First Collection: \$3,156.

Second Collection (AAA): \$526.

Thank You! Your parish appreciates your continued support.