



June 29th, 2025 The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul

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MASS INTENTIONS – June 28th – July 6th, 2025

St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):

Sat. 4 pm Dorothy Veronica Kent
Sun. 9am Parishioners
Sun. 11:15am Nancy Cook
Tues. 6:30 pm Veniene Ann Regenbogen
Wed. 6:30 pm Andre Cahill
Thurs. 9 am Linda Surette
Fri. Funeral Mass at 1:00pm Michael Howell
Sat. 4 pm Anniv. Stanley & Paula Bishara
Sun. 9am Isabelle MacPhee
Sun. 11:15am Parishioners

Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):

Sun. 10 am June 29th Daniel Surette
Sun. 10 am July 6th Bernouf Gordon

RFLECTION: Pillars of the Church “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.” Saints Peter and Paul are often referred to as two of the great “Pillars of the Church.” They each played an

incredibly essential role in the establishment of the early Church. And though each of their roles was essential and foundational, their roles were as different as they were different as persons. Peter was a family man, a local fisherman, uneducated and quite ordinary. From what we know about him prior to being called by Jesus, there was nothing that made him uniquely qualified to become one of the pillars of the new Church to be established by the Son of God. Jesus simply called him, and he responded. Jesus got into Peter’s boat, ordered him to lower the nets, and produced a huge catch of fish. When Peter saw this miracle, he fell down at Jesus’ feet and acknowledged that he was “a sinful man” who was unworthy of being in Jesus’ presence. But Jesus informed Peter that he would from now on be catching men. Peter immediately left everything behind and followed Jesus. Paul describes himself as “a Jew, born at Tarsus in Cili’cia, but brought up in this city at the feet of Gama’li-el, educated according to the strict manner of the law of our fathers, being zealous for God as you all are this day”. Paul was well educated in the strictest interpretation of the Jewish law, understood philosophy and was quite zealous as a young man. Recall, also, that prior to becoming a convert to Christianity, he “persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it” (. In many ways, Paul would have been seen as the most unlikely person to be chosen to be a pillar of the Church, because he so vigorously opposed it at first. He even supported the killing of Saint Stephen, the first Christian martyr. Though each of these men would have been considered by many as very unlikely founders of the Christian Church, this is exactly what they became. Paul, after his conversion, traveled far and wide to preach the Gospel, founding several new Churches throughout Asia Minor and Europe. Eventually he was arrested in Jerusalem, brought to Rome for trial and was beheaded. Over half of the New Testament books are attributed to Paul and half of the Acts of the Apostles detail Paul’s missionary journeys. Paul is especially known for his missionary activity to the Gentiles, those who were not Jews. Peter’s role was truly a unique one. His name was changed from “Simon” to “Peter” by Jesus. Recall Jesus saying, “And I tell you, you are Peter (*Petros*), and on this rock (*petra*) I will build my church... “Peter” in Greek

is *Petros*. However, the Greek word *petra* means a rock as a solid formation that is fixed, immovable, and enduring. Therefore, Jesus chose to make Peter a solid foundation of immovable rock on which the Church was to be built. You, too, have been called by our Lord to a unique mission within the Church that has not been entrusted to another. In your own way, God wants to use you to reach certain people with the Gospel as He did with Saint Paul. And like Saint Peter, God wants to continue to establish His Church upon you and your faith. –My Catholic Life

FOOD BANK: Next weekend of July 5th and 6th, is our turn to support the Yarmouth Food Bank. Non-perishable goods and monetary donations are appreciated. The Knights of Columbus will be on hand before all the masses to receive the donations.

OFFICE CLOSED: Please note the office and the church will be closed on Monday June 30th and Tuesday July 1st. There will be a 6:30 mas for July 1st in the church. We will open for regular hours of operation on July 2nd.

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC: This year, we are trying something different. We will be having an outdoor mass at 10:00 am on Sunday July 27th at Ellenwood Lake Provincial Park located 1888 Mood Road in Deerfield. Following this mass will be a barbecue which will be cooked by the Knights of Columbus with the food being supplied by the parish. To do this, we will be canceling both the 9 am and 11:15 am masses at Saint Ambrose that morning. For those who would not like to attend at Ellenwood, there is still the 4:00 pm mass at St. Ambrose on Saturday and the 10:00 am mass on Sunday at Our Lady of Lourdes in Melbourne. There will be sign-up sheets at the entrance of the Church for the next few weeks for those who wish to attend so we know how much food is needed for the Barbecue. This is a community building event meant to help us get to know one another better. Please remember to bring a chair. Fr. Henry

SILENT AUCTION/YARD SALE AT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL: This past Saturday, a yard sale/silent auction happened at the Knights of

Columbus Hall to raise money for the renovations happening at St. Ambrose church. A big thank you to everyone who donated things, the volunteers, the knights and to Kelley Kelly who organized it. The event raised around \$7700.00.

ST. AMBROSE RENOVATION: I want to personally thank everyone who has donated towards the renovation project at St. Ambrose. So far, we have raised around \$112,000. Fr. Henry

ULTREYA: The Yarmouth and Area Ultreya will be held July 3rd, 2025 in Marian Hall at 7pm. We hope to see you then! De Colores!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies. – St. Teresa of Calcutta

MATTHEW 18: Matthew 18 will resume this Monday evening in the Jubilee room at 7:00pm. All are welcome to join in.



Please welcome into our Christian community
Elgah Claire who was baptised on Sunday June
22nd, 2025.

Please keep Elgah and her family in your
prayers.



God’s abundant blessings upon Tyler Wade
Muisse and Tamara Ann-Marie Peterson who
were married on June 21st, 2025 at St. Ambrose
Co-Cathedral.

As you begin your married life together, may
you trust and rely on God’s Holy Presence for
guidance, direction and strength.