

TO PARENTS OF OUR CHILDREN

The Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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forgive

September 17, 2017

Sat. September 16, 2017

5:00 pm – Jose & Ramona Martinez,
William Garry, Fran Targansky
6:15 pm - Ultreya

Sun. September 17, 2017

9:00 am – Dennis Schechter, Brandon J. Stout,
Christopher Pinczes
10:00 am – Grade 1 and Parent Workshop
11:00 am – Viktor Vulaj, Robert O'Hara,
John & Constance Klosterman

Mon. September 18, 2017

6:30 – 8:00 pm – Religious Education
6:30 pm – Grade 2 Parent Workshop

Tues. September 19, 2017

10:00 am & 6:30 pm – Bible Study
6:30 – 8:00 pm – Religious Education

Wed. September 20, 2017

10:00 am – Sunday Scripture
6:30 – 8:00 pm – Religious Education
6:30 pm – Grade 2 Parent Workshop

Thurs. September 21, 2017

7:00 pm – AA
7:15 pm Choir Practice

Fri. September 22, 2017

6:30 PM – AFF Meeting

Sat. September 23, 2017

11:00 am – Baptism
3:30 pm - Reconciliation
5:00 pm – Barbara Tonzola, Jean Harrison, Patricia Catania

Sun. September 24, 2017

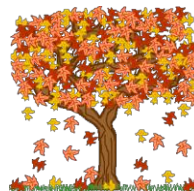
9:00 am – Socorro Sananbria, Gregory Braun,
Frank & Mary Kaleita
9:00 & 11:00 am – CTW, 3,4,5 year olds
10:00 am – Grade 1 and Parent Workshop
11:00 am – Louis Schmenti, Rosalina Rodriguez

RELAX! God put the wiggle in children, don't feel you have to suppress it in God's House. All Are Welcome here at St. Paul's Church! Sit toward the front where it is easier to see and hear. Quietly explain the parts of the Mass. Sing the hymns and songs, pray and voice the responses together. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying **YOU!** If you have to leave Mass with your child, please feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to Me." Remember that the way we welcome children in Church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, to Christ and to one another.

Let them know that they are at home in this House of Worship. To the members of our Parish, a smile of encouragement is always welcome to parents with small, active children. The presence of children is a **GIFT** to the Church. They give us a future full of hope.

COUNSELING

St. Paul's Church is pleased to introduce a confidential service available at a minimal fee to our parishioners. This program, the Parish Counseling Network (PCN) entitles parishioners to 6 sessions with a Professional Clinician who can help with a variety of individual and inter-personal issues. Please contact Fr. Sean or a member of the parish Administrative staff for more information to access services. This is offered under the auspices of Parish Relations and Community Outreach, Catholic Charities Community Services of Orange and Sullivan Counties.



SAVE THE DATES

**Fall Dinner Dance –
November 10th**

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

"It's time for Parish Council nominations. Registered parishioners 18 years and older are eligible to run for the council. Terms are three years. The council meets on the 2nd Monday of the month to discuss decisions about the church community. There are four openings for the council. Three of the current members are eligible to run again. Nomination forms will be available at the doors of the church and hall beginning this weekend and must be returned no later than October 1st. Elections will be held the weekend of October 21st and 22nd. Absentee voting will take place the weekend before, October 14th and 15th.

If you have any questions please ask any parish council member, whose names are posted on the bulletin board in Deacon John Hall."

TREASURER'S REPORT

**September 9th & 10th – \$8,761.00
Collection - \$5,827.00 Online - \$2,934.00**

OUR SUGGESTION BOX

Our Suggestion Box has not been very busy but there are several things.

Our music selections came up a couple of times: some want up-beat, hand clapping music; others want quiet, traditional, oldies. It might be helpful to all, if we realize that our choices have to work with the theme of the Liturgical Season as well as the Readings and Prayers of the day. For example, we won't do a hymn to Mary on a Feast of the Lord, and we won't be singing hand clapping tunes during Lent. So we must be aware that our choices are restricted.

There were several suggestions that we have another Ministry Fair. The Parish Council is working on that now.

For safety sake, please lift the kneelers up when you are going to Communion so that people can get from and back to their seats without hurting themselves.

In addition to observations about music, there were suggestions having to do with flowers, temperature in the church, and the value of the community praying in unison. At the Ministry Fair, we will be beginning a Liturgical Environment Committee to address these and other issues. Please consider getting involved!

ST. PAUL'S HAS A BONE TO PICK WITH YOU



Was it only 12 mos ago? More likely 18. Seems (so much) longer. Decisions had to be made. Would it be chicken or fish?

**St. Paul's has your 2017 strategy!
This Sunday: a chicken on every plate.
October 20: fish, fresh from the fryer.**

Join us now as we savor St. Paul's Harvest BBQ and later as we relish (um, tartar) October's Fish Fry!
(Watch for more details in the coming weeks.)

DOSE OF REALITY A community conversation.

Addiction is a scary subject to talk about. The fact that it's scary does not stop it from happening.

Be part of the conversation that starts to turn the tide of this epidemic. Please join other concerned citizens.

Tuesday, September 19th, 2017 - 6:30-8:30 PM
Town of Wallkill Community Center.
8 Wes Warren Dr. Scotchtown, NY 10941

CATECHIAL ANNUAL RAFFLE

The Archdiocesan Catechetical Office is having their Annual Raffle. This raffle allows the Catechetical Office to support all the parish Religious Education/Faith Formation Programs by providing training, support and information to your directors/coordinators and catechists. This year the Catechetical Office will also be giving an Acer Aspire 15.6" laptop to the two Religious Education/Faith Formation Programs that sell the most raffle tickets!!!

Winners of the raffle will be announced at the Catechetical Forum at Sacred Heart Parish in Monroe on October 28th. You do not need to be present to win. There will be two \$100 winners and two \$500 winners. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. To purchase tickets please visit Jessica Carpino in the Religious Education Office between the Masses on Sundays or call the Religious Education Office at 845-361-5816. Thank you for helping to support the future of our faith!

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

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“Forgive your neighbor’s injustices, then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the Lord? Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself can he seek pardon for his own sins?... Remember your last days, set enmity aside, remember death and decay, and cease from sin. Think of the commandments hate not your neighbor, remember the Most High’s covenant and overlook faults.”

When we consider the word power, we might think of electricity, strength, or brute force. The greatest power available is not material, physical or even emotional. The greatest power resides in every person, yet often goes unused.

The scriptures today reflect that power and it is found in the word forgiveness. Every person has the power to forgive. In our world beset with hatred, war, discrimination rarely do we resort to the use of this power. We are set on dominating, getting even, putting others in their place. We judge, presume intentions and motivation, yet fail to see the splinter in our own eye. The power to forgive is a gift for use, for my own well being and for others.

I recall a wise old priest who directed others to ‘look the other way’.

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