

# 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

AUGUST 13, 2023



## THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

**First:** Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

**Second:** Romans 9:1-5 3

**Gospel:** Matthew 14:22-33

**FOCUS:** *The Lord is abounding in love and mercy, but he isn't always "loud."*

It was in the tiny, whispering sound that Elijah experienced the Lord's presence. It is a good reminder for us that sometimes God is in the storm, sometimes he is in the whisper, sometimes he is the calming presence walking on the water. His love and mercy abound, and we need simply to keep our eyes on him and reach out our hand when we need help.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD:

In the first reading, the Lord revealed his presence to Elijah not in great forces of nature but in a tiny whisper. Saint Paul writes of his sorrow in loving his people who do not accept Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus invites Peter to join him in walking on water; Peter does so until he doubts, and Jesus catches him when he begins to sink.



## MASS INTENTIONS

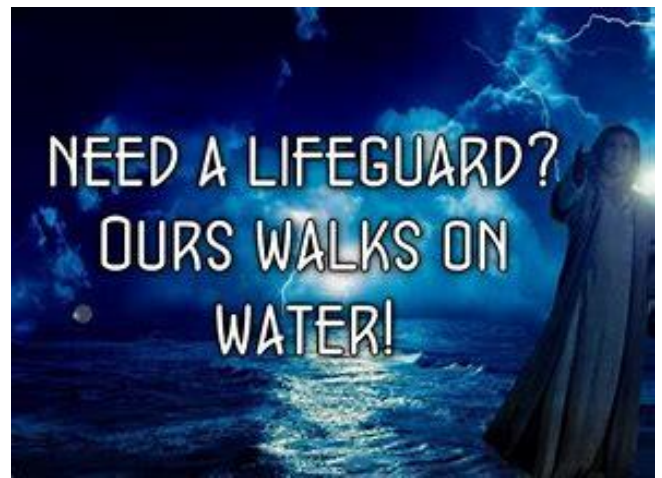
**5 p.m.:** Peg Boyle, The Brooks Family and June Bisel

**10 a.m.:** Bud & Marguerite Brinkman, Gail Pearson, Rose O'Neil and Asumpta Clara Vulaj

## MASS ATTENDANCE

July 29-30: 5 p.m.: 74; 10 a.m. 128

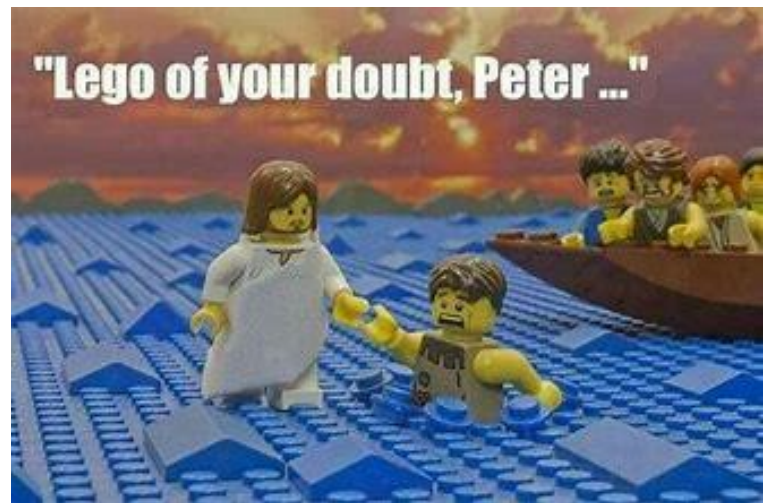
August 5-6: 5 p.m.: 65; 10 a.m.:133



*"Faith is like a bright ray of sunlight.*

*It enables us to see God in all things as well as all things in God."*

*— Saint Francis de Sales*



## CARMELITE MISSIONS

Our thanks to Fr. Tim Ennis, O. Carm., for celebrating Mass at St. Paul's last weekend, and for his well-written and insightful homily that linked the Transfiguration to the Carmelite Missions.

For those wishing to make a contribution, it can be done via WeShare or feel free to use the envelopes found in the church vestibules. You can even simply note "Carmelite Missions" in the memo portion of your check and place it in one of the drop boxes.

As always, thank you for your generosity.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Regular Sunday Collection

**July 23-30: Totaled \$ 5,493.87**

Envelopes: \$ 2,264.00 – Online: \$ 3,229.87

**July 30-August 6: \$ 8,321.37**

Envelopes: \$ 3,698.00 – Online: \$ 4,623.37

**THANK YOU!**

## CONDOLENCES

We extend our deepest sympathies to the family of parishioner Francis Stein, who died last week. Please keep them in your prayers.

## SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER! DISCOVERING CHRIST UPDATE

Registration has been extended for anyone who is still interested in the ChristLife series. However, you are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible.

For ease in participating in Discovering Christ, the first in the series, use this QR code to access the registration form.



To recap, Discovering Christ is a seven-week experience that begins **September 10** at St. Paul's where anyone and everyone, from the baptized in the pews to the unbaptized, is invited to hear the Good News and encounter Jesus Christ.

The program is free to all who wish to attend.

Should you have a question or concern that's holding you back from making a decision, don't hesitate to reach out to the organizers, Mark Carson at 845-551-2530 or Kate Gallaher Carson at 914-850-5107.

## DISCUSSION OF MARK'S GOSPEL

The Gospel discussion group will reconvene its Zoom meetings beginning 10-11:15 a.m. **Monday, September 20**. Everyone is welcome to this session, the Ignatian Gospel Discussion of Mark.

The book that will be used is \$14 and available through Gail Van Tassel. Call her at 845-457-3432.

## BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM SCHEDULED

At 9 a.m. **Saturday, September 23**, a six-week Bereavement Program will begin at St. Paul's. Julie Laurenzi, Liz Locatelli and Kate Gallaher Carson, who have completed the Archdiocese's training, will lead the sessions designed to support the bereaved as they continue on their own healing path. It is open to anyone struggling with the loss of a loved one – regardless of when that passing occurred.

Thereafter, the group will continue to meet from 9-10:30 Saturday mornings on September 30 and October 7. There will be no meeting on October 14, but the group will reconvene on October 21 and again on October 28.

The annual **Memorial Mass** to honor deceased relatives and friends will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on November 4. The bereavement program will then wrap up the following Saturday, November 11.

For more information or to sign up, call Julie Laurenzi at 518-225-1170 or email Julie.laurenzi@gmail.com.

## FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

This **Tuesday, August 15**, is the **Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary**. It is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass will be celebrated at St. Paul's at 9 a.m. and livestreamed as well.

If you can serve as a greeter, let the office know.

## BACKPACKS TO BE BLESSED

Admit it: Even though the last thing you want to think about right now is school, there's something cool about all those brand-new supplies just waiting to spark your imagination and open your mind to the world.

Sure, everyone is nervous the first day, worrying about finding a classroom or making friends. But it's exciting, too, wondering about all you'll discover this year.

Fr. Sean and your St. Paul's family want you to know we're with you in prayer and spirit. So at the 10 o'clock Mass on **August 27**, Fr. Sean will invite all students, pre-K through teens, to come to the altar with their filled backpacks for a special blessing.

# chicken barbecue

**EAT IN or TAKE OUT!** **Saturday, August 26**  
(raindate Sunday, August 27)

**Our Lady of the Assumption Church**  
**17 High Street, Bloomingburg**

Please purchase tickets by **Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Price Per Ticket**  
**\$15**

Barbecued Half Chicken with our "Secret" Sauce  
Baked Potato  
3 Bean Salad  
Dinner Roll  
Watermelon



Tickets available:  
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