

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

AUGUST 20, 2023



THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

First: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Second: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

FOCUS: *Today and every day we celebrate the goodness of God.*

Celebration for the generosity of God resounds in our readings today. As followers of Jesus, we are filled with joy because God has included all people in his bountiful mercy. That joy leads us to reach out to all with compassion and mercy.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

In the first reading, Isaiah tells the people to observe what is right and do what is just, for God's salvation is about to come for all who hold to his covenant. Paul writes that he is the apostle to the Gentiles, for God has delivered them too. In the Gospel, Jesus heals the daughter of a Canaanite woman because the woman's faith is great.



MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: Francis Stein, Richard Mercado
and The Ryan, Borst & Costello Families

10 a.m.: Francis Hernandez, Marie Carotenuto
and Paul Glielmi

WE HAD A WINNER!

Congratulations to John and Valeria O'Flaherty, parishioners and winners of a \$1,000 gift card in this year's multi-parish fundraising **Raffle**. There was also a winner from St. Stephen's in Warwick, as well as another from Monroe who purchased a ticket through a Holy Rosary Church in New York.



A resounding thank you to all who participated. Unfortunately, not everyone can win, but the odds are certainly better than when purchasing a Mega lottery ticket – even with 39 parishes involved!

And remember, this was a fundraiser, which brought in **\$9,162.50!** Thank you again!

CARDINAL DOLAN'S WORDS OF APPRECIATION

"Dear Father Harlow,

"Well done on exceeding your parish's 2023 *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal* goal! In moments like this, I am inspired by the exemplary witness of faithfulness and selflessness in our parishes. Thank you for leading your parishioners to see Jesus in their neighbor." ...



"The Lord can never be outdone in generosity, so *thank you* for your love for and work in building up the wider Church in New York. The parishioners of St. Paul Parish have certainly responded to God's love in abundance. **Please express my heartfelt gratitude to them.**

"Lastly, thank you for your steadfast commitment to the archdiocese and your faithfulness to your vocation, as you gracefully shepherd the people of St. Paul Parish.

"With prayerful best wishes and eternal gratitude, I remain,"

Fraternally in Christ,

†Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York

TREASURER'S REPORT

Regular Sunday Collection

August 6-13: \$ 6,552.70

Envelopes: \$ 2,154.00 – Online: \$ 4,398.70

**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.

MASS ATTENDANCE

5 p.m.: 94
10 a.m.: 112

The Assumption of Mary, 9 a.m.: about 60

BACKPACKS BLESSED NEXT SUNDAY

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 next Sunday, 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.

Afterward, plan to stop off in Deacon John Hall for a **Coffee Social!**

chicken barbecue

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(raindate Sunday, August 27)

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