

21st Sunday In Ordinary Time

AUGUST 22, 2021



CALLING ALL MOMS

*“God is working miracles in our kids’ lives,
in our schools and in us.
His power is unleashed
through our prayers!”*

- Sally Burke, president
Moms in Prayer International

Moms in Prayer gathers women together to pray specifically and scripturally for our children and their schools – helping to replace anxiety and concerns with peace and hope.

The branch specific to families in the Pine Bush School District meets via Zoom at 7 p.m. Mondays during the school year, beginning August 30. The hour is divided into Praise, silent confession, thanksgiving and intercession for the children.

The branch specific to middle and high school students in the Valley Central School District meets at 7 p.m. Mondays in person at a co-leaders house, with the first meeting scheduled for September 13.

For information about the Pine Bush group, contact Diane Smutek at smutekdiane559@gmail.com. For the Valley Central group, contact Karen Andersen at mybunnythumper@gmail.com. And for general info about Moms in Prayer, visit MomsInPrayer.org.

MASS INTENTIONS

- 5 p.m.: Joseph Britto, Chris Pierce
and John Francis Mullarkey.
10 a.m.: Domingo Rodriguez, Janet Stinson,
Frances Hernandez and Laura Hartell

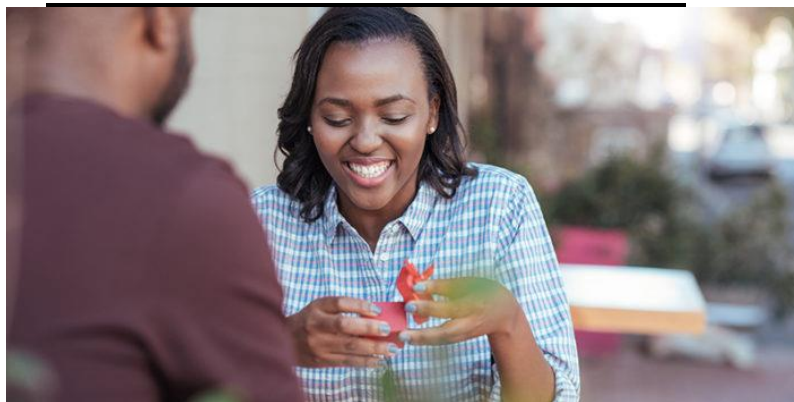
TREASURER’S REPORT

August 8-15: Totaled \$ 5,580.67

Envelopes: \$ 2,689.71 – Online: \$ 2,890.96

THANK YOU!

RECEIVING THE GIFTS OF OTHERS



A gift only becomes a gift when it is received; and nothing we have to give - wealth, talents, competence, or just beauty - will ever be recognized as true gifts until someone is open to accept them.

This all suggests that if we want others to grow - that is, to discover their potential and capacities, to experience that they have something to live and work for - we should first of all be able to recognize their gifts and be willing to receive them.

For we only become fully human when we are received and accepted.

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NEW EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Are you worried about a young person who might be starting to drink or experiment with drugs? Teen Intervene can help.

The new substance-use prevention program for 12- to 19-year-olds draws from various models proven effective in addressing mild to moderate alcohol or other drug use. It meets teens where they are, acknowledging that he or she might not see any reason to change behavior because they don't see their use as a problem.

The two- to four-session program is free and can be accessed by contacting Jessica Pforte, LMHC, at the Archdiocese of New York's Drug Abuse Prevention Program.

Ms. Forte says that when an adult reaches out and refers a teen, a counselor is assigned and a Zoom meeting scheduled. Family involvement is encouraged, and follow-up sessions provide specific tools and education. Citing environmental and peer pressures as common challenges, Ms. Forte says the tailored program often includes practicing assertive and refusal skills with the counselor. The teen is also assessed to ascertain whether further treatment is recommended.

To reach Ms. Forte and Teen Intervene, call 561-3633 Ext. 40 or email jpforte@adapp.org.



Enough is a decision
not an amount.

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CALL TO SOCIAL JUSTICE

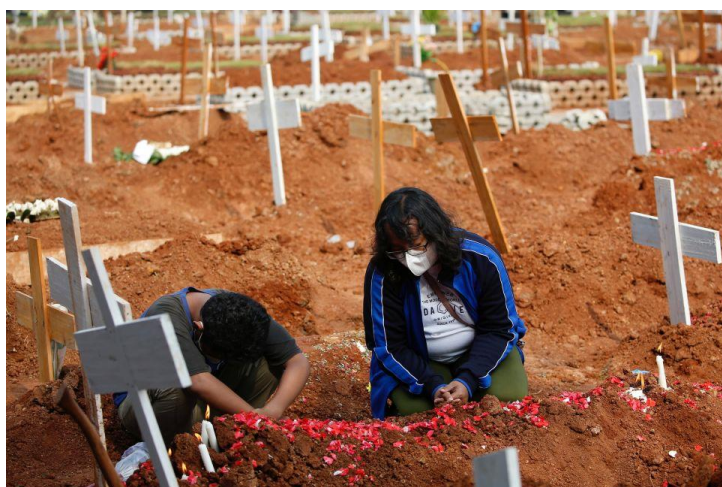
We continue to share resources into social justice issues from a Church/Biblical perspective.

In the photo below, a mother and son pray at the grave of her husband at the government-run cemetery for COVID-19 victims in Indonesia – one of the tragic consequences of the pandemic to which sisters worldwide are scrambling to respond. Between the delta variant, lack of vaccines and longstanding social and economic problems, many humanitarians are alarmed.

"Just pick your continent, and we have some incredible challenges," said Sr. Carol Keehan of the Daughters of Charity, who heads a health task force for the Vatican COVID-19 Commission. "The pandemic is a mess."

To read the full article from Global Sisters Report, a project of National Catholic Register, visit:

<https://www.globalsistersreport.org/news/coronavirus/news/sisters-scramble-respond-delta-variant-amid-longstanding-local-and-global>

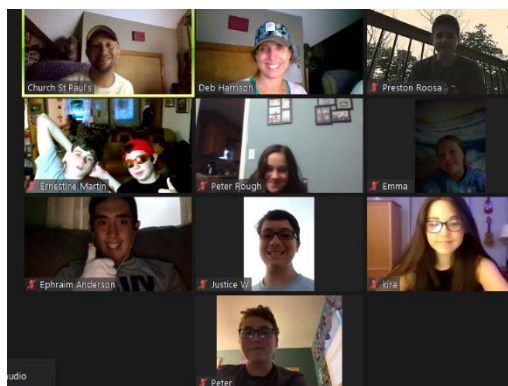


SEEKING A LEAD ELF

Are you creative, and do you have some free time during Advent and Lent? If so, you might want to consider becoming the **coordinator of the Art & Environment Ministry**, with a primary responsibility for decorating the church at Christmas and Easter.

There are photos from previous years to inspire – or duplicate – and plenty of support during the planning process. And when extra hands are needed to decorate or undecorate, they appear!

For more information, call the office at 361-3107.



YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

As summer quickly fades and focus shifts to the start of a new school year, Chris Worthington, the youth minister, and his wife, Deb, decided it was a perfect time to address goal-setting. After all the participants shared at the last meeting what they hoped to accomplish in September - such as getting their homework in on time, improving grades and growing their circle of friends - the slideshow Deb prepared titled "Biblical Keys for Goal Setting" was introduced.

Faith, humility, commitment, perseverance and alignment with God's word and will were some of the guiding stars to success that were discussed. And when the journey presents potholes in the form of a tough class or strained friendships, strength can be drawn from reflecting on the following:

2 Chronicles 15:7 - "But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded."

Psalms 20:4 - "May He give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed."

Proverbs 16:3 - "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and He will establish your plans."

Isaiah 32:8 - "But the noble make noble plans, and by noble deeds they stand."

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