

# SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 12, 2023



## THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

**First:** Sirach 15:15-20

**Second:** 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

**Gospel:** Matthew 5:17-37  
or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

**FOCUS:** God's wisdom guides us to love in truth.

Human wisdom, hard as it is to come by, differs qualitatively from the wisdom of God. God's wisdom draws not only on God's knowledge of all things, but also on God's love of all things in totality and purity. When we follow Christ, we are drawn deeper into his way of love. We seek and trust his wisdom as the way of life.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD:

In the first reading, Sirach tells the people that if they choose to follow the commandments, they will be saved: Before man are life and death, good and evil. Saint Paul writes of God's wisdom, whose depth and mystery is beyond understanding. In the Gospel, Jesus proclaims his mission to fulfill the law and the prophets and calls for following the law of God in a new way, with totality of heart.



## MASS INTENTIONS

**5 p.m.:** Charles "Chuck" Graap, Tommy McCartha and Richard Mercado

**10 a.m.:** Oswaldo Rivero, Mary Jean Geidel, Mark Vulaj and Rudy & Nora Sustack

## ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO FOR LENT?

In keeping with the spirit of Lent, the Book Club is offering all parishioners a **Lenten Program of daily reflections** that will use the book "Lent in Plain Sight: A Devotion through Ten Objects," by Jill J. Duffield.

The author examines 10 ordinary objects that Jesus would have encountered on his way to Jerusalem – such as bread, shoes, coins, dust and stones – and emphasizes how God works through even these seemingly insignificant items.

As these objects are individually reflected upon throughout the weeks of Lent, our sense of the holy will be honed as we more clearly grasp that God is present in all creation. What is ordinary is really extraordinary.

There will be two ZOOM sessions on Tuesdays – the first from 10-11:15 a.m. and the second from 6:30-7:45 p.m. **beginning February 28** continuing through April 4.

The book is available on Amazon (\$9.89) and from other booksellers.

Please contact the office if you are interested in participating.

## CONDOLENCES

We extend our deepest sympathies to Diane McCartha upon the death of her husband, Tommy. Longtime parishioner Richard Mercado also died last week. Please keep these families in your prayers.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION NEWS

The Adult Faith Formation Committee will have a reorganizational meeting following the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, February 19, with a focus of how to move forward in our changing parish.

Everyone is welcome to stop in Classrooms 7-8 in Deacon John Hall to share ideas for the future.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

**January 29- February 5: Totaled \$ 7,576.16**

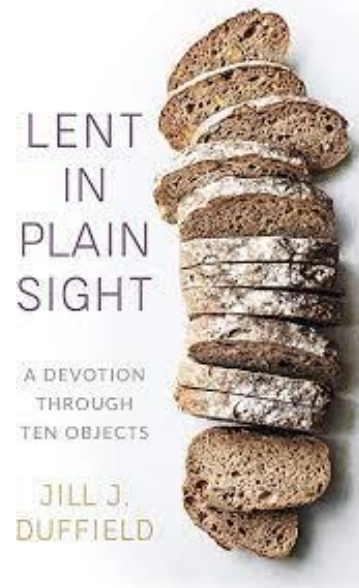
Envelopes: \$ 3,047.00 – Online: \$ 4,529.16

THANK YOU!

## LAST WEEKEND'S MASS ATTENDANCE

5 p.m.: 62

10 a.m.: 160



## ROTARY EAST FOOD DRIVE

Walkill East Rotary and the Town of Crawford and its Police Department are joining forces to sponsor their fourth annual **Food Drive** between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on **Saturday, March 4**. Non-perishable, unexpired items can be dropped off at the Crawford Senior and Community Center, 115 Route 302, Pine Bush. **St. Paul's Food Pantry** will be one of the pantries to benefit. For more information, call Peggy Lucido at 845-304-2728.

## FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

If you are able, please remember our very busy **Food Pantry** when you shop. We were approached by three new families during the first week of February, and by Friday, had served 61 people in 14 families.

## A WARM ROUND OF APPLAUSE

Thanks to your generosity – and affection for homebaked goods – the **Prayer Blanket Ministry** raised \$1,144 last weekend, which will cover the cost of fabric for about 40 blankets. Call the office if you know of someone in need of the comfort these blankets have been known to bring.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

✓ **Ash Wednesday is February 22.** Mass with the distribution of ashes will be celebrated at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. The Saint Paul's Youth Ministry will meet after the evening Mass for pizza and prayer.

✓ It's back: The **Our Lady of Mount Carmel School Tricky Tray**. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. on **Saturday, March 4**, and calling starts at 1:30 p.m. For more information about this day filled with fun, food and prizes, contact Donna Coburn at 845-343-8836 or [dcoburn@mtcarmelschool.org](mailto:dcoburn@mtcarmelschool.org).

✓ A Lenten Retreat has been scheduled from 9 a.m.–3 p.m. on **Saturday, March 4**, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Fr. Justin Cinnante, O.Carm., will lead "Lenten Disciplines during the Eucharistic Revival." The retreat includes a continental breakfast, confession, Mass, conferences, lunch and a holy hour. The cost is \$40 per person. Call Carol Bezak, Shrine director, 845-343-1879 for info.

✓ "No Greater Love," the **Passion of Christ in drama, song and dance**, will be performed by the Xavier Company at 4 p.m. **Sunday, March 5**, at Our Lady of the Assumption Church in Bloomingburg.

✓ A **Lenten Day of Prayer and Reflection for Liturgical Ministers**, "The Paschal Mystery and the Presence of Christ," has been set for 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on **Saturday, March 11**, at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers. For more information, email [liturgy@archny.org](mailto:liturgy@archny.org).

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