

# SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 19, 2023



## THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

**First:** Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

**Second:** 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

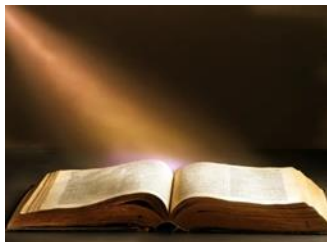
**Gospel:** Matthew 5:38-48

**FOCUS:** *Living a life of faith means acting with love and mercy.*

The call to spiritual perfection or holiness dominates our readings today. We are called to be perfect as the heavenly Father is perfect, and to demonstrate that holiness in the way we treat one another and in our knowledge that we are temples of God's Holy Spirit.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD:

In the first reading, the Lord calls his people to be holy and to love as he loves. Saint Paul writes that the Spirit of God dwells in [us]. In the Gospel, Jesus offers examples of what he means by fulfilling the law.



## MASS INTENTIONS

**5 p.m.:** Jean Simmons, Carol Moloney and the Visco Family

**10 a.m.:** Frances Hernandez, Carmela Marino and Peg Boyle

## LAST WEEKEND'S MASS ATTENDANCE

5 p.m.: 77  
10 a.m.: 175

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DEACON JOHN!

On Thursday, Deacon John turns 98!

Although he's been wrestling with some health challenges and is at Campbell Hall Rehabilitation Center, his indomitable spirit continues to shine. He and his family are most grateful for your ongoing prayers. Keep them coming!

An outpouring of affection – in the form of birthday cards, perhaps even some handmade ones – is another way to mark this milestone and remind him of the impact he has made on the parishioners of St. Paul's during the decades!

Feel free to drop a card off at the office, and we'll be sure your good wishes are delivered to him.



## 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.

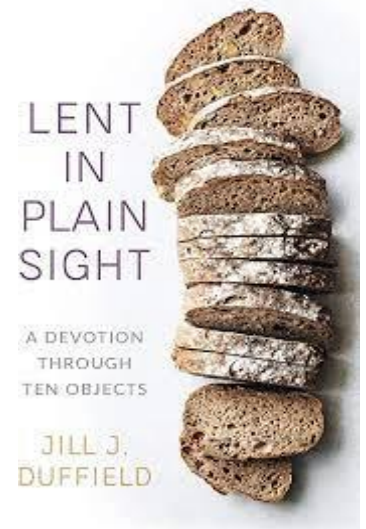
The author examines 10 ordinary objects that Jesus would have encountered on his way to Jerusalem – such as bread, shoes, coins, dust and stones – and emphasizes how God works through even these seemingly insignificant items.

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.



## TREASURER'S REPORT

**February 5-12: Totaled \$ 7,148.39**  
Envelopes: \$ 2,878.00 – Online: \$ 4,270.39  
THANK YOU!

## ROTARY EAST FOOD DRIVE

Wallkill 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 Town Hall (location was changed), 121 Route 302, Pine Bush. **St. Paul's Food Pantry** will benefit. Questions? Call Peggy Lucido at 845-304-2728.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- ✓ Mass with the distribution of ashes will be celebrated at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. on **February 22, Ash Wednesday**.
- ✓ Teens 13-19 are invited to break bread (pizza) in fellowship with the youth ministers and one another after the evening Ash Wednesday Mass. Conversation and Lenten reflection will take place from about 8-9:30 p.m. RSVP via email, [saintpaulsym@gmail.com](mailto:saintpaulsym@gmail.com) for call/text 845-248-3120 so there is enough pizza!
- ✓ The **Stone Soup Feast**, a Religious Education event that is open to the entire parish, will take place in Deacon John Hall at 6 p.m. **Friday, February 24**. Bring a crockpot full of meatless soup to share. Sign up on the sheets near the Religious Education office.
- ✓ **Confessions** will be heard at St. Paul's from 3:30-4:30 p.m. on **Saturday, February 25**.
- ✓ It's back: The **Our Lady of Mount Carmel School Tricky Tray**, with baskets donated by local salons, wineries, restaurants and more. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. on **Saturday, March 4**, and calling starts at 1:30 p.m. Admission is \$5, with one full sheet; \$1 each additional sheet. 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).
- ✓ "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 light meal follows. Call 845-733-1477 to register.
- ✓ Our **St. Patrick's Day Dinner** returns **Saturday, March 18**, after the 5 o'clock Mass. Details to follow.

## SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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DJ Deb Harrison, decked out in original LEGO primary colors, poses with budding builders Kimora and Autumn.

## WAY TO GO, LEGO!

Talk about a block party!

About 75 people – 18 families and a total of 33 chips off the old blocks (4- to-17-year-olds) – were lured by SPYM'S LEGO Build-Off into Deacon John Hall after Mass last Sunday.

Against a backdrop of LEGO-inspired music played by the head-to-toe Legorifically-attired DJ for the day, the enthusiastic builders first picked names for their teams. Then they were given the challenge, which proved to be no stumbling block for these super-imaginative Legomeisters. Not only did they have to build something that could be used to travel into space, but they had to select among additional specs such as whether to use many colors, few colors, have it also look religious – or like a Super Bowl trophy!

The Space Dragon 3000 appeared, along with a space boat and even a whole space village. Pictures and some of the creations can be seen at the Youth Ministry bulletin board in hall.

A photo station, temporary tattoos and snacks rounded out this Legolicious day. And the Kellner family won a gift certificate donated by Villa Gaudio!

"When are we doing this again?!" asked a parent, hoping some time will be blocked out in the not-too-distant future.

How Legolightful!



