

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

JULY 10, 2022



THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

First: Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Second: Colossians 1:15-20

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

FOCUS: Love of God and love of neighbor are essential for the life of a believer.

Both the Old and New Testaments emphasize the centrality of loving God and our neighbor. In the first reading, we hear Moses stressing the importance of this in one of the final speeches of his life. In the Gospel, Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan expands the understanding of "neighbor" to include those we might consider strangers or even enemies, and "love" modeled on his example of selflessness and sacrifice.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Moses entreats the people to return to the Lord, your God, with all your heart and all your soul. Paul writes of Christ as the firstborn of all creation, who reconciled all things in himself. In the Gospel, Jesus converses with a scholar of the law and commends him for knowing the law. He then uses the parable of the Good Samaritan to challenge the scholar to treat everyone with mercy.



MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: Eileen Carson, Jim Gallaher
and Eric Harlow

10 a.m.: Michael Mont, Eric Harlow, Nika Dushaj
and Albert Kern

TICKET TALK

As of July 3, 391 raffle tickets have been purchased. That translates into an almost effortless **\$4,637.50 for St. Paul's** – another \$600 this week! Thank you to all who have participated.

Participating churches get half of all their ticket sales; the other half goes toward administrative costs associated with the raffle, such as printing, postage and most importantly, the \$68,000 in prize money!

To recap, COVID-19 has taken a great financial toll on us, which is why our Finance Council suggested we participate in this multi-parish fundraiser – and that was before we received our 2022-2023 prepaid heating oil bill of 26,343.68 this week. That is up from \$13,306 last year and \$6,652.00 in 2019!

Need tickets? Call the office at 845-361-3107.

THE 2023 BOOK IS HERE

If you would like to remember deceased loved ones with a Mass next year, the 2023 Daily Mass Record has arrived.

Feel free to stop into the office. If office hours are not convenient, arrangements can be made via phone or email.

The suggested donation is \$15 per name.

SALT AND LIGHT

"In these challenging days, we believe that the Catholic community needs to be more than ever a source of clear moral vision and effective action. We are called to be the 'salt of the earth' and 'light of the world' in the words of the Scriptures (cf. Mt 5:13-16).

"This task belongs to every believer and every parish. It cannot be assigned to a few or simply delegated to diocesan or national structures. The pursuit of justice and peace is an essential part of what makes a parish Catholic."

- US Bishops, "Communities of Salt and Light"

2022 Parish Raffle

Twenty-three (23) prizes to be awarded totaling \$68,000.00

1st PRIZE: \$30,000
American Express
Gift Card

2nd PRIZE: \$10,000
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3rd PRIZE: \$8,000
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AND Twenty (20)
\$1,000 American Express
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DRAWING:
August 13, 2022 at 8pm

STREAMING LIVE at:
www.parishraffle.com

TREASURER'S REPORT

June 26-July 3: Totaled \$ 5,919.92

Envelopes: \$ 3,782.00 – Online: \$ 2,137.92

THANK YOU

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

*Blessed Virgin of Mount Carmel -
Be our constant hope.
Mary, perfect disciple of the Lord -
Make us also faithful to him.
Mary, Flower of Carmel -
Fill us with your joy.
Virgin Mary, Beauty of Carmel -
Smile upon your family
Sweet Mother of Carmel -
Accept me as your child.
Holy, Mother beyond compare -
Remember your children forever.
Holy Virgin, Star of the Sea -
Be our beacon of Light.
Protecting Veil -
Shelter us in the mantle
of your love.
Mary, conceived without sin -
pray for us who have
recourse to you.
Amen*



THE SOLEMN COMMEMORATION OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL will be celebrated at the National Shrine of our Lady of Mount Camel as follows:

- 7 p.m. this Friday, July 15: Prayer, Praise and Worship with musician Dan Ferrari.
- 9 a.m. this Saturday, July 16: Morning Prayer followed by the Feast Day Mass celebrated by Bishop John Bonnici.
- 2-3 p.m. this Saturday, July 16: Eucharistic Adoration, Scriptural Rosary and Benediction. There will be several food selections available for purchase, or you can bring your lunch. For information or large-groups reservations, contact Carol Bezak, Shrine director, at 845-343-1879.



SPYM ON PARADE

Nestled among myriad fire companies, old fire trucks, Scouting groups, veterans and bagpipers was a most-unique float at the annual July 4th Parade sponsored by the Circleville Volunteer Fire Company. Based on the acclaimed video game Minecraft, wherein gamers build with virtual blocks, this brainchild of Deb Harrison and Chris Worthington was crafted out of cardboard – a project that Deb literally dove into. Keep an eye on the Youth Ministry bulletin board for an explanatory photo.

The float's main attraction was a beacon (ironically but unintentionally crafted in the colors of Ukraine), which, in Minecraft, delivers powerful light. A beacon is also a symbolic guide. Continuing on the light theme, two of the SPYM participants carried "torches."

Familiar St. Paul's faces dotted the large crowd along the parade route. Chris says the crowd was in awe of their display and particularly enjoyed that the SPYM kids brought Minecraft balloons, bracelets and stickers to the kids cheering them on.

Symbolism continued to the rear of the float. The "Minecraft Life Hacks" sign that Deb made linked to Scripture those pearls of Minecraft wisdom that also translate to a well-lived life.

"Let your glow show."

"Make the best use of the days you have."

"Craft with purpose."

And at the Circleville Park, it was the fire company volunteers who continued to personify those life hacks with the hot dogs, burgers, a bouncy house and revelry they provided for their community post-parade.

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