

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



July 16, 2023

THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

First: Isaiah 55:10-11

Second: Romans 8:18-23

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

FOCUS: *The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower.*

The image of the seed that Jesus offers in today's parable can call us to see more clearly and to listen more carefully. This seeing and hearing requires a posture of wonder, a posture of careful attentiveness. Can we slow down and marvel, watching with anticipation to see what God will do?

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

The first reading speaks of God's word, like rain, doing his will and achieving the end for which it is sent. In the second reading, we hear that creation is groaning, but that we have the first fruits of the Spirit while we wait for redemption. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the sower and the seed that fell on rich soil.



MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: Therese O'Brien, Caroline Apone and Effie Knapp

10 a.m.: Frances Hernandez, Gilberté Picani, Thomas & Marjorie Sullivan and Marvin Niese

LAST WEEK'S MASS ATTENDANCE

5 p.m.: 82

10 a.m.: 117

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL



Feast Day July 16

*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*

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Food serves no one sitting on a shelf, which is why our busy pantry could use a little extra help right now. We are particularly low on:

Pasta and sauce

Crackers and mayonnaise

Peanut butter and jelly

Regular-size boxes of cereals

Granola bars

Coffee and juice

Monetary donations are also welcome, and can be made on WeShare, too. Thank you!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Regular Sunday Collection

July 2-9: Totaled \$ 8,481.06

Envelopes: \$ 3,183.00 – Online: \$ 5,298.06

THANK YOU!

BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM SCHEDULED

There is no time limit in grief. There is no fast track to feeling better. And the life-changing loss of a loved one is not something to “get over.”

Rather, while grief is universal, it is simultaneously a journey with a timeline as unique as the individual experiencing it.

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.



Pine Bush Community Band CONCERT St. Paul's RC Church

Monday July 31, 2023 @ 7PM

2800 Rt. 17K
Bullville, NY

The Band: 45+ Musicians of All Ages and Abilities Dedicated to
Providing Musical Enjoyment to our Communities
www.pinebushcommunityband.com

Enjoy Making Music! Join the Band! Rehearsals 6:30 to 8:30
Monday Evenings at Town of Crawford Government Center



Bring a friend! The concert is free!

RAFFLE TICKET UPDATE

We are down to the last couple of weeks in this year's raffle fundraiser. As of July 11, 427 tickets have been sold, generating a total of \$10,675 – **or \$5,337.50 for St. Paul's**. Thank you to all who have participated. Tickets and payment are due to the office by August 1. **Better yet, drop them in the collection boxes by July 30.**

Some of you might be wondering: Where does the other half of the money go?

There are administrative costs: Printing the raffles, postage and, of course, the \$68,000 in prizes.

What remains is then used by Catholic Parish Initiatives, which orchestrates the raffle, for outreach. This year, a proverbial fishing pole is being provided to a diocese in a very poor region in Argentina.

That diocese, however, has a win-win governmental contract. It manufactures and distributes, for profit, all the cleaning supplies used in all the surrounding municipal buildings. The profits from those sales are then used to support training programs for electricians, plumbers, carpenters and other trades.

The manufacturing and training has been taking place in a rented building for years, but that location will no longer be available. The diocese was able to secure land, but needed construction funds, which this year's raffle is providing.

“We felt it was a unique opportunity to support a cause that would continue to support itself,” says Paul Cappialli with Catholic Parish Initiatives of this year's “fishing-pole” investment.

A plaque will be installed in the foyer of the new building with the names of all the parishes that participated in the 2023 raffle, he says.

BILINGUAL VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

Catholic Charities needs volunteers, particularly those fluent in Spanish, for its upcoming Community Legal Clinic in Monticello next **Saturday, July 22**.

Volunteers will meet with immigrants, discuss their journey to the United States, their life histories and work with Catholic Charities attorneys to inform them about their rights and legal options.

For more information:

www.catholiccharitiesnyvolunteer.org/opportunity/a0C6T000016XhQkUAK/2023-immigration-legal-clinic-in-sullivan-county-7222023

(If you view the bulletin from our website, you'll be able to click the above link and be taken directly to the Catholic Charities pages that provides further information and signup instructions.)

2023 PARISH RAFFLE
1st PRIZE: \$30,000 American Express Gift Card
2nd PRIZE: \$10,000 American Express Gift Card
3rd PRIZE: \$4,000 American Express Gift Card

4 th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card	14 th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card
5 th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card	15 th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card
6 th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card	16 th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card
7 th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card	17 th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card
8 th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card	18 th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card
9 th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card	19 th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card
10 th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card	20 th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card
11 th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card	21 st PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card
12 th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card	22 nd PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card
13 th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card	23 rd PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card

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

Tickets are \$25 each
-Extra tickets available at the rectory-

DRAWING: August 12, 2023 at 8pm
streamed LIVE at www.parishraffle.com

2023 PARISH TICKET

