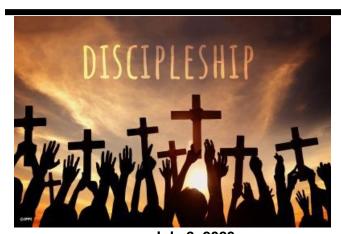
# 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## July 2, 2023 THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

**First:** 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a **Second:** Romans 6:3-4, 8-11 **Gospel:** Matthew 10:37-42

FOCUS: We are called to carry our cross and

follow Jesus.

The readings today reflect on what we gain through sacrifice. Sacrifice is not just about what we give up, but rather what we discern to be unnecessary or in vain. When we put these things aside, we then can find what is most important. Jesus teaches us that through sacrifice, we find our true reward with him.

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD:

In the first reading, Elisha is warmly received by a woman of influence. In recognition of her hospitality, he promises her a baby son. In the second reading, St. Paul



tells the community that by dying with Christ, we find our way to new life. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches his Apostles that those who lose their life for his sake will ultimately find fulfillment.

### MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: Rose & Mariano Cannone, Matthew Martin

and Patrick J. O'Neil

10 a.m.: Luca Vulaj, Paul Glielmi, Douglas Harkins and the Ryan, Borst & Costello Families

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Regular Sunday Collection

June 18-25: Totaled \$ 7,036.61

Envelopes: \$ 2,898.00 - Online: \$ 4,138.61

THANK YOU!



# Our Lady of Mount Carmel

OLMC Parish. 90 Euclid Avenue.

THURSDAY 7/13

Rosary and Reflection
Talk
in Honor of

Our Lady Mt. Carmel. 7 PM. FRIDAY 7/14 Solemn Evening Prayer with the Friars

6:30pm.
Caramel with
The Carmelites
(Ice Cream Party)
7pm.

saturday 7/15
Parish Picnic

1pm - 4pm BBQ Games

Music 5pm Mass SUNDAY 7/16

8am Mass 10am Mass 11:30 ( Spanish ) Mass 4:30pm Mass

\* At All Masses , Scapulars of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel will be distributed.



# SPYM FLOAT IN CIRCLEVILLE PARADE

You can expect to see some happy campers camping it up at this year's annual **July 4th Parade** sponsored by the Circleville Volunteer Fire Company as camping is SPYM's theme for its float.

All St. Paul's youth and their families are invited to walk with the group. Camp and or hiking attire is welcome. How campy can you get?

Also welcome are extra hands to arrive at Circleville Middle School between 9 and 9:30 a.m. to put the finishing touches on the float. The parade steps off around 10 a.m. It proceeds down Renton Road, makes a right onto Goshen Turnpike and a left onto Route 302, a route that last year was lined with many familiar faces.

At Sam Fast Lane, the parade turns right and heads into C. Hudson Thompson Memorial Park, more commonly known as Circleville Park. Fire Company volunteers will provide refreshments and games.

Email Deb and Chris at stpaulsym@gmail.com or call Chris at 845-248-3120 if you're planning to attend or to pitch any questions – and then a camping you all go!

# SCAM ALERT

Sadly, the scammers are at it again.

Several parishioners have reported being contacted by "Fr. Sean" with an urgent request for gift cards. This is NOT from Fr. Sean.

According to the Federal Trade Commission, WHENEVER SOMEONE DEMANDS TO BE PAID WITH A GIFT CARD, THAT'S A SCAM. Gift cards are for gifts, not for payments. But the scammers are skilled, convincing and conniving - and have sophisticated technological tools at their disposal.

Report gift cards used in a scam to the company that issued them, and a report should also be filed with the FTC at ReportFraud.ftc.gov. If money was lost in a scam, it should also be reported to the police.

#### YOU'RE INVITED TO LEARN MORE

Perhaps the buzz you've been hearing about the ChristLife Series coming to St. Paul's has piqued your

curiosity, but you have some questions.



Discovering Christ, which begins September 10. Plus, there will be light refreshments served.

To recap, Discovering Christ is a seven-week experience where anyone and everyone, from the baptized in the pews to the unbaptized, is invited to hear the Good News and encounter Jesus Christ. Discovering Christ helps people renew – or for the first time enter into – a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, experience the love of God the Father and be empowered by the Holy Spirit to live as God's children.

A typical session will begin with a meal prepared by our Social Activities Ministry. A time of prayer and song will follow. There will then be a video teaching, followed by small group discussions.

The sessions will begin at 5 p.m. and end by 7:30 p.m., with the exception of a Saturday retreat in the Pilgrim Hall at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Middletown.

The program is free to all who wish to attend, but advance registration is required by August 1.

For more information, plan to spend a few minutes after Mass next weekend. Or you can reach out to the organizers directly: Mark Carson at 845-551-2530 or Kate Gallaher Carson at 914-850-5107.

# LAST WEEK'S MASS ATTENDANCE

5 p.m.: 85 10 a.m.: 156

#### RAFFLE TICKET UPDATE

We are already about halfway through this year's raffle fundraiser. As of June 27, 321 tickets have been sold, generating a total of \$8,025 - or \$4,012.50 for St. Paul's. Thank you to all who have participated.

Some of you might be wondering: So where does

the other half of the money go?

Certainly, 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, auto mechanics, 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 plague will be installed in the fover of the new building with the names of all the parishes that participated in the 2023 raffle, he says.

# CLASP, THEN ENJOY THE APPLAUSE

The Catholic Literature & Arts Summer Program. better known as CLASP, will take place from Sunday, July 30-Saturday, August 5 this year in Wappingers Falls.

High school teens can explore their talents through their choice of acting, dancing, vocals or set design. Seasoned educators, dedicated artists and coaches will share their expertise, enthusiasm and desire for everyone to succeed, no matter their previous experience or ability.

A public performance of an original musical takes place on the last day of the theater camp. The application and deposit are due July 17.

For more information and to apply, visit:: https://secure.ggiv.com/for/capuchinyfm/event/860763/