

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](https://www.ftc.gov/identity-theft/identity-theft-report). 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.

We’ve got the answers.

After each Mass next weekend, there will be the opportunity to ask specific questions, to hear a brief, inspirational presentation by a guest speaker and then the chance to register for the first phase,

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 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.

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.qgiv.com/for/capuchinyfm/event/860763/>



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

Twentythree (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.parihsraffle.com



