
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



July 30, 2023

THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

First: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Second: Romans 8:28-30

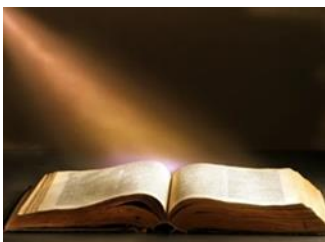
Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

FOCUS: *God, who loves us and entrusts us with his purpose, provides us with what we need to fulfill it.*

Like the new king, Solomon, when God entrusts us with great opportunities and responsibilities, he gives us what we need to succeed. This relationship of trust with God is a treasure of love beyond price and compare: It is the kingdom of heaven.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

In the first reading, God gives Solomon a wise and understanding heart to govern God's people. In the second reading, St. Paul teaches that all things work for good for those in loving relationship with God. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches that the kingdom of heaven is like a treasure; once found, it is all we want and worth all we have.



MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: Grace Tronstad, Josephine Violante and Josephine Ebro

10 a.m.: Robert Carpino, Carlito Sanabria, Jr., Stephen Kuhn and Lana Kulchycky

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Tuesday, August 15th is the **Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary**. It is a Holy Day of Obligation, and Catholics are expected to worship with their community.

Mass will be celebrated at St. Paul's at 9 a.m. and livestreamed as well.

If you are able to serve as a greeter, please let the office know.

THE BOOK HAS ARRIVED

If you would like to remember deceased loved ones with a Mass next year, stop in or call the office because the **2024 Daily Mass Record** is now open. The suggested donation is \$15 per name.

CARMELITE MISSIONS APPEAL

The weekend of **August 5-6**, Fr. Tim Ennis will be with us to talk about Carmelite missionary work.

The Carmelites respond to the call to love one another through prayer and action by establishing ministries where there is the greatest need. They create humanitarian programs to relieve the suffering of the poor, minister to those in hospitals and prisons, provide education, and conduct spiritual and religious formation in almost 40 countries on five continents.

We realize we've been asking a lot of you lately – but if you are able to support this worthwhile cause, we would be most appreciative.

PINE BUSH COMMUNITY BAND

At 7 p.m. this **Monday, July 31**, the 45-plus member **Pine Bush Community Band** will once again engage and entertain with an eclectic and energetic concert. **It will also be ivestreamed.**



Plan to spend a little more than an hour and be transported from Bullville to "Zacatecas," perhaps, or "Chicago (with a) Medley." Experience the "Fate of the Gods" and a "Great Locomotive Chase." There will even be time for "Prairie Dances."

The tried-and-true "Semper Fidelis" and the "National Anthem" will honor to the red, white and blue. Then there's "Dr. Who" and maybe a surprise or two.

Come one, come all – and bring your friends, too. Enjoy the sound of music with no money due.

"I Can Hear the Bells" already; can you?

TREASURER'S REPORT

Early deadlines prompted by vacations are interfering with the publishing of the Treasurer's Report this week. We will be caught up soon.

RAFFLE DEADLINE NEARS

We are down to virtually the last week in this year's raffle fundraiser. Tickets that have come in after July 18 have not been



tabulated yet; however, as of that date, a total of \$12,375 – or **\$6,187.50 for St. Paul's** – had been received. Last year, the raffle brought in \$12,700.

Thank you to all who have participated. We continue to be amazed by and grateful for your generosity.

Tickets and payment are due to the office by August 1. **Better yet, drop them in the collection boxes by July 30.**

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 at the same time 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.

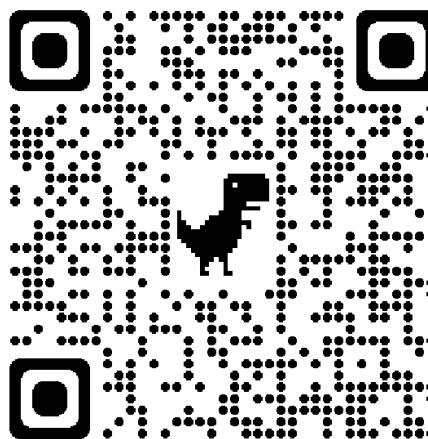
The annual **Memorial Mass** to honor deceased relatives and friends will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on November 4. The bereavement program will then wrap up the following Saturday, November 11.

For more information or to sign up, call Julie Laurenzi at 518-225-1170 or email Julie.laurenzi@gmail.com.

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DISCOVERING CHRIST

For ease in participating in Discovering Christ, the first in the Archdiocese-approved ChristLife series, use the above QR code.

To recap, Discovering Christ is a seven-week experience that begins **September 10** at St. Paul's where anyone and everyone, from the baptized in the pews to the unbaptized, are invited to hear the Good News and encounter Jesus Christ.

The sessions will begin at 5 p.m. with a meal and end by 7:30 p.m. There will be time for prayer, song, a video teaching and small group discussions.

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

Questions? Reach out to the organizers Mark Carson at 845-551-2530 or Kate Gallaher Carson at 914-850-5107.

*'Love ought to show itself
in deeds more than in words.'*

- St. Ignatius of Loyola
Feast Day July 31

