

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

JULY 31, 2022



THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

First: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Second: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

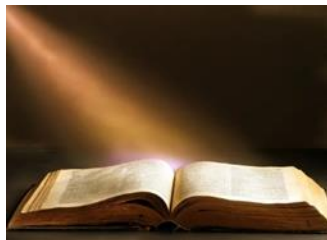
FOCUS: *We are to seek the things that are eternal.*

Today's Scriptures draw our attention away from the passing things of this world and toward the things of heaven. We gather on this, the Lord's Day, to turn our hearts and minds toward Christ as we celebrate his loving presence in our midst and the hope of life eternal.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

In the first reading from Ecclesiastes, we hear, "*Vanity of vanities ... all things are vanity!*"

Paul encourages the Colossians to think on the things of heaven and the possibility of new life in Christ for all. In the Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about a rich man who stores up all his bountiful harvest in ever larger barns.



MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: Bill Myers, Jack Hoag and Joan Costello

10 a.m.: Robert Carpino, Raymond Hink and Michael Meere, Sr.

TREASURER'S REPORT

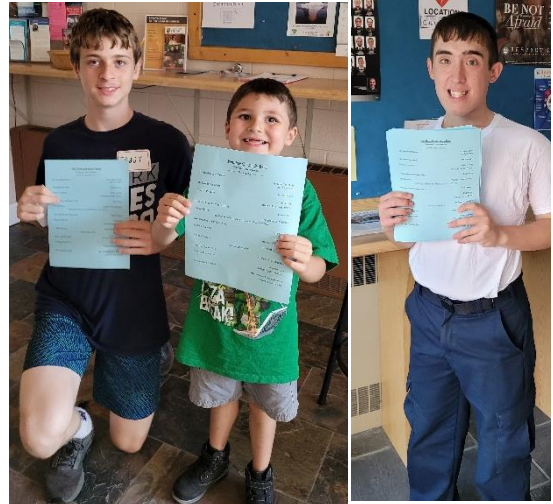
July 10-17: Totaled \$ 5,093.72

Envelopes: \$ 2,350.00 – Online: \$ 2,743.72

July 17-24: Totaled \$ 4,821.10

Envelopes: \$ 2,428.00 – Online: \$ 2,393.10

THANK YOU



SUMMER CONCERT RETURNS

Youth Ministry members Teddy Martin, his cousin, Alonzo, and Ephraim Anderson greeted the scores of attendees at the Pine Bush Community Band's concert last Monday – with a smile and a program.

Then for more than an hour, pews were rhythmically tapped while heads bopped along with the lively selections. The combined talents of the 39 performers even engaged the youngsters. And when the vocalist finished singing "A Million Dreams" from "The Greatest Showman," she was met with a standing ovation. Plus, the entire concert was live-streamed.

Afterward, many in the audience stayed to express their appreciation to the performers. We are told the conductor loves the acoustics at St. Paul's, and the musicians love our partnership.

And we love that the three SPYM members returned to their posts at the concert's end to bid everyone farewell with yet another smile.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

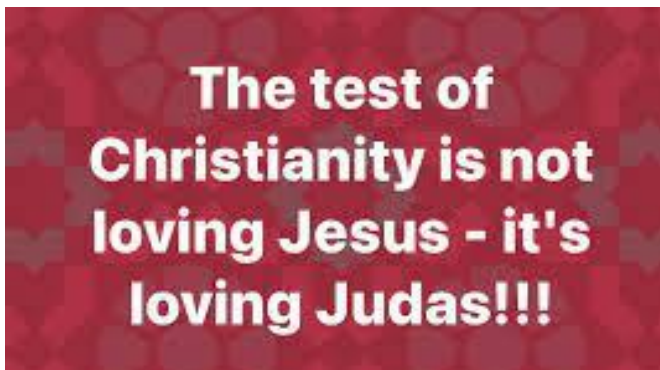
St. Paul's strives to be a community of Christians, in the Roman Catholic tradition, responding to the call of Jesus under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, providing mutual assistance in Christian life, witness, service and worship and promoting the Reign of God as proclaimed in the Scriptures:
To act with justice, to love tenderly, to serve one another and walk humbly with God.

CARMELITE MISSIONS APPEAL

The weekend of **August 13-14**, a guest will be with us to talk about the Carmelite missionary work. In the past – and before Covid – these “guest appearances” have been well-received at St. Paul’s and most enlightening.

The Carmelites respond to the call to love one another through prayer and action by establishing ministries where there is 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.



The Catechism of the Catholic Church instructs that

*“the Eucharist commits us to the poor”
(No. 1397).*

To receive the Eucharist is not simply to participate in a sacramental re-enactment of the Last Supper.

It is a profound promise that we will live as Jesus did, believe as Jesus did, give ourselves as Jesus did.

OUR SOCIAL MISSION

“Catholic teaching calls us to serve those in need and to change the structures that deny people their dignity and rights as children of God. Service and action, charity and justice are complementary components of parish social ministry. Neither alone is sufficient; both are essential signs of the gospel at work.

“A parish serious about social ministry will offer opportunities to serve those in need and to advocate for justice and peace. These are not competing priorities, but two dimensions of the same fundamental mission to protect the life and dignity of the human person.”

- U.S. Bishops, “Communities of Salt and Light”

RAFFLE TICKET TALK

As of July 27, 850 raffle tickets have been purchased. That translates into an almost effortless **\$ 10,625 for St. Paul’s** – with more tickets to tabulate. You will find the grand total in next week’s bulletin.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

Girl Scout Troop 439 is again working on the Community Backpack Project, furthering the tradition of providing backpacks and school supplies to Pine Bush School District students in need. More than 250 children are typically assisted because of your generosity.



Collection boxes will be in Deacon John Hall through August 21. Items needed include:

Backpacks	Pencil cases
Notebooks	Three-ring binders
Marble notebooks	Post-it notes
Pocket folders	Loose-leaf paper
Box of 24 crayons	Blue or black pens
Glue sticks	Pencils, pens
Highlighters	Rulers

If you prefer, gift cards to stores that sell school supplies or checks can be mailed to: Girl Scout Troop 439, c/o Jen Myers, troop leader, 3030 State Route 52, Pine Bush 12566, and the troop will do the shopping. Questions? Call Jen at 845- 219-4001.

SHOULD TEAM TEEN INTERVENE?

Are you worried about a young person who might be starting to drink or experiment with drugs? **Team Teen**, formerly known as Teen Intervene, continues to work with families to help foster healthy decisions.

Through a state grant, the Archdiocese of New York’s Drug Abuse Prevention Program offers no-cost early-intervention services via Zoom for 12- to 19-year-olds. Along with education, a counselor provides specific tools during the two to four free sessions, which often includes practicing how to be assertive in the face of peer pressure.

For more information, call (845) 561-3633 Ext. 47, email teenintervent@adapp.org or visit www.adapp.org

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