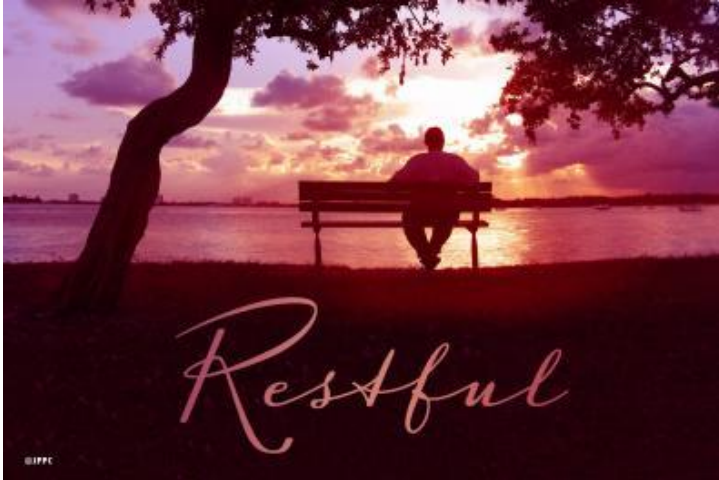


# 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



July 9, 2023

## THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

**First:** Zechariah 9:9-10

**Second:** Romans 8:9, 11-13

**Gospel:** Matthew 11:25-30

**FOCUS:** *Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened.*

Many Jews expected a militarily-strong messiah who would lead them into battle to be free of the Romans. Instead, Jesus humbly submitted to the will of his Father, even unto death. Yet he said his burden was light. Motivated by love of God and neighbor, our burdens can be lighter when carried with Jesus.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD:

A prophecy from Zechariah tells of the Messiah coming into Jerusalem riding a donkey, proclaiming peace. His kingdom will stretch over the whole world. Saint Paul encourages the Romans to live according to the Spirit, not worldly desires. In the Gospel, Jesus praises his Father for the wisdom of revealing himself to the meek. Those who are burdened can find rest in him.



## MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: Philomena & Angelo Violante and Jennie & Nick Casertano

10 a.m.: Domingo & Rosalina Rodriguez, Nika Dushaj, Marie Carotenuto and Stephen Kuhn

## LAST WEEK'S MASS ATTENDANCE

5 p.m.: 67

10 a.m.: 146



FEAST OF

## Our Lady of Mount Carmel

OLMC Parish, 90 Euclid Avenue.

THURSDAY 7/13	SATURDAY 7/15	SUNDAY 7/16
Rosary and Reflection Talk in Honor of Our Lady Mt. Carmel. 7 PM.	Parish Picnic  1pm - 4pm	8am Mass 10am Mass 11:30 (Spanish) Mass 4:30pm Mass
FRIDAY 7/14 Solemn Evening Prayer with the Friars 6:30pm. Caramel with The Carmelites (Ice Cream Party) 7pm.	BBQ Games Music  5pm Mass	* At All Masses, Scapulars of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel will be distributed.

## 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/whistleblower). If money was lost in a scam, it should also be reported to the police.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Regular Sunday Collection

June 25-July 2: Totaled \$ 6,768.86

Envelopes: \$ 3,601.00 – Online: \$ 3,167.86

THANK YOU!

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## ONE FISH, TWO FISH...



## ...OUR WISH, TO FISH!

### PARADE

That is, in fact, a blow-up deer co-piloting the car pulling SPYM's camp-themed "float" in the Fourth of July parade sponsored by the Circleville Volunteer Fire Company. The deer probably called "shotgun" because along with tents, coolers, sleeping bags and other camping paraphernalia was a blow-up skunk inching its way into the campsite. Smart deer!

There were 11 other "camp counselors" who braved the heat to help with St. Paul's contribution to the event, and its whimsy was not lost on the huge crowd that turned out to celebrate. There were familiar faces along the route and lots of laughter.

There was also a subtle lesson in the balloon-framed "Camping Tips" sign on the back of the trailer, Bible quotes that apply equally to life itself, such as

An enthusiastic new angler at first became a little downcast last weekend. While attempting to cast his line out into the lake, the hook instead dropped into the water a mere few feet in front of him. However, his momentary frustration at not having immediately mastered this skill turned around reel quickly as that hook caught a sunfish – and the very first of the day!

And so the fishing derby – a morning filled with fun up to the gills – went. Along with 15 fisherfolk from several families, there were also six attentive members of the Southern Catskill Anglers. They patiently imparted their passion for fishing at their Pine Bush property – complete with a lake stocked with bass, trout, pickerel, sunfish and carp – which our group visited Saturday. Most of the participants had not fished before, but by the time they left, they had enjoyed expert lessons in casting, reeling, holding a fish and then carefully removing the hook so the fish could be released. So yes, everyone held a fish – some even scaling way beyond their comfort zones!



"God is in your camp," "Don't let the fire go out" and "Choose your campsite wisely."

Happy campers find inspiration in these words.

