

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time



June 18, 2023

THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

First: Exodus 19:2-6a

Second: Romans 5:6-11

Gospel: Matthew 9:36-10:8

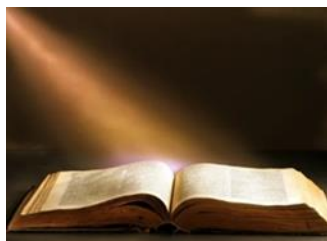
FOCUS: *The kingdom of heaven is at hand.*

God's heart has been moved with pity for us throughout salvation history. God sees us in our wanderings, like sheep without a shepherd. Our readings today weave together a tender saga of God's loving care as he works to gather us back unto himself.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

In the first reading, God reminds the Israelites of his care, exhorts them to keep his covenant, and promises to make them a kingdom of priests, a holy nation. In Paul's Letter to the Romans, we are reminded that we

were reconciled, while we were still helpless, through Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus is moved with pity and sends his disciples to heal and preach.



MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: All Our Fathers, Living and Deceased

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Regular Sunday Collection

June 4-11: Totaled \$ 8,743.15

Envelopes: \$ 2,793.00 – Online: \$ 5,950.15

THANK YOU!

CHRIST LIFE SERIES AT ST. PAUL'S

Who: All confirmed parishioners!

Who else: Invited friends or neighbors

What: Registration is under way for Discovering Christ. Registration deadline is August 1.

When: Seven Sundays, starting September 10

Discovering Christ is the first segment of the Archdiocese-approved ChristLife series, a springboard for new or renewed faith. What sets it apart from other enrichment programs is that along with education, a truly transformational experience is the goal. And each session even begins with a homecooked meal!

The structure is the same for each of the seven weeks, and if a session has to be missed, materials will be available online. There is also a one-day Retreat at St. Albert's in Middletown on October 14.

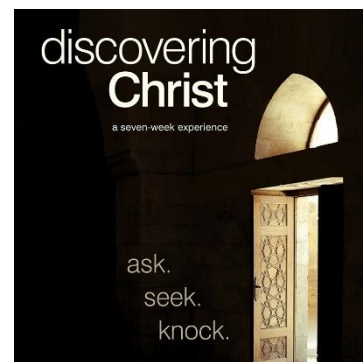
Prayer follows dinner, which begins at 5 p.m., and then there will be a short video with a specific focus. Each week's topic is different; the first is titled: "What is the Meaning of Life?"

No more than six participants will be assigned to each table. Those assignments will not only take into consideration individual requests but be designed to enhance the open sharing of thoughts. A facilitator and helper, who will keep the discussion flowing and on point, round out the table assignments.

The evening will wrap up by 7:30 p.m., and rides are being sought for those who are unable to drive after dark.

What next: Call the office at 845-361-3107 to register or online <https://stpaulsbullville.org/christlife-series-is-coming-to-st-pauls/>

For more information: Feel free to reach out directly to Mark Carson at 845-551-2530 or Kate Gallaher Carson at 914-850-5107



LAST WEEK'S MASS ATTENDANCE

5 p.m.: 71

10 a.m.: 153

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CARMELITE SPIRITUALITY RECAP

The Adult Faith Formation Committee would like to thank RoseMary and Jim Lancellotti for their informative presentation on **Carmelite Spirituality** after Mass last Sunday. Many people are not aware of the Carmelite's Third Order, including some of the 20 parishioners in attendance, and its path to deepen Baptismal promises.

Lay Carmelites are called to seek God's will in the ordinary circumstances of everyday life, based on the Carmelite charism of prayer, community and service to others. It is not a prayer or social group; rather, it is a vocation.

The formal process of discernment and formation takes about six years and begins with connecting with a local Carmelite community.

The Lay Carmelites of the Province of St. Elias meet at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel the third Sunday of the month. HOWEVER, because this weekend is Father's Day, the meeting will take place next Sunday instead. In July, the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel will be celebrated on July 16, so there will be no meeting in July. People interested in taking the first step to learn more are welcome to visit the Lay Carmelite's general meeting in Middletown at 3:30 p.m. either next Sunday or the third Sunday in August.



SCOOPS & HOOPS, WHAT FUN!

SPYM reports a delightful turnout for its ice cream truck event! Amidst the drops of rain, 30 people of all ages showed up to enjoy basketball, corn hole, can jam, badminton and, of course, ICE CREAM!



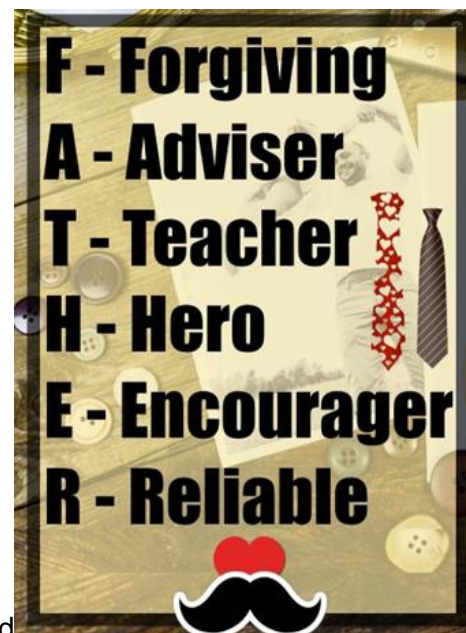
As the games were being set up against a backdrop of music, a gentle rumble of thunder rolled across the sky. Were they worried? ... NOPE! Corn hole

continued inside and after a few sprinkles, everyone made their way back outside for a whole lot of fun.

Mere minutes passed before the unmistakable crooning of Frank Sinatra was heard pouring out of the speakers and signaling the arrival of the one and only Ice Mother Ice Cream Truck! Mama Mia - all those Italian ice and ice cream flavors! Not only could the offerings not be refused, but many couldn't help but score a second scoop!

After last licks, the evening spontaneously unfolded with creative chalk drawing, competitive Frisbee and energetic basketball shootouts - which lasted until 9 o'clock.

A taste of summer for sure!



**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
TO ALL OUR DADS!**

