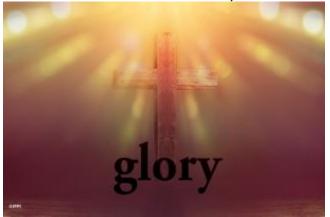
# 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

JUNE 26, 2022



THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

First: 1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21 Second: Galatians 5:1, 13-18 Gospel: Luke 9:51-62 FOCUS: Jesus makes clear that there is an urgency in leaving the things of the world behind to follow him.

Jesus calls each of us to give up the things of the world, to repent of our sins and to follow him no matter the cost. He does not violate our freedom, however; he allows us to choose whether we will stay where we are or follow the way of the cross, which ultimately leads to everlasting life.

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD:

In the first reading, Elijah passes Elisha and casts his mantle on him. Elisha asks if he may go home and kiss his parents goodbye. In the second



reading, Paul writes that Christ set us free from slavery, and explains that freedom comes through the greatest commandment – to love. In the Gospel, Jesus tells a man who wishes to follow him that the kingdom of God requires following him in that very moment.

## MASS INTENTIONS

- 5 p.m.: Eric Harlow, Maureen Myers and Jim Soslusky
- 10 a.m.: Ryan Yore, Domingo Rodriguez, Richard Tolliver and Carolyn Bender

### TREASURER'S REPORT

June 12-19: Totaled \$ 5,434.61 Envelopes: \$ 2,075.00 – Online: \$ 3,359.61 THANK YOU

#### IN STEP WITH JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> PARADE

What does the acclaimed video game Minecraft have to do with the annual July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade sponsored by the Circleville Volunteer Fire Company?

Everything – because it is the vehicle through which Youth Ministry members will let their light shine for others to see at this celebratory event.

Just as Minecraft gamers gather materials and build with virtual blocks, Chris, Deb and Youth Ministry members are crafting cardboard Minecraft blocks to build with on the parade float. The Minecraft theme will also include a focus on light, so torches, a beacon and glowstone will be included.

Youth in grades 3 through 12, and their parents if they choose, are invited to walk with the group wearing a Minecraft shirt or a plain green, brown or gray shirt – Minecraft's signature colors. Minecraft remix music will be played.

Work on the decorations started this past Thursday at the in-person/hybrid YM meeting and will continue at



the next meeting as well.

Kids who want to join the parade but aren't part of the Youth Ministry are also invited to create a Minecraft block at home and bring it on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

Meet-up is at 8:45 a.m. at Circleville Middle School to put the finishing touches on the float. The parade steps off around 10 a.m. It proceeds down Renton Road, makes a right onto Goshen Turnpike and a left onto Route 302.

At Sam Fast Lane, the parade turns right and heads into C. Hudson Thompson Memorial Park, more commonly known as Circleville Park. Fire Company volunteers will provide refreshments and games.

Give a shout to <u>stpaulsym@gmail.com</u> or Chris at 845-248-3120 if you're planning to attend or with any questions. The greater the number of participants, the brighter our Youth Ministry will shine.

#### **CELEBRATING ST. TITUS BRANDSMA**

St. Titus Brandsma's Feast Day is July 27. To honor the new saint, the following is taking place that Wednesday at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel:

Registration at 9:30 a.m. is followed by coffee and the viewing of a recorded interview with Fr. Michael Driscoll, O.Carm., whose cancer was healed through the intercession of St. Titus Brandsma.



At 10:15 a.m., there will be a discussion with

Dr. Dianne Traflet, who holds a degree in sacred theology, followed by Mass at 11:30 a.m.

For information, call Carol Bezak, Shrine director, at 845-343-1879 or email cbezak@carmelites.com.



YES I COULD MAKE FIVE THOUSAND OF THOSE, BUT A FEW FISH AND SOME BREAD MIGHT BE A BETTER OPTION

#### **\*\*WE SHARE ALERT\*\***

There is a new administrator for WeShare, the online giving program, and a new platform was rolled out this week – but not without a few hiccups.

Some of you might have noticed a change in the way the withdrawal was reflected on your bank statement. Rather than indicating a payment to "St. Paul's," it is noted as "Our Lady." Be assured that although we are a mission church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, your contribution did come to us, not them. We are told by the administrator, Ministry Brands, that this is being addressed.

Additionally, the contact phone number provided on your statement in conjunction with the withdrawal is INCORRECT. If you need to reach WeShare, the customer service number is 1-877-316-0260.

#### **COFFEE SOCIAL IS BREWING**

The verdict was unanimous: Everyone so enjoyed gathering after Mass for coffee, cookies and conversation that the consensus was to not let too much time go by until the next gathering.

So mark your calendars for the weekend of **July 9** and **10** and plan to stop into Deacon John Hall after either the 5 p.m. Saturday or 10 a.m. Sunday Mass.

"We walk by faith, not by sight." — St. Paul, 2 Corinthians 5:7

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#### A CALL TO JUSTICE

"At a Caritas resettlement site for 100 residents in an old summer camp, we met 91-year-old Maia. She told us that she had lost her entire family in her youth during World War II but added, "I have never seen such cruelty as in this war."



Yura Nechyporenko, 15, hugs his uncle at his father's grave in a Bucha cemetery, on the outskirts of Kyiv. The teen survived an attack by Russian soldiers, which his father, Ruslan Nechyporenko, did not.

Seventeen religious leaders representing Jewish, Muslim and Christian faith traditions made up a multinational, interfaith and just peace delegation, with six from the United States, including this article's authors, Michele Dunne and Eli S. McCarthy.

"We prayed, provided pastoral accompaniment and distributed humanitarian aid; we also met with local peacebuilders, religious leaders and political leaders. Our deeper purpose was to help create the conditions for protecting civilians, reducing violence, accelerating an end to the war and reinforcing the ways of just peace (a movement that uses creative strategies of active nonviolence to build sustainable peace). ...

"Our delegation drew inspiration from past faith leaders' more courageous initiatives. St. Francis of Assisi, for example, traveled to Egypt in 1219 and crossed enemy lines in an attempt to end a brutal war (one of the Crusades). He took a spiritual approach to what others saw as a military problem and ignored their warnings that his effort to meet the Muslim Sultan was dangerous and foolish. While the war did not end immediately, Francis and Sultan Malik al-Kamil appear to have been changed by their encounter; this might well have accelerated an end to the war, as the Sultan humanized his approach and engaged in more consistent attempts to negotiate peace."

To access the delegation's full, and often heartbreaking, report published in America, go to <u>www.stpaulsbullville.org</u>, our website, click on "Read More" under "A Call to Justice" on the home page and then double click on the article you wish to read.