

32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 10, 2024



First Reading – 1 Kings 17:10-16

Elijah asked a widow for water and bread. She had little, but obeyed him. God provided enough flour and oil for her to eat for a year.

Second Reading – Hebrews 9:24-28

Christ entered heaven, not a man-made sanctuary, and sacrificed himself once to remove sin. He will return to bring salvation to those who wait for him.

Gospel – Mark 12:38-44

Jesus warned about the scribes' hypocrisy and praised a poor widow who gave all she had, contrasting her true generosity with the surplus contributions of the rich.

Focus: **God calls us to give all we have, putting our trust in him.**

Our readings today feature two widows who teach us about faithfulness. To have faith is not just to hold our breath and aimlessly wish for good outcomes. Rather, God calls us to a faith that is endless trust in him, knowing in our deepest heart that God loves and cares for us beyond measure.

Liturgy of the Word:

Elijah goes to Zarephath, where he asks a widow for water and bread. She brings him the water, but tells him she does not have much left for bread. He tells her to not be afraid and that her supply will not go empty. In the second reading, the author writes that Christ appeared before God on our behalf. In the Gospel, Jesus observes a widow contribute to the treasury and teaches his disciples that her gift is worth far more than the gifts of the rich.

MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: George Olsen, Ralph Langit, Jr., Danielle Brooks Foreman and Abigail Magill

10 a.m.: Jaime Conil, Jessica Lancellotti and Dolores Townley

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Streamers

"If you can turn on a computer and press a few buttons, you can do this," says Beth Schick, an HR manager with Dana Distributors and one of the volunteers who sets up the livestream of Sunday's Mass. "People will be surprised how easy this is."

People also might be surprised to learn how invaluable this has become to parishioners who are not able to get to Mass. It might be a battle with cancer and the side effects of treatment that keeps a person home. Or a flareup of a chronic, debilitating disease. Or an extended period in a rehab center. Regardless of the reason, the collective reaction is the same:

It brings comfort to see those familiar faces.

Of course, the Mass itself brings comfort. And there are myriad ways to access Mass on television and other devices. But you won't see the family that shared the same pew with you for years. You wouldn't be able to say a silent prayer for that parishioner whom you've noticed hasn't accompanied his wife to Mass lately. And you won't hear the flavor of homilies that you've come to count on to nourish your soul.

St. Paul's livestreamed Masses offers connection in the midst of isolation.

"It means so much to me to see people because I am so isolated," says one parishioner.

"Most of the time I watch both Masses. And even though I'd rather be there but can't, I love to see all the people I know," says another.

Last month, a specific request was received to livestream a funeral Mass so a relative in Georgia could "attend." A ruptured eardrum prevented travel.

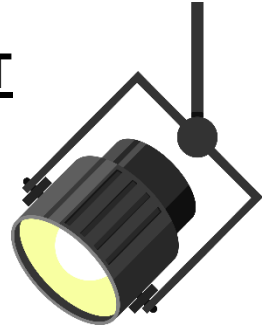
But there was no seasoned streamer on site. Chris Worthington, who initially set up the system with his wife, Deb Harrison (and is the only streamer scheduled on Saturday evenings), talked Maxine Martin through the process. Maxine, the organist for that funeral Mass, was already in the choir loft.

"It couldn't have been simpler, and it took no time at all," she says.

"Getting through the crowds after Mass to return to the choir loft to shut it off is probably the most difficult part," laughs Beth. "Training would take 10 minutes before Mass ... and the more people to add to the schedule, the easier it is to remain consistent with livestreaming Mass, especially during those times of year when people are away."

Plus, it's a volunteer opportunity that only demands a few minutes of your time.

"And you're here anyway," says Beth, who can be emailed at beth@DanaDistributors.com for more info.



CARMELITE APPEAL

The theme of this year's **Carmelite Appeal** is "Carmel Teaches the Church to Pray," and prayer is at the heart of the Carmelite ministry. Carmelite Friars – who serve as chaplains, teachers, pastors, hermits, administrators and spiritual directors – reach beyond the doors of the churches and missions to bring prayerful support wherever it is needed.

Next weekend, **November 16-17**, Fr. Paul Richmond, O.Carm., a/k/a Fr. Pablo, will be here to preach on behalf of the appeal.

Your prayerful and financial support buoys their work locally and around the world.



CELEBRATING OUR VETERANS

Appreciation Lunch

The Senior Citizens Advisory Board invites all local Veterans to a **Veterans Appreciation Luncheon** at noon on **November 14** at the Maybrook Senior Center, Maybrook. Guests will be served a Thanksgiving-type meal with all the trimmings!

Please call 845-260-4475 and ask for Mary to make your reservations. Seating is limited so walk-ins cannot be accommodated.

Pasta Dinner

The Town of Wallkill Police Youth Coalition and the Wallkill East Rotary Club are hosting the first annual **Tom Nosworthy Veterans Pasta Dinner** at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, **November 19** at the Town of Wallkill Community Center. (Tom Nosworthy was a Navy veteran, former Town of Wallkill supervisor and town historian who died in September.)

Dinner includes pasta, salad, bread and beverages and is free to veterans and one guest each.

Reservations are required and can be made by calling Sal at 914-391-5099.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Regular Sunday Collection

October 20-27 – \$ 7,672.97

Envelopes: 4,644.10 – Online: \$ 3,028.87

THANK YOU!

WITH OPEN ARMS

Please welcome Maeve McGuire, who was recently baptized into the St. Paul's faith community. Please keep the family in your prayers.

44 DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS!

Wreaths with Heart

Along with this weekend, orders for **festively-decorated wreaths** will be also be taken next Sunday, **November 17**. They'll be here to pick up the weekend after Thanksgiving, **November 30-December 1**. The cost is \$25 each. Grave pillows, \$30, and grave blankets, \$45, are also available. The proceeds are donated to the American Heart Association.

Angels Inspire the Giving Tree

You'll be able to select your "angels" from **The Giving Tree** next Sunday, **November 17**, or the following Saturday, **November 23**. It was necessary to split the opportunity among two weekends to accommodate scheduling conflicts – and it gives the Sunday folks a rare opportunity to choose first.

However, not to worry. There will be 175 angel tags this year, up from 100, between the Orange County Department of Social Services and St. Simon Stock, a Carmelite parish in the Bronx. Additionally, the Children's House in Goshen will provide options to choose siblings from individual families. Those names will not be on the tree; just ask a volunteer at the table.

Wrapped gifts – with the tag attached – are due Sunday, **December 15**.

Make your own Avent Wreath

Our annual **Advent wreath-making** afternoon will take place at 1 p.m. **Sunday, December 1**. Signup continues in Deacon John Hall for the first 50 families.

IN THE LOOP



The next **Parish Council** meeting is 7 p.m. Tuesday, **November 12**. All parishioners are welcome. Call the office for the Zoom link.



Mark your calendars:

The next **Game Night** will take place at 7 on Friday evening, **November 22**. Don't forget your snacks and a favorite game to play.

And the **Pine Bush Community Band's** winter concert is 7 p.m. Monday, **November 25**.



You can still sign up for the **Senior Thanksgiving Dinner**, which begins at 6 p.m. on **Saturday, November 23**, after each Mass. A traditional Thanksgiving meal will be served to registered parishioners, who are able to bring one guest each. The guest ticket is \$10.

LAST WEEKEND'S MASS ATTENDANCE

5 p.m. – 112

10 a.m. – 198

