
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

NOVEMBER 12, 2023



THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

First: Wisdom 6:12-16

Second: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 or 4:13-14

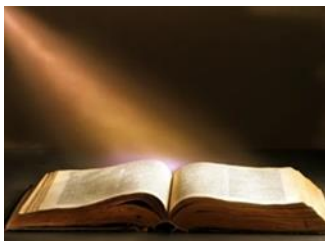
Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

FOCUS: *Always be prepared to welcome Christ, for we know neither the day nor the hour of his arrival.*

The Gospel parable reminds us to keep vigil for Jesus. It is easy to get distracted by the details of work, family life and other responsibilities so that we forget the real purpose and mission of our lives. Let's each take a moment to contemplate how we can live out our vocation in life, readying ourselves for the Lord's coming.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

The first reading speaks of the attributes of wisdom and the importance of the love of wisdom, as it is the perfection of prudence. In the second reading, Paul encourages people of faith to hold on to hope in the Resurrection. In the Gospel, Jesus tells a parable where five virgins were ready for the bridegroom and five were not. Those who were not ready missed out on the wedding feast.



MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: George Olsen, Jason MacConnell,
Peggy MacConnell DiPalo & Charlie Watson

10 a.m.: Joseph Quinn, Jr., Walter & Marie Ivanoff,
Mary Elizabeth Arndt and Charles Schwope

MAKE YOUR ADVENT WREATH

Our annual **Advent wreath-making** afternoon will take place at 1 p.m. **Sunday, November 26.** There are supplies to accommodate the first 45 families to sign up, which can be done beginning this weekend in Deacon John Hall.

The Advent wreath, woven with symbolism, has been used by Christians in their spiritual preparation for Christmas since the Middle Ages.

The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. Purple candles remind us of prayer, penance and preparatory sacrifices, while the rose candle reflects rejoicing at the midpoint of Advent. The light of the candles signifies Christ, the Light of the World.

The candles sit in a circle of greens. The circle has no beginning or end, and the evergreens also depict continuous life, symbolizing our immortal soul.

HOLIDAYS START ON THE RIGHT NOTE

Kick off the season once again with holiday music performed by the **Pine Bush Community Band**, a full-sized concert band that is dedicated to sharing music with the public.

This musical tradition will return at 7 p.m. **Monday, November 27.** It's free, so invite friends and neighbors.



INFLATION ILLUSTRATION



Back when the **Prayer Blanket Ministry** was born, much of the fleece could be purchased for \$3.99 a yard. Today, that cost has soared to \$25 a yard, and the sales are not as plentiful as they once were. Still, this ministry continues to be self-funded, not requiring any financial support from the church.

And because of your generosity, the recent Bake Sale and donations brought in \$1,225! That evening, \$750 was spent on enough material to make 20 blankets; 16 were completed the following Friday when the core group of ministry members worked with the Confirmation candidates.

Thankfully, the coordinator is skilled at stretching a dollar. She'll use the rest of the funds to take advantage of Black Friday sales, ensuring there are enough blankets on hand through the winter.

If you know of someone in need of the comfort of a Prayer Blanket, please call the office.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Regular Sunday Collection

October 29-November 5: \$ 9,025.46

Envelopes: \$ 4,636.00 – Online: \$ 4,389.46

THANK YOU!

MEMORIAL MASS

Each November, our Consolation Ministry organizes a Mass, followed by fellowship, during which parishioners remember loved ones. The celebration is designed to honor them and express gratitude for all they brought to our lives.



Eyes misted upon listening to Deacon Michael's homily, which spoke to the heart. There were more tears as 56 names were slowly read while respective family members brought up a candle, lit it and placed it on the altar. And there was not a dry eye in the congregation as Kiera Masci sang the "Ave Maria."

that heaven cannot heal.'

- St. Thomas Moore

DISCOVERING CHRIST

For seven Sundays, about 50 people gathered to break bread together, pray through song, learn more about our faith, discuss what was heard and share personal stories.

The fantastic dinners provided by Rick and Julie Dzurilla were topped off by superb desserts created by Jim Santos. The music, led by Debbe Garry and Kate Carson, was inspiring, and small group discussions deepened our trust. Unveiled was a greater understanding of what it means to be a St. Paul's parishioner.

End-of-program survey responses clearly demonstrated how much we crave community and the opportunity to share and grow in faith.

Fr. Sean - who floated from table to table during the program - concurred, saying that he was impressed by the participation and all that he heard.

The next in the series, Following Christ, will begin after Easter. Stay tuned for details.



IN THE LOOP



The **Goshen Christmas House Tour**, a fundraiser for Catholic Charities of Orange, Sullivan and Ulster, takes place on **Saturday, December 2** (snow date Sunday, December 3), with three tour options this year.

The first is a return of the self-guided indoor tour of festively decorated homes in greater Goshen from 1-5 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person in advance, \$45 "day of." The family-friendly evening driving tour that showcases Christmas lights, also in greater Goshen, takes place from 5-9 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per carload in advance, \$35 "day of." The third option is the inside and outside combo tour for \$60 in advance (includes inside tour for one person plus a car pass for the outside tour) or \$65 "day of."

For more information and to buy tickets, call 845-294-5124, Ext. 1005 or visit www.cccsos.org.



Known as the **Apostle of the Impossible**, **St. Jude** is of the Church's most beloved saints, the one to whom people turn when they are desperate and have tried everything else.

The arm of the saint, which is making its way across North America as part of a pilgrimage, was separated from the greater portion of his remains several centuries ago. It was placed in a wooden reliquary carved in the shape of an upright arm that seems to be imparting a blessing. **Next Sunday, November 19**, the Marian Shrine in Stony Point will host this relic.

The exhibit and veneration begins at 2:30 p.m. A Mass in honor of St. Jude will be celebrated at 5 p.m., and the relic can be viewed until 9 p.m. There is no cost, but freewill donations will be accepted.

For more information, please go to the Marian Shrine website at: www.marianshrine.org or www.apostleoftheimpossible.com



