

33rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

NOVEMBER 14, 2021



MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: George Olsen, Charles Quinn and Carole Hayes

10 a.m.: Domingo & Rosalina Rodriguez, Janet Stinson and Richard Tolliver

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The race was a close one! However, it is the following five parishioners who will begin their Parish Council terms in January 2022:

Hector Hernandez
Julie Laurenzi
Beth Schick
Michael McGovern
Pam Vogt

Congratulations!

PASS THE PARAPROSDOKIAN

Here's this week's paraprozdokian – a figure of speech with an unexpected twist – author unknown.

“You don't need
a parachute to skydive.
You only need a parachute
to skydive twice.”

TREASURER'S REPORT

October 31-November 7: Totaled \$ 7,229.73

Envelopes: \$ 3,437.00 – Online: \$ 3,792.73

THANK YOU!

WREATHS WITH HEART



It's not too early to start thinking about decking the halls – or your doors – for Christmas. Orders for **festively-decorated wreaths** will be taken this weekend and next, **November 13-14** and **November 20-21**. They'll be here to pick up and then hang up the weekend after Thanksgiving, **November 27-28**.

The cost is still \$24 each. The proceeds are donated to the American Heart Association

VIRTUAL GIVING TREE RETURNS

The “angels” have flown in: 50 from St. Simon Stock and 25 from the Orange County Department of Social Services.

Now is the time to choose yours. As was done last year, rather than taking a tag off the **Giving Tree**, all you need do is reach out to Therese Quinn (313-0256; eat@frontiernet.net) or Mary McCabe (914-420-0842; mmmk94@frontiernet.net). They will provide all the necessary information to enable you to brighten a child's Christmas.

Wrapped gifts identified with the angel number must be returned no later than **December 12**. There will be a cart in the vestibule to Deacon John Hall, so you don't even have to come inside.



IN THE LOOP



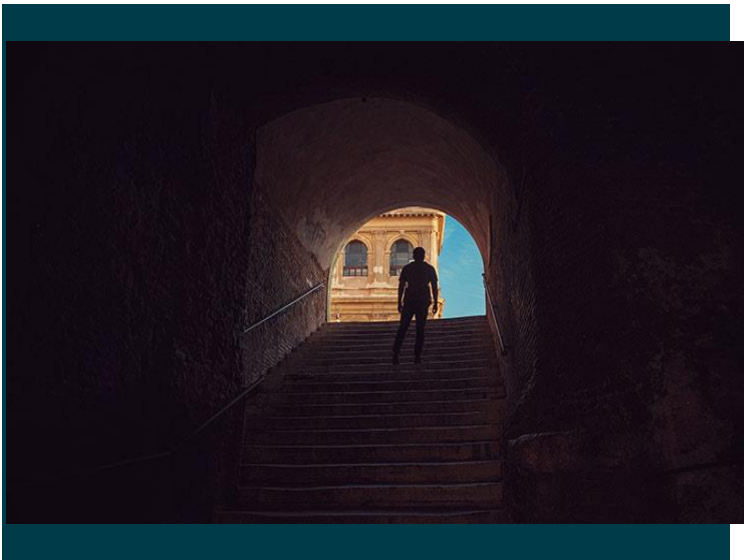
Time is running out to participate in the **Walkkill East Rotary's annual Coat Collection Drive**. New and/or gently used, *clean* jackets and coats must be dropped off in Deacon John Hall by Monday, **November 15**. Let's help them top last year's total of almost 600 coats distributed to those in need.



Thanks to your generosity, the **Prayer Blanket Ministry** raised more than \$1,000 at last weekends' Bake Sale! If you or someone you know is facing a challenge that could use the comfort of a blessed prayer blanket, please call the office.



By all accounts, last weekend's Memorial Mass arranged by our Consolation Ministry was extremely meaningful to those in grieving a loss. The reading of the names of the loved ones who have passed – in conjunction with a flower ceremony – was described as particularly moving. If you were unable to attend but would like a copy of the program that includes the names that were read, please contact the office.



NAVIGATING LIFE'S PASSAGES

One of the most radical demands for you and me is the discovery of our lives as a series of movements or passages.

When we are born, we leave our mothers' wombs for the larger, brighter world of the family. It changes everything, and there is no going back. When we go to school, we leave our homes and families and move to a larger community of people where our lives are forever larger and more expansive.

Later, when our children are grown and they ask us for more space and freedom than we can offer, our lives may seem less meaningful. It all keeps changing.

When we grow older, we retire or lose our jobs, and everything shifts again.

It seems as though we are always passing from one phase to the next, gaining and losing someone, some place, something.

And we live all these passages in an environment where we are constantly tempted to be destroyed by resentment, by anger and by a feeling of being put down. The losses remind us constantly that all isn't perfect. It doesn't always happen for us the way we expected.

Perhaps you had hoped events would not have been so painful, but they were. Maybe you expected something from certain relationships that never materialized. You find yourself disillusioned with the irrevocable personal losses: Your health, your lover, your job, your hope, your dream. Your whole life is filled with losses, endless losses.

But every time there are losses, there are choices to be made. We can choose to live our losses as passages to anger, blame, hatred, depression and resentment, or to let these losses be passages to something new, something wider and deeper. The question is not how to avoid loss and make it not happen, but how to choose it as a passage, as an exodus to greater life and freedom.

Henri J. Nouwen

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YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

Last week's virtual meeting began with the participants being instructed to gather three random items – without being told why.

Then Deb Harrison opened the “book” to the story they were about to create with a main character who had a visitor show up. A frosty beverage was in order, but the coffee table was just polished. Deb's random item, a Costa Rica coaster, came to the rescue.

“Chaos happened almost immediately,” laughs Chris Worthington, the youth minister whose prepaid Visa card had only a \$3 balance – not enough to buy pizza for the guests.

Not all the guests were welcome, however. The Star Wars LEGOs launched an attack in the front yard. Ultimately a DVD was played to calm down the crowd.

The story was “written” with imagination and laughter that engaged the participants through three rounds of using their random props to build the plot.

CALL TO SOCIAL JUSTICE



Six members of the African American Catholic community processed to the altar in St. Ann Church in Baltimore, holding portraits of prominent Black Catholics they hope will be canonized. There are no Black American saints at this time.

Nearly 200 people were present at the All Saints Day Mass, organized by a national campaign to create awareness about these six candidates for sainthood. Campaign members are also collecting signatures in a letter to Pope Francis that will ask him to expedite their canonization. To read the full story, visit:

https://www.globalsistersreport.org/news/blog/monday-starter-campaign-calls-canonization-black-sainthood-candidates?utm_source=PANTHEON_STRIPPED&utm_campaign=PANTHEON_STRIPPED&utm_medium=PANTHEON_STRIPPED&utm_term=PANTHEON_STRIPPED

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